

Closed Monday

The News Review office will be closed on Monday, January 1. The office will be open Tuesday, January 2 from 2-4 and 8-10 p.m.

The Year 2000 in Review

by James Giese

(Instead of our traditional listing of the top stories of the year, the News Review is presenting an even older tradition — the review of stories printed during the past year in chronological order, something the paper did 60 years ago. Readers are welcome to give their comments on which format they like the best.)

January

Greenbelters greeted New Year at Community Center party as dire consequences of Y2K proved unfounded. City Clerk David Moran appointed Assistant to City Manager. Greenbelt cooperatively purchased a street sweeper with three other communities. Traffic circle and bike lane plans announced for Hanover Parkway. High winds knocked down trees and electric lines causing power outages while a portion of roof and awning at Jasper's Restaurant was blown off. Popcorn Magic, a movie, was partially filmed in Greenbelt at Greenbelt Theatre. City took an eight to 12-inch snowfall in stride.

Council created Millennium Task Force to establish Greenbelt celebrations of history, culture and community and approved a citizen speed watch program. Oscar Wilde's "An Ideal Husband" performed at Arts Center.

February

USDA agreed to delay all road improvements related to the con-

struction of its headquarters facility on Sunnyside Road until a new environmental impact determination is made. Greenbelt Public Safety Committee proposed juvenile curfew law. George Trenton Bobbitt pleaded guilty to one count of first degree murder and one count of kidnapping, thereby avoiding death penalty, after plea bargain for killing of Zapporah Gonora Mack as she attempted to enter her residence. City lit new Greenbelt Theatre marquee in ceremony followed by celebrants attending Shirley Temple movie in the theater.

March

In primary election, Al Gore beat Bill Bradley by almost 3 - 1 in Greenbelt, while on Republican side John McCain narrowly beat out George Bush. Greenbelter Maureen Lamasney elected judge of the Circuit Court. City council decided to raze boathouse at Buddy Attick Park. Dr. Iris T. Metts addressed a standing room only crowd, many of whom were upset by a proposed merger of Roosevelt and DuVal high schools, a proposal quickly withdrawn.

At public hearing city sought support for its lawsuit against the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Army Corps of Engineers over their "piecemeal" approach to wetlands destruction from road construction for the new USDA facility on Sunnyside Road in Beltsville instead of undertaking

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New Librarian, Ellen Utley Reaches Out to Greenbelt

by Victoria Vickers

One meeting with Ellen Utley dispels the stereotypical depiction of the librarian staring coldly over her shoulder to silence the room with a reprimanding "Shhh!" She's bubbly, approachable and, by all accounts, knowledgeable. A 25-year veteran in the Prince George's County Library System, Utley brings a myriad of experiences and insights to her new post as manager of the Greenbelt library.

Utley is an avid gardener and former director of the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs (District 1). She cur-

rently serves as treasurer of the Kingswood Civic Association, is president of the New Carrollton Garden Club, and is an active member of the New Carrollton Recreation Council.

A native of Philadelphia, Utley headed for Washington, D.C. to attend Howard University at the height of the civil rights movement. Upon graduating with a B.S. in economics, she happened upon a career in library science. Utley recalls the sense of adventure she felt as a "librarian in training" which inspired her to earn a Master's in library science from Catholic University, commencing her career.

"Community outreach is my strong suit," said Utley. Her primary objective is to serve every group in the community by reintroducing each one to the resources that directly match their needs and interests. Utley's long-term goal is to increase circulation by 25 percent — serving all of Greenbelt and surrounding communities. "I welcome invitations to speak at community group meetings," she says. "I guarantee there is something here for you."

Old Greenbelt

Utley also plans to approach the Greenbelt Museum about the

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Ellen Utley

Year 2000 Honorees

The following people and organizations were recognized during the past year for their accomplishments and achievements: Marge Bergemann, a finalist in Pillsbury bake-off contest with Chewy Chocolate-Peanut Butter Bars named one of top 16, winning \$2,000 and electric oven; Eleanor Roosevelt High School, named one of 12 schools selected nationwide as a pilot site for the Academy of Information and Technology; Greenbelt Elementary School, received Literacy Empowerment Foundation grant for 300 new books; Jeff Grant, winner of St. Hugh's Elementary School National Geographic Bee; three Greenbelt teachers, Laura Grace, Letitia Bryce and Chontell Richardson, named outstanding educators by Prince George's Chamber of Commerce.

Joan McFarland, director of Maryland Boy Choir, received Grammy for best choral performance; six local educators, Kathy Kerdock, Alonzo Williams, Steve Ciambor, Mary Foeckler, John LaPolla, and Anne Cherry, honored by Advisory Committee on Education and council; Eleanor Roosevelt High School, second among area high schools for athletic and academic competition award, the Sallie Mae Cup; Joseph Forte, named Most Valuable Player at the NCAA Basketball Regional Tournament while playing for the University of North Carolina; Joseph Crossed, selected to participate in Australia Baseball Classic Tournament in summer.

Greenbelt, recognized as one of 500 White House Millennium Communities; Kiet Tran, Keirra Shinault, John McDonald, Charlae Thompson, Chien Ahn, David Yi, Jaclyn Crowley, Stephen Didion, Meraj Chowdhury, Berthel Tate, Victoria Anale-Dibia, James Boyd, Thomas Hindsley, and Jonnah Kim, received ACE Outstanding Student awards; Nat Shinderman, by GHI at annual meeting for many years of service to GHI as board president and member and as committee member and volunteer; Beverly Palau, Jeffrey Williams and Anne Marie Belton, received City Manager's Awards for outstanding work in preparing and publishing the budget; Jessica Mealey, the youngest of 35 women named "Maryland Women Who Dare" by the Maryland Department of Education and the

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What Goes On

Sun., Dec. 31 Greenbelt New Year, Community Center, Youth Center, Arts Center, Roosevelt Center

Wed., Jan. 3, 8 p.m. Council worksession (tentative). Review of Metroland/A.H. Smith property, Community Center

Grab Your Hat and Run To the Best Party in Town

by Patti Brothers,

Greenbelt New Year Committee

There are only a few days left to solidify your New Year's Eve plans. If you haven't decided yet how to bring in the new year, you are invited to join friends and neighbors at Greenbelt New Year 2001. The best party in town will start with a great fireworks display on Braden Field.

The celebration features some of the area's best entertainers, with something for just about everyone. The Community Center will host many wonderful performers, including Trinidad and Tobago, who will be transforming the gym into a little bit of the Caribbean. This band has performed for past presidents of the United States, and with many Hollywood entertainers at various national and local events, as well as at workshops at various festivals and in numerous school systems. DC Motors will follow Trinidad and Tobago in the gym and will bring in the New Year in fine style. DC Motors is a Washington, D.C.-based band comprised of Mike Dimmik on drums, Tom Ross on lead guitar and Art Fox on bass guitar. The band has been performing together for over 20 years and plays a wide variety of styles with lots of energy and non-stop fun. Here's a little hint - get ready to put your left foot in and put your left foot out!

