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Election 2008

Greenbelters Support Obama, McCain, Hoyer and Bailey

by James Giese

Greenbelt Democrats strongly supported the candidacy of Barack Obama by a two-to-one vote over Hillary Clinton. The Greenbelt Republicans, much fewer in number, gave their support to John McCain, but that endorsement was not as strong as Obama received from Democrats. Congressman Steny Hoyer easily won his party's nomination for another term in Congress, both in the Fifth Congressional District and in Greenbelt.

Collins A. Bailey garnered the most Republican votes in this district to become Hoyer's Republican opponent next November. However, in Greenbelt Bailey beat Mike Hethmon by only four percentage points.

Turnout

Greenbelt North End Democrats, who voted at Greenbelt Elementary School, took honors for the best voter turnout with 57 percent. Greenbelt Center Republicans held their turnout honors with 35 percent,

reflecting the lower interest of Republicans in the primary due to John McCain having pretty much sewn up that party's presidential race. The Springhill Lake precinct had the lowest turnout for both the Democrats at 31 percent and the Republicans at 15 percent. That precinct, however, gave the strongest support to both Obama and McCain in percentage of votes cast.

Overall, Clinton did better in Greenbelt than in the county, but not as well as she did in the state. Her strongest support was in the North End where she was only 16 votes behind Obama. In Springhill Lake, however, she received only 18 percent of the votes.

With 32 percent of the votes in Greenbelt, Mike Huckabee placed second to McCain. His support was strongest in the new precinct 21-18, southern Greenbelt East, whose residents voted at the Turning Point Academy on Good Luck Road. There Huckabee received 37 percent of the votes. His support was the weakest at Greenbelt Center with 28 percent.

Weather

As primary election day progressed, the weather grew worse. Light intermittent snow flurries turned into a steady rain that froze on some pavements. Many commuters were long delayed in their returns home by traffic accidents. Maryland extended polling hours statewide from 8 to 9:30 p.m. to give commuters a better chance to get to the polling places.

There were no significant problems reported from the polling places and the election appeared to have gone smoothly in Greenbelt. All Greenbelt precincts were tallied and reported to the county well before the last of its 223 precincts reported in.

Votes are still being counted throughout the state as extra time is allowed for mail-in absentee ballots to be received and for the canvassing of provisional ballots. The final tally will not be available until after February 19.

2008 Maryland Primary -- Greenbelt Precincts
(Unofficial Results)

	Community Center 21-3	Greenbelt Elementary 21-6	SHL Elementary 21-8	Eleanor Roosevelt 21-13	Turning Point 21-18	Total Greenbelt	Percent
DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY							
President							
Obama, Barack	511	360	353	540	479	2,243	65%
Clinton, Hillary	339	344	80	189	164	1,116	32%
Edwards, John	15	10	0	4	5	34	1%
Uncommitted to Any	6	11	1	4	0	22	1%
Kucinich, Dennis J.	6	7	0	0	1	14	0%
Biden, Joe	7	5	1	0	0	13	0%
Richardson, Bill	1	1	1	0	1	4	0%
Dodd, Christopher J.	0	3	0	0	0	3	0%
Gravel, Mike	2	0	0	0	0	2	0%
Total	887	741	436	737	650	3,451	100%
Congress - 5th District							
Hoyer, Steny	685	595	242	558	480	2,560	84%
Cusick, James	99	71	120	95	89	474	16%
Total	784	666	362	653	569	3,034	100%
Total voting	889	742	436	733	650	3,450	
Unofficial registration	1,734	1,296	1,396	1,492	1,443	7,361	
Percent participation	51%	57%	31%	49%	45%	47%	
REPUBLICAN PRIMARY							
President							
McCain, John	62	60	10	29	21	182	49%
Huckabee, Mike	35	44	6	20	14	119	32%
Paul, Ron	11	10	0	5	1	27	7%
Romney, Mitt	10	13	0	3	1	27	7%
Thompson, Fred	5	3	0	2	1	11	3%
Keyes, Alan	0	2	0	3	0	5	1%
Giuliani, Rudy	1	0	0	1	0	2	1%
Hunter, Duncan	0	0	1	0	0	1	0%
Tancredo, Tom	0	0	0	0	0	0	0%
Total	124	132	17	63	38	374	100%
Congress - 5th District							
Bailey, Collins A.	35	28	9	18	7	97	37%
Hethmon, Mike	29	29	2	18	8	86	33%
Dann, Jesse James	21	33	4	10	9	77	30%
Total	85	90	15	46	24	260	100%
Total voting	125	132	20	63	38	378	
Unofficial registration	357	388	136	214	207	1,302	
Percent participation	35%	34%	15%	29%	18%	29%	

Amy Hofstra Is Welcomed As New Community Planner

by Vicki Kriz



Amy Hofstra remembers reading a Washington Post article on the City of Greenbelt soon after she and her husband moved to the D.C. area from Wisconsin. "I remember that it sounded like such a nice place to live," Hofstra said. "I said to my husband, 'How sad if we never get the chance to live there.'"

Three years ago, Hofstra got her chance to live that dream; in January she became the newest member of Greenbelt's Department of Planning and Community Development, taking on the posi-

tion of community planner.

Hofstra, currently a graduate student at the University of Maryland in College Park, hopes to receive her master's degree in community planning this summer. It was while taking a course at Maryland that Hofstra met class instructor and Greenbelt Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze. Craze offered Hofstra the community developer position in December.

Although still new to the position, Hofstra has already found that she enjoys the wide range of tasks that make up her work for the city.

