

# **Citizens Speak Out on School Issues Chief Discusses City Crime**, pay, Felegy said he couldn't promise that he will be success-

#### by Diane Oberg

Two days after the sit-in at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and one day after Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer warned of deeper budget cuts in December, budgetary issues dominated the discussion at the Town Meeting hosted by School Board Member Suzanne Plogman on November 21. County School Su-perintendent Edward Felegy also attended the meeting.

#### **Budgetary** History

Plogman opened the meeting by describing the budgetary history of the county school sys-tem, starting with the deep cuts mandated by TRIM, which set a rigid cap on property tax revenues. This action in the early 1980's had effects from which the school system has never recovered.

Felegy noted that in the middle of the last school year, county revenue shortfalls forced the school system to cut \$9.8 million from its budget. This year's budget gave the system \$28.6 million less than the amount Felegy said was needed to fund the same level of activities as in the previous year after accounting for contracted wage increases and an increase in student enrollment of 2.500. (An additional 3,400 students are ex-pected for the 1992/93 school year.)

#### **Current** Problems

Now the school system has been forced to cut an additional \$15.7 million or 2.7% of the operating budget. Felegy said that he did not want to eliminate programs in mid-year without time to review the overall educational program. While some people have suggested eliminating music or physical education, he considers these programs essentials, not frills.

However, Felegy said that the school system was only able to cut \$9.8 million in this manner, forcing him to reduce staff costs. He saw three options: (1) lay off approximately 742 people with massive reassignments of the remaining staff; (2) reduce salaries or (3) furlough all emsalaries or (5) furnough an em-ployees. He rejected option 1, which would severely disrupt operations through the seniority and bumping procedures specified by union contracts. He said he was reluctant to choose option 2, which would permanently lower employees' base pay.

#### Furloughs Planned

This left option 3. The school system will furlough all employees, including the superin-tendent, for three days. This will leave 181 school days scheduled, just exceeding the state requirements for a 180-day year. Felegy insisted that the tight calendar would not affect his decisions regarding whether schools should be closed in case of snow; safety will be the only consideration, he said. If more than

one snow day is required, make up days will be scheduled.

Felegy also reported that County Executive Parris Glendening plans to pass on to the school system 50 percent of any further reductions in state funding to the county. Based upon current information, Felegy estimates that the school system may have to cut an additional \$7-\$10 million. He is trying to provide some cushion to the school system by going very slowly in purchasing the books and supplies still in the budget. Although he will try to avoid further reductions in employees'

ful.

Higher Taxes? Teacher J Davis, treasurer of the Prince Georges County Educators Association, worried about the morale of teachers and other school personnel. "We've so often been told to wait, and wait, and wait. . ." She noted that the problem didn't start with the school board, but instead with the federal and state govern-ments. She called for the state to bite the bullet and "'raise revenue enhancements" and See CITIZENS, page 10

# **Local Elected Officials React To Roosevelt Student Protest**

#### by Anna Cherry

Several local politicians joined students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Tuesday Nov. 19 as they staged a "study-in" to protest recent budget cuts.

Students were joined by local political leaders including State Senator Leo Green (D, 23rd Dis-trict) and State Delegate Tim Maloney (D, 21st District). County Executive Parris Glendening sent the students a written statement which was read to them by one of his aides.

Glendening said in the letter that the students must make their voices heard, but constructively and by working within the process.

"Today, you are doing what we have been doing in our efforts to voice opposition to cutbacks in education funding," he said. He urged the students to continue to speak out against the cuts and write letters to elected officials.

#### Proud

"I was very proud of the students," Green said in a telephone interview, "they all had books in their hands. It was an excellent sight for a parent and/or public official to see." Green's daughter Shellie is a student at Eleanor Roosevelt.

"We have to change priorities in this country. . . , the students can help do that through partici-pation." Green said.

He said that young people did the Johnson and Nixon adminis-trations and that they can do it again, if they participate in government actively.

Green said he has voted in the State Senate for a tax increase and against budget cuts. However, he pointed out that people do not want a tax increase and have been getting rid of politicians who raise taxes.

"Polls show that people don't want a tax increase but they want services to stay the same,' Green said.

#### Impressed

State Delegate Timothy Maloney was also on hand to talk to students and to answer questions about the deficit and tax increases.

"I was tremendously impressed by both the conduct of the students and the calibre of their questions," Maloney said in a telephone interview.

"In contrast to what happened in Bowie the students effectively voiced their concerns," he said. At Bowie high school a student protest ended in the vandalism of several Marketplace Mall stores, according to the Washington Post.

Maloney said that next week there will be a group conducting hearings on the issue of raising state taxes. The hearings will be held across the state. More information is available by calling 858-3000.

"I believe the (deficit) problem will require a combination of further budget cuts and tax increases," he said.

Glendening pointed out in his statement that "Maryland is the 10th wealthiest state, yet it spends less dollars (on education) than 43 other states."

#### Angry

"You are angry, parents and educators are angry and I am angry," he told students. "We all see that our progress is threatened."

"Quality educational achieve-ment is not like a light switch that can be turned on and off," Glendening said.

The students gathered after school to protest county budget cuts totaling \$15.7 million. The ducation cuts are part of cuts in state aid totaling \$27 million.

The Washington Post called the demonstration a "free-floating civics lesson." Students brought books to study and also engaged in a letter writing campaign. Some students, Green's daughter among them, spent the whole night.

School officials did not sanction the protest but they supported the students since their activities did not interfere in any way with the school day.

#### by Pat Scully

"You have a concern that you're not seeing police offiicers patrolling on your street. That may be a fact," Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze told the members of GEAC at their November 7 meeting.

Craze had been invited to meet with GEAC (Greenbelt East Advisory Committee) to address a perception expressed by many homeowners that there has been a reduction in routine police patrols in the residential areas, a perception that Craze called "probably true." He attributed this to the increase in commercial office space in the east, with no corresponding increase in the police force, but primarily to the dramatic increase in crimes against people and the overall crime rate throughout the Washington area.

'We have not cut patrols. But when officers are running from call to call to call, it takes up patrol time. Arrests take time."

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ces and caroling as the holiday

lights on the tree near the city

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Santa Claus will join in the fes-

tivities, and refreshments will be

served by the Recreation Depart-

For those getting an early start

to the Craft Show, a Commun-

ity Pancake Breakfast will be

held with Santa present at St.

Hugh's Grenoble Hall, beginning

at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning

and running until noon. Funds

raised will benefit Academic

Achievement. The breakfast is

sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions

Club in cooperation with the 629th

Military Intelligence Battalion of

the Maryland Army National

Guard of Greenbelt and the

Greenbelt American Legion Post

136. The menu will include,

kes, sausage, juice, milk

A wide array of handcrafted

items can be purchased at the Craft Show. It will run until

5 p.m. on Saturday and again on

Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

There will be a great many hol-

iday-theme items for decorating

Children pre-school age and up

can make and buy all kinds of

crafts in the Children's Room

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sat-

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urday.

accompanied Craze, noted, "You've got the cars they want to steal." Police do recover most See CHIEF, page 6 Holiday Craft Show/Sale **Sparks Festival of Lights** 

#### by Eileen Peterson

The Greenbelt Youth Center will be filled almost to bursting with the multicolored, multitextured handcrafts of 60 vendors, beginning Saturday, December 6 at 10 a.m., as the Holiday Craft Show and Sale highlights the Festival of Lights activities. The evening before at 7 p.m.,

Food

While Greenbelt police had ar-

rested 440 people for criminal

offenses in 1986, last year there

were over 1,200 arrests. This

tells him two things, said Craze:

crime is on the rise and "the

He pointed out that some of

those things that make Green-

belt attractive to residents-shopping centers, restaurants,

businesses, affluent neighbor-

hoods, major road arteries for

easy access-also make it at-

tractive to criminals. Auto thefts

are a particular problem ble-

cause, as Sgt. John Lann, who

cops are doing their jobs."

Adding to the sights will be the aromas of fresh baked goods being sold by both the Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters/Swim Team and the Greenbelt Arts Center. The GAC will also be selling hot dogs, meatball sandwiches, snack chips, soup-can breads, jams and jellies, and varied hot drinks.

#### Sunday Events

Besides the continuation of the Crafts Show, Sunday, Dec. 8 will bring a spaghetti dinner at the Greenbelt Community Church Fellowship Hall from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. At the Greenbriar Community Building, the Greenbelt East holiday tree will be lit at 7:30 p.m. and the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chorus will entertain. A reception is set for after the ceremony. That evening, the Greenbelt Combined Choir Concert will begin at 7:30 at the Greenbelt Community Church. This traditional concert brings together members of all the city's churches and others.



# **An Educational Protest**

Kudos to the 200-plus students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School who participated last week in a meaningful protest against cuts in the county school budget. The students held a peaceful overnight sit-in at the school during which they helped each other with homework. Noting that budget cuts would eliminate three days from the school term, the students used the overnight study to regain some of the educational opportunity that would be lost. They also listened to local elected officials they had invited to discuss the issues. The protest received considerable press coverage.

How much more positive was this demonstration than many of those held elsewhere. At other area schools, students protested by walking out of school, thereby disrupting their own education. At one school, some students created a disturbance at a shopping mall and looted one of the stores.

Adults, too, could take a lesson from the students at Eleanor Roosevelt on how to respond maturely to a critical problem. In Montgomery County and elsewhere, for example, teachers at some schools protested by refusing to write reference letters for students seeking college admission. At other schools teachers required students to write protest letters to the Governor in order for the teachers to write the needed reference letters. Such coercive practices undermine the principles for which the education profession should stand.

