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# **Possible Exchange of School Bus** Sites Looked at by School Board

problem as long as the bus loc

sits on top of the slope. How

can you grade something stand-

ing up straight? Witnout the

bus lot, no matter what we do

the slope will erode again."

Brown lamented that when he

spent over \$600,000 in the 1970's

to meet the state's requirements,

he knew it wouldn't work. 'You

can't take mud and make cement out of it," he said.

realized, DWR officials, and lat-

er the newly created Maryland

Department of Environment,

which assumed responsibility for

the area.

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Entertainment

Some of the first arrang?-

ments to be made are for the

entertainers who appear on the

carnival stage. SouthBound, a

country rock group, will kick off

the Festival as the Friday eve-

ning's performers. Foxxfire, a

female pop group, a trio and one

of Washington's most popular

groups, will perform on Satur-

day night. Foxxfire performers

are from this area and include

a native Greenbeiter. Other en-

tertainers appearing for the first

time in the Labor Day Festival

are the All Natural African

Drummers and Dancers, who tell

about the drums as they per-

form. Returning to perform again

in the Festival are the Ralph

Case Square Dancers, the Sahara

Dancers, Leon Morris's bluegrass

group, Christian the Magician

**Talent Show** 

On the stage, there will also

be an opportunity to catch Greenbelt's talented youngsters

and teens as they perform in

the annual Ialent Show. Singers,

dancers, acrobats, musicians, and

other entertainers are welcome

to participate in the show. Call

Susan Breon, 982-0560, for in-

formation.

and the Bob Brown puppets.

Labor Day Committee Describes

by Sandy Smith

the Committee's regular meetings. Old and new events are

already in the planning stages for Greenbelt's 34th Labor

Day celebration. Events will be held throughout the Labor

Day weekend, with a variety of activities attracting Green-

belt's current and former residents and visitors throughout

Labor Day Festival planning is in full swing now with

**Plans for This Year's Festival** 

Hopeful that a trade could be

## by Elaine Skolnik

The Prince Georges County School Board on May 25 voted to consider a proposal by the Beltway Plaza Developers to exchange the school bus-service lot property on Greenbelt Road for acreage on University Boulevard at Metzerott Rd., known as Monte's golf course. Sidney Brown, president of Beltway Plaza Developers, told the News Review that he has already purchased and completed settlement on the golf course tract, since the owners had refused to give him an extended option on the property. recently, "We can't solve the

Currently a feasibility study of the possible land swap is being conducted by the school system staff. The Greenbelt City Council has also directed the Advisory Planning Board to review the matter.

The idea of negotiating a land swap was initiated by Brown over three years ago as a way to solve the erosion and sedimentation problems created by the steep embankment along the east end of the Beltway Plaza Shopping Center. To eliminate these problems, the slope requires extensive grading of the school board lot atop the embankment **Erosion** Problem

Since the mid-1960's, severe erosion and sedimentation problems stemming from the almost perpendicular embankment has plagued Brown, president of First National Realty Corporation, developers of the shopping center. Various corrective mea sures employed at the time were considered inadequate by the State Department of Water Resources (DWR). In 1972 the Prince Georges County Circuit Court ordered First National Realty to complete corre- ve work designed by the firm s engineering consultants. Intensive and costly corrective work, including structural and vegetative stabilization of the entire eastern embankment, were accom plished. First National Realty also obtained an easement from the Board of Education along the western edge of the bus lot to construct a catch basin with pipes running down the slope to ensure proper drainage.

Following completion of the work, DWR officials appeared satisfied that the slope had been stabilized. However, in October 1985 First National Realty was cited again by the DWR for sediment pollution. The firm was ordered to eliminate all sediment from the slope and to outling a plan to bring about this result. In response, Brown pro posed negotiating a land swap. Brown told the News Review

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# **APB Studies Ouestion**

The issue of a possible school bus lot trade was brought to the attention of the Greenbelt City Council by Prince Georges County school board member Suzanne Plogman. In a letter to Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, Plogman requested that the council inform the school board "of the city's views regarding the impact of such a trade." Council at its June 19 meeting referred the matter to the Advisory Planning Board for review and comments.

At the APB meeting on Jane 21, Celia Wilson, City Planning and Development Coordinator briefed members about the long standing erosion problems on the embankment adjacent to Beltway Plaza and about the plaza owner's interest in acquiring the school board bus lot to use the site for additional parking. In return, the school bus operation

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# **COUNCIL SEEKS QUICK RESPONSE ON ALL REFERENDUM DECISIONS**

#### by Diane Oberg

At a special meeting on June 29, the Greenbelt City Council approved a letter to be sent to the school board requesting prompt negotiations over an exchange of the North End and Center School sites. Council will prepare for these negotiations at a July 5 worksession.

