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Citizens, Council Endorse Letter Opposing Iraq War

by Barbara Hopkins

Greenbelt resident Bertram Donn came before the Greenbelt City Council on January 13 with a draft resolution opposing the U. S. invasion of Iraq which he asked council to adopt. Because council does not normally use a resolution in this type of situation, they directed staff to draft a letter instead. The draft letter to President Bush was duly included on the council's agenda at its regular meeting on January 27. Copies would also be sent to Senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski, Congressman Steny Hoyer, and to Bertram Donn.

During discussion, the letter was edited and revised until all councilmembers and Donn were satisfied with its content and wording. Mayor Judith Davis

requested that space be made available in the letter format for any member of council who wished to be able to sign individually. When called to a vote, approval of the letter was unanimous. The action was applauded by the relatively large crowd of citizens attending the meeting.

Doug Love thanked councilmembers for being willing "to provide moral guidance to the national government when it needs it the most." Councilmember Alan Turnbull responded with thanks of his own to Donn for reminding council that elected officials have a duty to speak out at such times.

Davis asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin to have the revised letter sent out as soon as possible.

Museum Sponsors Talk On Depression-era Food

by Betsy F. Hill

The Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Library began their 2003 bimonthly lecture series on Tuesday, January 14 when Warren Belasco, professor of American studies and food historian at the University of Maryland Baltimore campus, talked about the Great Depression and food. As an introduction, he stated that through the study of food, historians are able to learn a great deal about how people react to major political events. The way we raise and eat food is connected to national politics, to economics and to a society's thinking.

During the era of the Great Depression in the 1930s, people cut back on eating extravagantly. Generally they lived very frugally. Even though we call this time the Great Depression there was, ironically, a strong spirit of hope and optimism among Americans, Belasco said. This was due to the belief that science would create a perfect world for the future. Science's ability to solve all the world's problems included solving the "food problem."

According to some government leaders and the scientific community, Belasco said, the prevailing concept of "streamlining" could resolve that problem. All we needed to do was streamline the production of food, just as we had done with automobiles in the '30s. Cars became more curved and were engineered to be aerodynamic. So too could we dramatically change how our food was produced.

The answer lay in the scientific creation of synthetic foods, scientists thought. They would be safer, more nutritious and more accessible than natural foods.

Scientists hypothesized that

foods in the future could be easily created directly from chemicals found in the air and the environment. We could learn how to convert these elements directly into food in our new streamlined laboratory-like kitchens.

These idealized kitchens were similar to kitchens designed by the government and can be seen in the Greenbelt Museum today. These laboratory-like kitchens are very different, Belasco pointed out, when compared with "traditional" kitchens designed in the 1920s.

These scientific ideas about food preparation and consumption did not trickle down to the average American housewife. Everyday Americans during the '30s continued to eat hamburgers, potatoes, beans and bread. They were nostalgic and traditional about what they wanted to eat and prepare. Most Americans took their meals at home during this period in order to save their money.

The first "Joy of Cooking" by Irma Rombauer was published in 1937, Duncan Hines began writing about well prepared food in the late '30s and Gourmet Magazine appeared on the newsstand in 1940. These names and products are with us today.

The next lecture in the series will be given by Joanne Lamb Hayes, food writer and historian, on Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m., at the Greenbelt Library. Her lecture is based on her book, "Grandma's Wartime Kitchen." She will describe how homemakers creatively coped when faced with the government rationing of staples (sugar, butter and meat) and how they used wartime commodities in cooking a traditional Thanksgiving dinner.



PHOTO BY JAMES GIESE

The Canada Goose flock numbers in the hundreds on the frozen Greenbelt lake. They have not had to share the ice with skaters this year. Perhaps it has been too cold for the skaters.

Python Abandoned At Greenbelt Lake

Abandonment of any animal is a criminal act, advises Greenbelt Animal Control Officer Susie Hall, who on January 15 found a dead (abandoned) 7 1/2 foot python at Greenbelt Lake. Hall had been alerted that a python snake had been seen on the path at the lake. Upon arrival she discovered the python which was frozen. Hall removed the snake and transported it to a local veterinarian, who determined that the python was dead. The python was transported to Prince George's County Animal Control for disposal.

Discovery of the python in a public park illustrates a problem of pet owners discarding pets when they find they are unable or unwilling to care for the animal. Not only was the snake harmed, but a snake that size could easily have harmed pets, wildlife and even humans.

The Greenbelt Animal Control program will take possession of any pet when owners find that they can no longer care for the pet. Every effort will be made to find an appropriate home for an animal surrendered to Animal Control.

Greenbelt Animal Control continues to actively investigate the discovery of the python at Buddy Attick Park. Anyone with information should contact Hall at 301-474-6124 or Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze, 301-474-2760. Hall may also be contacted for information on surrendering, adopting or caring for pets.

Roosevelt Center Market Study Is Summarized

by Judy Bell

The final report of a market study to determine the viability of the Roosevelt Center was presented at a Greenbelt City Council worksession on January 15. The presentation was basically a repeat performance that had been given by Urban Information Associates, Inc. (UIA) on November 6. The consulting team returned at the behest of the city in order to videotape the findings and recommendations and then make the tape available to the general public through the city's cable television station as well as to have a record of the transaction for future use.

The study consisted of a 20 minute survey done with 100 shoppers, about three dozen theatergoers and a focus group at NASA, along with a combination of in-person and telephone interviews with many of the Roosevelt Center merchants and George Christacos, principal owner of the Center's real estate. Of the 100 shoppers, 76 were from Old Greenbelt. Josef Nathanson, president of UIA, noted that the "merchants understood their customers pretty well."

Recommendations

One of many recommendations, the idea of a farmers' market in the Center, was mentioned several times. Nathanson suggested that a college student be hired to serve as part-time project

coordinator to get the farmers' market going "so as not to lose the momentum that the survey has generated." Another of Nathanson's recommendations was that nearby business parks be marketed for the "economic health of the Center."

Peter Carney, a business consultant with the group, reported on the viability of the Old Greenbelt Theatre. In order to appeal to moviegoers, a theater needs to have "some sort of exclusivity," Carney stated. Greenbelt's "program approach is a good one," he said.

He spoke to the recent history of the theater business, specifically the period 1991 to 2001, noting that the "eight-to-ten plexes" took over the smaller, regional chains in the area. Carney recommended that there be a "greater marketing effort" as well as "more synergy with the Center itself."

Consultant Janet Goldberg suggested that something like a "meal deal" be tried, such as the New Deal Cafe's offering a discount with a movie ticket.

Purchasing an in-house video system for the theatre in order to spur more corporate use of the facility was another recommendation made by Carney.