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Principals Update ACE On Their School Issues

by Mary Moien

The Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held their annual meeting with Greenbelt school principals on January 22. Each principal was invited to speak about special needs and accomplishments at their schools.

Kenneth Jones, principal at the relatively new Turning Point Academy, a public charter school on Good Luck Road (but within the city boundaries), spoke first. Jones said that his school is seeking any assistance in resources and reading related activities.

Their school is now kindergarten through 4th grade with 254 students. City Council liaison Leta Mach suggested the school become involved in the Maryland Municipal League contest entitled "If I Were Mayor." Other resources suggested included tutoring resources such as CARES and the county public library's online tutoring program.

Kim Seidel, new principal at Greenbelt Elementary School,

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State Senator Pinsky Speaks At Greenbelt Elementary

by Mary Moien

State Senator Paul Pinsky addressed 60 members of the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA, school staff, parents and interested members of the community at a PTA meeting on February 5. Dara Case, school music teacher, and kindergartners entertained the audience before the presentation with several amusing songs. One of the best was "Let's Go Swimming," where the children and teachers wore sunglasses and pictures of fish hanging around their necks

and "swam" and sang in a circle. As the parents put away their cameras, the more serious part of the program began.

Senator Pinsky

Pinsky had been a teacher in the county for 20 years, he told his audience. He applauded those who came to the meeting by stating that "the parents who come out are the leaders in the community." That, along with school staff and leadership, is

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What Goes On

Sunday, February 17

1 to 3 p.m., Adoption Day Hosted by Greenbelt Animal Control, Greenbelt PetSmart

Monday, February 18

City and GHI Offices will be closed in observation of Presidents' Day

Wednesday, February 20

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Public Hearing, Community Center, Room # 103

8 p.m., City Council Worksession with Advisory Group Chairs, Community Center



Letters to the Editor

THANKS!

Chef Lou's Bakery is Greenbelt Om's sweetheart! Chef Lou heard that Greenbelt Om Community Yoga was celebrating its one-year birthday with a special Valentine's Day Partners Yoga Workshop on Saturday. So as a gift to Greenbelt Om, he made a beautiful batch of little, individual sweet potato cakes, one for each participant (plus several more for teachers and staff). The cakes were delicious: soft and slightly crunchy, with a tiny swirl of icing. In the spirit of a Valentine's Day yoga workshop, each student fed their partner a bite of this lovely treat at the end of class.

Thank you, Chef Lou, for this charming gesture. We love you!
*Greenbelt Om
 Community Yoga*

THANKS!

The Greenbelt Farmers Market is off to a great start in planning for a Sunday morning market to open this June at Roosevelt Center. Our new producers-only market is going to be possible in large part thanks to a generous grant from the Greenbelt Community Foundation. We wish to express our thanks to the foundation for giving us this huge boost during our inaugural year.

When we accepted the donation at last Sunday's reception at the Greenbelt Elementary School, we were struck yet again by the unflagging optimism and generosity of our friends and neighbors in Greenbelt whose funds make possible the Greenbelt Community Foundation. We also remain thankful for the close working relationship we have forged with the Co-op grocery store, which serves as our fiscal agent for these funds while we apply for our IRS nonprofit status.

The Co-op is much more than our fiscal agent, however. Bob Davis, Dorrie Bates and the rest of the Co-op board have been working side-by-side with Greenbelt Farmers Market organizers to identify and attract local farmers, as it is our hope that many of the farmers market vendors will also become Co-op suppliers.

In this way, if you can't make it to the Greenbelt Farmers Market one fine Sunday morning to pick up some of your favorite farmer's tomatoes, you will be able to visit the Co-op's produce department on Tuesday and pick up some of those same tomatoes.

The organizers of the Greenbelt Farmers Market are grateful for all the support we are getting. Thanks again to the Greenbelt Community Foundation and to the Co-op. We'll see you at the Farmers Market in June!

*The Greenbelt Farmers
 Market Board of Directors
 Kim Kash, Cary Coppock,
 Joe Gareri, Kim Rush Lynch
 and Lynne Tucker Chandler*

Greenbelt: An Oasis

As I contemplate and then record these "Greenbelt Experiences," it should be understood that my residency is currently measured, not in years, months or even weeks. I have actually only been here a few days.

After several days of local wanderings I am astonished by the contrasts I seem to have discovered.

A comparison of the atmosphere and environment surrounding my new home with that of the remainder of the Washington

Metropolitan area has created a sense of having parachuted into an oasis.

This island of unexpected civility lies within a sea of notorious urban/suburban incivility. The region's reputation for high pressure power hungry influence peddlers, road raging lunatics and generally rude, cold or indifferent demeanors is already established.

How is it that I find this little place called Greenbelt managing a resistance to the onslaught of the Washington rat race mentality?

I am experiencing a pleasant form of culture shock! Or perhaps I am hallucinating from my heart meds or too much wine. Is it possible to have too much wine?

Anyway, around town, perfect strangers greet me with hellos or good mornings and drivers don't view an older gentleman with a cane as a target of opportunity. They instead actually slow down or stop and wait for you to cross the street. This is a courtesy that is not extended or practiced to any great degree in most other municipalities.

My favorite first impressions of the denizens of Greenbelt do not end with me. My faithful companion "Walk-About," the Maine Coon cat, is also finding contentment here. He is quite satisfied with his windowsill observations of more than a dozen squirrels scurrying about on the ground below or the occasional visitor in the pine tree branches outside our windows. As a bonus he also received an occasionally tantalizing visit from some mourning doves who I suspect in another month or so will serenade us with their springtime whoo-whoosings.