Bridges to Bliss is a trio featuring Bobbi Bliss, Don Bridges and David Scales. The three have been performing since 1995 and - while particularly concentrating on children's music for the celebration which will include group participation - their songwriting and performing styles also include folk, country, pop, adult contemporary, theater tunes, gospel and bluegrass. Their sound is characterized by singable melodies, superb harmonies, and memorable lyrics.

Puppet Shows

KayDee Puppets has been touring the Washington DC metropolitan area for over 20 years with a variety of puppet shows, always delighting their audience. Each performance is designed to create a fantasy world of tales - which will be enjoyed not only by children, but by their parents and grandparents as well.

John Hill's voice and talent on the acoustic guitar will transform the multi-purpose room into a relaxing cabaret. Hill comes all the way from Havre de Grace, Maryland and has performed at previous New Years Celebrations and Labor Day Festivals. He has done a number of recordings over his career and has recorded radio jingles, but he says performing for live audiences is his favorite thing. He performs all over Maryland and Delaware in clubs, legion halls, community festivals

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Zuzu Sets the Audience Laughing at Holiday Fair

by Mary Moien

The highlight of the Old Greenbelt Theatre's Holiday offerings certainly had to be the evening with Karolyn Grimes, who played the young child Zuzu in "It's a Wonderful Life." On December 23, Grimes joined enthusiastic fans for dinner at the New Deal Café. Later she entertained a filled theater of "It's a Wonderful Life" fans with stories about the filming of the show and the actors; of course, highlighting James Stewart.

About 40 or 45 people attended the New Deal Café dinner with Grimes before the Saturday movie. Grimes circulated throughout the time, touching everyone. She autographed items and allowed photographs. The menu consisted of mini quiches, soups, chips, salsa, hummus, and vegetables.

Grimes then delighted the audience at the theater by describing errors in the film so that all could look for them during the screening. She detailed how the snow was made of Ivory Flakes and how you could see a soap film on the angel Clarence's face when he was saved from drowning by Stewart. She had the audience on the lookout for a scene where Stewart throws a wreath on an office desk and, one second

later, it's back hanging on his arm. There was laughing and cheering as each scene appeared on the screen and, of course, loud applause the first time Zuzu was shown.

Grimes described her life as a child actor and then her not-so-happy later years. Now though, Grimes has made a late career out of the movie. She announced that she is sixty, but laughingly stated that she prefers to refer to it as "sixty." She had pictures, books and other souvenirs available and was very gracious to all, even those who just stopped by to talk with her. One fan had a bell that she had brought to have signed and was happily showing off the autograph. As film aficionados know, "Whenever a bell rings, an angel gets his wings."

Local film director, Jorge Bernardo, who shot a short film "Popcorn Magic" at the Greenbelt Theatre, became acquainted with the theater, and has become a spearhead of the movement to save it. "Popcorn Magic" included a scene of a man and woman watching "It's a Wonderful Life." After the show on Saturday night, Grimes and Bernardo shot some additional footage for the film which shows her reacting to the stars looking at the "It's a

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Bar Mitzvah Project Helps Pets on Wheels

This is the season for giving. Recently the News Review received a letter from Elaine Goad, the program coordinator at Pets on Wheels, telling of a gift they received from one of our paper carriers, Michael Gerring.

Goad wrote, "I have received a donation from one of your paper carriers, Michael Gerring. Michael's donation to the Pets on Wheels program has touched all of our hearts deeply."

Michael had written to Pets on Wheels telling of his interest in their work with the elderly.

"Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$120 as a donation to Pets on Wheels. I am making this donation as part of my Bar-Mitzvah project. For my project I had to combine community service and my Torah portion. I chose Pets on Wheels because the Torah teaches us to be kind to animals and to the elderly. By contributing to your organization I can be kind to both," he wrote.



Michael Gerring

"I earned the \$120 by delivering the Greenbelt News Review to my community. This money represents six months of my salary. I hope that this donation will decrease someone's depression, because a moment of loneliness will be over by being visited by a loving pet."

Administrative staffer Gloria Bartlett responded to Michael's letter and told him how the seniors respond to doggy visits:

"In nearly five years, I have written quite a few thank you letters, but this one is the nicest one I've written because your donation is the very nicest one we have received! We desperately need money, as we receive no funds from the county or

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Wonderful Life" poster. According to Bernardo, "We shot it at midnight at the Old Greenbelt Theatre after watching the film with her and we all laughed our heads off every minute of the way. What a way to start your Christmas Eve."

Earlier in the evening patrons had been asked how many were visiting the theater for the first time and a very substantial number raised their hands. Several local radio and TV stations had mentioned the upcoming appearance by Carolyn Grimes. The weekend was certainly to be considered a success at getting a wider audience for the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

state. We rely solely on the generosity of kind and thoughtful people like you, but no donation has warmed our hearts as yours has. The money will be used mainly for office supplies such as postage, stationery, flyers, etc. We must reach people in order for them to know about us — and once they have contacted us, we need to do some paperwork on their behalf.

"I take my dog, Katie, to visit elderly people in an assisted-living home. Even though they are quite able to move about, they love seeing Katie and fussing over her, and to many she is a reminder of the dogs they used to have. She also visits a school for handicapped children, where she gently takes a dog biscuit out of a child's hands — and her wet, cold nose makes the child smile (sometimes that is the only reaction the child is capable of making). Our office is in a nursing home, and Elaine Goad brings her dachshund into work with her and then takes him to visit the residents. Everyone knows "George," who sometimes sits on the laps of the very elderly and makes them smile, too. Most of our dogs have been adopted. They were either ignored or abused in the past, and now they are bringing happiness to so many people. They seem to understand this, as they all are very eager to go on their visits!"

Pets on Wheels can be reached at 301-853-3330 or at their website www.pgpetsonwheels.org.

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possibility of future collaborative projects. "Old Greenbelt has great historic significance," she said. The library's Tugwell Room is filled with books on the history of Greenbelt and planned communities.

Utley insists that while nothing will take the place of turning a page and making contact with print, "Libraries are not repositories for old books." Just blocks away, or a short Metrobus ride for some (C2, T15, T16, T17, R12), the library offers a book reading or poetry discussion, or a chance to meet a favorite author, or surf the 'net.

With a swipe of a free library card, up to 75 items including magazines, videos and the latest titles on CD-ROM and cassette, may be checked out. "Library materials touch every aspect of human existence from the cradle to the grave," said Utley.

Utley believes that reading is the key to an enjoyable life. "When I hear about road rage incidents, I often wonder if either driver had been listening to a book on tape, would they have been so fired up?"

For more information on library services, visit the library at Crescent Road or call 301-345-5800.

Greenbelt CARES

On December 20, Wendy Wexler completed the first of an eight-week discussion group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. On January 3, Wexler will be interviewing students in the guidance office for the next session. Interested students should contact their guidance office.

Recycle Used Greeting Cards

The Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee will arrange for greeting card recycling. These cards will go to a charitable organization, which will make new cards from them to benefit and support the organization. Backs should be cut off the cards; place the fronts in the box in front of the Co-op Supermarket available between December 27 and January 14.