We are very concerned with the effect of budget cuts on the quality of education. We are equally concerned about the fiscal crises that created the need to cut budgets. We are particularly sympathetic to those who have lost jobs or had their incomes reduced as a result of the economic recession.

These are difficult times. Real leaders will be those who can achieve the very best possible with the limited funds available. It is unfortunate for the larger community that the student leaders at Eleanor Roosevelt High have not yet assumed leadership in our society. We could use all the help we can get.

# **Master Plan** For U. of MD?

To the Editor:

The College Park Campus of the University of Maryland System is considering eliminating the leisure studies curriculum. If somebody doesn't turn it around, then the only graduate program, the only comprehensive and accredited undergraduate curriculum for leisure studies in Maryland will go the way of all flesh.

Hundreds of our graduates serve in management and leadership positions in practically every municipality and county in Maryland as well as in the state and national park systems. Other trained professionals are working in industrial and armed forces recreation. Still others practice in travel/tourism and other commercial settings within the private sector.

The rationale given for eliminating the leisure studies cur-riculum is budget necessity. It has been asserted, and rightly so, that across-the-board cuts would only lead to mediocrity. Eliminating departments via an a priori "hit list," however, is not the only or the best alternative. A zero based program budgeting approach could and should be employed to audit and prioritize and then reduce or eliminate some specific work programs within some departments rather than departments as a whole. Ideally, of course, this should be done on a system-wide basis; that is, we need a University of Maryland system master plan!

#### **Multivision Sponsors Volunteers** Needed Food/Toy Campaign

MultiVision Cable TV will sponsor the Food for the Needy and Toys for Kids Campaigns through December 20.

MultiVision's office located at 9609 Annapolis Road in Lanham will serve as a "drop off" site for anyone in the community who wishes to donate food or toys. Weekly deliveries of these much needed items will be made to the Prince Georges County Department of Social Services. Those who wish to become MultiVision Cable TV subscribers can take advantage of this campaign by donating three canned goods or a new toy valued at \$10 or more and receive free installation. Existing customers will receive a free upgrade of any Premium channel with their donation.

MultiVision Cable TV provides cable television service to almost 72.000 customers in northern Prince Georges County, including Greenbelt, and almost 450.000 nationwide.

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The Food and Nutrition Information Center at the National Agricultural Library in Beltsville is looking for a volunteer to do filing, light typing, photo copying, compiling mailing materials and other office duties as required. On-the-job training provided. Call Prince Georges Voluntary Action Center at 779-9444 for information.



scheduled during the month of December:

Monday, December 2 Executive - Council Room 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 3 7:00 p.m.

8:00 p.m.

Council Member

Dorothy Lauber, CMC City Clerk

Work Session with County

Executive Session to Discuss Legal Matters - Conference Room

**Regular Meeting** Council Room

Thursday, December 19 Legislative Dinner with State Delegation and County

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State Senator Leo Green presents an award to former Councilman Joe Isaacs. - photo by J. Henson



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**COMMUNITY EVENTS** 

#### **Fun at Goddard**

## **Arts Center Presents Three One Act Plays**

Three Christmas one-act plays presented by the Greenbelt Arts Center at the Greenbelt Com-Center at the Greenbelt Com-munity Church, are a featured activity of the city's annual Fes-tival of Lights. The plays offer a varied look at Christmas, from the well-known "Gift of the Magi" to the then experimental "A Long Christmas Dinner" by Thornton Wilder to "Dust of the Road," based on a Christmas Road." based on a Christmas legend. The plays are scheduled at 8 p.m. on Friday and Satur-day, December 6, 7 and 13, 14. "A Gift of the Magi," based on O. Henry's short story, was writ-

ten by Dennis Jelalian, as a pro-ject of the Arts Center's New Playwright's Project. The workshop brings together play-wrights, actors and actresses to critique and discuss new plays by local playwrights. The play is directed by Greenbelt's John DiMeo.

Thornton Wilder's "A Long Christmas Dinner" takes place over 60 years as family members join and leave a family at its traditional Christmas meal. Three generations express the love, joy, sadness, humor and frustrations that beset any fam-ily. This was one of Wilder's early experimental plays staged

with minimal scenery and sets. "Dust of the Road" by Ken-neth Sawyer Goodman is based on the legend which says that each year Judas Iscariot returns to earth to atone for his sin by doing a good deed. No one knows his identity as the play unfolds. David Wilson directs these two plays and conceived the overall play production. Virginia Zanner is the producer for this series. Admission is free, but dona-

tions to offset production costs are welcome. For information or reservations call 441-8770.

#### **Tour the Green Belt**

The Committee to Save the Green Belt is sponsoring tours of the "Green Belt" each Saturday at noon. They meet at the playground at the end of Gardenway. Refreshments are provided. Call 474-4863 for information.

The Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers will host a 10-kil-omerter Guided Night Walk on Thursday, December 5, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Roosevelt Center. Meet at Joe's Deli, next to Sovran Bank. This is a "B" medal event (medals

from previous events available). Trail rating is "one." This is not suitable for strollers. For additional information write 4-D Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770, or call Lee Struglia at (301) 345-3203 or Dee Downs (301) 474-4653.

Volksmarch at Night

#### **SHLers to Hold**

#### **Xmas Happy Hour**

Springhill Lake residents will kick-off this holiday with a very merry Happy Hour, December 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. There will be plenty of eggnog, and other Happy Hour refreshments to put them in the holiday spirit. Enjoy Christmas trivia, games, door prizes, and a special appearance by Old St. Nick him-

self! Get cozy next to the fireplace as we put the Yulelog on the fire," says Gary Ponder, activities coordinator. There is a nominal charge of one dollar. Everyone must be

21 or older to attend this event. For more information please call The Fountain Lodge at 474-4555.

### At the Library

The Greenbelt Library offers two programs during the first week of December. An adult reading and discussion series, "The 20's and 30's: Literature Mirrors History" will begin at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, December 4. Featured in John Steinbeck's The Grapes of Wrath.

On Thursday, December 5. there will be Drop in Storytime for ages 3-5 at 11 a.m.

On Wednesday, December 4, the LAFFers, a group of differ-ently abled adults, will go to see the dazzling display of lights at Watkins Park. The price of admission is one can of food admission is one can of food. After the drive through the park, the LAFFers will go to McDonalds for a treat. The group will meet at the Youth Center at 7:15 p.m.

On Friday, December 13, the LAFFers will join Greenbelters as they go caroling. Meet at the Youth Center at 7:15 p.m. Wear warm clothes.

For further information about Leisure Activities for Fun and Friendship, call Karen or Patti at the Youth Center at 474-6878.

#### **Genealogical Society**

#### Meets on Dec. 4

The Prince Georges County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, December 4, at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library. The meeting is open to the public Visitors are welcome.

There will be a short program on one adoptee's search for her birth parents and the support given by her adoptive parents, plus other short "Show and Tell" presentations.

#### **Chocolate Making**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a Chocolate Making Workshop Saturday, December 14, at the Greenbelt Youth Center from 1-4 p.m.

Enrollment is limited so participants are encouraged to sign-up as . soon as possible There is a registration fee. Call Julie McHale for more information at 474-6878.

### **Support Red Cross**

#### On December 1 & 8

The Prince Georges County Council and County Executive Parris Glendening have proclaimed Sunday, December 1 as Red Cross Sunday in county churches.

In support of the services provided by the Red Cross to members of the community, special collections will be taken during regularly scheduled services held on Dec. 1 and 8. Marked envelopes will be provided to 400 county churches, and donations will benefit Red Cross programs.

For more information, please contact the Prince Georges County Chapter, American Red Cross at 559-8500.

Walking and riding tours are family-oriented activities. Tours include visits to special working areas that show satellite control and tracking and communication operations. The next walking tour is Sunday, December 1 at 11 a.m.; the next bus tour is Sunday, December 8 at 11 a.m. and 2 nm. No promution and 2 p.m. No reservations required. Space available on a first-come basis.

Model rocketeers will hold a "launch" on Sunday, December 1 at 1 p.m. at the Visitor Center. Visitors may bring their own rockets to launch or just watch.

Star Watch is Saturday, December 14, 7-9 p.m. Visitors are welcome to bring their own telescope or binoculars, or use one of the telescopes provided. Star Watch is held on the grounds of the Visitor Center.

For more information on these and other activities at Goddard call (301) 286-8981 Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Bring a Teddy

See the planetarium program -Terrible Teddy A fantasy story of Santa and the night sky. Saturdays, December 7, 14, at 11 a.m. Those who bring their favorite teddy will get a special treat. Howard B. Owens Science Center Planetarium, 9601 Greenbelt Road, 301-459-1816. There is a small fee.



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Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club

Tuesday, December 3, 7:30 p.m. **Greenbelt Youth Center** 

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345-7000 December 8, 2 - 6 p.m.

**50-50 DRAWING** MONEY WHEEL -

**University Chapel** 

**Christmas Concert at** 

# **Museum Sponsors Video Showcasing City History**

Friends of the Greenbelt Mu-seum (FOGM) are producing an 8-minute orientation video called "Greenbelt: An Ideal Community'.' The video is being produced to be shown to the 600 annual visitors to the Greenbelt Museum. It will also be distributed to local schools and libraries for their use. The purpose of the video is to demonstrate the historical importance of Greenbelt and to explain why the museum itself, located at 10-B Crescent Road. is significant.