The short spell of mild winter weather has allowed me to engage in a passeggiata each evening. Passeggiata is an Italian word for a casual stroll. With the right person on your arm, it becomes a romantic stroll. The town center seems a perfect venue for this Mediterranean activity with its New Deal Café on one border and the neighboring Beijing across the way.

I have already availed myself of both establishments by celebrating the Lunar New Year with a satisfying dinner of Kung Pao Beef and a pot of hot tea. And then there have been four evenings of surprisingly high caliber entertainment at the Café. I intend to patronize these places as often as my modest income will allow.

If I am in error and the reality of Greenbelt is that it is not the haven of genteel civility that I believe it to be, I hope the residents will not disabuse me of my fantasy too quickly.

And if Greenbelt is truly "different" from the rest of our metropolitan area, I encourage the citizenry to reinforce my first impressions by perpetuating what I have already received.

Should you spot a gentleman bedecked with a beret or bandana taking a casual stroll assisted by a cane, it's probably me. You have my permission to exchange any pleasantries you feel appropriate and if you're shy and need a password, may I suggest OASIS!

As a refugee who has escaped from the clutches of the metro area barbarians, your greeting will be most welcome and may even afford me an opportunity to learn such things as where is the post office located and who is our state senator in Annapolis. Thanks for the warm welcome.

John Drago

Speed Bumps

As residents on Ridge Road between Lastner Lane and Research Road, we are writing to highlight the speeding problem on this stretch of road that is straight and flat and measures 3/10 mile long. Because there are no stop signs or "strong reminders" to slow down, speeding "just happens" here. Some of the biggest offenders are Prince George's County school buses, UPS, FedEx and DHL vehicles. (But private cars do their share of speeding here, too.) The Maryland University buses are actually really good most of the time. It is a relief to hear vehicles sounding mellow when they respect the 25 mph speed limit.

Presently there is a speed sentry on this section of Ridge Road very close to Lastner Lane. We had high hopes that this would help curtail a lot of the speeding. But we've already seen several vehicles promptly accelerate to 40 or 50 mph (or even more) once they have passed the sentry, leading us to believe that even a speed camera would be treated in much the same way, making it thus quite ineffective.

What can we do to help the speeders remember that this is a residential area, with pedestrians, cyclists and - very importantly - with children walking to and from Greenbelt Elementary School? Could traffic-calming humps be the answer to some (perhaps most) of our speeding problems? When the driver is doing the posted speed limit, going over the hump is felt just as a slight rise in the road. But when crossed at higher speeds, it gives the vehicle a pretty good bump, thus providing immediate, unpleasant feedback. No need to wait for that speeding ticket in the mail - the jolt one feels is immediate, it can damage one's car and it can be totally related to one's own disregard of the rules of this particular stretch of road.

One of us travels often on Sligo Creek Parkway in Montgomery County. The use of speed bumps on this road is extensive and it is noticeable how "calm" the traffic is on this parkway! In other residential areas in Prince George's County, these traffic calming humps have also been successful in curtailing speeders.

We strongly support their installment on Ridge Road and anywhere they are needed throughout Greenbelt.

*Jan Morrow and
 Lucia Pugnali*

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF FEB. 15

**There Will Be
 Blood**
 (R)

Friday
 *5, 8

Saturday
 *1:45, *5, 8

Sunday and Monday
 *1:45, *5, 8

Tuesday - Thursday
 *5, 8

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 www.pgtheatres.com

Grin Belt



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On Screen

Oil! Faith! Greed! Blood!

"There Will Be Blood" opens this week at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. Written and directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, the filmmaker behind "Magnolia" and "Boogie Nights," the film is based on the novel of the same name by Upton Sinclair.

Set in New Mexico, 1898, the drama revolves around the competitive relationship between a silver prospector turned oilman and a charismatic faith healer.

Daniel Day Lewis, the oilman, won the Oscar for Best Actor in 1993 ("My Left Foot"). Paul Dano, the preacher, was last seen in Greenbelt as the moody older brother of "Little Miss Sunshine." This movie has been nominated for eight academy awards, including best actor and best picture.

Rated R for violence; runtime is 158 minutes.

—Cathy Jones

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

Obituaries

Margaret W. Leibe

Former longtime Greenbelter Margaret Warfield (Peggy) Leibe, 80, of Ozark, Mo., died January 12, 2008, in Ozark.

Born October 3, 1927, in Washington, D.C., she was the daughter of the late Charlie and Margaret Warfield.

She was a longtime member of St. Hugh's Catholic Church and the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad's Ladies Auxiliary. Her hobbies included reading, sewing, quilting and other crafts.

Prior to the birth of her twins in 1963 she had been employed by the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union.

She spent many years volunteering at Greenbelt Center School before becoming employed at Parkdale High School, then Friendly High School, both in Prince George's County.

She was affectionately known as "Mom" to hundreds of kids until her retirement in 1993.

Mrs. Leibe then moved to Mechanicsville, Md., where she lived for 10 years. She spent the last 14 years in what she called "God's Country," living in the Ozarks, enjoying the mountains, the big sky and abundant wildlife.


She was preceded in death by her husband, Heinz P. Leibe.

She is survived by her son Paul C. Leibe of Lexington Park, Md.; her twin daughters Lynne L. Hopkins of Nixa, Mo., and Lisa M. Gemmill of Mechanicsville, Va.; nephew John Redick, Jr. of Dunkirk, Md.; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements and a memorial service were held in Missouri. Interment will be at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, Md., where she will be buried next to the grave of her husband Heinz.