Additional thoughts by the consulting group addressed including the theater in the Labor Day Festival and bringing locally-organized small groups together to sponsor an event which could bring in another two or three hundred people. "Consistency is the answer to any marketing program," said

What Goes On

Tuesday, February 4

6:30 p.m., Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board special open meeting on goals, Community Center

Wednesday, February 5

8 p.m., City Council stakeholders meeting with Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Hamilton Place

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Letters to the Editor

School Sign Puzzles

While I sympathize with the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA on the breakdown in communications with the county schools that has led to their \$5,000 sign languishing in the parking lot, I have to wonder why the PTA would raise that much money and spend it on a sign of dubious aesthetic or practical value. It's not like the school isn't already clearly marked. Why not \$5,000 worth of books? Why not \$5,000 of science lab equipment? Why not \$5,000 of field trips?

Catherine Meetre

Pets Need Protecting In Extreme Weather

This past Monday, I learned that my neighbors' young cat had died. It was unclear to me whether he froze to death or was bitten by a racoon. I suspect that he had frozen to death as I had found him several times crying in the bitter cold air. On two occasions, I attempted and succeeded in rescuing him from the freezing rain and the bitter cold. I addressed my concerns for this young cat with his pet owner. Mindful and aware that this cat was difficult to catch, and that the owners were gracious enough to give this abandoned cat a home, finding him outside late at night in the freezing weather raises my concerns about the care this pet received.

This experience, unfortunately is not an isolated case. Since living here in Greenbelt, I've noticed that both cats and dogs are being left out in bitter cold weather. As I talk with others in the neighborhood, I realize that many share my concerns so I am taking this opportunity to ask those that have companion animals to raise your awareness of your pets needs especially at this time. Our animals cannot endure and should not have to endure such weather conditions. If you are a pet owner, I feel it is your responsibility to protect and shelter your animal whether it is convenient for you or not. If you find that you are unable to care for your pet, there is help, just ask. In my opinion, the Prince Georges County SPCA/Humane Society is an excellent source of help; also, GHI has a pet subcommittee which is willing to assist in some situations. Please, don't let your pets suffer.

Darlene Brengle

Needs News Review

First of all, Happy New Year.

Secondly, I don't know what the renewal date is for my News Review. After I read it I often send articles to my long-time friend, Jean O'Leary Sargis in Bristol, Conn. There were four of us girls who ran around together. In addition to Jean, there was Helen Kaighn Fitts (now in Massachusetts - she recently lost her husband) and Miriam Cutsail Bly, who now lives in Stevensville, Md. The other three were "original" Greenbelt residents. I came to Greenbelt in 1942 and was one of those "awful" people who lived in the Defense Houses. We were considered by many as not as good as original residents although we paid a heck of a lot more rent for the not-as-nice defense houses. Enough of that.

Thirdly, I was disappointed at the tiny article about June Zoellner Rousseau, one of the early residents of "old" Greenbelt. The family was very active in city affairs and, of course, at St. Hugh's Catholic Church. Her dad worked for the city (federal government or city government or both). Later, her brother Bud was a police officer and her mother Mae was an active resident. I think she and Paul were married when she was about 19.

Enough of my gripes, but I don't want to miss my renewal.

Virginia Neuman Fowler

Driskell Collection At Maryland Univ.

Selections from the David Driskell Art Collection will be shown at the University of Maryland Art Gallery, room 1202, Art-Sociology Building, from January 30 to March 22.

An opening reception will be held on Wednesday, January 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Saturday (except for Thursday) 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours on Thursday are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For information, call 301-405-2763. The gallery is on Campus Drive near Tawes Theater.

Free Blue Spruce Trees Available

Ten free Colorado blue spruce trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during February 2003.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit foundation's Trees for America campaign.

Colorado blue spruces have silver blue-green color and a compact conical shape. They can be used as individual ornaments, an energy-saving windbreak, a privacy screen, or as living Christmas trees.

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six- to twelve-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

For more information visit the website www.arborday.org or write to The National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410.

Black History Free Poster

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) announced publication of the Prince George's County Celebration - Black History Month 2003 official poster. The poster, produced by art students at Laurel High School, illustrates African American childhood pastimes. A county high school is selected each year to participate in the Black History Month Poster Project, an eight-week art enrichment program coordinated by the Arts and Cultural Heritage Division of M-NCPPC.

The poster, titled "We the Children: A History of African-American Childhood," is a colorful assemblage of drawings and descriptive captions by 19 Laurel High School art students.

Seven thousand Celebration - Black History Month 2003 posters will be distributed free-of-charge during the month of February at M-NCPPC, Prince George's County Black History Month events and facilities. For further information or to pick up a poster, call 301-454-1450.

The Old Curmudgeon



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Landover, Wheaton IRS Assistance Sites

The Internal Revenue Service announces the opening of its Taxpayer Assistance Centers. Locations closest to Greenbelt are Landover, Metro-Plex 1, Room 300, 8401 Corporate Drive in Landover, phone 202-927-9361 and in Wheaton, 11510 Georgia Avenue, lower level, 202-283-8097. All offices are open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Tuesday, April 15, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

From February 4, the Wheaton location will be open 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Starting February 8, it will be open 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. On Saturday, April 12 hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, February 4, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, February 5, 10:15 and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, February 6, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Adult Programs

Monday, February 3, 7 p.m. Teen Book Beat for ages 13 to 18.

Saturday, February 8, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus discussion group for adults. Favorite poems.

In the display case for February are hooked rugs by Montpelier Cultural Arts Center senior citizens.

Greenbelt CARES

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held their monthly meeting. They addressed a number of issues, reviewed all the upcoming meetings planned with other municipalities' education groups and with the school board.

ACE also confirmed plans for its annual meeting for PTA presidents. This meeting will be held Monday, February 3 in the city offices' first floor conference room at 7 p.m. Representatives from all area schools will be invited to address issues and solutions common to all.

The Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus held its annual legislative breakfast in Annapolis and Carol Leventhal represented Greenbelt CARES at that function. She spoke with several aides to the recently-elected legislators for Greenbelt, each of whom was extremely interested in the CARES program. Aides to representatives from other districts also spoke with Leventhal regarding the history of the Youth Services Bureaus and the possibility of establishing new programs in underserved sections of Maryland.

Leventhal returned to Upper Marlboro to meet with Dr. Mildred Perry, director of pupil personnel services, Prince George's Board of Education. Perry suggested a second meeting to review paperwork deemed necessary in order for CARES to be eligible to go into Eleanor Roosevelt and DuVal High Schools to conduct truancy and suspension reduction groups on behalf of the Youth Consolidation grant.

The week of January 20, Antoinette Tate, crisis intervention counselor, participated in the Victim Advocacy Volunteer Training Program at Prince George's Hospital Center (PGHC). The Victim Advocacy Program is a new service that will be offered through the PGHC Sexual Assault Center, providing support to survivors of sexual trauma. Tate presented information on the services offered through Greenbelt CARES and discussed crisis intervention techniques with the staff and trainees.

Green Ridge House Elects New Officers

The residents of Green Ridge House have elected new officers for 2003. Tom Ward is the newly-elected president, Aleene Petrone is vice-president, Yolanda Kuperman is secretary, Ruth Burton is treasurer and Marian Evans is the social director.