These actions follow the approval by voters of both bond ordinances on the June 27 referendum ballot. Center School was selected as the preferred site for the city's new community center in the advisory question. Assuming a satisfactory agreement can be worked out between the city, the county, th school board and the state Board of Public Works, the city will transfer the North End site to the school board for construction of a new elementary school. In return, the city would receive Center School once the new school is opened. The city would then renovate Center to house a community center.

Council member Edward Putens urged council to move quickly to appoint a committee to examine what programs should be housed in the community center. He further requested that staff move forward with the development of Schrom Hills Park. City Manager James K. Giese said that at the July 10 regular meeting he will be recommending employment of a design engineer/ planner for the park.

The desire for prompt action was shared by council member Thomas X. White, who urged attention to three issues relating to the community center:



at 8 a.m. on September 4 and conclude with a march in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. The event is sponsored by the Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers, lnc., formed as a result of a volksmarch held on Labor Day weekend, 1987, in conjunction with the Greenbelt 50th anniversary. The walk is 10 km (6.2 miles), including the parade route, and is almost entirely over hard-packed surface, suitable for strollers, wheelchairs, and wagons. This event is sanctioned by the American Volkssport Association.

# Parade

Mike Donkis, parade chair, is asking for volunteers to carry banners and flags and serve as parade marshals in this year's parade. Call him on 474-0702.

### **Outstanding Citizen**

The committee to select the 1989 Outstanding Citizen of Greenbelt has been formed. Nomination forms will appear in the News Review and the committee will notify organizations throughout the community of the event and seek their help in honoring those who have made significant contributions to the city.

### Volunteers

Volunteers are still needed to help in a number of activities, including the Art Show. If interested in helping, call Festival president Rena Hull, 474-2852.

negotiations with the school board, resolution of county issues and preparations for establishing a community center.

Council member Antoinette M. Bram asked Giese to determine whether citizens could obtain parts of North End School, such as bricks or items from the interior, before the property is transferred to the county.

#### Citizen Comments

Several citizens took the opportunity to comment on the referendum results. Barbara Simon of Citizens for the North End Center (CNEC) said that despite that group's disappointment that North End was not chosen for the community center, "we are delighted that the vote overwhelmingly confirms . . . (that) Greenbelt needs and wants a community center."

Simon said that the intergenerational concept proposed for North End is still valid and urged council to include senior daycare and drop-in centers, child daycare or preschool programs and a center for the visual and performing arts in the new community center. She urged council to "get to work" now that the bond issue has been approved.

Eileen Peterson was also disappointed with the vote to house the community center at Center. She said that "I believe that the 1937 planned community is now dismantled. . . ." Peterson suggested that council contact the County Executive to see how his proposed woodland conservation policy could be used to maintain a green belt at the new school to be built in the North End.

Liane Holder of Research Road urged council to try to keep the wooded buffer around the North End site as deep and thick as possible. Bram said she planned to request that each tree lost on the site be replaced, and "not with infant trees."

Rodney Roberts criticized the entire referendum process and charged that the information provided by the city was "one-sided and very biased."

Ruth Kastner urged everyona to work together to develop the best community center and school while minimizing the loss of green space. She asked council to try to save a few acres of the North End site for the city.

### What Goes On

- Sat., July 8, 9-11a.m. Summer Daily Recreation Class Registration, Youth Center
- Mon., July 10, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Summer Daily Recreation Class Registration, Youth Center
- 8 p.m. City Council meeting, Municipal Bldg.
- Tues., July 11, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession, Sunrise Property, Municipal Building
- Wed., July 12, 8 p.m. City Council Worksession, Indoor Pool, Youth Center
- Thurs., July 13, 8 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Pl.

features a talented lot-though not quite human. Dogs, cats, birds, gerbils, hamsters, mice, fish, and all sorts of pets can enter the show, held on the Center School lawn. Dogs must be on a leash and dogs and cats must have proof of rabies vaccination. Each year, pets garner awards from the "friskiest dog to the "fluffiest cat" to the "calmest mouse." Jim Maher, who is organizing the pet show this year, could use the help of some volunteer judges. To volunteer call him on 474-6589. Carnival

**Pet Show** 

The Children's Pet Show also

Booth organizers face an early deadline for this year's Festival. Booth reservations must be received by July 25 to permit some additional processing required at the county level. Booth application forms have been mailed to all those who had booths last year. Anyone who has not received a form or needs more information, contact J Davis, 345-3243.