Saxophone Recital

On Wednesday, February 20 at 8 p.m. the UM School of Music will present a classical saxophone recital. Performing will be one of the country's foremost classical saxophonists, faculty artist Dale Underwood. This free event will take place in Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Baha'i Faith

"The world of humanity has two wings – one is woman and the other man. Not until both wings are equally developed can the bird fly. Should one wing remain weak, flight is impossible."
— Abdu'l-Bahá

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www.bci.org/greenbeltbahai www.bahai.us

Spiritual Progressives Meet at Paint Branch

by Nancy Boardman

The Network of Spiritual Progressives' (NSP) new director of Advocacy and Outreach will address its local Maryland Chapter on February 25.

The Greenbelt community is invited to hear David Hart, the new NSP director of Advocacy and Outreach, present the Network of Spiritual Progressives vision on Monday, February 25 at 7:30 p.m., at the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church.

The network is building an interfaith social change movement that will enable people to live more loving, generous, open-hearted, joyful lives. As an example, the network calls for a Global Marshall Plan which is premised on the idea that generosity and solidarity with all

peoples are better routes to homeland security than are domination and control. Believing that taking serious action to improve the well-being of all peoples will help to dry up anti-American sentiment that can provide the breeding ground for terrorism. Such a plan, the network believes, can help safeguard the well-being of Americans while it also provides urgently needed assistance.

The Maryland chapter meeting will also plan for participation in upcoming activities, such as the March 7 Interfaith Peace Witness in Washington, D.C.


Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi. Its website for directions is www.pbuuc.org; the church telephone number is 301-937-3666.

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
Open heart, Open minds, Open doors
www.greenbeltumc.org 301-474-9410
Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00am Worship Service 11:00am
Prayer Meeting Sun. 10:00am
Wednesday Lenten Bible Study – 6:30pm Soup & Bread, 7:00pm Bible Study
Starts February 6 Come as you are!

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi
Phone: 301-937-3666 www.pbuuc.org
Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
February 17, 10 a.m.
"The Community Within and the Community Without"
by Rev. Gail Tapscott, guest-minister, with Pat Tompkins, worship associate
(The Choir sings and the Chalice Dancers dance!)
— Barbara W. and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School
Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study
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Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM
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GIVE THANKS

Every breath that we breathe is a blessing from God and we learn from the Prophet Solomon (peace be upon him) to recognize these blessings each day. The Holy Qur'an tells us how he never forgot to be thankful to God. He is quoted to have said, "This is by the grace of my Lord, to test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, it is (a gain) for his own soul; but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is free of all needs, supreme in honor."
— The Holy Qur'an, 27:40

Count your blessings every day. For more information about gratefulness from an Islamic perspective, call 301-982-9463 or email info@searchislam.org or visit www.searchislam.org.

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"You're not doing the same thing everyday," Hofstra said.

Hofstra's duties as Community Planner include processing planning requests, reviewing detailed site plans, working with the planning board and the city council, attending to the planning and development needs of other city departments and dealing with the needs of the community, environment and traffic.

A project that Hofstra finds exciting involves the remodeling of the Greenbelt Theatre to its original architecture and improvement of its facilities.

"It will be beautiful," Hofstra said.

As Community Planner, Hofstra's ultimate goal is to promote cohesion among the people of the city's diverse east, west and historic districts. She believes it is the people of Greenbelt that make the city a great place to live.

"It is just a great group of friendly people with diverse backgrounds who really care about their community," she said. "I want to bring benefits to all residents of the city and make sure all residents feel they are important to the future of the city."

ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.
Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe
Pastoral Associate: Rev. R. Scott Hurd

Greenbelt Community Church
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10:15 a.m.
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10:30 am Worship Service
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12:15 pm Service
7:30 pm Devotions, Bible Study



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Hope Fellowship
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Bible Study & Worship

9:30 "Good Morning!!" Coffee and Snacks
10:00 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Worship
Greenbelt Youth Center 99 Centerway
(Behind the Community Center)

Feb. 17 – Christian Responsibility
Romans 15:1-13

Pastor Lou Redd
301-474-4499 410-340-8242 (cell)
...living life together

GREENBELT HOMES, INC. IS HOSTING A

Sellers' Seminar

Tuesday – February 26, 2008
7:00 p.m.
GHI Administration Building

If you are thinking about selling your occupancy rights and equity interest, the GHI Marketing Committee will be hosting a Sellers' Seminar on Tuesday, February 26 at 7:00 in the GHI Board Room. The seminar is designed to answer some of the most often asked questions about selling a GHI home. You will be able to ask questions to the Committee about the procedures on selling your unit. To register, Contact GHI at (301) 474-4161 ext. 146 or e-mail klinkenhooker@greenbelthomes.net.

www.greenbelthomes.net



USED BIKE COLLECTION To benefit "Bikes for the World"

Make room in your garage or shed and donate transportation to someone in a developing country!

Saturday March 1, 10 am – 2 pm
30 Ridge Road
 (corner of Ridge & Gardenway)

Bring:

- Adult bikes
 - Adult tricycles
 - Kid bikes (no tricycles please)
 - Bike tools, spare parts, accessories
- (Minimum \$10 donation requested to defray overseas shipping costs. Tax receipt provided.)