Community Events

55 Alive Driving Course Offered

The safe driving course, 55 Alive, given by AARP is being sponsored again by GIVES, Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service. Interested persons may register in person at the GIVES office in the Senior Lounge in the Greenbelt Community Center or by telephone at 301-507-6580 before March 1.

The two sessions will be held on March 14 and March 21 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Community Center. These sessions are limited to 25 people, although there will be a waiting list. There is a fee. Lunches in the cafeteria may be ordered at the same time. There is no lunch service without ordering ahead.

GIVES welcomes new members of all ages and is especially in need of those who enjoy doing minor yard work for the frail, disabled or elderly.

Members of GIVES will be happy to learn that office manager Kate Connolly is recovering from a long illness at the home of her daughter.

For more information about GIVES call 301-507-6580 any weekday morning between 10 a.m. and noon.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Ellie Rimar opened the January 22 meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and the club song. Shep Odom led the invocation and read an inspirational poem. The greeters were Aubrey Frances and Brenda Cooley. One guest, Joanne Derr, was introduced.

Thanks to Fran Ritter and Lillian O'Brien for sending the January birthday poems to those who had January birthdays but were unable to attend the meeting.

The 50/50 winners were Louvain Townsend and Mary Gardner.

The trip to hear Charlie Proze on March 27 still has openings. A trip is being considered for February and will be announced later.

Get well cards have been sent to Pat and Bill Hand, Lucille Howell, Ed Griffen and Hank Irving. The club sends best wishes to all members who are not feeling well at this time.

Park Ranger Kevin Barry was the speaker. He gave a very informative history of the National Park Service and talked about our beautiful Greenbelt Park and campsite. He promised to return at another meeting with a talk about the wildlife in the park.

Come to the Golden Age Club meetings and meet new friends and see old friends and learn about trips and activities.

Blue Sky Puppets At Valentine Party

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks children ages toddler to 10 years of age are invited to the Terrace Room for some Valentine fun. Blue Sky Puppets will be on hand to perform a show entitled "The Jester's Box." Refreshments will be served after the show. The event is free but people must register their children with Tina at 301-441-1096 ext. 4 by February 5.

Donations Urged For Grad Night '03

The Grad Night Committee at Eleanor Roosevelt High School is appealing to the community and business leaders to support plans for an alcohol- and drug-free all-night celebration for graduating seniors.

Studies have shown that graduation night is potentially the most dangerous night of a high school student's life. Many drinking and driving deaths occur. But parents and communities are joining forces to turn the numbers around.

The goal is to raise \$25,000 to cover the cost of prizes, food, dancing, carnival games, sports and more. Donations of cash, give-away items, gifts and gift certificates are needed for door prizes and activity prizes. Monetary contributions will be used to purchase prizes, games, activities and food. All donations and contributions are tax-deductible. Contact Terry Enfield at 202-223-5120 if pickup of donations, gifts, food or other merchandise is needed.

Checks should be made payable to "ERHS Grad Night '03". Donations should be sent to Eleanor Roosevelt Grad Night Committee, 7601 Hanover Pkwy., Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Chairpersons of the Eleanor Roosevelt Grad Night '03 are Terry Enfield and Sandra Levesque.

Black History At Beltway Plaza

During February, Black History Month, the Beltway Plaza will celebrate the cultural riches and diversity of the African-American community through song, dance and dramatic expression.

Feb. 1, 2 p.m. - Dramatic story tellings in tribute to the griot tradition.

Feb. 1, 3 p.m. - Springhill Lake Elementary School Dance Team.

Feb. 8, 1 to 3 p.m. - Carrollton Elementary School auction to benefit its "Victory Over Violence" program and technology needs.

Feb. 15, 2 p.m. - BrenCar Dancers, who have performed in Africa, on television and locally for years, dancing to drums.

Feb. 22, 2 p.m. - H. D. Woodson High School jazz combo and Hip Hop Dance Team.

Feb. 22, 3 p.m. - One Shot Racing, 750 CC Amateur Bike Champion 2002 and Heavy Weight Twins Expert Champion 2001 speaking on their journey to become the first AMA all-Black road racing team.

Help Park Remove Invasive Plants

Help protect Greenbelt Park from harmful invasive plants. Join in a hands-on preservation activity and learn about native and non-native plants. On Saturday, February 1 at 11 a.m. come to the Sweetgum Picnic area. This program will be held the first Saturday of every month. Come rain or shine. Wear appropriate clothing and work gloves and bring a lunch/snack. This is a partnership between Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland. For more information, contact the park at 301-344-3944.

"Svengali" to Cast Its Spell Saturday

The Old Greenbelt Theatre, in conjunction with the Audiovisual Department of the Prince George's County Memorial Library, will offer the third in a series of films from the 1930s on Saturday, February 1 at noon. The film, "Svengali," stars John Barrymore as a music teacher with hypnotic abilities and Marian Marsh as his student. Soon she is singing to sold-out crowds, but only if her teacher is present.

The movie, adapted from the novel "Trilby" by George DuMaurier, is one among the library's collection of 16 mm black and white films. It is 76 minutes long.

The showing is free. In earlier weeks some 100 to 200 people have attended these movies at the Old Greenbelt Theatre.

Caregiver Support Group to Meet

The Caregiver Support Group will meet Tuesday, Feb 4 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in the Adult Care Center in the lower level of the Community Center.

Caregivers provide support for each other, learn about community resources and engage in group problem solving. Respite care is available. This group, which meets the first Tuesday of each month, is open to the community. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Beverly Long, the Center's social worker, for more information at 301-507-6590.

Greenbelt Park Road Cleanup

Join a park ranger and your neighbors in helping clean up the park boundary along Good Luck Road on Saturday, February 8 at 10 a.m. All participants are asked to meet at the ranger station located near the campground.

Greenbelt Park has adopted Good Luck Road in the Prince George's County Adopt-a-Road program. The volunteers of Greenbelt Park have kept Good Luck Road clean with cleanups during the past year. Be part of the team that helps the local environment. Help make a difference. To learn more, call 301-344-3944.

City Notes

The week of January 20, the horticulture crew cleaned leaves and pruned shrubs at Roosevelt Center, the Aquatic and Fitness Center and the landscaped area between the Post Office and the Professional Building. The crew also salted sidewalks during and after the snow, held a class on proper drilling and bolting of trees and cleaned salt from landscaped areas after the snow.

The parks crews continued collecting Christmas trees at the drop-off locations and stacked the wood which had been milled and cleaned the parks shop.

The streets crew repaired cracks in asphalt road surface on Olivewood, Maplewood and Pinecrest and repaired potholes throughout the city. The crew also ground sidewalks in Boxwood to prevent a tripping hazard.

Animal Survival During Winter

An interpretive program entitled "Where Do Insects and Animals Go for the Winter" will be presented at the Greenbelt Ranger Station in Greenbelt Park on February 5 at 1 p.m. Call for more information at 301-344-3944.