# **First Guided Walk**

A special event of the Labor Day Festival is the first Labor Day Guided Walk, to take place Page 2

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# **Greenbelt Author Appears On TV Mystery Theater**

Greenbelt author Dorothy Sucher will appear on "Classic Mystery Theater" on WFTY, channel 50, on Wednesday, July 12, commenting on Alfred Hitchcock's The Thirty-Nine Steps. The weekly program features classic mystery movies, broad-cast without interruption except for one intermission during which host Christopher Zell interviews an expert about the movie being shown.

Sucher, a former editor of the Greenbelt News Review is the author of Dead Men Don't Give Seminars, nominated for an Agatha Award for Best First Mystery of 1988, and the just-published Dead Men Don't Marry.

# NCSL Soccer by Kevin Hackett

The weather report was ominous: 55 mph winds, giant hail, and killer lightning. The weatherman could have added "crush ing comets," the Greenbelt Comets! When morning downpours ended, the 1976-and-under Comets took the field in tha soccer tournament at Vineland, N.J. and defanged the Washington Twp. Predators, 2-0. Etim Edim scored on a breakaway goal, and later assisted Dary! Harrington, who won a footrace for the final goal. Thunder was in the solid play of stop er James Despres, and lightning in the feet of fullback Rapnael Mingo.

After a forfeit by the Cecil Co. Rebels, the Comets silenced the Cohansey Cannons, 4-1. Edim again scored early, and followed with a second hard shot to the left corner, assisted by Harrington. Aaron Johnson punched in a shot deflected by Edim and Matthew Natonick, followed by a 30-yd, arching shot over the goalkeeper's head by regular Comet keeper Jason Harbin, as sisted by Jason Zeigler.

Facing Washington Twp. again, in the championship game at Littone Stadium, the Comets fe'll to the Predators, 7-2.

Comet goals were by Edim, assisted by Jay Blavatt, and a header by Blavatt, on a cross from Harbin.

Having achieved 2nd place, and perhaps a little too much Atlantic City excitement, the Comets must orbit for only a year until a hoped-for rematch!

The Greenbelt Comets are sponsored by Springhill Lake and also by Three Brothers Pizza, Capital Office Park and Princeton Electric Co.

to Keith Chernikoff in a traditional Jewish ceremony held at Mishkan Torah Synagogue on June 11. Rabbi Saul Grife performed the ceremony before 100 friends and family members. The bride wore a white satin lace dress and was brought to

Coleen Joy Suit was married

Suit-Chernikoff

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the chuppah by her parents, Bevcrly Tompkins, Rockville, and Donald Tompkins, Hawthorne, California. The groom was dressed in a charcoal tuxedo and was brought to the chuppah by his parents, Harry and Lillian Chernikoff, Seabrook.

The maid of honor was Deborah Sisson, Greenbelt and the best man was Ken Brown, Beltsville. Sharon Brannan, Beltsville, Helena Hartnett, Hyattsville and Linda Mowel, Bladensburg a-tended the bride. The ushers were the groom's brothers, Roy and Todd Chernikoff, Seabrook, and a cousin, Daniel Chernikoff, Palo Alto, California. Coleen's son Jason assisted in the ceremony. The chuppah was held by Dan

Matthews, Severn, Julia Irons, West Chester Park, Bob Muir, Frederick, and bride's stepmoth-Marilyn Tompkins, Hawthorne, California.

The bride is a Pension Analyst for the IAM National Pension Fund in Washington, D.C. The groom is employed by the Arbitron Company as a Senior Business Applications Analyst in Laurel.

The wedding reception was held at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, after which the couple honeymooned in Ocean City, Md. They reside in 4 Court Crescent.

tions.



# **Recreation Review**

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**Policy on Police Blotter** 

signed letter from a citizen

concerned that we appeared to

be identifying the race of sus-

pected criminals only when

they are black. Although the

News Review does not print

unsigned letters, we feel that

this concern deserves a re-

It is the policy of the News

Review to include race as part

of the description of suspects being sought by the police since race, like gender, is an

important distinguishing characteristic. However, when a suspect has been arrested, it

is our policy not to report the race of the suspect. In both

instances we strive to be con-

sistent in terms of the report-

ing of race for both white and

by Dorrie Bates 345-5961

Lou and Jim Williamson, 45

Court Ridge, on the recent

death of Jim's father, Marion

Williamson of Atlanta, Georgia.

ren of 13 Court Ridge. He re-

cently returned from six months

in the Mediterranean aboard the USS Guadalcanal. Family and

friends are glad of his safe re-

Welcome also to Sean Alan

Swetnam, first born of Stan and

Margarita Swetnam of 38 Court

crescent. Sean was born at

Prince Georges Hospital on June

On Tuesday, July 11, the Re-

publican Central Committee for Prince Georges County will fill

a vacancy in the 23rd Legisla-

tive District created when Rob-

ert Schmermund resigned to ac-

Registered Republicans living

in this district who want to

serve on the 15-member com-

mittee should mail resumes to

Republican Headquarters, 9420

Annapolis Road, Suite 105, Lan-

ham, Md. 20706 as soon as pos-

Primary consideration is given

to individuals who have done

considerable previous work for

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the Republican Party.