301-474-3720 or roya@greenbelt.com
www.bikesfortheworld.org -- A 501(c)3 project of the Washington Area Bicyclists Association

GREENBELT BASEBALL

Registration for New Players
 Greenbelt Youth Center
 Springhill Lake Rec Center
 Saturday, Feb. 16, Feb. 23, Mar 1
 10 a.m. to noon



T-Ball

(5-6 year olds)

Coach-Pitch / Machine-Pitch

(7-8 year olds)

Major League Players

Born 8/1/95 - 7/31/03

Fees: Resident \$40.00, Sibling \$30.00
 Non-Resident \$60.00 Sibling \$30.00
 T-Ball \$40.00 per player
 Copy of birth certificate is required

VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

Clinic for 1st year players in major leagues
 Sat., March 1st from 10 am to noon
 Draft for major league players
 Sat., March 8th from 10 am to noon
 At McDonald Field, 7 Ct. Southway
 For info: call Greg Fisanich 301-441-4647



City Information

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed on Monday, February 18th, in observance of Presidents' Day. The Greenbelt Connection will not be operating.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE

Week of February 18th
 Monday Route – Collected Tuesday
 Tuesday Route – Collected Wednesday
 Wednesday Route – Collected Thursday
 Thursday Route – Collected Friday
 There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, February 22nd

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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**MEETINGS FOR
 FEBRUARY 18-22**

Wednesday, February 20, 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/ Advisory Group Chairs**, at the Community Center

Wednesday, February 20, 7:30pm, **Advisory Planning Board PUBLIC HEARING**, at the Community Center room 103 (see notice below)

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board will hold a public hearing on February 20, 2008 at 7:30 pm in the Greenbelt Community Center, (Community Meeting Room 103) 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD on an application filed by Greenbriar Recreational Association Inc. for consideration of a request for a Departure from Parking and Loading Standards for premises located at 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. The applicant is requesting permission to waive the requirement for 36 parking spaces. For more information call 301-345-5417

GREENBELT VISIONING SESSIONS

NOW ON-LINE!

Greenbelt City Council recently held three Visioning Sessions throughout the city. The purpose of these sessions was to have citizens express their views on how to make Greenbelt the best community it can be now, and into the future. Results of these sessions will help to assist City Council in setting goals and work plans for the coming years. Results and comments from these sessions are now posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov. If you were not able to attend one of these session and would like to make a comment, please email info@greenbeltmd.gov, subject should be "Visioning Session."

Greenbelt Municipal /Public Access Channel 71 MUNICIPAL ACCESS:

301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, February 19 & 21 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert," 7:00pm: "Senator Paul Pinsky at Greenbelt Elementary PTA"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE):

301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, February 20 & 22 6:45 "GES MLK Poetry," 7pm "Heralds of Hope Saving Us Saints," 9:30 "Daniela Cotton," 10pm "Choices"

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stated that although the school has a terrific volunteer program, they could use more mentors – especially for boys. For example, she would like male mentors to come have lunch with the students. One possibility is partnering with Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students for this need. The school is also seeking more business partnerships. Seidel also mentioned how much the students enjoyed the after school Spanish Club provided by the city's Recreation Department.

Judy Austin, principal at Greenbelt Middle School (GMS), described the new International Baccalaureate (IB) program at her school. Organizing the program is a long process that currently is only in the staff training stage. She also described the GMS Reading Incentive Program, where the entire school (800 students and staff) read the same book. A book a month! Students are then able to go to the "School Store" to redeem incentives. It's been quite successful; the school store is running out of items! Austin is also looking for motivational speakers to address the students.

Budget Issues

Concern was voiced about whether county budget issues would negatively impact progress with the IB program. Concern was also raised regarding the budget impact on the plans for the new building for GMS which currently has a start date of September 2008. Discussion included questions about whether the new facility should include a consideration of the county's announced interest in future Kinder-

garten through 8th grade schools. It was believed that the county is not taking that into account in the design of the new GMS. Mach spoke of a Community Forum she was hoping to organize on the new middle school, including discussions on the county plans to move to a K-8 format.

Linda Sherwood, principal at Springhill Lake Elementary School (SHLES), described the support that they received from their business partner – the Greenbelt Rotary Club. The school would still like to have more business partners. She also described other programs they have including "Strengthening Families" and a pottery program also offered before and after school by the Recreation Department. She spoke about the issues raised by other principals, which is the involvement, or lack thereof, of parents in the schools.

A variety of efforts and programs were discussed. SHLES has had success with a Winter Carnival that gets a great many families involved. Seidel described how GES is working with GMS to prepare and excite students about middle school and they are planning a basketball game that will have the two staffs competing, as a way of getting families involved. Sherwood also made a request for women readers to come and read to students on March 7, during Women's History month. She needs one reader for every classroom.

Reginald McNeill, principal of ERHS, also spoke about the need for more business partnerships. He then described the 9th Grade

Initiative, including tutoring and other activities, as a way of supporting students as they transition into 10th grade. The hope is that fewer students will fall behind. McNeill also spoke of the perennial issue of getting more parents involved and how they were now using the automated phone system to better communicate with parents.

Phyllis Gillens, principal at Magnolia School (MES), spoke about the impact of the county hiring freeze on keeping classrooms adequately staffed and how they were addressing the resulting class size issues. Because MES is not a Title I school they

were offered less support and less money for all school programs for the year. This reduction required a great deal of creativity including grant writing. Some of those efforts resulted in the school getting a new Tech Lab, used jointly by the school and the county. Gillens was proud to report that five of her teachers were selected for specialized Technology Training.