Poetry Plus Meets

Poetry Plus, a group for poets and poetry lovers to listen and talk, an appreciative audience for new poems or old, poems people love, hate or don't understand, will meet on Saturday, February 8 at the Greenbelt Library, 10:30 a.m. to noon. Bring favorite poems to discuss. Poetry Plus is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry. It will help to bring five to ten copies of poems to be read.

Seniors to Bring Buddies to Lunch

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks senior residents are invited to bring their best buddy along to a luncheon in the Terrace Room. The luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 11 at 12:30 p.m. This is a free event but RSVP to Tina on 301-441-1096 ext. 4 by February 6.

Explore Diabetes And Nutrition

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Janet Runci, a registered nurse and certified diabetes educator, on Friday, February 7. Runci will be focusing on key aspects of nutrition as part of an effective diabetes management regimen and explaining how patients can apply simple, easy-to-understand nutritional guidelines to their diabetes management.

Runci will be giving out free Bayer glucometers to those who have pre-registered for this talk. To pre-register, call 301-474-2208.

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

GEAC Meets

The next meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will be held Thursday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Greenbriar.

LOVE NOTES
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Learn How To Jump Rope
with the
Greenbelt City Stars
2002 Double Dutch Champions

The Greenbelt City Stars, a competitive jump rope club of the City of Greenbelt, is accepting new members for its Winter Training Session. NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY for interested persons 6 years and up. Jumpers are introduced to Double Dutch Turning & Jumping Skills, Single Rope, Tumbling & participate in Jump Rope Competitions and demonstrations. For more information, please call 301-336-0966 or visit the website at www.greenbeltsitystars.com.

Obituaries

Dale L. Quarry



Dale L. Quarry, long time Greenbelt resident, died Friday morning, January 17, 2003, at Laurel Regional Hospital, after a long illness. He was 71 years old. He was born in Hendricks, where he and his family resided until moving to Riverdale in 1945. He then married and moved to Greenbelt in 1955. He was employed with Harvey Dairy in Brentwood for 10 years, followed by Purolator Courier for 25 years and then with Branch Electric for five years where he retired in 1996.

Mr. Quarry enjoyed working in his yard and loved to walk throughout Greenbelt, especially around Greenbelt Lake. He was a devoted father and grandfather and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Jean, of Hillside Road; four children, Ronnie, Judy Isles (Marty), Shirley Attick (Mike), and Denise Smith (William); seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. He is also survived by his brother, John Quarry; sister, Nanabelle Garner and many nieces and nephews. His brother, Junior Quarry, preceded him in death.

Hilda Orleans Yontz



Hilda Orleans Yontz, age 92, of 2 court Eastway, died January 4, 2003 at Doctors Community Hospital of complications of congestive heart failure.

Hilda Mary Winkler was born on December 31, 1910 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The family moved frequently before settling in Albany, N.Y. Hilda married Charles Orleans in 1935. He accepted a position with the Treasury Dept, and they and their daughter Carol moved to Washington, D.C. in 1940. Hilda worked part-time at the Veterans Administration with Alan Morrison who was then mayor of Greenbelt. It was Mr. Morrison who encouraged and helped her to make the move to Greenbelt in the summer of 1942 after her husband had entered the military.

After Mr. Orleans returned from military service at the end of W.W. II, the family moved to 1-D Westway following the birth of a son, Billy.

Mrs. Yontz was active in the Greenbelt Community Church and various other organizations, including the Greenbelt Woman's Club. She was president of the Homemaker's Club for two years.

When her marriage ended in divorce in 1952, she worked at a variety of jobs before taking a job at NASA from which she retired in the early 1970s.

Hilda and Harold Yontz were married in 1957 and moved to Woodland Way. Their marriage ended in divorce in 1963.

In 1969, Mrs. Yontz moved to the 2 court of Eastway and considered her honeymoon cottage to be her "little retirement home."

It was during the 1970s that her love of writing surfaced. She studied creative writing at various local colleges. She wrote a book about her mother entitled "Lottie's Legacy" which was published in 1991.

Several of her pieces were accepted for publication, including an essay entitled "Why Maryland is Beautiful to Me" that she entered in the "What Maryland Means to Me" contest. Governor William Donald Schaefer presented her with a certificate at the State House in Annapolis in 1988.

Simultaneously, she conducted creative writing workshops at OASIS (a national organization for older adults) and also taught an exercise program for seniors at Green Ridge House. In addition, she belonged to the Washington Independent Writers' League and served as both president and vice president.

Mrs. Yontz loved to travel and traveled extensively to Europe, Hawaii, Bermuda and the Caribbean Islands.

She remained actively involved in her many interests until her death. At age 89, she joined the "Second Tuesday of the Month Book Club" in Greenbelt. Her love of Greenbelt was equal to her love of her family, friends and her many interests throughout her life.

She is survived by daughter Carol Sauls of Lanham; son, William Orleans, of New York City; sister, Margaret Graham; nephew, Douglas Graham, his wife Susan, and their children, Scott and Amy, all of Vermont.

A memorial service conducted by Rev. Daniel Hamlin was held January 13, 2003 at the Greenbelt Community Church. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Greenbelt Community Church, 1 Hillside Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Panel Explains Options For Kindergarten Choices

by Amy S. Hansen

Public and private schools from the Greenbelt area presented philosophies and logistics when answering the question: What comes after nursery school? The public symposium, held recently in the Greenbelt Public Library, was sponsored by Greenbelt Nursery School and aimed at helping parents choose from the array of possible kindergartens in the area.

Attending were representatives from Prince George's County Magnet Programs, College Park Cooperative Nursery School and Kindergarten, Concordia Lutheran School, Paint Branch Montessori, Holy Redeemer and Friends Community School in College Park.

There are 16 Prince George's magnet programs in 55 schools, explained Jennifer Bryant, the county's magnet school recruitment specialist. The magnet programs are very popular, said Bryant. They receive 15,000 applications for 1,400 spots. The French Immersion and Montessori programs require students to enter at kindergarten or before. Linda Massey, a teacher in the magnet Montessori program, explained her program's philosophy: "Children are natural learners. If we design a program that is naturally interesting, they will learn."

Lisa Reaves of Concordia Lutheran School in Adelphi said her school offers two kindergarten classes, with an average of one teacher to every ten students. The students can attend for a half or full day of school. And while it is a Lutheran school and the children do learn Bible stories, only 20 percent of the student body is Lutheran.

Paint Branch Montessori, like the public Montessori program, works with mixed age groups of children. "We believe the chil-

dren learn best from each other," said Patty Barshay. The children stay with the same teacher for three years and are encouraged to learn at their own speed. "We don't believe that what they learn is tied to their age."

College Park Nursery School and Kindergarten was the smallest school represented, with a kindergarten class of only eight. "We can take up to 12," said kindergarten teacher Clare Beth. She works the curriculum around the students, focusing on reading, writing, science and math, often through projects. "Our dinosaur program was supposed to be two weeks, but the kids were so interested it went on for five." Classes are half days.