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cept a federal position.

8. weighing 7 lbs., 4 ozs.

Vacancy on Republican

**Committee to Be Filled** 

Welcome home to William Gar-

Our deepest sympathy to Mary

black suspects

turn.

sible.

Our Neighbors

sponse.

We recently received an un-

Summer Playgrounds

Co-sponsored by the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission and Greenbelt Recreation Department, this program is open to children 6-12 years of age. This program provides children with an opportun ity to participate in sports, games, arts and crafts and special events.

go as they wish, so constant supervision during open hours is not guaranteed. Locations: Springhill Lake Recreation Cen-ter, noon-6 p.m.; Mowatt Methodist Church, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Playgrounds are



# **Senior Tennis Begins**

A new senior tennis group is being formed. Senior citizens who would like to play tennis with fellow seniors for fun and exercise, should call Manny Silvern at 345-5908.

**EVENING** 

# Hand Is Extended

To the Editor: I want to thank all the voters who came to the polls on June 27. Through a democratic process the voters decided the issues that have divided the citizens of this city for the last six months.

Now that this decision has been made, it is important that we all pull together to achieve Greenbelt's goals that have yet tc be completed. With citizen support and cooperation we can look forward to the completion of the new police station, the indoor pool, the renovated Roosevelt Center, development of Schrom Hills Park, new balifields, the new elementary school and the community center.

With the transfer of 72 actes of parkland from the County to the City, a county grant of \$1.4 million to help with the purchase of Parcel 1 and the recent city purchase of Parcel 2, the City is making the most significant acquisition of parkland in the history of Greenbelt.

Most of these city goals an be completed over the next few years and each accomplishment will raise the quality of life in Greenbelt a little higher. Realistically, we can expect some difficulties along the way to real-izing our goals, but when we all join hands nothing can stop us. My hand is extended!

Gil Weidenfeld, Mayor



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Rehearsals have be- un for the 1989 Miss Greenbeit Pageant. Pageant committee seeks Greenbelt girls ages 14 to 19 to participate in this years seeks pageant.

Deadline for registration is July 12, 1989

Many exciting activities have been scheduled, so be a part of this year's celebration.

> Please call CHERI GAINOR Chairperson at 441-8589

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Don W. Taulelle, clu

8951 Edmonston Rd. Greenbelt, Md. 20770





# Letters to the Editor

#### **Planned City Abandoned** To the Editor:

of Greenbelt, The citizens based on such information as was made available to them, have decided. There will be a new school building at North End and the city will assume ownership of the building which has heretofore been the Greenbelt Center School. The "planned community," whose Depres-sion-era advertisements all emphasized the importance of children and their environment, is all but abandoned.

I predict that within a very few years all seven acres of the North End site that are presently forest will be developed. The erstwhile Center School will prove so costly to maintain that the city will decide to maximize the rent to commercial businesses. Since Greenbelt is so cloistered, it will be difficult to attract paying customers. Access to (and through Greenbelt will be expanded. Parking will become a problem. Since the school will be so far away, the Youth Center won't really be needed, as such.

In the interest of making our children happier (in the sense that a raccoon is happy on the highway) Ridge Road will be extended to Kenilworth in the west, through the new amusement park (parkland, right?) in Parcel 1, to connect with the BW Parkway. At that point there will really be no reason not to make access easier from the North End Expressway to Braden Field Shopping Mall.

For this blissful eventuality, we have only to wait and continue to vote for that pack of misguided and misinformed opportunists who divided the community and poisoned the issue right from the start. I don't know about my children, but I certainly got an education. **Robert** Rashkin

# Time to Get to Work To the Editor:

The members of Citizens for North End Center are delignted that last week's vote on the referendum confirmed what we have said for three years: Greenbelt needs and wants a new community center. Citizens for North End Center in April 1986 presented our plans for the use of the old North End School to the city staff and in January 1987, to council. The concept behind those plans remained truealthough the site of the community center has changed. Greenbelt should build an inter-gen-

erational, multi-purpose center filling three major needs: a senior drop-in and adult daycare facility, child daycare/preschool and recreation programs for school-age children, and space for both the visual and performing arts. These three broad uses com-

plement each other and allow for maximum use of the community building. Most important, they address existing needs that will become critical as time passes. Every study, every survey shows that, as our population grows older, the need for their care and recreation grows; as more and more families have both parents working outside the home and educators stress the importance of early childhood education, the need for pre-school and daycare grows; the more the drug menace reaches down to the early

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teen years, the more the need for more recreation programs exists for our children and youth. As leisure time grows and people want a richer mental and emotional life as well as a physically fit one, the more the arts become important to our daily lives and the lifestream of the community.

