

## **New Plans for Sunrise Property**

#### by Virginia Beauchamp

At the request of the city staff, the Greenbelt City Council placed on its agenda for the regular meeting on February 27 a hearing concerning new plans for development of what was once called the Sunrise property in Greenbelt East. The 10 acre parcel, now owned by the Shapiro Companies, is situated off Hanover Drive and south of the Holiday Inn.

Its new name, Greenway Villas, could in part erase the memory of the troubled and long relationship between the city and the property's previous owners. So councilmember J. Davis implied when she thanked the new owner's representatives for the name change. "Maybe Sunrise is now Sunset," said councilmember Ed Putens.

Earlier plans for the Sunrise development had called for almost 500 apartments in a highrise building of 110 feet. Such development had been opposed by previous councils because of the heavy impact it would have had in increasing traffic congestion. by contrast,

Greenway Villas would involve only four-story buildings, divided between two separate parcels-one of three acres designed for senior citizen housing in 118 apartments, the other of 6.5 acres for 116 two bedroom condominium apartments. The proposed development is permitted under the R18-C zoning. **City Concerns** 

Notes prepared by the city staff before the council meeting expressed concern about several aspects of the proposed plan:

waivers requested on parking and green space a lack of amenities, the site layout, its density, traffic impact and pedestrian connections.

Don Hachey, Project Manager for the Shapiro Companies, who had brought to the council meeting an artist's rendering of the proposed layout, pointed out a number of

amenities that were proposed: a hiker-biker trail looping the entire 10 acres, benches to be arranged along the trail, preservation of existing woodland areas, gardening plots for senior citizens, a gazebo area, a bird-watching area, a tot lot, a volleyball area, and picnic tables and barbecue pits.

The company would try to preserve as much of the natural woodland as possible as a buffer around the development, he said, and especially in relation to the NCAR by Beltway. Although Honover Dr. is a cul-de-sac, a turnaround capable of hankling the movements of fire trucks would be part of the design.

Senior Citizen Building

Putens inquired about shopping possibilities and security issues, especially for the senior citizen housing. Hachey's answer was "no" to the possibility of first-floor shops, but "yes" to the latter. They envisioned a 24-hour reception desk service for the building, he said. No security fencing was planned, however, around the development.

Mayor Toni Bram raised the issue of parking, for which the developers have requested a waiver. They plan 80 spaces to accommodate the 118 residences in the building for senior citizens. Hachey pointed out that this ratiois "twice as much parking" as is allocated at Green Ridge House, the city-owned senior housing facility on Ridge Rd.

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#### FDA May use BARC Land For Second Federal Campus by Virginia Beauchamp

Members of the Greenbelt City Council were distressed to learn at the regular council session on February 27 that the federal government was planning once again to make inroads on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) property. In addition to recently announced plans for a Department of Agriculture administration building off Sunnyside Ave., a second BARC tract is being considered for construction of a Prince Georges County campus for the Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition.

This news, presented in a re- ed. However, because of her preof Planning and Com Director munity Development, was based on information she had received only that day. Reportedly, about 100 acres of land would be involved and about 2300 employees were contemplated for the facility. This new projected development would be situated off Powder Mill Rd., west of its intersection with the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

The federal government had no obligation to notify the city of these plans, Wilson comment-

port by Celia Wilson, the city's vious contacts with Harry Debes, Ge eral Services Administr tion Project Manager for the U.S. District Courthouse, he had been "courteous enough," she said, to notify her of this new projected venture. Council would have a two-week window of opportunity, during an ongoing evaluation period, to make comments, she said.

#### **Council Response**

Council response was immedi-ately negative. "Why out in a cornfield?" asked councilmember See FDA, page 7, col 5

#### **APB** Hearing Report

#### by James Giese

The Advisory Planning Board (APB) had the opportunity to review the preliminary site plan for Greenway Villas, the property formerly known as Sunrise, at its February 13 meeting. Appearing before the APB were Don Hachey, Project Manager for the Shapiro Companies, and real estate development consultant James Herl, a former Prince Georges County councilmember. They advised the APB that if the plan is approved, Shapiro Cos. would attempt to build the senior housing, but planned to sell the condominium project to another builder.

No decision has been made on financing the senior housing project. Besides seeking private financing, the builder might try to obtain financing through the Maryland Community Development Administration (CDA). CDA financing is more controlled and many developers compete for the limited funds available. A similar project, The Vistas, has been built at Largo Town Cent-er near the new Hechinger Store.