Holy Redeemer, a Catholic School in Berwyn, has two kindergarten classes of 16 children each. The classes include literature, hands-on math, writing and computer labs. The kindergartners are also involved in such school activities as student council, said kindergarten teacher Liane Sayers. She also explained that they have buddy classmates from the older classes.

Friends Community School in College Park has a total of 140 children in K through 8, said Susie Baker-Lapp, a third grade teacher there. The school's goal, she said, "is to listen to where the kids are and try to take them to the next level. We want to grow independent learners."

For more information about any of these programs, call the schools and arrange a visit.



Our sympathy to Jean Quarry and family of Hillside Road on the death of her husband and their father, Dale L. Quarry.


Hui K. Kim, class of 2006 at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, was named to the college Dean's List for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester. She is the daughter of Key and Chong Kim.

Derron Thomas of Eleanor Roosevelt High School is a recent recipient of a "Red Zone Football Player of the Year" award. The award recognizes players for not only athletic ability, but also strong leadership and "integrity where it counts most."

PGCC Offers Home School Courses

The Continuing Education Office of Prince George's Community College is offering several courses for home school students starting in February. Courses include Current Issues, College/Life Skills, Introduction to Composition, Spanish II and Art.

The Home School Initiative is in partnership with home school families and is designed to supplement home schooling already in place. For more information and a detailed brochure, call the Continuing Education Office at 301-583-5215.



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Feb. 2. Sunday after the Epiphany
Sermon: "You, Prophet of God"

Local Entrepreneur Offers Planning and Final Detail

by Dorothy Sucher

"I've always had a natural knack for putting things together," says Greenbelter Saprana Coleman. "I'm good at organizing." And as anyone who has ever planned a wedding knows, this is a quality that comes in handy. Last week Coleman announced the opening of her event and wedding planning business that promises to take care of all the onerous details – in fact, it's called "The Final Detail."

Coleman has been organizing events out of her home for several years, and friends have told her, "You're so good at this you should do it for a living." She finally took their advice, and is now operating out of her brand-new office in College Park, off Greenbelt Road.

Not only does she decorate the premises where an event is taking place, she arranges the buffet table, place settings and china, deals with the invitations and provides such accessories as ring pillows for weddings. A skilled craftsperson, she custom-makes some of the latter to order.

Among the events she has done are grand openings for doctors' offices and, recently, for a weight-loss center. She says these can involve taking care of public relations with newspapers and radio stations, as well as arranging menus, decor and ribbon-cutting ceremonies.

Asked to tell the News Review about a particularly memorable event, she replied: "I've done quite a few really nice ones. But there was one last spring for a very personable couple. It was the first I'd done in a home. It was a small house and the event was not too expensive, but I liked the experience of seeing what I could do with something so basic. I did a tropical theme in the house and the garden and when I was finished it was just beautiful."

Coleman personalizes every event and doesn't always use the same sources for such things as flowers, wedding gowns, and wedding cakes. She tries to use local suppliers as much as possible. "I like to patronize other businesses in the area," she says. "And this makes it very convenient for the client." She sometimes uses a professional seamstress in Greenbelt, and is currently talking with Chef Lou in the Roosevelt Center about providing wedding cakes.

Coleman says she usually talks with a prospective client on the phone to see if a project seems feasible. The initial contact is followed by a free consultation, in person, to discuss the planned event in more detail. "If it's a good fit," she says, "we reach an agreement and start working."

How far in advance should planning begin for an event? It depends on what's involved. She suggests two weeks as the minimum for a small event. "You need about eight weeks for parties and grand openings, and for a wedding, six months is ideal," she said.

Was Police Officer

Coleman was born in Washington, D.C., and grew up in Maryland, attending Eleanor Roosevelt High School where she was in the science and tech

program. Her family moved to Charleston, but she returned after three years and served as a police officer in the District. She liked the investigative work and always wanted to "reach out and help." She especially enjoyed the Youth Services division where she sometimes organized community events. But she left after six years because police work became too stressful, especially since she was a single parent at the time. She also worked for a couple of years in a historic home on Capitol Hill, where again she organized events – "it's my passion."

She moved to Greenbelt because she liked the town's convenience, family orientation and excellent recreation program. "This community really tries to reach out to all age groups. My son went to the camps when he was younger. And I like that the town has its own newspaper so you can keep up with what's going on. There's always something happening at the Community Center."

Coleman lives on Lakecrest Drive with her husband Tracy, an accountant, and son James, 16, who sometimes serve as the staff of her business, helping to set up tables and decorations. Currently, Coleman is looking into expanding her event-planning expertise to include arranging proms at high schools.

Students Recognized

A number of Greenbelt residents are among the students recognized in the 25th Annual edition of The National Dean's List, 2001-2002. Students are selected for this honor by their college deans, registrars or honor society advisors and must be in the upper 10 percent of their class, on the school's Dean's List or receive a comparable honor. The Greenbelt students include:

University of Maryland College Park: Mohamad Affandy, Hieu Dao-Mai, Rebekah Husker, Jennifer Jones, Giman Kim, Cynthia Mahot, Eduardo Merino, Cecilia Pak, Michelle Pascaran and Christina Rauta.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore: Folayemi Akinsiku, Johanna Asgaralli, Evelyne Muchigi, Christine Nwosu and Uduakobong Udoh.

Bowie State University: Samantha Leanos and Maurice Saint-Amand, Jr.

Howard University: Kianna Fowlkes, Alicia Pearce, Lee-Ann Reid, Nikole Smalls and Semhar Tewelde.

Prince George's Community College: Swathi Gaddam, Alexia Ihebereme, Stephanie Meier and Beth Shepherd.

Others include Nia Billings (Loyola College of Maryland), Elame Bongos-Ikwue (Oral Roberts University), Barbette Crockwell (Trinity College), Abdellah El Marji (Howard Community College), Jacqueline Foster (Duke University), Matthew Gregory (University of Pennsylvania), Patrice Holton (Hampton University), Charles

Piano Archive Show

An exhibition focusing on the treasures and mission of a unique archive of piano performance can be found in the Gallery of the Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland College Park. The exhibit is open through March, Monday to Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday 8:30 to 6 p.m.; Saturday noon to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 10 p.m. To learn more, call 301-405-9217.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR FEBRUARY 3-7

Wednesday, February 5, 8:00pm, STAKEHOLDERS MEETING-GHL, Hamilton Place.

PUBLIC MEETING ON ARTS GOALS

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board invites interested members of the community to attend a special meeting on Tuesday, February 4 to discuss the Board's proposed Mission Statement on the Arts and related goals for the City of Greenbelt. The meeting will take place at 6:30pm at the Greenbelt Community Center, located at 15 Crescent Road. For additional information, contact Nicole DeWald at ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us or 301-397-2208.