Now that the bond referendum is passed, there is no excuse for delay. Now it is time to get to work !

**Barbara** Simon Citizens for North End Center

**Green Belt Tours** 

Members of the Committee to Save the Green Belt will conduct guided tours of the green belt each Saturday. On July 8 at noon, the tour will start at the end of Northway. Cali Paul at 474-4653 or Rodney at 345-5427.



bility Benefit Payments; to Provide for the Receipt of Funds to be Appropriated Annually; to Provide for the Disbursement of Short-Term Disability Benefits for Which the City May be Liable; and to Provide for the Payment of Legal and Other Professional Fees Related to Claims and the Administration of the City's Short-Term Disability Program Second Reading

- 14. An Ordinance to Transfer the Balance of the Reserve for Unfunded Accrued Liability for Retirement of City Employees After Setting Aside Sufficient Monies to Pay in Fiscal Year 1990 the Final Payment of Accrued Liability Due the Maryland State Employees Retirement and Pension System, from the General Fund to the Temporary Disability Reserve Fund, and to Appropriate Such Funds for the Payment of Benefits Under a Temporary Disability Plan Authorized by the Council - Second Reading
- 15. A Resolution to Establish a Temporary Disability Benefits Plan for Classified City Employees Second Reading
- 16. A Resolution to Authorize the Negotiated Purchase of Goods and Services for Fiscal Year 1989/90 - First Reading
- 17. A Resolution to Provide for the Number of Judges and Clerks of Election, to Provide for their Compensation, and to Provide for the Rate of Compensation to be Paid to the Chairman and Members of the Board of Elections for the 1989 Regular Council Election - First Reading
- 18. A Resolution to Establish a Recycling Committee - First Reading
- 19. A Resolution to Establish Citizens Task Force on **Refuse Collection Procedures and Recycling** - First Reading

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  - 11. An Ordinance to Amend Division 4. "Other Benefits" cf Article IV. "Employee Benefits" of Chapter 13. "Personnel" of the Greenbelt City Code, by Adding a New Section 13-151. "Temporary Disability Benefits" to Provide for the Participation of All Classified Service Employees in a Temporary Disability Plan of the City as Established and Approved by the City Council - Second Reading
  - 12. An Ordinance to Amend Division 3. "Leave" of Article IV. "Other Benefits" of Chapter 13, Title "Personnel", of the Greenbelt City Code, By Repealing and Reenacting with Amendments Sec. 13-127 "Leave for On-the-Job Injuries", to Provide that the City Manager May Grant Up to Four Hundred Eighty Hours (480) Administrative Leave to an Employee Injured on the Job - Second Reading
  - 13. An Ordinance to Add a New Section 2-28 to the Green-belt City Code, Title "Temporary Disability Reserve "Fund", for the Purpose of Establishing a Temporary Disability Reserve Fund to Account for Short-Term Disa-

**Regular Meeting of City Council** 

# Monday, July 10, 1989 8:00 p.m.

# **Police Blotter**

An indecent exposure was reported at Mandan Road and Hanover Parkway on June 27. The suspect, described as a short white male, small build with short brown curly hair, was driving a small red vehicle, asked directions from a pedestrian, exposed himself, then drove away on Mandan towards Greenbelt Road.

On June 23, Officer Thomas Moreland arrested a male resident of the 9100 block of Springhill Lane for possession of a controlled dangerous substance (P-CP). On June 26 he also arrested three nonresident males for possession of a controlled dangerous substance (marijuana) following a traffic stop. The three suspects were held in lieu of \$700 bond.

On June 29, when Officer Moreland attempted to stop a 1989 GMC truck for a traffic violation, the driver accelerated in an attempt to flee. The driver bailed out at the intersection of Breezewood Drive and Cherrywood Road, leaving the vehicle in gear. The truck smashed into the door of the Shell Food Mart on Cherrywood. A short time later Moreland apprehended a nonresident male who was charged with auto theft, malicious destruction of property and rogue and vagabond and held on \$500 bond.

On June 20 about 11:30 p.m. a woman who was walking down Greenbelt Road toward Hanover Parkway was grabbed and pulled into the wooded area by a man who had been in the woods. She punched him in the groin and fled. The suspect was described as a white man. 23, 5 ft. 11 in., 160 lbs., and wearing blue jeans.