Cards may also be mailed directly to St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude Street, Boulder City, NV 89005.

The Old Curmudgeon



"Poor dear...insists on celebrating the real millennium!"



City of Greenbelt Christmas/New Years Holiday Service Schedule

City Offices will be closed on:

Monday & Tuesday, December 25 & 26
Monday, January 1st

The Greenbelt Connection will not run these days.

The Refuse/Recycling Schedule for the weeks of December 25th and January 1st will be as follows:

Monday's Route-Collected Tuesday
Tuesday's Route-Collected Wednesday
Wednesday's Route-Collected Thursday
Thursday's Route-Collected Friday

There will be NO appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, December 29th.
Appliance and yard waste will be collected on Friday, January 5th.

For more information call the Department of Public Works at 301-474-8000, the Greenbelt Connection at 301-474-4100 or visit Greenbelt CityLink at <http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us>



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CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS & WORK SESSIONS EARLY JANUARY 2001



Meeting	Date	Time
No Meeting (New Year's)	Mon. 01/01	
*Reserved for Possible Work Session (CC)	Wed. 01/03	8:00 p.m.
PGCMA Legislative Dinner (Andrews AFB)	Thurs. 01/04	6:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting	Mon. 01/08	8:00 p.m.
Work Session-Compensation & Benefits Study (CC)	Wed. 01/10	8:00 p.m.
*Work Session - Jaeger Tract (CC)	Wed. 01/17	8:00 p.m.
4 Cities Meeting (Greenbelt)	Thurs. 01/18	8:00 p.m.
Regular Meeting & Public Hearing on Curfew Law	Mon. 01/22	8:00 p.m.

*Scheduling not confirmed.

This is a tentative schedule and is subject to change. Regular meetings and work sessions are open to the public. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Rd. Meetings marked "CC" will be held in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

Check out the City of Greenbelt Web site at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

Free Folk Dance Intro Class Friday

by Nelda Young

Bob and Jeri Holloway have taken international folk dance classes with Roland Forbes for the last 19 sessions (almost five years). They both love music. In fact, they are retired Prince George's County school music teachers who live on Laurel Hill Road. Bob taught instrumental music at Greenbelt Middle School in the late 1980s.

Bob enjoyed folk dance "about a century ago" but had not danced for 10 years. That was before he got together with Jeri.

When Jeri heard Roland Forbes would be teaching international folk dance in Greenbelt, she told Bob, "Let's sign up." So they did — back in April 1996. They had so much fun that they are still taking classes.

Anyone interested should come to the free open house in the Recreation Center on Friday, January 5 at 7:30 p.m. Classes meet on Friday nights at 8 p.m. The next eight-week session will begin on January 12. A modest fee is charged for the classes.

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

Florence Holly led members in prayer at the club's December 20 meeting. She also read a poem "Christmas Is Not Just For Children" by Grace Easley.

Sunshine Chair Betty Petroff reported that she had sent notes of cheer to Joan Conway and Florence Holly. She announced the death of former Golden Ager June Francisco and of the brother of Solange Hess.

On a happier note, Betty introduced her guest, Jim Down.

Travel chair John Taylor announced that the December 19 trip to Dover Downs was successful. They didn't run into snow on the way home until they got to Bowie. 37 people went and some came back winners.

Those interested in the Feb. 16 trip to the Kennedy Center are asked to contact the Travel Committee to sign up.

President Bill Souser presented Joe McNeal, supervisor of Greenbelt Community Center, a check from proceeds of the Golden Age Club's annual yard sale. McNeal said the money will be used to help the Needy Children Camp Fund, the Greenbelt Kindergarten Fund and the Children's Scholarship Fund.

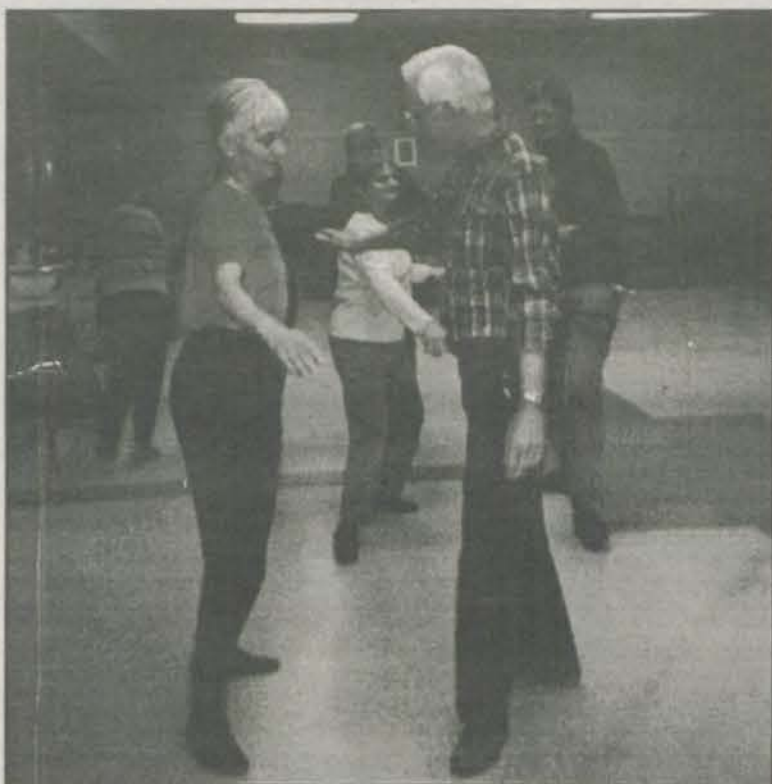
Ellie Rimar, Membership chair, introduced birthday honorees Shirley and Tom Dwyer, Lucy Himes, and Beverly Lynch. Shirley Dwyer won the birthday drawing. The 50/50 drawing was won by Harold Miller and Bernie Giese.

John Henry Jones raffled off four of his home-grown poinsettia plants and turned the money from ticket sale over to the Golden Age treasury. The lucky winners were Ava Scott, Harold Miller, Helen Gibson and Verna Marrie's pretty granddaughter Stephanie Marrie.

Our honored guest was Santa Claus. Ellie Rimar read him a poem about Santa by Golden Ager Joe Rimar.

The next Golden Age Club meeting will be January 3. If the schools are closed (not delayed) because of weather conditions, Golden Age Club meetings are canceled.

Community Events



Jeri and Bob Holloway folk dance

GHI Notes

GHI offices will be closed for the New Year holiday on Monday, Jan. 1, 2001. For emergency maintenance that day call 301-476-6011.

Tuesday, Jan. 9, 7:30 p.m. Marketing Committee will meet in the Board Room.

Wednesday, Jan. 10, 7:30 p.m. Woodlands Committee will meet in the Board Room.

Thursday, Jan. 11, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors will meet in the Board Room.



Movie of the Month

by Martha Kaufman

The movie of the month will be the first for the year 2001. On Jan. 8 at 1 p.m. in the senior classroom of the community center, the film "Evita" will be shown.