Recurring Themes

After the individual principals spoke there was more general discussion about recurring themes at most schools, including the need for more community business partners, greater parental

involvement with students and schools, more focus on reading curriculums, as well as concerns for implementation of the new Individual Learning Plan (ILP) program which requires a written plan for every student.

Principals were reminded about the Read Across America Program. For the first time, the City of Greenbelt will be participating in this national program. The Read Across America Program will be part of Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon on Sunday, March 2 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center.

ACE provided notes that assisted in preparing this article.

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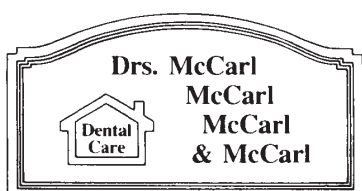


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Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, <http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or http://www.greenbeltdmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.

Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robberies

February 4, 7:10 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a cab driver was sitting in his taxi when a man knocked on his driver's window. When the driver rolled down the window, the man demanded money, placing his hand in his waistband as though he had a weapon. After obtaining money from the cab driver, the man fled the scene in a waiting vehicle described as a gold Acura Legend bearing a temporary tag. The suspect is described as a black male 24 to 25 years of age with a large muscular build and wearing a long black jacket. The Acura's driver is described as a white male wearing glasses.

February 5, 11:22 p.m., 7800 block Vanity Fair Drive, a food delivery person reported that as he approached a residence to make a delivery, a young man came toward him armed with what he believed to be a BB-type gun. As the man began going through his pockets, a second man appeared who was also armed with a BB gun. The delivery person then grabbed the first young man and engaged in a physical confrontation. The second young man then began to assault him and, after a short struggle, both suspects fled on foot. The suspects are described as two white men, both 18 to 19, 5'7", 150 to 160 pounds with brown hair. One was wearing all black; the other was wearing a black sweatshirt and blue jeans. The victim was treated by ambulance personnel for minor injuries.

Drug Arrests

February 3, 2:52 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia and trespass when he was observed on the grounds of Beltway Plaza after being banned from the mall by agents of the property. He was found to be in possession of paraphernalia commonly used to ingest crack cocaine. The suspect was released on citations pending trial.

February 4, 12:56 a.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia after police saw him sleeping in a parked vehicle. Upon approaching the vehicle on foot police detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana. Located inside the vehicle was paraphernalia commonly used to smoke marijuana. The man was released on citation pending trial.

February 4, 12:10 p.m., 4 Court Southway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation. Upon approaching the vehicle police detected the odor of what was believed to be marijuana and located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana. The man was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

February 5, 11:06 a.m., 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, a

man of no fixed address was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of cocaine, possession of paraphernalia and trespass. Police saw the man on the grounds of Springhill Lake Apartments after he had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was arrested and found to be in possession of a quantity of suspected cocaine packaged as though for sale. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

February 5, 11:10 a.m., 6300 block Ivy Lane, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license after police stopped his vehicle for a registration violation. A computer check revealed that he had a suspended license. Police further detected an odor of what was believed to be marijuana coming from the area of the engine. A canine scan resulted in the discovery of a quantity of suspected marijuana in the engine compartment. On February 7 a warrant was obtained charging the suspect with possession of marijuana.

Disorderly Conduct

February 1, 4:27 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a resident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was involved in a verbal altercation with another person inside the mall, shouting profanities and disrupting shoppers. The man was arrested when he refused to cease his actions and was released on citation pending trial.

February 2, 10:48 p.m., T.G.I. Friday's Restaurant, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after he was involved in a verbal dispute with another patron at the restaurant. Police broke up the dispute but the man became disorderly, shouting profanities when he was asked to go back to his table. He was arrested after refusing to cease his actions and was released on citation pending trial.

February 4, 3:26 p.m., Gardenway, a resident youth was arrested for disorderly conduct, second-degree assault, resisting arrest and littering. Police saw the youth throwing trash on the ground and told him to pick up what he had thrown. The youth became disorderly and was yelling; he was arrested but resisted attempts to be placed in custody and then assaulted an officer. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Trespass

February 2, 4:49 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespass when he was observed on the property of the Shell Food Mart after he had been banned by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

February 7, 4:43 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with trespass. Police saw a suspicious occupied vehicle in a

parking lot. Investigation revealed that one of the occupants had been banned from the complex by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

February 5, 7:42 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) threw a rock through the bedroom window of a residence.

Burglaries

February 1, 6:35 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence through the laundry room. Money was taken.

February 6, 7:54 p.m., 7200 block Morrison Drive, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by removing the front door lock assembly. Nothing appears to have been taken. A witness saw a man described as a Latino male 20 to 25 years of age with black hair and brown eyes run from the area of the home and get into a white van. The driver was a Latino male also 20 to 25 years of age, with black hair and brown eyes.

Vehicle Crimes

Three vehicles were reported stolen: a green 1998 Chevrolet Lumina 4-door, Maryland tags 3BFG97 from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; a 1997 Nissan Maxima 4-door from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway; and a 1998 Dodge Stratus 4-door from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

Theft from, attempted theft from, attempted theft of and vandalism to vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6900 block Hanover Parkway (three incidents), 6500 block Lake Park Drive (two incidents), 9100 block Springhill Lane (two incidents) and Beltway Plaza.