Pfc. Troy Harding arrested a male resident for consuming an alcoholic beverage in public at the Center after the suspect refused to pour out the beverage when directed.

Two nonresident adult males were arrested by Officer Marie Croissette after she observed them stealing from cars in the lot at Buddy Attick Park. The suspects were held in lieu of bond. A gray 1989 Dodge Crew Cab

truck, Md. tag 988016, was reported stolen from Research Road. The truck was borrowed by a friend of the owner on June 14 but never returned.

A blue and white 1984 Wells craft 19 foot boat was reported stolen from the boat lot on Hamilcon Place on June 29.

A green 1974 Ford truck, Md. registration 700-045, was reported stolen from the Beltway Plaza lot on June 25. In a separate incident, a car parked behind the Plaza was entered and cassette tapes stolen.

A blue 1974 Ford F150 pickun truck, with a white bed cap, Md. registration 875-920, was reported stolen from the 9100 block of Springhill Lane on June 24.

A Maryland license plate, 1A-33475, was reported stolen from the Phillips 66 station.

A residence in the 9200 block of Edmonston Road was entered through a ground floor window some time between June 23 and June 26. Two TV sets, two VCR's, six pieces of audio equipment. jewelry, golf clubs. cash and clothing were taken.

The manager of the Kemp Mill Record store at Greenway Center, after observing a customer place six compact disks in a bag and leave without paying, followed the suspect to the Safeway. The manager recovered the merchandise, but the suspect escaped. He is described as a white male, 28 years, 5'10", 160 lbs., with black hair, brown eves and tattoos on both arms. The suspect was wearing blue jeans and construction-type boots, but no shirt.

A shoplifting was reported at the Radio Shack in Greenway Center on June 24. The suspect, a black male, approximately 30 years old, 5'10", with a thin build, black hair and brown eyes was wearing a light colored shirt and tie and dark pants. An employee saw him drive away in a mid 70's 4-door white Cadillac, Md. registration WRE-228.

A woman attempted to purchase food at Safeway with a stolen check and check-cashing card. The card was listed as stolen by the store's cash register computer. But the suspect had slipped out of the store unneticed. She was described as a black woman, late 20's, 5 ft. 5 in., 115 lbs., and wearing a white blouse.

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# **Pediatric Predicaments**

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### Vijaya Kumar, M.D. PEDIATRICIANS AND THE TELEPHONE

Pediatricians spend most of their professional time on the telephone. This is often very helpful to parents, because most pediatric problems are not serious and can be resolved quickly and inexpensively without an office visit. I consider telephone consultations a useful and necessary part of my service to my patients, and I do not charge for them.

During the many years I have been in practice. I have categorized a few types of consultations I would rather do without! Some of those are listed below

1) Heading the list, by far, is the BUSY SIGNAL. When I finally get through to the caller, she usually greets me with "What took you so long?"

(If you put in a call to your doctor after office hours or on holidays, try to stay off the phone untii he/she calls back.)

2) NO ANSWER. I usually call back a few minutes after the call comes in (as soon as I can get to the phone); but some parents cannot wait, and almost as soon as they put the phone down they decide to rush the child to an emergency room — where they have to wait many hours to be seen, and receive many time-consuming, painful, expensive, and often unnecessary tests before being sent home.

(Most situations are not life-threatening, and can wait a few minutes until the doctor calls back. However, if your child has a true emergency, DON'T waste time putting in a call to the doctor, but rush the child to an emergency room, and let them contact the doctor if necessary.)

3) ARGUMENT: Some parents have made up their minds about what they want the doctor to say and do, and if the doctor says the "wrong" thing, they start an argument: Parent (P): "My baby swallowed a dime. What should I do?"

Doctor (D): "Is he choking, gasping, or showing any other symptoms?"

P: "No, he appears to be fine."

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D: "Good! Forget the whole thing. The coin must have reached the stomach. It has no sharp edges, it is chemically inert. It can cause no harm."

P: But shouldn't he get an x-ray of the stomach?

"Why subject him to unnecessary radiation? If he has no obvious swallowing or breathing D: difficulties, the coin must have reached the stomach, and no danger can come to him. P: "But my neighbor's child swallowed a watch battery and her doctor sent her immediately for an x-ray.

D: "A battery is entirely different. The acid in it can erode the stomach wall, and cause a perforation.

P. "But . . ." This can go on forever.

(I welcome questions and suggestions - but if I give you a reasonable explanation for my diagnosis and course of action, please accept it gracefully.)

4) THE ANTIBIOTIC LOVER:

P: "Hortense has a cold again. Would you prescribe some penicillin?"

D: "Colds are caused by viruses. Penicillin would not help."