#### Preliminary Plan

The plan put forth at the meeting calls for extending Hanover Drive a short distance, from which there would be separate entrances to the condominium development and the senior housing apartment. Each project would have its own parking faeilities.

The senior housing building would offer few outside amenities. While lacking any food services facility, it would have a lounge, a library and a viewing area for large screen TV. Seventy percent of the apartments in the elevator building would have one bedroom. Located close to the Beltway, the building would be set into a slope with a six- to eight-foot retaining wall constructed along the property line about 60 feet from the building. Green area, primarily the rear and side yards, would compromise 52% of the property. Parking would be in front.

The condominium units are planned like other garden apartment buildings but could have elevators, according to Hachey. There would be a four-entrance building, a double entrance building and a small one-entrance uilding. The buildings would face parking lots. The back sides of the buildings would face either a wooded area that includes a stream channel and flood plain or a downward sloping hillside.

Although the preliminary plan presented to the APB showed extensive green areas on all but one side of the property, the green area shown was for the most part either right-of-way for the Beltway or land belong-See APB, page 11, col. 5

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GHI General Manager Gretchen Overdurff stands beside the 1995 Maintenance Plan for the housing cooperative, one of the important accomplishments that occured during her first year in the job. -photo by Betty Cookson

### **GHI's Gretchen Overdurff Reviews Her First Year** by James Giese

Gretchen Overdurff was hired by the Board of Directors of Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) a little over a year ago as General Manager after a nationwide search. She had been resident manager of a much smaller housing cooperative. Avon Hills, in Rochester Hills, Michigan. (With almost 1,600 housing units, GHI stands alone among housing coperatives.)

What the board members told her about the Greenbelt cooperative is not known, but what she didn't know. she quickly learned when she attended a raucous special

membership meeting shortly before she took office on January 3, 1994, at which an angry crowd of members rejected the board's budget that increased membershp fees, and instructed the board to hold the line on fees, instead.

An embarrassed board proposed resolving the budget crises caused by the member actions before Overdurff took command, so that she wouldn't be blamed for any adverse actions to employees. But reflecting her skills as a manager. Overdurff convinced the board that she needed to be involved with the problem.

Overdurff has now managed the cooperative for a busy year -- a year capped by another membership meeting to consider once more rejecting the board's budget and holding the line on memership fees, not only for the coming year but for the next three years. This year, however, things were different. The members were angry at the petitioners instead of the board and quickly rejected the cutback and hold-the-line proposals.

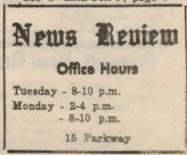
Overdurff credits the board with

turning the membership around. They worked very hard trying to educate the members about the budget process and tried to give opportunities for the members to feed back. Having a 20-page document was overwhelming. They really tried to listen to member concerns and consider their need in making budgetary decisions.

While that may be true, the new General Manager also has played an important role in making the cooperative more attentive to the concerns and the needs of its membership.

#### First Year

Overdurff considers her first year to have been difficult. She worked to bring the factions together and to unify the board, and offered the training so members could bette understand their roles. Board See OVERDURFF, page 6



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#### Household

#### **Hazardous Waste**

#### **Collection Day**

The Prince George's County Office of Recycling is sponsor-ing a Spring Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day. This event will take place Sunday, March 26, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Surrattsville High School, 6101 Garden Drive, Clinton and is for county residents only.

Household hazardous waste includes products with the terms "toxic," "corrosive," "flam-mable," "poisonous," or "reactive" on the label. Hazardous materials are found in such common items as used motor oil, batteries, pesticides, photographic materials, household cleaners, solvents, and oil-based paints. Professional hazardous waste handlers will be available to assist residents at the drive-thru collection site. Residents should bring their substances in the original containers. If original containers are not available, then materials should be properly marked for content. No commercial or industrial waste will be accepted.

For more information on the County's Household Hazardous Waste Collection program, call the Household Hazardous Waste Information Line at 95-CLEAN (TDD 925-5167).

#### Food for the Hungry

Volunteers are needed Monday through Saturday to deliver meals to people with AIDS in Washington, suburban Maryland, and Northern Virginia. Help with meal preparation and with fundraising is also needed.

"Food and Friends" relies on volunteers to serve over 400 people with AIDS throughout the metro area. Those wishing to learn more are encouraged to attend the orientation at the agency's office in Westminster Presbyterian Church.