Auto Theft Arrests

January 29, 6100 block Breezewood Court, two nonresident men were arrested and charged with motor vehicle theft and theft. A man reported that he saw the two men inside his vehicle, attempting to steal it. When he confronted them they threatened to shoot him, although no gun was displayed. When police arrived on the scene, he pointed out the men as they were walking away. One man attempted to flee the scene, running into an apartment building. He was apprehended and had to be forcibly placed in custody after refusing to show his hands to the police. The other man was also arrested after a short foot chase and was found to be in possession of property belonging to the victim. Both suspects were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

February 2, 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a resident woman was arrested and charged with theft. Police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the tags on the vehicle had been reported stolen. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

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what makes a school great. Pinsky moved right into the issue of the state budget, stating that he thinks it will be a little leaner this year. "The school system is the underpinning of the county," he noted and he hates when budget cuts have to be made. He referred to the initiative of investigating shifting sixth graders into middle school in some situations and in other schools having all children, Kindergarten - 8th grade, in a school together. Budget cuts mean that this initiative is now on hold, so, at least, parents do not have to worry about school boundary changes.

Pinsky next addressed the need for teacher quality, needing to have the best trained teachers possible. In the state senate he chairs the education committee and he is committed to having more teachers obtain National Board Certification. He stated that the certification is "a very difficult, rigorous program." He summarized by describing other special interests including climate change and public financing of political campaigns. He then opened the floor to questions.

In response to a question about slots legislation and the education budget, Pinsky indicated that he is opposed to slots and gambling in Maryland. He feels the state should not create a budget based on people gambling. Gambling is based on the poor; the largest number of players are in Prince George's County and Baltimore City. Slots will be on the ballot in November. He commented that people should not believe those who say "If you don't pass slots, you'll hurt education." In his opinion only a few people will make a great deal of money. Education money needs to come

Seniors Warned Of Possible Scam

There have been recent reports of someone contacting senior citizens by phone claiming to be a Medicare representative. The caller states that someone will be coming at a specific time to speak about Medicare benefits.

The Greenbelt police have been unable to verify whether or not these calls are legitimate. There have been instances where scam artists have claimed to be representatives of Medicare in an attempt to obtain personal information, such as Social Security numbers and bank account numbers. This information can then be used to steal a person's identity.

They suggest that anyone who receives one of these calls should call Medicare at 1-800-MEDICARE. If there is reason to suspect fraud, a call can also be made to the Greenbelt Police Department at 301-474-7200 and the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-382-4357.

Police caution, "Remember, never give out your personal information to any caller or solicitor."

Experimental Video At Academy Stadium

The Academy Stadium Theatre #1 at Beltway Plaza Mall in Greenbelt will host the Eclectic Moving Images Series on Thursday, February 21 at 8 p.m. The screening will consist of 70 minutes of experimental video from around the globe with a short discussion with the producer, Chris Lynn, following the showing. There is a fee.

from a firm budget.

In a similar vein, he referred to the "insidious dependence" of some schools on the money provided by snack and soda machines. He commented on the health of the children as they grow up with junk foods and "what length do you go to raise money. We can't have short term thinking." Parents should go to the school board and insist that these machines be removed from the schools.

Another parent commented that tax increases have really hurt her family and what cuts can be made. Pinsky described where much of the state budget goes - 25 percent to health care; 24 percent to K-12 education; 16 percent to higher education. When the budget is cut, education is a large share of the budget. In response to a question about adding arts and recess back into the school day, he commented that the state really needs to look into a longer school day or a longer school year. He commented that teachers are "woefully underpaid" and almost half of teachers leave before five years of teaching in the county.

A couple who may have been grandparents asked if a community could provide something extra to the school, such as physical education or a special class or was there a law against it. Pinsky encouraged them to bring their ideas to the school superintendent. He thought Dr. Deasy would listen to ideas from the community.

In the area of new development and schools, the senator mentioned that in Howard County developers must pay for schools for the homes that are built. It was that way in Prince George's County at one time. Now the county has a surcharge that developers pay toward education but the money goes into the county coffers and not directly to education. Pinsky suggested that the county should review the surcharge issue.

A number of questions were very specific to a family and could not be addressed. Pinsky encouraged them and others to contact him as 301-858-3133 or at www.PaulPinsky@senate.state.md.us.

PTA Report

The PTA president summarized the many activities they had undertaken since the school year began. The PTA raised \$5,000 from their used book booth at the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. The PTA is in the process of renovating the teachers' lounge.

The Scholastic Book Fair raised \$2,000 for school library books. Another \$900 worth of books was provided to the individual classrooms, plus \$800 cash for the PTA. It was reported that each teacher got the books that she or he wanted. Additionally each child will get to pick a new book of their own to take home.

Police Presentation

The sixth grade chorus has been invited to a competition at Walt Disney World in late May. Case and the students and school are working hard to raise the travel funds. Two Greenbelt police officers presented the school with a check for \$500 toward the trip. Case indicated that the cost of the trip is \$10,000 and \$6,000 has been raised to date.

The video of the meeting may be seen on Channel 71 on February 19 and 21.

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Smith Center Holds Free Jazz Event

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tions you deserve? This GHI townhome is a bargain at \$109,900.