Filming for the production took place November 2 and 3 at var-ious locations in Greenbelt, including the museum. Ern Mes-sina of Proto Con, Inc. was hired to shoot the footage, which includes the use of historical still photographs and film clips, as well as re-enactments of life in the 1930s. and interviews.

David Fogle. associate professor of architecture and historic preservation at the University of Maryland, hosts the production. An advisory committee of historical and technical experts is also assisting with the project. FOGM vice president. Sandra Barnes, is project director.

FOGM received funding for the project from the Gilbert and Jaylee Mead Family Foundation and the Small Museum Assistance Program of the State of Maryland.

#### **Meeting for Parents**

#### Without Partners

Parents Without Partners, Inc. is hosting a prospective new members orientation on December 1.

This non-profit, non-sectarian, educational, organization is devoted to the welfare and in-terests of single parents and their children. "PWP" is an or-ganization concerned with providing support, fellowship, opportunities for personal growth portunities for personal growth and strengthened family rela-tionships. To join Nomad Chap-ter 1192 of "PWP" you must be a parent of a living child and single because of death, divorce, conception unmarried status or separation, unmarried status or other acceptable reason. Anyone who is interested in joining the organization should call 794-7091 for additional information.

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Community

of Greenbelt

MASS

Municipal Building, Sundays, 10:00 A.M.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal

Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill

Rd., Beltsville

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Rev. John G. Bals, Rector

937-4292



David Fogel hosts the video program on Greenbelt's history at the Museum. -photo by Sandra Barnes

# Job Bank Planned For Service Swap

by Helen Geller The Greenbelt Recreation Department along with the Senior Citizen's Advisory Committee is planning to establish an outreach program with dual purposes: to identify people of all ages who are homebound and desire specific services, and to establish a job bank.

Those who are homebound or limited in ability to get around would be paired with volunteers who would perform such services as making daily phone calls, taking care of errands or driving to doctor's appointments.

The job bank would consist of a compilation of service-for-service exchanges in which one type of service would be repaid with

another type of service, or by compiling credits in a "bank" in which hours of service could be deposited and withdrawn by a pool of "depositors" which could include the homebound. This would allow for example, a person with a skill such as sewing to exchange that service with someone who could do yard work.

Those who are homebound and desire to participate in a service program, know someone else who might be interested, would like to volunteer for this program, or are interested in joining a job bank program should call Helen Geller at 474-6323 or Karen Haseley at the Recreation Department, 474-6878







#### Ice Rink Offerings

Two new ice skating programs are scheduled at the Herbert Wells Ice Rink, a facility of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, The rink is located at 5211 Calvert Road in College Park.

"Mommy and Me" is an ad-venture for mother and child. Classes will begin January 4 and are offered on Saturdays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays, 11 a.m. and Mondays, 5:30 p.m. The age range is size eight skate to 4 year olds.

The instructor will use activity music on ice to develop the skills of crawling, standing, walking, jumping, hopping, turning and gliding. Only students and instructors will wear ice skates.

A new ice dance session is scheduled on Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. The fee includes free off-ice warm-up from 9:10 to 9:14 a.m. and a free minilesson.

For further information call (301) 277-3717; TDD # (301) 249-4252

On Saturday, December 7 at 8 p.m. and Sunday, December 8 at 4 p.m. the University of Maryland Chorus, conducted by Paul Traver, will present their annual Christmas concerts in the Memorial Chapel on the College Park campus. The program includes Christmas music for chorus and brass featuring works from the 17th and 19th centuries. The audience will be invited to join the chorus in the singing

of carol favorites. Call (301) 405-5568. There is a fee. **MISHKAN TORAH** SYNAGOGUE Ridge & Westway Rds. Greenbelt, Md. 474-4223/4224 Conservative/ Reconstructionist Services: Friday 8 p.m. Saturday 9:30 a.m. Rabbi: Saul Grife UNITED METHODIST CHURCH MOWATT MEMORIAL 40 Ridge Road • Greenbelt • 474-9410 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. (Nursery Provided)

### WHEN GOD SEEMS FAR AWAY SHORTEN THE DISTANCE Greenbelt Baptist Church Bible Study For All Ages (Sun.) 9:45 AM 11:00 AM & 7:00 PM

Daniel Montague, Pastor

Midweek Prayer Service (Wed.) 8:00 PM For transportation questions, call 474-4212 8:30 AM - 12 PM **Crescent & Greenhill Roads** 

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH **MASS SCHEDULE:** Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

Saturday 6 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 4-5 p.m. Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor



# **20th ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**



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#### DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION, GREENBELT, MARYLAND

The 20th Annual Festival of Lights is a celebration of holiday events held throughout the month of December. Many programs, both old and new, have been scheduled for Greenbelters and their guests to enjoy. Share in your community's holiday season spirit for 1991! !

#### Friday, December 6th, 7:00 p.m. - Festival of Lights Opening Ceremonies and Holiday Tree Lighting

Location - Near the city Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Holiday lights will adorn the tree in the traditional spirit of the Festival of Lights season. Choral performances and caroling featuring traditional holiday music will put everyone in the holiday spirit. Santa Claus is joining us in lighting the City tree at 7:30 p.m. Cookies and hot chocolate provided FREE by Recreation Department.

Fridays and Saturdays, December 6th, 7th and 13th, 14th

Greenbelt Arts Center Holiday Performances -Greenbelt Community Church. Free performances, donations accepted, of DUST OF THE ROAD, LONG CHRISTMAS DINNER and an original version of GIFT OF THE MAGI. Call 441-1033 or 441-8770. All performances begin at 8 p.m.

Saturday, December 7th, 7:00 a.m. - 12 noon - Community Pancake Breakfast with Santa

St. Hugh's Grenoble Hall. To benefit Academic Achievement. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Lions Club in cooperation with the 629th Military Intelligence Battalion of the Maryland Army National Guard of Greenbelt and the Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. Menu: pancakes, sausage, juice, milk and coffee. Adults: \$4.00; children: \$2.00; children 5 and under FREE. Have Mrs. Claus take your picture with Santa. Tickets available at participating churches and synagogue.

Saturday, December 7th, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, December 8th, 11:00 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Holiday Craft Show and Sale with Children's Room

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Greenbelt Youth Center. Need help with your gift giving? Over 60 craftspeople are exhibiting a full complement of handicrafts. Children, pre-school and over, can make and buy all kinds of crafts in the Children's Room on Saturday from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Concession Stand is operated by the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center. Baked goods available through the Greenbelt Aquatic Boosters/Swim Team.

#### Sunday, December 8th, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. - Spaghetti Dinner

Greenbelt Community Church Social Hall. Sponsored by Greenbelt Community Church Youth Group. All you can eat. Fee: Adults, \$4.00; Child 6-12 yrs., \$3.00; 5 and Under, Free. Contact Jim Tilton, 474-1458.

#### Sunday, December 8th, 7:30 p.m. - Greenbelt East Tree Lighting

Greenbriar Community Building. Everyone is invited to celebrate the holiday season in Greenbelt East. The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Chorus will entertain with songs of the season. Immediately following the ceremony is a reception in the Greenbriar Community Building.

#### Sunday, December 8th, 7:30 p.m. - Greenbelt Combined Choir Concert

Greenbelt Community Church. Members of all the Greenbelt churches join together to perform a memorable evening of seasonal songs.

December 10th - 12th - North Pole Calling Greenbelt Children.

Pre-School through Second Graders can talk with Santa. Applications are available at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Youth Center. Forms must be in to the Recreation Department Business Office by 4:30 p.m., Friday, December 6th.

#### Friday, December 13th, 7:30 p.m. - Holiday Caroling

Meet at the Roosevelt Center Mother and Child Statue. Stroll with us through the Mall and up to Green Ridge House singing all the old favorite carols. Refreshments to be served afterwards at Green Ridge House.

Saturday, December 14th, 10:00 a.m. - 12 noon — Santa **Visits Youth Center** 

Santa and his helpers make their annual stop to hear all of Greenbelt's good little boys' and girls' Christmas lists. Bring a blank VHS video tape and have your child's visit recorded.

#### NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!

#### Saturday, December 14th, 12 noon - 2:00 p.m. - Pre-School Holiday Lunch

Youth Center. Lunch and craft making for 3 - 5 year olds. Pre-registration required at the Youth Center Business Office by December 11th. Fee: \$5.00

#### Sunday, December 15th, 2:00 p.m. - Greenbelt Concert **Band Holiday Performance**

Greenbelt Youth Center. The Greenbelt Concert Band of Prince George's County, under the direction of John DelHomme, will perform their traditional holiday concert for your listening pleasure.

#### Saturday, December 21st, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Children's **Holiday Workshop**

Greenbelt Youth Center. Children, 6-12 years old, will be busy making cookies, Christmas ornaments and gifts at our holiday workshop. Registration fee: \$15.00. Call 474-6878 for registration information.

Thursday, December 26th, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Ice **Skating Trip** 

Herbert Wells Ice Rink, College Park. Children 12 and under are invited to meet at the Youth Center and travel to the Wells Ice Rink for an enjoyable afternoon on the ice. Cost of the trip is \$4.75/person which covers transportation, admission and skate rental. Please register in advance. Call 474-6878 for additional information.

#### NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!

Friday, December 27th, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Adult Shopping Trip

Potomac Mills, Virginia. Spend a day shopping for those after Christmas bargains. The van will leave from the Youth Cen-ter. Lunch is on your own. Try the Mall's Food Court. Register in advance. Cost: \$10.00. Call 474-6878 for additional information.