P: "You prescribed penicillin last month."

"Hortense had pneumonia last month. That is usually caused by a bacterium. Penicillin D: kills bacteria but not viruses. Give her some fever medicine, lots of liquids, and rest. She will be fine in a few days."

P: "But what if she gets pneumonia again?" D: "Hortense is not a sickly child. Most colds go away by themselves. If she develops pneumonia again, we shall deal with it then."

(Frequent, needless use of antibiotics is harmful.)

5) NON-EMERGENCY CALLS:

11 p.m. "This is Dr. Aronfy, Mrs. Worried, my answering service told me that you called." P: "My baby has had a runny nose for three weeks and I want to bring him in sometime. What are your office hours?

(Please limit your after-hours calls to urgent matters.)

6) THE VACILLATOR:

P: My baby is vomiting and has a high fever."

D: "Bring her in right away."

P: "But the baby does not seem to be that sick."

D: "Very well. I shall prescribe suppositories against vomiting and fever, and you keep forcing fluids so she does not become dehydrated. Then call me in a few hours with a progress report, and we shall see."

P: But if my baby suddenly throws up a lot, might she not get dehydrated, and if she continues to run a high fever, might she not have a sudden convulsion?"

D: "That's very true. So bring her in right away."

P: "But my husband isn't home and I don't have a car. The child is drinking well, and urinating freely. Maybe I ought to wait and see."

(Make up your mind!)

7) THE NAME GAME: The mother of Homer Watkins is calling from her place of work. She had divorced Homer's father, and is now married to a Mr. Evans. Thus her name is Emily Evans. She leaves a message asking the doctor to call back. D: I am Dr. Aronfy. May I speak with Mrs. Watkins."

Voice: "Who?"

D: "Mrs. Watkins, please.

Voice: "We don't have anybody by the name of Mrs. Watkins."

D: "Would you please check to see if someone there called a doctor about a sick child named Homer Watkins?"

Voice: "Listen fella! I am very busy and don't have time to worry about my employees' personal problems '

(When calling from work, tell my receptionist or my answering service whom to ask for when I call back: Emily, or Mrs. Evans.)

D: "I will be glad to call in a medication for your child. Which drug store would you like me to call?"

P: "People's Drug Store."

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D: "Which People's Drug Store?" "The one on Annapolis Road." P:

D: "There are several on Annapolis Road. Which one?"

P: "You know; the one across from the bank.

D: "Which bank?"

(Have your drug store's telephone number ready before you call your doctor.)

Let me empasize that most of our patients are kind and courteous when they call. The above types are a small minority.

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stormwater and sediment control matters, gave Beltway Developers various compliance deadline extensions. Mike Reahl of the Department of Environment said recently that if , trade is not possible, the department would have to seek other options, including advice "from our legal counsel."

When Brown proposed the land swap several years ago, the matter was handled by the county executive's office. Officials believed that moving the bus lot would (1) eliminate an empankment that not only posed an erosion problem but also a safety hazard and (2) help relieve traf fic congestion along Greenbelt Road by eliminating an access Former Negotiations

The county, apparently serving as an intermediary between the school board and Brown, offered several of its properties in the area as negotiable sites for a replacement lot, but none were of interest to the school board. According to the November 12 1987 issue of the News Review. Bob Duncan of the county executive's staff said that these sites were no longer in the picture but that "it was his understanding that a likely condition for transaction with Brown any would involve his acquiring a suitable property, and then making improvements to that property to meet school board specifications."

It appeared at the time that the school board staff would not move ahead on any relocation of the bus lot. They said the sites offered by the county were located too far from the student population in the area served by the lot-Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville, and Berwyn. School officials felt they could live with the present location, which they believed did not add to the congestion along Greenbelt Road. garticularly during afternoon hours,

School officials were also concerned over Brown's lana use plans for the property. They feared that if anything were built on the property, some kind of slope might be created close to the Greenbelt Middle School, which is adjacent to the bus lot.

Beltway Plaza Developers indicated to the city recently that if the land trade were realized, and after corrective measures are taken to eliminate the steep slope, the bus lot site would be used for additional parking.

Brown told the News Review that he is also considering a building that might be built into the slope and thus serve as a stabilizer. Brown explained that he needed to get more value from the bus lot land because of the prohibitive costs of his buying the golf course tract, developing the new bus lot facility for the school system and erecting improvements over and above those at the present bus lot location.

Brown contended that the present bus lot operation on Greerbelt Road constituted the heaviest commercial use of the land, with over 100 buses, employee cars and gasoline trucks entering and leaving the lot. The Greenbelt Road school bus lot is zoned rural planned community (RPC). Rezoning would be required for any commercial use of the property.