Remodeled Townhome
Stainless steel appliances, custom cabinets & matching hutch, land-
scaped front & back yards & more in this 2 br. townhome. \$178,000

2 Bedroom Townhome
Updated kitchen w/flat top stove, built-in microwave, ceramic floor tile
and modern cabinets; - modern bathroom, too. Roomy shed. \$180,000

Snowden Oaks
Rambler in Laurel with large family room addition. Den can be used as a
4th bedroom. **\$0 down, \$0 closing** for qualified buyers. \$329,900

Charlestown Village
Bright two level townhome in sought-after Old Greenbelt! Dual-level dish-
washer, Corian countertops, private balcony, & more! \$236,000

Greenbriar
This is the best-priced condo on the market! Lots of improvements -
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Brick Townhome
2 br townhome with remodeled bath and tile flooring. Hardwood floors,
spacious cabinets & lazy susan, stacking w/d, chair molding. \$194,900

2 Bedroom Townhome
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bath, and more!
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Shady Grove Village
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\$50,000 in improvements - new kitchen, baths - don't miss it! \$389,000
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LOVE NOTES



Greenbelters were sorry to hear of the death of Margaret Warfield Leibe, who died January 12, 2008, in Ozark, Mo.

We rejoice with Mary Gooden of Green Ridge House on the news that the book "Control Unmasked - Trust Him in Spite Of" written by her daughter, Pastor Andra Allen Standberry, of Austin, Texas, has been published. Andra, now a mother of three, grew up in Springhill Lake. The book, first of three planned for the series, is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon, Borders and Target.

Congratulations to Elsie Forbes of Lakewood, who celebrated her 90th birthday on December 7, 2007. Elsie grew up in rural Nebraska, where she rode a horse to school. Nowadays, she gets her exercise walking around the Lake and helping her grandson Raviv Brooks with his News Review route. A family celebration is planned for later this year.

A warm welcome to Savitri Belizaire, the new GAIL program case manager, who joined the staff at the end of January.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

Kathleen McFarland

Marathon to Be Held Sunday in Greenbelt

The 47th running of the Washington's Birthday Marathon will begin on Northway at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 17. There is also a three-person relay. The finish line is on the trail near the intersection of Northway and Crescent.

Race day registration will begin at the Youth Center at 9 a.m. There is a fee.

For more information visit www.dcroadrunners.org, call the DC Roadrunners hotline at 703-241-0395 or call Joe Broderick at 301-661-5019.

New Deal Café Plans Student Art Exhibit

The New Deal Café will be holding its first student exhibit in March. The Café is currently seeking students ages 13 and up to exhibit their work. The drop-off date for all work will be Sunday, February 24 from 7 to 9 p.m.

All work must be framed. For information contact Kristin Stenson at newdealcafeart@yahoo.com or by phone at 301-257-2095.

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Valentine:
Though doctors and meds
May fill our day,
Our love is strong
and here to stay.
- Your Co-patient

You are the bread and the knife,
You are my beautiful wife.
For you I'll play my tin wedding
whistle;
Your are my rose, my thorn, even my
thistle.

When Kitty says "Moop,"
You know what this means;
He gets to eat some salmon
And sit upon your knees.
Even with a floppy tongue
I'll find a way to say
I love, I love you, I love you,
Yesterday, tomorrow, today.

Roses are Red,
Chocolate is Great,
But Diamonds are
A Girl's Best Friend!

Dear sweet Anjuli,
Will you be my Valentine? Meet me
tonight for a Bollywood movie and
then the next page in the K.S.
Love, Punjab

Our Love:
is "Qualitative Growth,"
gets better every year,
a slogan that we both
live by and love to hear.
- BD

Joann,
Your struggles have come to an end -
Some of the broken fences had begun
to mend
For years you did roam
But now you have come home
To the place where you left the nest
To find peace with God and finally
rest.
Love, Your family

Once a year I say it clearly
Everyday I feel it deeply
So here it goes, now is the time,
Shobha, my sweet, I love you dearly

Happy Valentines Day
To my love and future nurse
Thanks for everything
- Flab

Dear Bill,
You're the one, who holds my heart
gently, completely, safely, sweetly.
You're the one who will hold my
heart forever.
Happy Valentine's Day!
- Shobha

Happy Valentine's Day to our 4
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We love you all,
- Captain and Mimi

Happy Valentine's Day to all our great
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Next time you want to give a treat
To your own true love, do
Remember to pick up a sweet
From the tiny shop of Lou.

Valentine's Day has
Come, if you please,
But the key to my heart
Has gone to the Keys!

Squirrels run fast
The creek is quite smelly
I love you best
When you rub my belly
- Baxter

Valentines is 4 the dogs
- Astro

I love you Avis, my dear
through the good times and the bad.
I wrote this poem so you would hear
that I will never hurt you
or make you sad.
I want to love you and
make our dreams come true
I've never loved anyone
the way I love you!
You're sensitive, sweet, and smart
and I love your faith, your soul,
and your heart.
The depth of our love runs so deep,
We face any challenge we may meet.
Able to climb any mountain
no matter how steep
There is nothing our love cannot beat!
Together forever you and me
That's the way it'll always be.
Love, Tom

Oh, Wayne,
I can't wait to gaze into your eyes,
and give you little kisses on your nose.
Love, Thelma

Valentine, you make my day!
Love, Bub.

I'm yours, you're mine; no baloney,
Mahoney.

Roses are red, violets are blue
I love you and will always be true.

Not a night goes by that I don't thank
my lucky stars because you love me.
Starry-eyed wife

I love you more than my luggage!

Your love is a many-splendored thing.
WOW

Rakastan sinua, Kultani

My kids are so great - there is no
debate,
You stand out in a crowd and make
me so proud!
Billy & Kristel I'll love you always
So smart, unique, and funny
You've brought happiness
to all of my days
There's no better kids for my money!
Love, Your Pal and Dad

To Our Valentine:
Thank you for coming
To tend our ills,
We'll have some fun
Without stress or bills.
- B&J

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