Madonna joins Antonio Banderas for the year's most talked about motion picture. The movie depicts the true life story of Eva Peron who rose above childhood poverty and controversy.

Meeting Canceled

Greenbelt Home and Garden Club has canceled its Tuesday, January 2 meeting due to a conflict in the speaker's schedule.

At the Library

Monday, January 1, libraries closed.

Tuesday, January 2, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers. Ages 5 to 8.

Thursday, January 4, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime. Ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time. Two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.



Condolences to News Review staffer Solange Hess on the death of her brother, Hubert L. Trudell of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Help with Greenbelt New Year 2001

People interested in volunteering for the Greenbelt New Year Celebration are asked to attend the "Volunteer" meeting scheduled for Friday, December 29 at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be at the Greenbelt Community Center in the Multi-Purpose Room. Help is needed. People who have questions can call 301-397-2208.

Free Tutoring At Springhill Lake

School resumes on January 2 and so do tutoring programs at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. The schedule is as follows: Homework and Tutoring Club — Tuesdays, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.; Greenbelt Moving Ahead Program — Saturdays, 10 a.m. to noon.

All students in grades K-12 are eligible to take advantage of these free programs. For more information, call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212.

New Year Splash!

Enjoy the Spectacular New Year Fireworks!

Afterward join the New Year Revelers for dinner in the

'Cuda Cafe

Inside the Greenbelt Community Center

Sponsored and staffed by the

Barracudas

of the Greenbelt Swim Team

Savor Faridah's spicy sesame noodles, Knosh a New York style Hot Dog or Crunch a crisp salad

December 31, 2000

7 PM 'til 2001

Proceeds benefit the Greenbelt Swim Team

Membership info at www.Greenbelt.Com/SWIMTEAM

City of Greenbelt Department of Public Works CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION POINTS

Recycle your Christmas trees between December 29, 1999 and February 2, 2001. Trees will be processed through the wood chipper and used as mulch around trees and flower beds. Trees will be picked up at the following locations:

- GHI** 73 Ct. Ridge Road
 - Playground Opposite Plateau Place & Ridge Road
 - Corner playground Research Road & Hillside Road
 - Corner Eastway & Crescent Road
 - Corner 21 Ct. Ridge Road
 - Across Green Ridge House Crescent Road & Ridge Road
 - Playground at junction Parkway Rd
 - Corner across Community Church
 - Corner across 58 Ct. Crescent Rd.
- 7 Ct. Southway Road**
 - Playground at Little League
- 11 Ct. & 13 Ct. Ridge Road**
 - Park area between courts
- BOXWOOD** Ivy and Lastner Lane
 - Playground
- LAKESIDE** Greenhill Rd & Crescent Rd. (By Baptist Church)
- CHARLESTOWNE VILLAGE AND CHARLESTOWNE NORTH**
 - Adjacent to Attick Park
- UNIVERSITY SQUARE**-Front of swimming pool
- LAKESIDE NORTH**-Near swimming pool
- SPRINGHILL LAKE**-Community Building
- GREENBRIAR**-Between Buildings:
 - 7708 & 7710 Hanover Parkway
 - 7728 & 7730 Hanover Parkway
 - 7826 & 7828 Hanover Parkway
 - 8003 & 8009 Mandan Road
- GLEN OAKS**-Between Buildings:
 - 7903 & 7905 Mandan Road
 - 7509 & 7511 Mandan Road
- HUNTING RIDGE**-Between Buildings:
 - 6936 & 6978 Hanover Parkway
- WINDSOR GREEN**
 - Court Entrances (picked up by Windsor Green Staff)
- GREENBROOK VILLAGE & ESTATES**
 - Southeast Corner of Ora Glen Drive and Mathew Drive
 - Southeast Corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbrook Drive
 - In front of barricade at Mandan Road and Mathew Street
- GREENWOOD VILLAGE**
 - Opposite 8175 Mandan Terrace
 - Opposite 7646 Mandan Road
 - Opposite 7648 Mandan Road
- GREENSPRING & GREENSPRING II**
 - Southwest Corner of Megan Lane and Craddock Road
 - Park area between 7926 & 8006 Greenbury Drive
 - Corner of Spring Manor Drive and Springshire Way
 - Open area between 6519 & 6515 Springcrest Drive
- BELLE POINT**
 - Corner of Vanity Fair Drive and Prince James Way
 - Open area between 7800 & 7801 Vanity Fair Drive
 - Open area beside 7962 Vanity Fair Dr.
- GREENBELT VILLAGE**
 - Open area between 6729 & 6715 Village Park Drive
 - Open area across from 6632 Lake Park Drive
 - Open area across from 6510 & 6512 Lake Park Drive

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of December 29

Friday

Croupier (5:30 @ \$4.00) **Singing In The Rain**

7:30

Croupier 9:45

Saturday

Singing In The Rain (3:00 @ \$4.00) 7:30

Croupier (5:30 @ \$4.00) 9:45

Sunday

Croupier (2:00 @ \$4.00) **Singing In The Rain** (4:00 @ \$4.00)

Monday

Singing In The Rain (3:00 @ \$4.00) 7:30

Croupier (5:30 @ 4:00)

Tuesday-Thursday

Singing In The Rain 7:30

Croupier 9:30



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an environmental impact study of entire project. Music Man opened at Arts Center. Greenbelt city joined College Park, New Carrollton and Berwyn Heights to urge state acquisition of environmentally sensitive land at Greenbelt Metroland, but cities could not agree on amount of acreage to acquire, with Greenbelt advocating 145 acres. After reviewing alternatives, city council advocated smallest, simplest building plan for restroom facilities at Attick Park. Greenbelters watch lunar eclipse at Wolfe Field on Northway extended.

April

Former News Review staffer Kathleen Gallagher became City Clerk. Residents participated in U. S. Census. Council approved making temporary roundabout on Hanover Parkway permanent. Former presidential candidate and senator Robert Dole accepted donations of pennies collected by St Hugh's students for World War II Memorial Fund. City Manager Michael McLaughlin proposed a \$15.2 million budget requiring a 5 cent tax rate hike.

Permanent bike patrol officer assigned to Greenbelt East. Rabid fox killed by police after biting five persons. Residents concerned about possible other rabid animals. Construction work begun on \$1.6 million contract to improve and resurface Kenilworth Avenue between Beltway and Pontiac Avenue. Rally held to urge the federal government to acquire undeveloped land adjacent to Westchester Park for addition to Greenbelt Park.

May

First annual Steve "Kiko" Gingell Memorial Men's Softball Tournament held. Museum opened new exhibit, "Planned Play: Childhood in the Ideal Community." Beltway Plaza announced plans to expand and relocate stores to accommodate new Target department store. Pianist Thomas Pandolfi gave concert. As council reviewed budget, Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police sought 10% pay increase, public works employees sought competitive pay, and museum sought full-time curator. Open house held at community center. City police found to have acquired surplus army armored personnel carrier for use in rescuing people under siege. Public Safety Advisory Committee proposed curfew for minors. Council approved design for memorial garden at Schrom Hills Park.