Saturday, December 28th, 10:00 a.m. - 27th Annual Holiday Race

Braden Field Tennis Courts. D.C. Road Runners/Greenbelt Running Club, 10, 20 mile runs and 20 mile 2-Person Relay; 1.75 mile around the Lake at 10:10 a.m. Sign-up one (1) hour before. Contact Larry Noel, Sr., 1-301-447-2224 or D.C. Road Runners, 703-241-0395. Fee \$3.00 for 10, 20 Mile Races and Relay; \$1.00 for 1.75 Mile Run.

#### NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW! NEW!

Saturday, December 28th, 8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. Family Holiday Homecoming Party

Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center. Celebrate the holiday season with family and friends. Light refreshments, family swim, games and music will make this a night for the entire family. Bring your towels and innertubes! FREE to passholders; daily admission for non-passholders. For additional information, call 513-0390.

Tuesday, December 31st, 7:30 p.m. to Wednesday, January 1st, 10:00 a.m. - New Year's Eve Sleepover

Greenbelt Youth Center. Need a babysitter? We have an evening of fun planned for your child. Program includes a New Year's Eve Party, with games, movies, munchies and a light breakfast. Registration is \$25/child; \$15/each additional child in same family. A \$5.00 late fee will be assessed for every 15 minutes after the 10:00 a.m. pick-up time. Age limit 6 - 12 years old. Call the Recreation Department, 474-6878, for registration form.

#### SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

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Thanksgiving Day	8:00 a.m 8:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve	6:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Day	12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m.
New Year's Eve	6:00 a.m 6:00 p.m.
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12:00 noon.

#### ADDITIONAL HOLIDAY EVENTS Lions Club Toy Drive Kickoff November 30th, 12:30 p.m.

Beltway Plaza - Boxes at Tru Value and Sporting Life. Also Youth Center and St. Hugh's during Pancake Breakfast. Donations for needy children. Drive will be in progress throughout the month of December. Please new toys only. For additional information contact Lion Joe Wilkinson, 474-6893.

#### SPRINGHILL LAKE FOUNTAIN LODGE FESTIVITIES

Wednesday, December 18th, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Win-terfest — Springhill Lake Fountain Lodge. Includes Trim the Tree, Mitten Tree (mittens and scarfs will be donated to the Needy Kids, Inc.) and Smile with Santa, FREE. There will be party platters, pizzas, sodas and more. Space is limited. For additional information, call 474-4555.

For special events (residents only) in the following communities dial - Greenbriar Community Building, 441-1096; Windsor Green Community House, 345-4837; Hunting Ridge Community Building, 345-1777.

This schedule was prepared by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Except where noted, programs are open to the public free of charge. Dial 474-6878 for further information. The Recreation Department staff extends their thanks for your support this year and wish you and yours "HAPPY HOLIDAYS."

# **Chief Speaks to Citizens**

(Continued from page one) vehicles, said Lann, who also said that car alarms and bars on the steering wheel do deter thieves.

Most crimes committed in Greenbelt are committed by non-Greenbelters, Lann said, estimat-ing that 70 to 75 percent of those arrested are non-residents. "You people have worked hard to achieve what you have. And the bad guys are going to try to take it from you." Craze noted that the crime rate goes up whenever people are out of work.

Additional resources for routine patrols are highly unlikely given the current economic situation. On the contrary, cuts in state funds are probably coming and "we will do everything in our power not to lay people off," said Craze.

Kim McGee of Windsor Green asked how citizens can let the people making the funding de-cisions know that safety issues should come first. "Tell Ed Pu-tens and Rodney Roberts." said Craze-both Putens and Roberts were at the meeting. "Go to the city budget hearings." said chair Sheldon Goldberg. "You all have to get angry. We need citizen action." said Lann.

#### "Get Involved"

Greenbelters must get involved and become part of the policing element in the community, Craze and Lann agreed. Citizens should not hesitate to call if they see something suspicious happening in their community. "We want you to become the eyes and ears of the police department," said Craze.

Asked about the value of a citizen crime watch, Lann said their greatest value is in prevention. "In any neighborhood with an actual crime watch, crime has gone down." Arrests get made and the word gets out that the community is active and angry. "The bad guys will go somewhere else."

Craze called citizen mobile watches "Cadillacs," the top of the line in citizen involvement. In a community like Greenbelt, however, with so many twoincome families, he recognizes that very few have the time and energy to devote to a mobile crime watch. "I would settle for making people more aware" of what is going on in their neighborhood.

#### Advice

Lann offered some advice on personal safety and property protection. Be alert, he said. Take note of your surroundings. Know what cars are usually in your parking lot. At this time of year, when it is dark early and cold, people tend to narrow their focus and just think about getting from the car to the door as quickly as possible. Look around, said Lann. Don't be taken by surprise. If you see suspicious people, drive to a public phone and call the police. Criminals are looking for easy victims; don't be one.

Criminals hate noise and light. he said. A loud, bright home security system will deter a breaking and entering, as will lights on timers in a natural sequence, loud dogs, deadbolts on all doors and charley bars on sliding glass doors.

**Call Trace** 

A new service, Call Trace, provided by the telephone company puts a computer trace on threatening or obscene phone calls. If you get such a call, hang up and immediately dial \*57 (1157 from a rotary phone or one without the \* button). A trace is put on the last call 50 the code must be dialed before making or receiving any other call. The service, which is available on all phones, costs one dollar per use. The results of the trace are given only to the proper authorities.

Asked about the drug picture in Greenbelt, Craze painted a picture at variance with the typical conception of a high vio-"Most lence, open-air market. users look like us," he said. "That's why there's so much money in it. Middle class people use the most drugs." Lower class people may need to take wallets or commit breaking-and-enterings to support their habits, but the middle class drug user goes to work.

Most people, he said, buy drugs from their friends, coworkers, relatives. While Greenbelt has no crack houses or open-air markets, "we have served search and seizure warrants in every neighborhood in the city," he said. Most tips come from neighbors, he added.

'Asked what's on his "wish list" for when the recession ends, Craze specified three items: a drug unit; a traffic unit, particularly with the Metro station, about to bring an additional 25 .-000 car trips a day into the city; and more officers for individual beats.

#### Miscellaneous

The meeting also provided updates on issues such as the lake at Schrom Hills and the cutthrough study on Ora Glen and State Highway Administration on the Greenbelt Road-Frankfort Drive problem. Progress on the traffic light at Hanwork is proceeding on target for the light to be on-line in November.

on December 5 at 7:30 p.m.

#### Volunteers Needed

Instructors needed to conduct exercise classes for senior citizens. Free training provided in November, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Prince Georges Community College. Individual must be available to lead classes for a minimum of one hour per week.

Thursday, November 28, 1991

#### **Operation Santa Needs Presents**

For many people who are hospitalized for emotional illnesses during the holiday season, Christmas is just another day. It doesn't have to be that way, though, if people take the time to reach out and brighten the day of someone less fortunate through a project called "Operation Santa."

"Operation Santa" is a pro-gram of the Mental Health Association of Prince Georges County which provides Christmas presents to county residents who are in state psychiatric hospitals and adolescent treatment centers.

Help by donating gift items, monetary contributions, or time. Sponsor a child or adolescent and buy him or her a personalized gift package. Items such as toiletries, slippers, playing cards, puzzle games, note paper, books, candy and new clothing can be donated for hospitalized adults.

Donated gifts should be left unwrapped and in unbreakable containers. All gifts and monetary donations should be delivor sent to: The Mental ered Health Association of Prince Georges County, 96 HarryTruman Drive, Largo, Md. 20772. All items must be received by December 9. Anyone wishing further information or desiring to help wrap gifts or volunteer time at the Christmas parties at Spring Grove Hospital Center (December 11) or RICA-Southern Maryland (December 17) should call (301) 499-2107.

#### **Greenbelt CARES**

Greenbelt CARES counselor Wendy Wexler has been participating in a state-wide revision project of the "Foster Care Review Board Policies and Procedures Manual." This is being done to facilitate the Department of Social Services' compliance with permanancy planning ef-forts on behalf of children in care and to align the manual with existing state requirements.

The CARES family counseling program continued in October with an average of 15 families a week participating. Weekly tutoring sessions in reading, math and English were provided to 62 students. The G.E.D. program has seven students enrolled and Teen Discussion Group at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School involves nine individuals.

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Drive, as well as the most recent meeting with the school board over Parkway and Ora Glen Drive was noted; Craze said the

The next meeting of GEAC will be held at Hunting Ridge

For information call the Prince Georges Voluntary Action Center at 779-9444.

Preliminary Agenda THE COOPERATIY, **GHI Board of Directors Meeting** December 5, 1991 — 8:00 p.m. **GHI Board Room Key Agenda Items:** Selection of Auditor

**Resales Inspection Policy** 

Members are encouraged to attend

# **New Council Considers Legislation**, Lieutenant and Honoring Citizens

#### by Betsy Likowski

The November 18 meeting of the new city council was dominated by housekeeping issues. The meeting mostly consisted of discussion on the proposed Hall of Fame, the police lieutenant vacancy, and state legislation that council supports.

Council discussed and sent to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) a proposal to have a Hall of Fame or Memorial Grove for Greenbelt citizens who have contributed to the community in a significant way. The proposal came from the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB) and vice chair Ted Mecam was on hand as council members discussed the issue.