# At the Library

Wednesday, July 12 Summer Quest for ages 6-12 at 2 p.m. Thursday, July 13 Super Summer Stories at 10:30 a.m. for ages 3-6 includes special activities, films and stories.

Saturday, July 15 Summer Books Alive: familiar folktales dramatized by Library Theatre at 2 p.m. for all ages.

CAR WASH Sponsored by MISS GREENBELT PAGEANT

Saturday, July 8, 1989 10:00am to 3:00pm HOLY\_CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

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would be relocated to a site on University Boulevard and Metzerott Road. Beltway Plaza Developers would then grade the steep hill adjacent to the plaza. Wilson noted that while there were benefits to stabilizing the hill, "these must be weighed against the risk that such an acquisition might open the door to Beltway Plaza expansion."

APB members discussed various conditions to accompany such a transfer. These include the submission by Beltway Plaza, prior to transfer of the bus lot. of a master plan detailing future development of the Plaza, including how the new parking area would relate to overall circulation at the shopping center.

APB members felt that (1) no additional development, other than parking, should be allowed

Page 5 GHI NOTES

The Board of Directors meets July 13 at 8 p.m. in the Board Room.

Reminder: GHI provides termite inspections of GHI homes. Members who contract such services will not be reimbursed

on the bus lot "without the city's prior approval," (2) the erosion problem should be "addressed immediately," (3) the Beltway Plaza should submit a site plan for bus lot improvements to the city for approval and should "enter into covenants with the city which detail all agreements, and (4) the city should be given s gn plan approval for the bus lot.

The city council will receive APB's official recommendations at its next meeting July 10.



CONFERENCE ROOM MUNICIPAL BUILDING

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Minutes 3. Approval of Agenda
- 4. Preliminary Plan of Subdi-
- vision Greenbrook Manor 5. Review of Proposal - Cine-
- ma and Drafthouse 6. Review of Sign Proposal -Greenbelt Police Facility

NOTE: This is a tentative agenda - Subject to change.



The second registration for the Daily Summer Children's Classes, will be held on Saturday, July 8th, 9 am - 11 am and Monday, July 10th, 9:30 am - 10:30 am at the Greenbelt Youth Center. This is an in-person registration on a first come, first serve basis only. By phone, registrations accepted 11:30 - 12 noon on a space available basis only on Monday, July 10th. Classes will be held Tuesday through Friday for two weeks beginning Tuesday, July 10th. The third registration is sch eduled for July 22nd and July 24th. Classes cancelled due to inclement weather will NOT be made up.

ACTIVITIES	AGE	RESIDENT FEE
Archery (10:30 am)	8-15 yrs.	\$10/8 classes
Arts & Crafts (1:45 pm)	6-12 yrs.	FREE/8 classes
Chucks 'n' Lassies (Tues.&Thurs. 10:30-11:30 am) Group games. Physical Fitness Program for		
Boys and Girls	6-12 yrs.	FREE/4 classes
Gymnastics - PreSchool (1:45 pm)	3-5 yrs.	\$15/8 classes
Gymnastics - Elementary (2:30 pm)	6-12 yrs.	\$15/8 classes
Tennis (9:30 am)	8 & over	\$15/8 classes
SWIMMING LESSONS ONLY GREENBELT RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENT PASS HOLDERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER ON SATURDAY, JULY 8TH.		
Aqua Babies (11:30 am)	6 mos - 18 mos.	\$10/8 classes
Aqua Tots Beginners (10:45 am)	18 mos - 5 yrs.	\$10/8 classes
Aqua Tots Advanced (10:00 am) Each child must be accompanied by someone 18 yrs. or over in all Aqua Lessons.	18 mos - 5 yrs.	\$10/8 classes
Beginners, Advanced Beginners, Intermediate, Swimmers (9:00 am, 9:45 am, 10:30 am, 11:15 am)	5 yrs. & over	\$10/8 classes
Competitive Techniques	Swim Team	\$10/8 classes
Classes offered to Non-Residents on space available basis only — \$15/8 classes per hild.		
ADULT - JUST FOR THE HEALTH OF IT!		
Re-Creations Total Fitness Class FOR WOMEN ONLY (Mon & Wed 6-7 pm) Child Care: \$.75/hr.		\$3.75/per class
Swim & Stay Fit - Tuesday thru Friday 7 - 8 am and 12 noon - 12:50 pm	16 & Over	\$30/season or \$1.00/day
ENIORS - MONDAY SWIM PARTY Fun and fitness program — lap swimming, water exercise, deck walking, socializ- ing and pot luck lunches. Mondays, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm. Resident Pass Holders		

Free; Non-Residents, \$1.00/per day.