June

Asha and Sean Alonzo Rice of Springhill Terrace shot and killed in dispute with a neighbor couple, a third man was injured and police arrested Eric Todd and charged him with numerous offenses including murder and attempted murder. At Community Center, city dedicated a renovated flagpole and meditation garden with Lenore Thomas Straus sculpture. As comity deteriorated, city council adopted a budget by 3 - 2 vote. The adopted budget slightly increased over city manager's proposal, a five cent tax rate increase approved, but without added pay increases sought by employees over that proposed by manager. Budget also included full-time museum curator but did not include manager's cuts to hours of Aquatic Center and city bus ser-

vice.

Dr. Gerald Boarman, award-winning principal of Eleanor Roosevelt High School retired at end of month to take a position in North Carolina as efforts by many school parents to urge Dr. Metts and school board to encourage Boarman to stay failed. Boarman's friends gathered at Martins Crosswinds for retirement dinner. Two emergency Roosevelt PTSA meetings held over concerns about choosing a replacement principal and teachers to fill vacancies. Public hearing held by State Highway Administration on improvements to MD 201, Kenilworth Ave./Edmonston Rd., ranging from no-build to widening and extending to US 1 and Contee Road west of US 1. Greenbelt Elementary School students celebrated Earth Day by cleaning up courtyard garden which is under development.

City council adopted new policy for renting studios at community center to artists resulting in juried competition and turnover of some artists using facilities. Greenbelt volunteer fire department dedicated newly remodeled bunkroom at annual banquet. "I Remember Mama" played at Greenbelt Arts Center, "Sis! Boom! Bah!" at Greenbelt Elementary School presented by its Treblemakers. ERHS Criminal Justice Academy graduated 14. Graduates gathered near and far for the fiftieth class reunion of Greenbelt High School (now Greenbelt Middle School).

July

New Deal Cafe sponsored Music Festival on the Mall at Roosevelt Center. City council supported Preliminary Sector Plan and Proposed Sectional Map Amendment for Greenbelt Metro Area, but expressed five areas of concern about the plan. The Greenbelt Athletics won the championship of the Cal Ripken Baseball League. Activist Timothy Tilghman appointed to the Catholic Charities Board of Directors. Road repair work on Hanover Parkway exceeded \$150,000 budget by more than \$70,000, which caused council to shuffle the funding for other capital improvement programs. The permanent roundabout for Hanover Parkway at the entrance to Schrom Hills Park was completed.

Residents took issue with some of the city staff's recommendations for playground safety improvements. After further rallies by Roosevelt PTSA members, a citizen committee was formed to interview and participate in the selection of a new principal for the high school. Alumni of Saint Hugh's parochial school gathered to celebrate the school's fiftieth anniversary. County council enacted CB-47, which constituted a form of legislative rezoning without going through the procedures required in the normal zoning amendment process and expanded the uses permitted in the land near Greenbelt Metro Station known as Metroland.

Two Greenbelters, Lindley Darden and Virginia Moryadas, and others were shipwrecked in the Galapagos Islands and cast adrift until rescued by the operator of a sailboat. Jean Barron, a 37-year resident, became Judge of the District Court of Maryland.

August

Sylvester Conyers was named the new principal of Eleanor

Roosevelt High School and the appointment received accolades from the PTSA. "Big O' My Heart" played at Greenbelt Arts Center. Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre discussed ways to raise funds to keep the movie house operating; film festivals previously held had mixed success with the Alfred Hitchcock and Indiana Jones festivals making money while the Stanley Kubrick and Orson Welles festivals "tanked." Friends of the Greenbelt Museum received a \$21,000 grant to fund a full-time curator with additional funds coming from the city. AIMCO, the new owners of the Springhill Lake apartments, undertook an \$8 million improvement program to upgrade the more than 2,900 unit apartment complex.

A plan to expand the public works facility at a cost of \$1.7 - \$2 million by enlarging administrative offices, building a new maintenance building and bringing existing buildings up to modern code was presented to the city council by architect Scott Grice.

September

The 46th annual Labor Day Festival opened with Leta Mach, chair of the Advisory Committee on Education, named Outstanding Citizen. Joanna Andrus was crowned Miss Greenbelt, Emily Ivy was named Junior Miss Greenbelt and the Little Miss Greenbelt title went to Kimberly Carey. Festival experienced second year of bad weather, but volunteers rose to the occasion and made it a soggy success. Minister Dan Hamlin accused Mayor Judith Davis of pie eating cheating at the festival's pie eating (and throwing) contest.

City council received a report from City Manager Michael McLaughlin which indicated the feasibility of the city purchasing the Greenbelt Theatre, if council decided to do so as a way to ensure that the movie house would remain open. Miguel Angel Teran Encinas was robbed, stabbed and killed by three teenagers, who were subsequently captured and charged with first degree murder and robbery, as Encinas and his wife walked from the Greenbelt Metro Station along Greenbelt Metro Drive. Flutist Joseph Culiffe and guitarist Giorgia Cavallaro performed at Greenbelt Arts Center. City council expressed its concern about school overcrowding to School Superintendent Dr. Iris T. Metts and Schoolboard Chair Jim Henderson.

City council approved a 2% across-the-board pay increase retroactive to July 1. Proposed master plan for Goddard Space Flight Center was presented to the city council; plan calls for a unified campus by re-routing Soil Conservation Rd. around the west side of the center to exit onto Greenbelt Rd. behind Glen Oaks apartments.

October

Target opened department store at Beltway Plaza Shopping Center. City council held a public hearing on an ordinance authorizing the city to condemn land at the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive with the city reselling the land to the U. S. Postal Service for a new post office, but enactment of the ordinance, scheduled for October 23, did not take place. At a public hearing members of Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre urged council to acquire the movie house as current operator threatens to close theater

before year's end. City staff instructed to replace 12 pieces of playground equipment considered unsafe. "The Historical Tragedy of Dr. Faustus" was the new presentation at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

November

Greenbelters turned out for general election to support presidential candidate Al Gore and other Democratic candidates and to oppose the repeal of term limits for the county executive and council. Two nonresident male teens were arrested for committing 13 robberies of male students using walkway to the Spellman overpass to the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Distinguished pianist Santiago Rodriguez gave concert to launch the first annual Albert K. Herling piano concert series.

After much pressure from elderly swimmers to raise the pool temperature and objections from lap swimmers, council decreed that the pool temperature should be kept at an in-the-middle 83 degrees at the city's indoor swimming pool. Plans for improvements to Greenbelt Road by the State Highway Administration met with general city council approval as state emphasizes neighborhood conservation.

December

Santa Claus arrived on a fire truck to light city holiday tree as 26th annual Festival of Lights got underway. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chamber Choir gave concert at the Kennedy Center as a part of the "Music for Christmas" program of the Washington Chorus. Karolyn Grimes, who played the little girl Zuzu in the movie "It's a Wonderful Life" made a personal appearance as part of the Greenbelt Theatre's holiday film festival.

The Maryland Board of Public Works approved the purchase of 75 acres of Metroland for preservation purposes subject to a number of conditions, including the donation of another 36 acres of wetlands; but city council was angered by proposal's conditions and timing. Fireworks to begin the Greenbelt New Year 2001 all-city celebration.