In its October 1991 report on the issue, CRAB noted that with increasing requests, there is a shortage of things to name. Recently, CRAB has had three requests to name city spots after Greenbelters. Mecam also mentioned that with these proposals, less well known Greenbelters could be honored.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld said he thought the proposal had merit. Council member Edward Putens agreed, but wanted PRAB to study the proposal. Council member Antoinette Bram expressed a preference for tree plantings. She thought the city's horticulturist, Bill Phelan, should decide where it should be. Council member Thomas White said he was not sure if this was the way to honor citizens, but voted with the rest of the council.

**Police** Lieutenant

There is a vacancy for a lieutenant in the Greenbelt Police Department. Council approved city staff's recommendations to try to fill the vacancy from inhouse. One is the conducting of an assessment center. A team of command officers from other iurisdictions, directed by an experienced professional, would assess whether talented individuals to fill the vacancy exists within the department and who is the most qualified. Currently the requirements for

the lieutenant position include a minimum of two years of service as a sergeant and an associate degree. The city staff recommended that all the sergeants be eligible to compete for the lieutenant position. And that a provisional appointment be made if the selected person does not have an associate degree. A five-

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year period would be granted to earn the degree.

City Manager Daniel Hobbs pointed out that only three of the eight sergeants have the degree and only one of the eight has the required education and the time in grade.

Half of the medium sized audience attending the council meeting were police officers and several sergeants spoke on the issue. Sergeant Daniel Love stated he was in favor of the assessment center, but was against a temporary lieutenant because it would give the occupant an unfair advantage.

Sergeant Greg Lynn said he was concerned that his personal sacrifice to get the degree would be watered down if the requirement was changed. Appoint a temporary lieutenant till there is a bigger pool of qualified people, he suggested. Sergeant Doug Sappington said that a sergeant learned a lot on the job and from specialized police training that was not being reflected in the requirements for education.

Legislation Council spent a considerable time discussing proposed legislation for the upcoming session of the state legislature. First they discussed three bills that

will be on the agenda of the public hearing before the House of Delegates County Affairs Committee for Prince Georges County on Thursday, November

Council agreed to support PG 402-92 which would repeal the exemption on inventory tax for automobiles which went into effect in 1990. Greenbelt would receive \$50,000 to \$75,000 additional revenue if this is enacted. Council also supported PG 410-92 which would prohibit the use of transportation funds for the Inter-County Connector.

The only proposal that caused discussion of any length before council supported it was PG 415-92, which provides for a one-year increase in the cap on the county income tax rate from 50 percent to 60 percent of the state income tax. The Maryland Municipal League suggested favoring the bill with an amendment for a proportional increase of share for municipalities the which would be to 10.2 percent. Council member Rodney Rob-

erts said he opposed raising taxes. Putens also said he had a problem with raising taxes. But Weidenfeld pointed out that if the legislation passes, Greenbelt wants to be part of it. The only way we can maintain our programs is to get more revenues, he said. Bram and White urged support of it.

Robert Rashkin asked why be so parochial? "We are citizens of the county, too."

Council will meet with County Councilman Richard Castaldi and the state delegation at its annual legislative dinner meeting. Council agreed on items for which legislative action is sought. Five of the items are carried over from previous years and four are new items. They include: additional funds for mu-nicipalities to replace the loss of the automobile inventory tax (if not repealed) and to replace the Youth Service Bureau Funding; state bond funds for the rehabilitation of Center School; opposition to the extension of Kenilworth Avenue and opposition to the Inter-County Connector; city control of the speed limit on city streets; funds for the construction of pedestrian overpasses on Greenbelt Road at Frankfort Drive and over Ivy Lane.

New items include: require counties to share a portion on the hotel/motel tax; allow cities to keep all or a portion of moving violation citations issues within the city; support the plan for preservation of wetlands near the Greenbelt Metro by the Anacostia Watershed Society; reimburse municipalities for funds lost by the cessation of Program Open Space. The city lost about \$230,000 when the program was cut.) The last two items were suggested by White.

(To be Continued)

# And the Band **Played** on Time

Forty band students from St. Joseph's Catholic School in Beltsville learned about the community spirit of Greenbelt on October 31 when their bus broke down at the intersection of Kenilworth Ave. and Crescent Rd. Enroute to St. Hugh's School to perform a music concert, they feared they would be late for the 9 a.m. program or even have to cancel their program.

However, within minutes an offduty Prince Georges policeman pulled up to the rear of the bus and two Greenbelt police officers stopped to ask what was wrong. They put flares around the bus and directed traffic around it.

Officers Barry Byers and Doug Sappington contacted Kenny Hall, acting director of Public Works, who immediately provided a shuttle bus driven by Norman Lockerman. The students and chaperones were transported the last mile to St. Hugh's. Their instruments made it by way of Greenbelter Charles Shepherd's pickup truck. Shepherd had been passing by, saw the students' predicament and offered to transport the equipment.

Because of the caring intervention of these citizens the concert was performed well and on time. too.

#### **Toy Drive for Needy**

The Greenbelt Lions Club and the College Park Lions Club are co-sponsoring a "Toys for Needy Children Drive." A kick-off ceremony will be held on Saturday, November 30 at 12:30 p.m. at the Center Stage at Beltway Plaza Mall. Joining in this ceremony will be members of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Choral Group; the mayors of Greenbelt and College Park, the Assistant Director for Football at the University of Maryland and a player from the football team; the District Governor. 22-C Lions International; and representatives of the American Legion and Maryland National Guard.

The drive will be held through December 21. Toys may be placed in specially decorated boxes located in Beltway Plaza at Sporting life, Tru Value Hardware, and Super Fresh Grocery. Boxes will also be located in the Safe-way at Greenway Center, the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store, the Youth Center, and the Giant in Berwyn Heights.

Distribution of the toys will be done by the American Legion, the Salvation Army and various churches.

Only new toys can be donated as Health Department regulations prohibit the distribution of used toys and fur animals.

# Now Open for Its Third Month MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 6 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. DO YOU HAVE A SWIMMING BUFF ON YOUR CHRISTMAS LIST? BE A SANTA'S HELPER AND CONSIDER A GIFT MEMBERSHIP THAT WE GUAR-ANTEE THEY WILL ENJOY FROM NOW UNTIL SEPTEMBER!!!! **PASSES PRO-RATED FOR DECEMBER, 1991** ALL MEMBERSHIPS EXPIRE SEPTEMBER 6, 1992

GREENBELT RESIDENTS SEASON PASS	Annual	9-Month	Summer
Family	\$225.00	\$136.00	\$135.00
Individual (3-61 yrs.)	109.00	67.00	65.00
Senior (62 yrs. & over)	56.00	35.00	35.00
NON-RESIDENTS SEASON PASS	Annual	9-Month	Summer
Family	\$283.00	\$185.00	\$195.00
Individual (3-61 yrs.)	153.00	95.00	100.00
Senior (62 yrs. & over)	112.00	67.00	70.00
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GREENBELT RESIDENTS	SUMME	R	WINTER
Adult (18-61 yrs.)	\$3.00		\$2.50
Child (3-17 yrs.)	1.75		1.25
Senior (62 yrs. & over)	1.75	gut Pillebury	1.25
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**Citizens' Meeting on P.G. School Budget Cuts** Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 p.m. Auditorium, **Eleanor Roosevelt High School** 

Leo Green and other elected officials have been invited to participate in a dialogue regarding: restoring current cuts

- extent of severe cuts projected for 1992
- · funding possibilities for our schools

Sponsored by ERHS PTSA - all are invited to attend!



### **Citizens** Speak

promised that teachers would be out in force in Annapolis and Upper Marlboro during budget discussions.

County Council Chairman Richard Castaldi disputed Davis' earlier charge that the county had "not really mentioned the T-word either." reminding her that the county had raised property taxes by 20 cents last year. in addition to increasing the energy tax by 50 percent. Despite these steps, the county had ended the last fiscal year with an \$80 million deficit.

Education and public safety were the only two budget items, Castaldi said that received a budget increase in the current budget. These two items had been "held harmless" until the most recent cuts, while 20 percent of other county workers were laid off.

He agreed that the county needs to devise a program to get the revenues needed for education, but said he was shocked by Plogman's report that only 25 percent of county taxpayers have children in the public schools. He felt this low percentage would make it difficult to get public support for a tax increase.

In response to Davis' question. Plogman reported that School Board members were also taking pay cuts (approximately \$162 out of annual salaries of \$12,000).

#### Comb and Glass

Plogman promised that the board will go over the next budget "with a fine-tooth comb and a magnifying glass" to see what cuts can be made. The board realizes that this must be done before it seeks additional funds, she said.

Even if no additional budget cuts are needed, Felegy foresees continuing problems. The county school system is out of space in the face of growing student populations. While there are some vacant schools that may be placed back in service, these empty schools frequently are not in areas where additional class room space is needed.

#### Tax Increase?

Felegy, Plogman and several audience members argued that a tax increase for education is needed. Felegy reported that the county Chamber of Commerce proposed increasing the county's piggyback on the state income tax to 60 percent, with 70 per-

#### Dracula Plant Spices Up Musical

The Hallam Players of Prince Georges Community College present the weird musical "Little Shop of Horrors" by Howard Ashman and Alan Menken, at the Hallam Theatre on Dec. 6-7 and 12-14 at 8 p.m. A matinee performance will be presented Dec. 8 at 3 p.m.

Set in a skid-row flower shop, the musical follows the development of Seymour, a shy flower shop employee; Audrey, the scatterbrained love of Seymour's life; and a gruesome plant that feeds on human blood. The outrageous plot comes to life through the mixture of rock, pop and Latin rhythms featured in the musical score.