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CITY OF GREENBELT

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS-BID #2003-1
The City of Greenbelt is requesting bids for the purchase of a 4-wheel, front mower. The mower specifications and bid information are available beginning January 23, 2003 at the City Finance Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 between 8am and 4:30pm. Monday-Friday. A request that information be mailed may be made to Pam Lambird at 301-474-1552 ext. 122. Questions may be addressed to Richard Mills at 301-345-9334. Sealed bids must be received no later than 10am, Thursday, February 20, 2003 and should be addressed to the City of Greenbelt, Bid 2003-1, Finance Office, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

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Goldberg.

Nathanson remarked that the city could be "building on the growing diversity of Greenbelt. Roosevelt Center has a story to tell ... it's survived, it's challenged, it's doing okay, it's not thriving." He concluded that the success of any new venture in the Center "depends on active management of the Center's real estate."

Among the comments made

by council were Mayor Judith Davis' "You've certainly given us some food for thought ... we have to make sure we keep it [the momentum] going." The report is "valuable," remarked Councilmember Thomas White. "There were a lot of fresh looks at the center," he said.

For those who missed the meeting the session will be shown on Greenbelt's cable channel in the near future.

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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.

Robbery

Shell Food Mart, Cherrywood Lane, January 22, 8:46 p.m., a man entered, displayed a handgun and demanded money from the cashier. After obtaining money, he fled on foot. He is described as a black male, twenties, 5'10", medium build, wearing blue jeans, black jacket, black gloves, black shoes and a black mask.

Burglary

100 block Westway, January 15, 12:50 p.m., a man in the process of moving into his apartment returned to find that the security chain had been used to lock the apartment door from the inside. He then saw two men inside his apartment; who then left the apartment by walking past the victim, and fled in an unknown direction. The men are described as black males in their twenties, of muscular build, one wearing a white down jacket with a fur collar and the other a dark jacket with a hood. Nothing was taken.

Theft

Academy 8 Theaters, January 19, 2:08 a.m., someone took an unattended cellular telephone.

Counterfeit

Jasper's restaurant, January 20, 5:12 p.m., a man and a woman entered, consumed a meal and paid the bill with what turned out to be counterfeit money. They fled in a vehicle described as a red Chevrolet Blazer. The diners are described as a black male, 5'10", 170 lbs., dark complexion, and a black female, 5'3", 140 lbs., black hair with a streak of pink in it, and a light complexion.

Vandalism

100 block Lastner Lane, Janu-

ary 18, 11:50 p.m., a petition was filed on a 15-year-old Greenbelt youth who allegedly broke out the basement window of a residence during a verbal dispute.

Trespassing

Roosevelt Center, January 16, 5:25 p.m., a 38-year-old intoxicated male resident was arrested and charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct after he was asked to leave the area and complied, but returned a short time later to approach citizens and ask for money. He was released on citation pending trial. The same man had been arrested and charged with disorderly conduct on January 9.

Arrest Warrant

6100 block Breezewood Court, January 22, an arrest warrant was obtained in the matter of an assault reported to police January 5 but not reported as an incident in that week's police activity report. A non-resident woman, 36, was charged with two counts of assault.

Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 2002 Chrysler Concorde four-door, January 13, from Beltway Plaza, which was recovered the same day by D.C. police; a brown 1991 Honda Civic four-door, Md. tags KRC645, January 19, from the 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; a silver 2001 Mazda Tribute truck, Md. tags M677817, January 19, from the 7900 block Mandan Road; a 1999 Honda Accord two-door, January 20, from the 7400 block Morrison Drive, which was recovered the same day by county police at an undisclosed location; a champagne 2001 Mitsubishi Galant

Greenbelt Police Go to Capitol

Greenbelt Police Department officers who volunteered to provide security on January 28 for the President's State of the Union address were: Sergeants James Parker and Carl Schinner, MPOs George Mathews, Scott Kaiser and Craig Rich, and Private Scott Yankow.

They assisted U. S. Capitol Police under the direction of Police Chief Terrance Gainer.

four-door, unknown Md. temporary tags, January 10, from Beltway Plaza; a cream 2001 Dodge Stratus four-door, Md. tags JMZ441, January 22, from the 6100 block Breezewood Court.

An 18-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with theft on January 17 after officers responded to a report of an occupied stolen vehicle in the parking lot of the Greenway Shopping Center. They found a stolen 1988 Toyota Camry four-door with the suspect inside, identification being confirmed by the owner. The vehicle had been stolen from the 7000 block of Hanover Parkway. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Nine other previously-stolen vehicles were recovered; one arrest was involved.

Vandalism to, theft from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block Mandan Road; area of Ora Glen Drive and Mathew Street; 7100 block Mathew Street; Beltway Plaza (two incidents); 9100 block Springhill Lane.

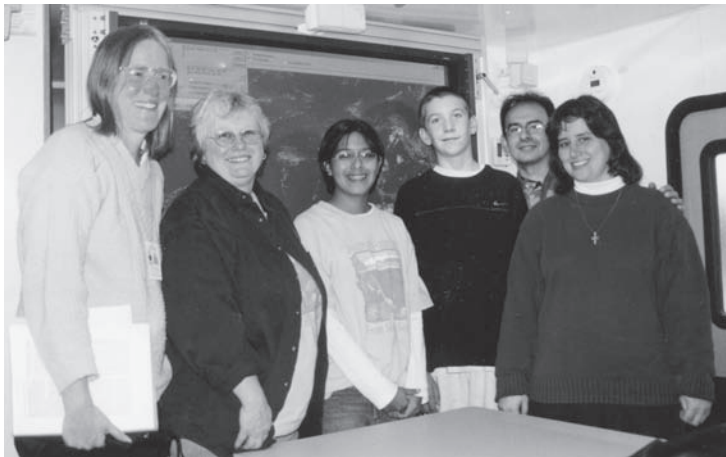
The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

St. Hugh's Teacher Going to California

by Leslie Hilliard

Marjorie Sparks, the middle school science and seventh grade teacher at St. Hugh's School, has been counting down the days. She will leave for California Friday to teach in this year's JASON Project, a multi-disciplinary program for middle school students who want to study the earth's ecology. Sparks was one of eight teachers selected nationally for the project.

Sparks will be working on projects that explore the terrestrial and marine ecosystems that extend from California's coast to the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary. Sparks' students back at St. Hugh's will be working along with her via satellite transmissions and computer. But her students at St. Hugh's won't be the only ones participating remotely in these ecological studies; thousands of classrooms around the



Inside the NASA Remote Sensing Equipment vehicle from left to right: Dr. Claire Parkinson (NASA Sr. Scientist climatologist), Marjorie Sparks, Jessica Mahmooos (student argonaut), Harrison Hilliard (student St. Hugh's School), Pat Coronado (NASA Engineer and sensing scientist) and Sallie Smith (NASA Ed. Office).

world are also tuned in.

On Tuesday, Sparks' students made the evening news. WRC-TV Channel 4 filmed a segment on Sparks and her students as they worked on a unit of their JASON curriculum that dealt with the rare Channel Island fox.