HONOREES

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Maryland Commission for Women.

Ted Sacra and Alex Szachnowicz, recipients of the President's Award at annual Greenbelt fire department banquet. Sacra also received the Chief's Award; Greg Varda, received City Manager's Award for his work on the Greenbelt New Year's celebration; former Mayors Richard Pilski and Gil Weidenfeld, inducted into the Maryland Municipal League Hall of Fame; Therese Madden Stringfellow, received the Tim Russert-Sister Mary Lucille Outstanding Teacher Award, the highest award given to a teacher in the Washington Archdiocese.

Mayor Judith Davis, named local woman of the year by the College Park Branch of the Business and Professional Women/USA; the Greenbelt News Review and staffers Mary Moien, Nelda Young, Barbara Likowski, Luci Gorman, Sabine Hentrich and Pauline Santorelli, received School Bell Award of the Maryland State Teachers Association; Greenbelt Pioneer John Martone, inducted into the Washington D.C. Boxing Hall of Fame.

In Memoriam

Obituaries were published for the following individuals:

Former Greenbelter Betty Morgan, a Sunday school teacher at Methodist Church on Jan. 3; Alvin H. Rakowski on Jan. 4, bartender and manager who loved decorating his home for the holidays; Graham B. Houlton on Jan. 5, a Greenbelt Pioneer child; Clara H. Brandt on Jan. 18, a Goddard Space Center retiree and 1980 Outstanding Citizen; William Bingham on Jan. 21, a life member of the Greenbelt volunteer fire department and former city police officer; Lynda E. Lynch on Jan. 23, a research cook for USDA and longtime Hillside Rd. resident; James Hall on Jan. 28, a former Greenbelter; Jane F. Greene on Jan. 28, a longtime Greenbelter and Labor Department Employee.

Gilbert J. Kennedy on Feb. 18, a retired civilian logistician for the Defense Department; Kenneth N. Lundregan on Feb. 20, a retired bank auditor.

Stanley L. Burt on Mar. 15, of Green Ridge House; Thomas Chapman on Mar. 16, weekly deliverer of News Review copy, Oasis mentor and popular janitor at local schools; Gertrude Law, on Mar. 19, a retired Goddard employee, longtime resident of

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MEMORIAM

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Gardenway and last president of Greenbelt Woman's Club; Nina Goeller on Mar. 22, a performer on the old Eddie Cantor show and retired bookkeeper; Joan Reid Neumann on Mar. 24, longtime Greenbelter who with her husband was the first couple to formally marry at the Greenbelt Community Church sanctuary in 1950; News Review photographer, amateur pilot and medical practitioner Dr. Prospero Zevallos on Mar. 26.

Sherry Brubaker on Apr. 14, longtime resident and former secretary to the General Manager of GHI; Bradley T. McGaha on Apr. 25, a Green Ridge House resident.

Ellen Mae Cosgrove on May 5, a writer of romance novels; Irving Siegel on May 9, a former president of Greenbelt Golden Age Club and member of Greenbelt Arts Advisory Council; Antonio (Tony) Fominaya on May 9, active volunteer and outdoorsman; Tara Mary Merritt on May 28, an early Greenbelter, registered dietician and clinical specialist; Wayne Roberts on May 28, a longtime member of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136.

Sean A. Rice on Jun. 1 and Asha Jeannine Rice on Jun. 2, victims of a shooting incident involving a dispute with another couple; Dr. Til Bergemann on Jun. 4 who treated many Greenbelt patients at his office in Roosevelt Center for many years until his retirement; David E. Curtis on Jun. 4, retired employee of the University of Maryland; Kenneth L. Brown on Jun. 19, a noted woodcarver; Joseph T. Mayhew on Jun. 10, librarian at the Library of Congress, cartoonist and author of short stories; Thomas A. Perry on Jun. 21, a tree service worker electrocuted when he grasped a tree branch touching a power line; Walter Penney on Jun. 24, a retired crypto-analyst who was a cryptomathematic puzzle writer and solver; Julia Long, a former resident of Plateau Place, Juanita Deliz, active in her Greenbriar condo association, and Ellen Harman, who grew up in Greenbelt and worked for the Maryland Juvenile Services Administration, all on Jun. 30.

George Ronchi on Jul. 8, one of the organizers of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department's rescue squad; Myrna Burchick on Jul. 17, a 59-year resident of Greenbelt; Charles Nelson on Jul. 19, a resident of Greenbelt since he was a child.

John Del Homme on Aug. 3, conductor of the Greenbelt Concert Band for 26 years; Walter McBride on Aug. 4, a former resi-

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dent and retired Washington Post employee; Paul Barber of Ridge Rd. on Aug. 11; Jack Taylor on Aug. 20, Chief of Animal Science at USda and long time resident.

Greenbelt pioneer Linda Maffay on Sept. 2; Irma Edmunds on Sept. 18, an early resident who worked in and managed school cafeterias in Greenbelt and the county; Frances Cassady on Sept. 22 at age 105, a pioneer Greenbelter; Nat Shinderman on Sept. 24, former president, board member, committee member and strong supporter of Greenbelt Homes, Inc.; James Fletcher on Sept. 27, a former resident of Pinecrest Ct.; Joan Jett on Sept. 28, a 52-year resident of Greenbelt.

Mattie Siegel on Oct. 12, a pioneer resident of Greenbelt for more than 62 years; Maria Turner on Oct. 15, a longtime resident who once worked at the Ben Franklin store.

William Bevan on Nov. 4, former Greenbelter, principal of Greenbelt Junior High, delegate and husband of District 23 Delegate Joan Pitkin; Gerald Soffen on Nov. 22, a NASA scientist who led the Viking science team that performed the first experiments on the surface of Mars; Sidney Brown on Nov. 26, owner and developer of the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center; Salvatore Gussio on Nov. 30, a Greenbelt pioneer and former railroad dining car steward.

June Francisco on Dec. 12, a longtime resident and former deaconess of the Greenbelt Baptist Church; and Gilbert Wiser on Dec. 14, a resident for over 50 years and a member of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad for over 40 years.



St. Hugh's math teacher Lois Barron, surrounded by Daniel Lee, Gabriel Storck, Stephen Didion, Ajay Iyer, Nicholas Dobson, and Tristan Guha-Gilford.

- photo by Sharon Natoli

St. Hugh's Wins in Mathematics

by Lois Barron, St. Hugh's Math Teacher

On November 9, St. Hugh's School sent a team of six eighth-grade students to participate in the annual Our Lady of Good Counsel High School mathematics contest. The students selected based on academic performance were: Daniel Lee, Gabriel Storck, Stephen Didion, Ajay Iyer, Nicholas Dobson, and Tristan Guha-Gilford, shown left to right in the photo.

Competition was keen. There were 25 schools from the surrounding metropolitan area and 150 eighth-graders participating. Students participated as both individuals and as members of a team representing their respective schools.

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Diana Parks plucks Charley's guitar as Gabe Solomon, Emily Anderson, Morgan Griffith and Ignacio Morin wait for turns.