For reservations and additional information, call (301) 322-0444. There is a small admission charge.

(Continued from page one) cent of the increase dedicated to education and the remainder to public safety such as police and fire protection.

Plogman said that "an incredible PR campaign" by parents and the school system will be needed to get a tax increase for education in a county where, she said, 75 percent of taxpayers do not have children in the public schools.

#### Parents' Roles

Several speakers wanted to know what they could do and, in Connie Arnold's words, they were not talking about selling more candy. Plogman called for parents to be involved in the board's plea for more funds, such as by attending a planned January rally in Annapolis.

Ken Barnes called for more anger. He charged that the school system should be fighting the cuts, rather than just finding creative ways around the problem. Barnes also suggested that the school system may need to seek a legal, rather than a financial solution, through a court suit. Felegy wasn't optimistic, saying that while he knew of cases where courts had ordered higher spending to eliminate inequities between rich and poor areas, he was not aware of any successful suits based upon the argument that the county is "not giving us enough."

# **One Student's Perspective**

by Lynne Tucker (ERHS Sophomore)

Today, Tuesday, November 19, instead of heading for the buses or extracurricular activities, approximately 200 students headed for the front lobby of our school. I am here myself at Eleanor Roosevelt High School to participate in a protest to call attention to the recent budget cuts in education. Not only is there no money for instructional materials, but most classes have around 30 to 35 people in them. Now, the State of Maryland and the Prince Georges County Board of Education want to cut more funding.

**Donald V. Borgwardt** 

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In response to these outrageous actions, the Student Government Association of ERHS has organized a sit-in which has been approved but not sanctioned by the school's administration. So far this evening, we have done our homework, written letters to government officials such as Governor Schaefer, and listened to our guest speakers. One speaker we had an opportunity to hear was State Senator Leo

4400 Powder Mill Rd.

Green, whose daughter attends Roosevelt. As of now, we have all rolled out our sleeping bags and are trying to sleep. Some students have left, as have the television cameras and reporters,

Although we all have to go to classes tomorrow, I doubt many of us will get much sleep between the hard floor, the talking, and the excitement. We can only hope that our actions will show our dedication to our

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#### GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

# School Officials and Citizens Discuss Programs, Discipline

#### by Diane Oberg

One positive note in this tale of gloom is that the new Greenbelt elementary school is "locked in," according to Prince Georges County School Superintendent Edward Felegy at the Town Meeting hosted by School Board Member Suzanne Plogman on November 21. Plogman reported that the School Board, at its Nov. 14 meeting, awarded the contracts for demolition of the existing facility and for construction of the new one. She plans to hold a meeting in December between residents, the architect and the contractor.

Despite the budget cuts, Felegy said that "some very good things" are occurring within the county schools, including a fiveyear program with the College Boards to improve high school mathematics and a partnership with the National Science Foundation to develop a strategic plan for the elementary science program. He was also proud of the system's leadership role in moving from a monocultural system to a multicultural orientation.

#### Magnets & Millikens

To help meet court-ordered desegregation standards without additional forced busing, former Superintendent John Murphy had introduced Magnet and Milliken programs. The Magnet programs use special options, such as advanced achievement, performing arts, and language immersion, to attract students from outside the neighborhood area and improve the racial balance at the school. Milliken programs are used when the student population surrounding the school is so overwhelmingly composed of minority students that further integration is impossible. In essense, the county got a waiver from the maximum minority/ white student body ratios by providing additional equipment and reducing class sizes at these schools. Felegy said that test data show that the Milliken programs are working, with these schools demonstrating more rapid improvements in scores than at other schools.

Lori Schneider said that she had moved her child to private school because of the inequities between "comprehensive schools" (those without Magnet or Milliken prcgrams) and those special schools.

Felegy acknowledged the need to bring all county schools to the Milliken level and reported that he had planned to do so in the 1993-94 fiscal year. However, that is no longer possible. He said that the comprehensive schools have caught up with the Magnet schools, but not the Millikens, in terms of computers and other equipment. Felegy also noted that comprehensive schools with special needs have received funds for extra programs, such as the after-school program at Center School.

Plogman assured the audience that the extra funds for the special programs had not been taken from the operating budgets of the comprehensive schools. Instead, she said, the disparities between the Magnet and Milliken schools and the comprehensive school simply demonstrates that the school system never recovered from the cuts of the early 1980's.

#### Discipline

Julie Greer, saying she couldn't be quiet any more, related a series of assaults on her son in two schools. She was not satisfied by the steps taken by school officials.

Greer charged that the school system did not impose a consistent set of discipline, forcing teachers to be babysitters. She urged that principals and vice principals be held responsible for failures to follow through on discipline.

Felegy said that the school system has a code of student conduct designed to provide safety and discipline. While officials seek uniform implementation of this code, Felegy argued that they must have some latitude in handling specific cases.

Plogman, describing the events recounted by Greer as "appalling," said that parents who are not satisfied with the results they obtain at the school level can seek further redress from higher levels of the school system administration.

Katie Pugliese asked what the school system was doing to deal with the problems of disruptive students. Felegy cited the uniform code of student conduct, the black male achievement program and steps to increase parental involvement in the schools.

#### Self Esteem

A visibly upset Liza Linder complained that while the evening had featured a lot of talk about money, there had been little about the quality of teaching, especially in elementary school. She asked Felegy to "do a little less and spend a little less." Students could do without French immersion programs, dancing and other "great programs," but they couldn't do without teachers "looking the kids in the eyes and saying 'You did a good job."

Linder said that she was upset because "I'd like my kid to be able to walk to school and speak English." The "extra stuff" should be left to parents. When a class of 45 students gets antsy, she charged, they were given "lollipop bribes." Saying that she can't afford to send her



The Board of Education of the Prince Georges County Public Schools neacted a series of recommendations to resolve a \$15.7 million shortfall in funding for the current year.

Superintendent of Schools Edward M. Felegy stated in a memorandum to all employees, "There was no easy solution to this pro blem, nor is the problem necessarily of a one-time nature. We have been advised that as the state continues in a deficit position, even further budget adjustments could be required in the course of this year. That possibility, along with the need for prompt decisions in the face of dwindling options as each budget day lapsed, necessitated the Board's actions on November 14."

The Board of Education was able to reduce the budget by \$9.865 million through a series of actions described below. These reductions freeze currently vacant positions; anticipate freezing additional positions that are vecated by attrition, significantly reduce funding for materials and equipment, both instructional and non-instructional; curtail athletic and after-school activities; and defer repairs and reduce TERP rebates.

However, all such actions did not suffice to close the gap in funding. It therefore was necessary to enact a three-day reduction in the student school calendar, simultaneously furloughing all employees for that three day period. The alternative to this ac tion would have been 742 layoffs, or a continuing 1.5 percent reduction in pay rates.

1.) A reduction of non-school based staffing by 40 positions, a freeze on additional positions by attrition, and the redeployment of five positions from the Division of Instruction result in a \$1.581 million savings.

2.) A reduction in non-mandated state grant programs will save \$453,000. Those grants include the following: Maryland's Tomorrow, Handicapped Children - RICA, Teen Pregnancy, Student Literacy Corps, Adult General Education, External Diploma, Literacy Works, School Community Centers and Extended Elementary. 3.) Refinancing FY-90 and FY-

3.) Refinancing FY-90 and FY-91 bus lease/purchases will cost avoid \$585,000.

children to private school, she said she was not asking for anything special, "Just teach them how to add." "Take the computers and air conditioning and sell it," to get the funds for "quality teachers who... know how to relate to children."

Felegy said that what Linder described is "an accurate description of county teachers—they do look them in the eye and say "you can do it." 4.) Reductions in contracted printing, advertising costs, central administrative supplies, school administrative funds, and part-time support cost will save \$268,000.

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5.) Deferment of renovations, code work, minor modifications, maintenance overtime, and maintenance supplies will save \$1.370 million.

6.) Withholding 50 percent of the remaining TERP funds will save \$406,000.

7.) The use of auxiliary and trainer bus drivers as substitute drivers and the reduction of activity bus runs will offset \$240,-000. (The approval of this recommendation reduces activity bus runs per week by one each for high schools and middle schools.)

8.) Reductions by 50 percent of the remaining funds for staff development activities, elimination of board members' and administrative conference travel, and the reduction of amounts budgeted for tuition reimbursement will cost avoid \$358,000.

9.) Reductions in junior varsity and intramural game schedules and transportation support services for selected spring events will save \$139,000.

10.) All additional equipment purchases and replacement equipment purchases will be reduced by \$249,000.

11.) Reductions in instructional materials and supplies, textbook purchases, and library and media purchases will save \$2.233 million.

12.) Central administrative and supervisory support personnel. school based administrators and supervisors, and school based nonclassroom personnel will serve as substitute teachers the equivalent of one day per month, or seven days overall, between now and the end of the year. This measure will save \$560,000.

13.) A reduction, through attrition, of 40 high school positions, and 20 elementary and middle school positions will save \$850,000.

14.) Maintaining building temperatures at night settings over holiday and furlough periods is anticipated to save approximately \$573,000.

15.) The furloughing of all school system employees on Feb. 18, 19, and 20 will save \$5.959 million.