That wasn't her first time in front of a camera. In the fall, NASA scientists working with the JASON Project invited

Sparks to participate in a film about the equipment that would be used to study the marine environment of the Channel Island area.

Information on the JASON Project and what the students are learning can be found on the web at www.jasonproject.org.



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Councilman Peters Gets Assignments

The County Councilmember representing the 4th District which includes Greenbelt, Douglas J. J. Peters, recently announced staff appointments and committee assignments for the 2003 legislative year.

Peters is serving as chair of the Rules and General Assembly Committee which is charged with receiving all legislation impacting the county as well as receiving proposed changes for the operation of the county and district councils.

He also serves as the vice-chair for the Public Safety and Fiscal Management Committee with oversight responsibility for all emergency service agencies and budget and finance issues before the council. He is also a member of the Transportation, Housing and the Environment Committee, which has responsibility for all public work facilities (water and sewers) and agencies, including the Departments of Public Works and Transportation, Environmental Resources and the operating budget of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission.

In addition to council committee assignments, Councilmember Peters was also appointed as the council liaison to the Prince George's Municipal Association.

Richard "Ric" Santos of Greenbelt is Peters' legislative aide, with responsibility for the councilmember's legislative and budget priorities. Santos, a Greenbelt resident, is a former 31-year career staff and independent insurance claim representative and past national commander of the American Legion.

The Peters office may be contacted by calling 301-952-3094, FAX 301-952-4910. The E-mail address is djpeters@co.pg.md.us.

Booklet Encourages School Involvement

The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) is mailing to schools nearly 650,000 copies of A Parent's Guide to Achievement Matters Most. This is a new booklet for parents that encourages their involvement in schools and explains two statewide testing programs, a new voluntary statewide curriculum and accountability measures.

All Maryland public elementary and middle schools should receive enough copies of the booklet for all parents and teachers of students in grades K through 8. The booklet is available now on the web at www.marylandpublicschools.org/pdf_files/AParentsGuide2002_2003.pdf.

Highlights of the booklet include tips for encouraging student achievement and getting involved in schools as well as sample test questions and answers from the Maryland School Assessment (a new test that replaces the Maryland School Performance Assessment Program) and the Maryland High School Assessments (a series of exams high school students must take in English, algebra/data analysis, geometry, biology and government).

High Point Reunion

The 40th class reunion of High Point High School is scheduled for October 18, 2003 at the Sheraton Hotel in Beltsville. The committee is looking for classmates and teachers. Please call or leave a message with Bill Aleshire from the reunion committee at 301-249-9490.

BARC Produces Better Potatoes

A perfectly baked potato, topped with a dollop of sour cream and a sprinkling of chives, makes a hearty addition to supper on a cold winter evening. Agricultural Research Service (ARS) potato breeders in Beltsville are helping bring newer and better potatoes from research fields to the kitchen.

Some of these improved potatoes resist attack by natural enemies, while others hold up in cold storage better than their predecessors. ARS scientists, working with university co-investigators, produced, for example, the Ranger Russet potato. Made available to potato breeders in 1991, Ranger Russet is now the third most widely-planted potato variety in the United States.

More recently, the team has developed such tasty new tubers as high-yielding Alturas and Ivory Crisp, a round, white potato ideal for processing into chips.

Free Concert At Dekelbom

The University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra will have its first concert of the year at the Dekelbom Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. on Monday, February 3. The free concert will be directed by James Ross. The program includes Shostakovich's Violin Concerto no. 1 featuring Nathan Bartley, winner of the orchestra's 2002-2003 Concerto Competition; also a rare performance of Straus' Don Quixote and Lutoslawski's Symphonic Variations conducted by Ruben Gimeno.

This performance was originally scheduled for December 5 but was postponed because of inclement weather.

New Business Park In Golden Triangle

Scheer Partners, Inc., one of Maryland's commercial real estate brokerage firms, announced its selection as exclusive landlord representative for Patriot Business Park in the Golden Triangle.

Patriot Business Park will offer 168,000 square feet of office space. Its twin four-story buildings will each have 84,000 square feet.

Atlantic Realty Company is the developer of Patriot Business Park. Besides owning the adjacent two buildings, Golden Triangle I and II, they own and operate over one million square feet in Maryland. Charles Nulsen, partner at Atlantic Realty, says, "We have the permit in hand and will begin construction of the building with a commitment of only 21,000 square feet. We are very excited about the long-term prospects of Prince George's County and more specifically, Greenbelt, because of the existing road network, proximity to University of Maryland and NASA/Goddard and the amenity base."

Marimba Concert Held at U. of Md.

Rebecca Kite, an internationally recognized soloist, will perform on the marimba on Friday, February 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland. Included on the program will be the world premiere of "Circe," a work for six mallets by New York composer Evan Hause. The concert, a Faculty Spotlight Recital, will take place in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. It is free of charge.

Patuxent Programs

Early February programs at both locations of the Patuxent Research Refuge are:

North Tract - Route 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 32:

Bird Tour - Sunday, February 2, 6:30 to 9:30 a.m., for ages 16-plus. Identify birds in several refuge habitats on this guided tour with short walks. Field guides and binoculars recommended.

Visitor Center - Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Route 197:

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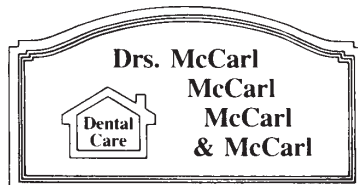
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Robert O. Duncan, chair of the Finance, Budget and Audit Committee of Prince George's County Board of Education, announced that the committee has been holding work sessions on the Chief Executive Officer's Proposed FY 2004 Budget Request.

The final work session will convene at 9 a.m. in the Board Meeting Room, Sasser Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro on Saturday, February 8.

According to Robert Duncan, "The primary focus of the work session will be to allow the Finance, Budget and Audit Committee and board members the opportunity to obtain a more in-depth understanding of the Chief Executive Officer's Proposed FY 2004 Budget Request."

The work session will be open to the public; however, there will be no public participation.

For additional information, contact Jackie Gray, executive assistant, at 301-952-6116.

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A Review

"Our Daily Bread" Sheds Light on 'Co-op'eration

by Virginia Beauchamp

This month's free-movie offering by the Prince George's County Library System and the Old Greenbelt Theatre, "Our Daily Bread," drew a crowd of more than 60 people on Saturday, January 4. The showing contributed to a history of motion pictures but dramatized as well the kind of philosophy both advocated and contested during the Roosevelt New Deal. The presentation was the second in a monthly series of four 1930s films, when Greenbelt itself was born.

It's not clear who the actors were in this 1934 film, for the opening credits were out of focus and the names too blurred to be read. The film's title was also missing. But the pictures that followed were clear enough and the situation familiar to anyone steeped in Depression era history.