Ignacio Morin blows Charley's train whistle.

- photos by Bonnie Korr

Nursery School Kids Star on Folk CD

by Bonnie Korr

In preparation for Thanksgiving Mishkan Torah Nursery School asked: What you are Thankful for this Thanksgiving Day? Family and friends, a warm home and enough to eat, and good health? Sure, but how about adding to that the opportunity to star on a new kids' CD about to be released by local folk singer Charley Montroll? Mishkan Torah Nursery pupils recently had just that chance.

Settled comfortably in front of the children on the classroom rug, Charley provided the adult lead voice and instrumental back-up with guitar, banjo, train whistle, and ukulele (which, he explained, means "jumping fleas" in Hawaiian, referring to the quick fingers jumping across the strings). The children added their voices and that magical ingredient, giggles. Their initial shyness and uncer-

tainty in calling Mr. Sun gave way to laughter and excitement as they hopped around like the Eensy Weensy Spider, rowed Michael's boat ashore, hokey pokeyed, worked all day on the railroad, and skipped with Lou. By the time they knick-knack paddywacked all the way up to ten and were ready to start all over again, there was barely enough time for each child to pluck the guitar and say good-bye.

Two weeks later, each child was presented with an autographed copy of the first release of "Songs to Share," by Charley Montroll of Pretzel Recordings, just in time to share with family and friends for Thanksgiving. And that's something to be thankful for.

For further information, call Bonnie Korr at Mishkan Torah Nursery School at 301-474-4224 or at 301-277-8615.



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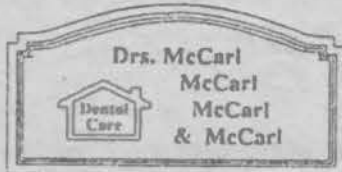
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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Attempted Armed Robbery

Popeye's Restaurant at Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 21, 11:16 p.m., a 20-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with attempted armed robbery, possession of a handgun, first-degree assault, and second-degree assault. The victim stated that the man, along with an unidentified second subject, entered the restaurant and attempted to rob the establishment at closing time. The unidentified subject displayed a handgun, while his partner grabbed the victim from behind. The unidentified robber fled as the victim began to struggle with the other robber, who dropped another handgun. Store employees and citizens then detained the robber until police arrived and placed him under arrest. Investigation as to the identity of the other robber is continuing.

Strong-Armed Robbery

Party City in Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 21, 8:40 p.m., a man approached the cashier and asked the cashier a question which required the cashier to open the register. The man then ordered the cashier to step back, removed money from the register, and fled. The suspect is described as black, in his 20s, 6'1", and 180 lbs. He was wearing a grey cap, grey sweatshirt, and black pants.

Assault

5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, Dec. 15, 11:19 p.m., a 26-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with assault. The victim stated that during a verbal altercation with the man she was struck several times and pushed partway through an apartment wall. She refused medical treatment. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 16, 2 a.m., a 33-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with four counts of assault, hindering, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct, and making threats. The man was a passenger in a vehicle in which the driver was arrested for driving while intoxicated. The passenger became disorderly and assaulted several officers. He resisted and threatened officers while being placed under arrest. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Greenbelt Middle School, Dec. 19, 12:54 p.m., a 13-year-old Cheverly youth was petitioned for assault after he struck a teacher several times while the teacher was attempting to break up a fight between the youth and another student.

Pathway between Ridge Road and 133 Westway, Dec. 19, 6:53 p.m., a woman was walking down the path and was approached by a man who greeted her, grabbed her jacket collar, and ripped her shirt. She fled and called police. The area was checked for the suspect, but he was not found. The suspect is described as white, 26 years of age, 6'1", and 170 lbs. He was wearing a green jacket, a dark baseball cap, and dark jeans.

Indecent Exposure

5700 block of Greenbelt Metro Drive, Dec. 16, 9:03 a.m., a woman reported that a man exposed himself to her and then fled toward the Beltway. The suspect is described as black, 5'8", 170 lbs., and was wearing beige pants, a white hood, and a black jacket.

Burglary and Theft

7000 block of Mathew Street, Dec. 15, 11:24 a.m., entry was gained by forcing open the basement door. Nothing was taken.

6300 block of Ivy Lane, Dec. 15, 11:31 a.m., an unattended purse was taken from an office suite.

7400 block of Greenway Center Drive, Dec. 15, 2:20 p.m., a man had left his office and when he returned a short time later, he discovered a subject tampering with his computer. Upon seeing the man, the subject placed something in his pocket and fled the scene. The man then discovered that the modem card was missing from his computer. The suspect is described as a black male in his 20s with black hair, and wearing a black knit cap, green khaki jacket, blue jeans, and grey boots.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 16, 7:37 p.m., an unattended cellular phone was taken while the victim was shopping inside the mall.

Royal Jade Restaurant, Dec. 17, 8:36 p.m., an unattended wallet was taken.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Dec. 18, 8:32 a.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Dec. 18, 1 p.m., an unattended laptop computer was taken from a classroom.

9100 block of Edmonston

Court, Dec. 18, 4:40 p.m., jewelry was taken. The method of entry is unknown.

6100 block of Springhill Terrace, Dec. 19, 1:02 a.m., video games, jewelry, and electronic equipment were taken. Entry was gained by way of an unlocked front door.

Denny's Restaurant at Greenway Shopping Center, Dec. 21, 6:55 a.m., a cellular telephone was taken from an unattended purse.

9300 block of Edmonston Road, Dec. 21, 7:50 p.m., computer equipment, electronic equipment, and clothing were taken. The method of entry is unknown.

Vandalism

6100 block of Breezewood Drive, Dec. 15, 10:50 a.m., someone cut down a tree.

Mental Health Group Sponsors Workshop

Free monthly family support groups will be held by the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill on January 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bowie YMCA, 3501 Moylan Drive; on January 10 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, and on January 11 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dyer Health Clinic in Clinton, 9314 Piscataway Road.

For more information, call Jane Kelley at 301-577-6026.

City Notes

The week of December 22 the streets crew spent most of the week on snow and ice removal, including cleaning and maintenance of the equipment after the storm had passed.

The parks crew assisted with salting the streets and cleaning sidewalks and began installation of signs for Christmas tree drop-off sites.

The building maintenance crew hung the new filter system in the Community Center ceramics room readying it for wiring, and worked with the contractor on the HVAC units in the Aquatic Center locker rooms.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a black four-door 1995 Plymouth Neon with Maryland tags GRK 326, Dec. 15, from the 6100 block of Breezewood Court; a white Honda Prelude with Maryland tags EZG 401, Dec. 19, from the Greenbelt Metro station; a black four-door 1991 Hyundai Excel with Maryland tags 106 BGG, Dec. 21, from the 9200 block of Edmonston Road; and a black and red 1996 Ford F-

350 truck with Virginia tags TT96124, Dec. 21, from the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block of Springhill Drive, 9300 block of Edmonston Road, 9100 block of Edmonston Court, Beltway Plaza Mall, Greenway Shopping Center, 100 block of Westway, Roosevelt Center, and 7800 block of Hanover Parkway.