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# Fourth thru Sixth Graders **Honored at Center School**

Students in grades four through six at Greenbelt Center Elementary School were honored at an awards assembly on Wednesday. November 20 at 11 a.m. Many received cards for free gifts from local merchants for making the honor roll; others were given citizenship awards. Principal Dr. John Van Schoonhoven presented awards

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"B" Average Honor Roll Grade 4-

Mrs. Jackson - Aleisha Anderson, Christina Augustine, Melissa Cooper, Christina Fo-minaya, Brigitte Lippert, Abigail Logsdon, James Miers, Jamie Pistorio, Taneka S. Richardson. Bennie Robinson. Jeanette Savage and Denise Thompkins.

Citizenship Lakisha and Alvin Hicks Ogar.

"B" Average Honor Roll Ms. O'Connor Christina Baltimore, Ian Brinton, Paul Calebaugh. Kamesha Crestwell, Tyrone Hager, Vance Hall, Niki Herbert, Sada Holmes, Stephanie Hyde. Brandi Karis, John McBride, Alonna Moon, Patrick Moore, Jennifer Morgan, Scott Myers, Terrance Parker, Dana Raines, Isaac Rehner, Alicia Saunders and Jennifer Yettou. Alicia Citizenship

Terrell Clayton and Angela Hager.

"B" Average Honor Roll Ms. Trachtenberg - Melissa Alfred, Jessica Barton, Joshua Brooks, Lauren Byers, Matthew Cullinan, Michael Emerson, Tiana Fowler, Shannon Hein, Tkia Orange, Nicole Payne, Ericka Price, Christine Reese, Shar-maine Ricketts, Marie Torillo, Ashley Waters and Laura Wilde. Grade 5-

"B" Average Honor Roll Ms. Rosen - Jason Brooks, Niteroi Coe. Amy Demas, Ferney Dennis, Ashley Dial. Terrence Duckett, Kevin Ludwig, Heather Norden, Terra Phelan, Crystal Ricketts, Robert Strauss. and Andrew Weyel.

Mrs. Sutton — Jamie Arey, ubrey Barber, Michael Bell, Aubrey Alexander Cosgrove, Daylan Gray, Sheree Henderson, James McKee, Nicholas Moore, April Roberts, Jeremy Rubinstein, Shelly Shupp, Todd Walton and Ashlee Wilkins. Grade 5-

#### Citizenship

Mrs. Sutton - Gary Arrington, Lawrence Brown, Carl Davis, Jr., India Freeland. Heather Holland. Travanion Marshall, Eugene Murphy, Wayne Thompson, Darnell White and Stephanie Sumpter. Grade 5/6-

#### "B" Average Honor Roll

Mrs. Lubetzky -- Darnell Davis, Sima Fadli, Charisse Bland, Latisha Ford, Thomas Canavan, Starr Coehins, Felicia Hager, Matthew Hall, Lukendra Henderson, Thomas Maddox, Jason Mc-Nulty, Trudy Miller, Ranota Penkert, and Angela Simms. Grade 6-

"B" Average Honor Roll Ms. Marino - Adrien Feagin. Dana Ford, Ryan Greer, Stanina Holmes, Camille Lewis, Bruce Lindsay, Shahrzad Mirshahi, Tiffany Romello, Tammy Smith. Yolando Washington and Kristina Zugby.

Citizenship Dwight Robinson, Lasha Skinner and Kendra Winter. "B" Average Honor Roll Lashawn Mrs. Sturgill - Tiffany Ash-

by, Towanda Chase, Heather Durance, Angela Feagin, Lakeisha Hagler, Talicia Hall, Ebony Hagler. Hart, Shera Hein. Erin Hyde, Hyuk Kwon, Katie Lee, Donna Leggett, Crystal Martin, Maxine McIntyre. Alyson Miers, Christina Mortenson, Deonte Pressley, Leslie Scruggs, Eric Silverman and Anthony Tran.

#### Citizenship

Summer Karis. Mrs. Carolyn Goff, After School Director, presented Mrs. Rosen's fifth grade class with the "Caught You Being Good" award. The class received a banner to hang on their classroom door and also got a special treat lunchtime. They had earned 520 points.

Special attendance certificates, also to hang on classroom doors, went to 4th grade. Ms. Trachtenberg's class; 5th grade, Mrs. Rosen's class; and 6th grade, Mrs. Lubetzky's class.

Community sponsors were Herbert Wells Ice Skating Rink, Fair Lanes Bowling Centers, Generous Joe's Deli, Roy Rogers, Domino's Pizza, 7-Eleven, K-Mart, McDonald's, Woolworth's, Hardee's and Theresa Banks Memorial Pool.

## AfterSchoolNews

Coming into Greenbelt Center School the first thing a visitor sees is a display of flags from nations around the world. Done in several media: crayon, paint. markers, and paper tiles, the large flags hanging from the ceiling were made by the mem-bers of the After School Program's (ASP) classes.

The ASP classes also made a tape of their classes and clubs which was shown to parents afthe awards assemblies and will be shown again at a parent reception on December 6.

On that date members of the ASP faculty will play a basketball game against members of the Black Student Union from University of Maryland. the These students volunteer their help in the regular ASP classes. During intermission members of the cheerleading club will cheer and members of the baton club will perform. Cookies made by members of the sewing and cooking club will be served to parents afterward.

In October the students had a field trip to the Pumpkin Patch in Glenn Dale. Earlier in the semester they had an ice cream party for their parents at the

Many of the ASP students received awards at the first award assembly of the year on November 20. Help with homework as well as enrichment activities is part of the ASP program.

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**GHI Board Increases Fees** 

by Leslie Robinson In these days of billion dollar defaults and other horrendous news, the financial affairs of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) appear as a point of light. During the regular meeting of Thursday, November 21, the GHI board of directors approved a \$6.5 million budget for the coming year.

In other actions the board gave go ahead to two members wishing to sublease their units for one year, voted favorably on a sun porch addition to a one-bedroom frame unit, and reviewed options to increase member participation in GHI affairs. 1992 Budget

After three months of careful deliberation, the board unanimously approved the 1992 budget. Beginning in September, GHI Manager Ronald Colton presented the budget to the board six different times, each time revising the budget at the board's request. The salient points of this budget are the noprofit, no-loss character of the budget as required in cooperative financing, the \$1.8 million held in reserve, and the increase in member charges averaging 5.4 percent.

This means that all is in readiness for the annual letter to members informing them of their new monthly charges in 1992. Monthly payments on frame homes will be up an average of 4.4 percent in 1992; payments on masonry homes will climb 7.3 percent; and payments on larger homes will increase 3.0 percent. Rentals on spaces in the boat and trailer yards will increase by \$1 per month. Garage rents will be \$18 per month for open garages and \$23 per month for garages with doors. The budget for the N&E (Nominations and Election) Committee was increased to \$2,000, up from \$1,000 in 1991.

Back in 1988 the board of directors approved a plan to defer annual increases in monthly charges to qualifying members. About 25 members have taken advantage of the plan. This number may increase because the board approved a plan in the 1992 budget to make it easier for members to qualify for the deferred payment plan. Subleases

#### Two GHI members came before the board seeking permission to sublease their units. These members have had their units on the market for eight months or more, but have not found buyers with enough cash for the required minimum downpayment of 10 percent. Both members are eager to sell because they have purchased homes outside of Greenbelt and are making monthly payments on

GHI management recommended to the board that these members be allowed to sublease their units for 12 months, with the



glass doors on a deck added to a one-bedroom frame home. The board noted that the staff of GHI had approved the request and that Robert Rashkin, speaking in behalf of the A&E Committee (Architecture and Environment) also approved of the alteration. Colton explained that an enclosed deck is really an addition, but the structure does not meet county standards. Despite the fact that GHI rules prohibit additions on one-bedroom units, the board voted unanimously to allow the insertion of sliding glass doors/screens on the porch.

Selection of Auditor At this meeting Virginia Moryadas of the Audit Committee recommended to the board that the selection of a company to GHI's books for 1991 audit should be thrown open to bid. The manager, on the other hand, recommended to the board that the audit be made by Stegman and Company, the firm that audited GHI's books in 1990.

The board put off a motion on the question until the next meeting and recommended that the Audit Committee make its report in writing at that time.

#### **Member** Participation

The N&E Committee, which is dedicated to increasing member participation in GHI affairs, conducted a survey of GHI members in April 1991 regarding the annual meeting of GHI members in May of 1990.

Although the questionnaire was answered by less than 10 percent of the membership, it showed why participation is weak. Fifteen percent of those that did not attend said that the meetings were too long; another 15 percent thought the meetings were unproductive; and 48 percent reported they had other obligations.

Responses to questions about coverage on cable TV and the ad-

#### dition of neighborhood representatives to the board were not overwhelmingly positive. What emerged from the questionnaire results as the most popular means of increasing member participation was the answer to the question-"Would you vote by mail?" Almost 90 percent of those responding voted yes.

A complete report on the survey probably will appear as an insert in the GHI quarterly newsletter.

#### Refinancing

In light of the current downward trend in interest rates, the General Manager presented the board with a five-page report on costs and other considerations in refinancing GHI's three loans which made possible the rehabilitation of the community between 1980 and 1986. The balance of the largest loan is \$8.6 million. It is a variable rate mortgage on the 1.571 frame and masonry homes with an interest rate of 9.16 percent. The variable rate on this loan is due to be adjusted on July 1, 1996. The next largest is a second mortgage on the 1.571 homes with a balance of \$3.5 million. This loan carries an interest rate of only three (3) percent. The balance owed on the smallest loan is \$270,000 owed on the larger homes. This loan carries a fixed rate of 11.31 percent.

Colton said money for refinancing was available at about 9.25 percent. After discussion, the board decided to instruct Colton to pursue refinancing of the loan on the larger homes.