An out-of-work man, John, and his anxious wife worry about paying the rent and where their next meal is coming from. They are luckier than most, however, because his rich uncle offers the use of an abandoned farm property he owns, urging them to turn it into a going concern. The house, when they find it, is cluttered and full of debris, which the wife in particular works to clean up.

Then a chance encounter gives our hero a great idea. Another refugee couple seeks shelter at the farm because the wife is about to have a baby and they need immediate help. He is a Swede, speaking with a strong accent, who luckily knows a lot about farming, which our hero does not.

Co-operation

It becomes immediately clear that two are better than one when it comes to providing for the families and that in cooperation there is strength.

Since this is a time of much displacement as family farms go under, other out-of-work families and single men are on the road and our hero decides to seek their help. He puts up a series of signs, much like the Burma Shave signs that highlighted long-distance automobile travel in the 20s and 30s. His signs convey no jokes but invitations to stop and join a community enterprise.

Each man (only men are real workers in this film) has something to offer in skills and know-how. One is a carpenter, another a brick layer. There's even an unemployed undertaker and a secretive tall fellow who volunteers to drive the tractor.

Each family or individual contributes something to the community pot, whether actual food or valuable skills. The carpenter helps the bricklayer to put up the framing for the latter's house and the bricklayer contributes the fireplace construction for the other man.

Obviously as these houses go up, a small village would have been created, though we never see such an outcome. Instead we focus on the abandoned fields, now thriving with planted corn.

Greenbelters will recognize the philosophy that this film almost offers. The idea is that co-

operation helps all to prosper. At one point all gather for a mutual meeting to talk over their prospects. There is thunderous enthusiasm for this idea.

But then it's as though the film makers decide they can't openly advocate cooperative enterprise (which goes against the 19th-century notion of survival of the fittest that still prevailed in anti-New Deal political ideology of the time). So someone says they have to have a top boss of the whole operation and all shout their approval. Of course our hero is selected by acclamation.

John has seemed pretty lacking in the kinds of skills that other men have been able to offer (even the undertaker's knowledge comes in handy), but obviously they accept him as the idea-man of the operation and the corn grows tall.

Drought

This, of course, is when things turn grim. Those of us who remember the 30s will not forget the terrible drought that was commemorated for posterity in some of the great pictures of WPA photographers. Things seem a little backward in the plot here to this reviewer. The drought really caused the caravan departures of farm families with which this film story begins. But here they're on the road and then succeeding with their joint farming venture before the drought hits.

Without going into details about how these then practically starving folks get their hands on unexpected cash and about the dramatically unmotivated relationship between John and a wayward blonde, we see the drought threat dealt with again through strong cooperative efforts. Luckily John hears the sound of running water (don't ask where this somewhat distant stream gets its flow while the drought hangs on) and the whole male crew dig frantically, tapping that stream and irrigating their field just in time to save the corn.

Again, Greenbelters may be reminded of the masses of unemployed men working valiantly together who cleared the trees, created the dam, and dug out the basin for Greenbelt Lake and later constructed the houses now belonging to GHI. The film confirms, though it partly also denies, the philosophy that undergirded the building of our very town.

The next film, from 1931, will take us away from that era's realities. John Barrymore in "Svengali" should offer everyman's escape. It won't remind us of Greenbelt - that's for sure (see theatre ad).

Writers Group Makes Plans

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Writers Group (GWG) held its first meeting of 2003 on January 17. A crowd of more than 30 filled every chair in the meeting room as Amy Hanson introduced herself as the new chair.

Liz Murray, coordinator of the Advisory Committee for Education (ACE) Reading Club, described a short-story contest that she is running for high school students. Judges are needed for the contest. Several GWG members volunteered to assist by reading and judging the entries.

After a spirited discussion, plans for the year's meetings were finalized. The GWG meets on the third Friday of each month. Each meeting will have open readings, which have been a mainstay of the organization. Several months will also have special programs. In February a spontaneous writing program will be held. At the April meeting members will discuss reaching the right publisher and writing queries. In June there will be a book discussion. August will have another session of spontaneous writing. The October meeting will feature writing poetry. December traditionally is a holiday party.

The holiday party last month was held at the New Deal Café and featured a sit-down dinner with lots of discussion followed by more than a dozen readings, some holiday-themed, others not. In his presentation long-time Greenbelter Fred Baluch discussed out-of-body experiences. His wife, Dorothy, who often accompanies him to the meetings, has now taken up writing herself and read a story about their early family life and building their first house. Founder Dorothy Sucher described a visit to a Florida spa. Lenore Algaze topped off the night with a reading of "The Visit of Saint Nicholas."

"Uplifting" Lecture At Riversdale

Dr. Colleen Gau will present a lecture, "Looking for the Perfect Bra," at Riversdale House Museum on Sunday, February 2 at 2 p.m. Gau is the co-author of "Uplift: The Bra in America" that traces the history of the bra through boom and bust, detailing the bra's impact on women, society, economics and fashion.

There is a fee. Gau will also be signing copies of her book. The lecture has been re-scheduled from December 5.

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GAC Extends "Nunsense;" Plans Cowan-Hass Recital

by Konrad Herling

The Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC) has a "hit" on its hands. "Nunsense" will have its run extended another week, playing this weekend, Friday and Saturday evenings, January 31 and February 1, and now also running the following weekend, Friday, February 7 and Saturday, February 8. This delightful comedy about the challenges of being a nun has received rave reviews here in the News Review, as well as other area newspapers.

Cowan-Hass

February will continue to be a "hot" month with the return of Ingrid Cowan, soprano, and Ole Hass, tenor, as they perform an evening recital on Saturday, February 22. They will be accompanied by pianist Susan Ricci. Tickets for both events can be reserved by calling the Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770.

Cowan and Hass moved to Greenbelt in August 1998 after graduation with a master in opera performance from the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Since then they have made annual recital appearances at various sites in Greenbelt and in the Washington D.C. metro area, Germany and Russia, delighting audiences with their musicality and warm interpretations. They both perform as soloists in the area and work as section leaders in the choir of St. Dunstan's Epis-



copal Church in Bethesda.

Ricci

Ricci earned her master of music degree in vocal accompanying and instrumental music from the University of Maryland. She is a member of Pi Kappa Lambda

Honor Society and is listed among Outstanding Young Women in America for 1988. Ricci has acted as coach/accompanist for George Mason University's opera program, Des Moines Metro Opera, Summer Opera Theater at Catholic University and the University of Maryland Opera Studio and has performed as collaborative pianist throughout the Washington Metropolitan Area and the eastern United States. Ricci is a member of the National Piano Guild and the Music Teachers National Association and frequently adjudicates for both organizations.

This year's program draws solely on the wealth of English and American literature and music. Featured is a dramatic 15-minute duet by Benjamin Britten, *Canticle II Abraham and Isaac*, Op. 51, which tells the story in the Old Testament when Abraham is asked to sacrifice his son. Also of special interest is a group of poems by Emily Dickinson, set to music by Aaron Copland. Other works include songs and duets by Henry Purcell, Samuel Barber and Richard Rodgers.

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