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For more information contact: Cpl. David Buerger or Pfc. Marty Parker at Eleanor Roosevelt H.S. at 301-397-2288 or online at ERooseveltCop@aol.com.

Elephant Titans Stomp On New Year's Eve

by Nicole DeWald

Chances are, you've never heard anything like it. A delicate warping like a Chinese elder traversing overhead power lines in a pair of gold silk slippers. A deep and shimmering resonance like the song of a humpback whale transmitted through a band of metallic ore, miles beneath the surface of the earth. Improvisational soundscapes for the machine age, articulated with great wit and poise by Baltimore's Elephant Titans. The trio will be featured at the Greenbelt New Year 2001 celebration, courtesy of the city's Recreation Department.

The originality of the ensemble's music is, in part, an inevitable outcome of its instrumentation. The Titans employ a selection of idiosyncratic electro-acoustic instruments designed and built by member Neil Feather. Many of the instruments utilize standard guitar and bass pick-ups to amplify the vibration of strings activated by various articulators such as billiard balls, steel rods, or the player's fingers.

Feather's creations include a large cylindrical zither called The Contraption, which is rotated by a hand crank. It has a behemoth cousin, the Apex Roto-Zither, which is operated by a sewing machine motor and a car's steering wheel. Instruments to look for on New Year's Eve include the Nondo, a strung and amplified sheet of steel, and representatives of the family of former guitars.

Guests may even enjoy an opportunity to see several of these instruments played at once by

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www.geico.com. Go to the "Information Center" link, or call 1-800-8245404, ext. 2413. The theme of the poster must convey the importance of using safety belts. Entries must be postmarked by January 12. Students are eligible to win prizes of up to \$500 for themselves and their schools. Children of GEICO employees are not eligible to enter. For each age group, entries within each of five geographical regions are judged against other posters from the same region. First-, second- and third-place prizes of \$125, \$75 and \$50 are awarded in each region for each age group. From the regional first-place winners, one grand-prize winner is chosen for each age group. Those artists receive an additional \$375, and their schools receive \$500 worth of art supplies.

The grand-prize winning posters will be reproduced and mailed to all schools of participating students and will be displayed in GEICO offices nationwide.

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their creator, as is often done. (Instruments such as the Melocycle, built from an exercise bicycle and played with the feet, seem to have been designed to accommodate this ambition.)

In the words of Feather's sometime collaborator John Berudt, the effect of the resulting music is a reordered terrain of new musical content, nuanced timbre-harmony-melody unifications, rich, ambiguous, drones, sliding, non-scale-based melodies; and hypnotic, non-stereotypical rhythms, dense with harmonic details. Toe-tapping music it isn't. But whimsical, elegant, and even visionary, it is.

The Elephant Titans will offer three performances between 7 and 9 p.m. on New Year's Eve on the second floor of the Greenbelt Community Center. Admission is free with your Greenbelt New Year 2001 wristband, which can be purchased at the Community Center now or at the door. For more information, call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

ERHS Choir a Hit at Kennedy Center

by Mary Moien

The Chamber Choir from Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) was a rousing success when it sang both separately and together with the Washington Chorus at the Kennedy Center "Music for Christmas" program on December 16, 17, and 21. This was the second time that ERHS participated. It was the first high school choir to sing with the Washington Chorus at the "Music for Christmas" concerts when the chorus started its program in 1992.

Music critic John Pitcher reviewed the concert in the December 18 Washington Post. According to Pitcher, "The real highlight came after intermission, when the 31 top singers of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chamber Choir from Greenbelt performed holiday songs and arias. Under Music Director Barbara W. Baker, the group sang with enviable precision and refinement."

Dressed in their traditional outfits of long blue satin gowns for the young women and tuxedos

with blue cummerbunds for the young men, the Chamber Choir sang six carols and seasonal songs by themselves and five additional songs with the Washington Chorus.

Greenbelter Laura Soto, an ERHS junior and alto voice in the Chamber Choir, said there were many family members and friends at each performance. She described the joint effort with the Washington Chorus as a "really wonderful experience. Robert Shafer (the music director of the Washington Chorus) had lots of good things to say."

Each choir member had a mentor from the Washington Chorus who stood with them and helped them with the final joint rehearsal. That rehearsal followed months of practice at ERHS under the direction of Dr. Baker. Baker agreed with the Washington Post's positive review of her choir's performance.

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A "very special" Happy New Year to George Cantwell, Mike McAndrew & Family and Ray Wen of American Realty; Rayetta Henson and, last but not least, to my family. I appreciate all of your support. You all have helped to make this a wonderful year.

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NEW YEAR

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and private parties. There will be food available, provided by the New Deal Cafe, to enjoy while listening to John's music.

Storytellers

The Goddard Storytellers, consisting of Tim Livengood, Lu Slifer and Jim Lochner, each with their own storytelling skills, will be telling tales in a cozy, relaxed atmosphere. They have performed at previous New Years celebrations and always take those listening to their stories into a new imaginary world. There will be tales for both young and old alike.

Magician

Eric Henning, a master magician and always a big hit, will be performing three shows in the Greenbelt Theatre. Whether weaving an ancient Japanese folk tale with a spool of thread or recounting "Alice in Wonderland" with a pack of cards, Eric Henning's magic evokes the charm of an elegant and unhurried age. And hold onto your wedding rings!

These performers will just be a part of the Greenbelt New Year's 2001 Celebration. The children's arts and crafts room, run by Barbara Simon, will be operating all evening in the Community Center - with fun, and creative projects for kids of all ages. The artists' studios will be open during the evening where partygoers can get a "new do" for the evening from Debra Nesbitt, and meet Elizabeth Morisette, who is responsible for the gym decorations. The Elephant Titans will be providing music in the area of the artists' studios. The Greenbelt Swift Team will be selling food in the Community Center all night long.

Teens

Talk of the Town will be providing activities for teens (as well as individuals of all ages) in the Youth Center. There will be the ever-popular sumo wrestling and a challenging obstacle course. A karaoke dj, provided by Sight and Sound Entertainment, will play music all night long for both listening and singing.

In addition, Dave Shuman will demonstrate his amazing juggling skills in the Youth Center, to be followed by his equally great talent - Swing Dancing! The Boys and Girls Club cheerleaders will provide plenty of food for those engaging in Youth Center activities (or just passing through).

Show


The Arts Center will present "Millennium Jukebox," a fun-filled show about a mysterious troubadour and his amazing jukebox, which plays music from throughout the century. The cast of Jukebox consists of many Greenbelters - partygoers are invited to come and see the talents of their neighbors.

The New Deal Cafe will have entertainment all night long with great music by Guys In Ties and Jacqui and Rachel, as well as great food.

The Roosevelt Center will be filled with activities - from a fire dancer early in the evening to a sculpture display by Arlette Jassel, with help from students from Greenbelt Elementary School.

Tickets

Reasonably priced tickets, as well as commemorative t-shirts, are currently on sale at the Community Center. Children under five are free. Tickets and t-shirts can also be purchased at the door the evening of the celebration. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

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