If interest rates were to rise it would be advantageous to convert the variable rate on the larger loan to a fixed rate now. However, refinancing costs might reach as much as \$200,000, according to the Manager's report.

### **Greenbelt CARES**

Carol Leventhal recently attended a monthly Executive Board meeting of the Maryland Association of Youth Services Bureaus in Randallstown, where the recent partial restoration of Department of Juvenile Services money to the Youth Services Bureaus was discussed.

Wendy Wexler interviewed potential members of the Teen Discussion Group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The group will meet weekly for eight weeks to discuss their concerns about school, friends and home life.



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#### **Center Elementary School Students Police Blotter Receive Honors, Awards, Treats Based** on Information Released by the Greenbelt **Police** Department

by Barbara Likowski

The first of two honor roll assemblies was held at Center School on Wednesday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m. Many students received recognition for placing on the honor roll and for receiving citizenship awards. Again A and B cards were given to those on the A and B honor roll indicating free gifts donated by local merchants; another reward earned by many.

The keynote speaker was Joseph Brown, coordinator of the After School Program. Brown told the children about his own childhood, Taller than the other children, he was teased and laughed at by them. His parents encouraged him to ignore the teasing. A special teacher whom he really admired asked him to read aloud to the class. He didn't want to because he was afraid the others would laugh but he did it anyway and he did it well. He learned that "if people have confidence in you, you can have confidence in yourself." Brown urged the children to do the best they could and not be afraid to try.

Principal Dr. John VanSchoonhoven and After School Director Carolyn Goff presented the certificates and A and B cards to the following:

#### Citizenship

Grade 1, Ms. Bruskrud - Michele Burton, Robert Burton, Charles Colbert, Meredith Du-pree, Kalika France, Matthew Holien, Gabrielle Kneessi, Tyeshia Pittman, Matthew Scianella, Robbie Bob Shattuck, Jenny Tran, Erin Whiting, and Craig Wilson. Mrs. Field - Ciara Gorham,

Shanelle Triplett and Jacquie Tull. Mrs. Jones .. Nicole Barton, Cassie Clerkin, Antonella Durantine, Jennifer Donahue, Jason Jones, Duane Lassiter, Duane

Alexis Grant, Lakeya Hall, Ni-

cole Junek, Raeleah Simmons,

Lassiter, Jarnisha Savage, Agnes Sellman and Erika Young. .Grade 2-Mrs. Anderson -Kenneth Allen, Joanna Andrus, Vermenia Brown, Kelly Cameron, Maybelle DaSilvo, Tiffany Duckett, Cybria Farmer, Crystal Gorham, Jared Hunt, Shanell Johnson, Theodore Kish, Adam Mayock, Jefferson Poole, and Timothy Williams.

Ms. Coyle - James Allen, Tanisha Brown, Marketta Burns, Anthony Durantine, Kristel Foerter, Charlene Gerring, Tarel Hamilton, Leah Jones, John Norden, Brandon Reddix, DeMarco Robinson, Nina Strauss, Sybil Turner, Matt Wade, Gregory Wilde, Charlie Worsley and Starr Young.

Grade 2/3 - Ms. Richardson-Khristian Benson, Jewell Grant, Tiara Orange. Laquanda Powell, Charlette Watkins and Donnita Lyons.

#### "B" Honor Roll

Grade 3-Mrs. Burch - Justin Allen, Connie Bailey, Ryan Cooper, Francis Davis, Loren Derise, Joanna Finney, Adrian Green, Matthew Gregory, Dustin Jones, Bonny Ogar, William Phelan, Brandi Roscoe, and Sabrina Smith.

#### Citizenship

George Daffan, Joshua Holien, Samantha Leanos, Christian Packer, Seneca Pappas, Johnny Washington.

"B" Honor Roll Richardson — Dennika Ms. Brown, Angela Davis, Naomi Gaskins, Justin Holmes, Latonya Jackson, John Jefferson, Aaron

Johnson, Christopher Logsdon, Gary McKinley, Katie Monke, Ronald Powell, Steven Pickert, John Price and Tristan Turner. Straight "A" Honor Roll

- Carla Zamudio Mrs. West and Lauren Minor.

"B" Average Honor Roll Johanna Baker, Tanisha Butler, Michael Canavan, Stephen Nelson DaSilva, Grace Cure, Gyemfi, Jack Holbert, John Kerfoot, Kelly Lee, Gloria Lefchick, Stephanie Meadows, Teaya Perez, Christopher Robey, Darniece Slater, John Vish, Nicholas Weyel and Michael Wilson.

Citizenship

Dewayne Hager and Renee Skinner.

Van Schoonhoven also presented the "Caught You Being Good" awards to Mrs. Field's class who gathered 605 points. These points can be earned by classes caught being good, in the hall, the cafeteria, other places in the school. Any faculty member except the teacher of that particular class may give a class a point for excellent behavior.

Certificates will hang on the classroom doors. The classes will also receive a treat at lunch.

Special attendance certificates to hang on classroom doors were given by Goff to: first grade, Mrs. Field's class; 2nd, Mrs. Anderson's class; and 3rd, Mrs. Burch's class.

### **City Notes**

The auto shop has won First Place for best design and best overall specialty vehicle at the 1991 Police Vehicle Competi-tion sponsored by Professional Law Enforcement Services and Equipment.

Richard Mills, parks foreman, and Karl Skaggs attended a parks manager's conference in Wheeling, West Virginia.

Around 9:40 p.m. on Nov. 16 officers arrested a nonresident male for possession of a concealed deadly weapon at Beltway Plaza, following a report of a man with a gun. They found a man matching the given description, did a pat down search of him, and found a marksman repeater BB/pellet gun. The man appeared before a District Court commissioner and was released pending trial.

As a woman was sitting at a bus stop in the 7500 block of Mandan Rd. around 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 18, a man walked up behind her and snatched her purse from her shoulder. He then ran towards Greenbelt Rd. He is described as black or Hispanic, in his 20s, 6', stocky build, wearing a blue, long, hooded coat.

Around 5:30 p.m. on Nov. 18, a man posing as a Fuller Brush representative collected payment from a woman in Maplewood Court but never delivered the merchandise ordered. The man is described as white, in his 40s, 6', with light brown hair.

A resident of 14 Court Ridge Rd. reported a burglary on Nov. 13; a VCR, typewriter, and jewelry were stolen.

Around 2:30 p.m. on Nov. 20, a man exposed himself to two citizens who were walking down Greenbelt Rd. near Frankfort Drive. Then he ran towards Windsor Green. Although officers checked the area, the man was not found. He is described as white, 26 years old, 5'8", with brown hair and brown eyes, wearing faded stone-washed blue jeans, a blue T-shirt, and white tennis shoes.

The I Can't Believe It's Yogurt store at Greenway Center was robbed around 8 p.m. on Nov. 19 by someone pretending to make a purchase. After robbing the store, the person got into a waiting car and rode off towards Hanover Pkwy. The robber is described as a black male, in his 30s, 6'2", 190 lbs., wearing a blue and red satin jacket, black stonewashed jeans, and white sneakers. The get-away car is described as being dark green or black, with two doors; it may be a BMW.

A breaking and entering around 8 a.m. on Nov. 16 was reported at the Big and Tall store in Greenway Center. Witnesses saw four youths each carrying sever al jackets leave the area in a white 1984 Ford LTD; jackets were stolen from the store.

A 27-year-old resident man was arrested for domestic assault in the 6200 block of Breezewood Dr. on Nov. 15.

While on routine patrol around 8:15 p.m. on Nov. 20, an officer observed a car run a stop sign at Mathew Sit. and Mandan Rd. He then tried to pull it over, but the driver didn't stop. A short chase ensued from Mandan Rd. onto Bird Lane, where the driver and two other people bailed out and ran away. Investigation revealed that the car was stolen. A 14-year-old nonresident youth was apprehended with the help of a police dog. The other two people are still at large.

A 1990 Geo Metro was reported stolen from the parking lot of Beltway Plaza on Nov. 17; it was later recovered. A black, two-door, 1987 Chevrolet Cavalier, MD tags RWJ 390, was reported stolen from the 7700 block of Hanover Pkwy. on Nov. 20. A burgundy 1985 Jeep Cherokee, MD tags 050799MM, was reported stolen from the 7800 block of Hanover Pkwy. on Nov. 21.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of autos were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza, the area of Breezwood Dr. and Edmonston Terr., the 100 block of Crescent Rd., the Greenbelt Metro Station lot, the 7700 block of Hanover Pkwy., the 7600, 7800, and 8000 blocks of Mandan Rd., the 7200 block of South Ora Court, the area of Springhill Lane and Breezewood Drive and the 7900 block of Winterhood Court.





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### Our Neighbors

#### by Linda Savaryn - 474-5285

John J. Hilbert III has joined the class of '95 Western Mary-land College. He is the son of Patricia Perry of Greenbelt, and John Hilbert Jr. of Clinton.

Sgt. 1st Class Warren V. Halsey has re-enlisted in the U.S. Army for four years. Halsey is a recruiter/retention noncommissioned officer at the Rochester Recruiting Station, New York. He is the son of Jesse W. and Geneva L. Halsey of Hedgewood Drive.

Air Force Capt. Todd G. Baker has been named company grade officer of the quarter. Selection was based on the individual's exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant selfimprovement and other accomplishments.

He is chief of Air Traffic Control Operations at Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi. Miss.

Capt. Baker is a 1986 graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park. His wife, Sharon. is the daughter of Shirley Wander of Greenbelt.

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