For more information call the Prince Georges Voluntary Action Center, Inc. at 699-2800.

# **Letters to the Editor**

### **Show Support** For the Library

In the face of severe budget shortfalls, Prince Georges County Executive Wayne Curry has proposed closing various county branches—possibly inlibrary cluding Greenbelt.

In recent weeks there has been a surge in grass-roots support as petitions have been signed at all the county's libraries urging full funding of the system. On Monday, March 20, Mr. Curry will accept these petitions on the steps of the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro at 10 a.m.

Friends of the Greenbelt Library (F.O.G.L.) are asking for a physical outpouring of support from city residents. They stress that the petition drive is aimed keeping the total system at working.

The goal of FOGL is to see hundreds of Greenbelt supporters among those gathered at the front (pond side) of the county headquarters by 9:30 a.m. Monday. Car pooling is encouraged, and FOGL asks that supporters call or visit the library through Saturday by 5 p.m. to leave a name and phone number if they can take extra people or need rides. People can also call FOGL members Barbara Simon. 474-2192, Barbara Tanen, 345-8584, or Eileen Peterson, 345-2454

The Friends would like to know how many people are planning to go. Parking is free at the Equestrian Center less than a mile from the building, with free shuttles every 10-12 minutes. Besides the traditional servic-

es, libraries provide sites for after-school tutoring programs and adult literacy sessions. Computers are available for careerseekers as well as academic projects by students.

Last week, over 50 people braved sleet and heavy rain to meet at Greenhelt as supporters of the library system. Some came from as far away as Accokeek and Clinton. After the petitions are presented to Mr. Curry on Monday, a small group of concerned citizens will meet in the office with the County Executive.

"Our goal is to show overwhelming support-we need doz-ens of car loads," comments Tanen.

#### **Eileen** Peterson

Public Works is pleased to announce expanded capacity

**Recycling Corner** 

for mixed paper recycling at the Drop-Off Center. Residents can recycle magazines, catalogs, junk mail, and miscellaneous glossy paper. No window envelopes or wax paper, please! Remember, glass, plastic, metal containers and newspapers are collected week-ly at the curb. For more information about the curbside recycling program, call 883-5963 (new number).

### Greenbelt News Review

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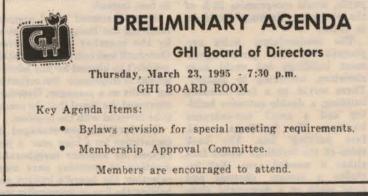
The News Review welcomes letters to the editor. They should be submitted by 9 p.m. Tuesday, be signed in handwriting (with the name also printed or typed) and bear the writer's address and phone number. If possible, letters should be typed double-spaced on one side of the paper. All letters are subject to editing for reasons of space, libel, taste, and clarity.

### Asks Level **Playing Field**

In his Letter to the Editor (News Review of March 2). Harvey Geller explained why the survey on the speed humps produced invalid data. The reason is that the survey used a self selecting population where those who answered the questionnaire are persons with the most bias either for or against these speed humps. Unfortunately the situation is even worse than presented by Geller. For the reporter who analyzed the data. James Giese, belongs to this "most biased group." Mr. Giese told me that he dislikes the humps so much that, if they ever would be built in the street where he lives, he would move away.

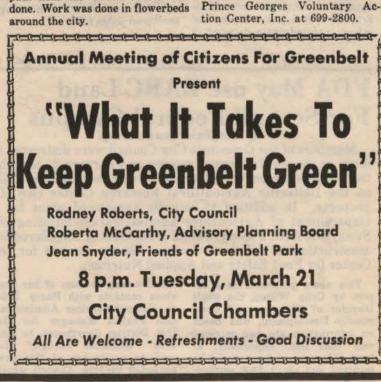
Now, don't misunderstand me. Mr. Giese has as much right to loathe the speed humps as I have a right to love them. That is not the point. The point is that in the first place he should have excused himself from writing the article on the "survey," or at a very minimum clarified his own bias, and in the second place he should have seen to it that his opinions regarding the safety and legality of the humps were published together with everybody else's opinions.

Folks. in discussing this problem we are all alike: each one of us is a single home-owner or apartment dweller. What we need is a level playing field, regardless of one's function with the News Review. A playing field where people state clearly where they are coming from and why. Only then is a productive discussion of pros and cons possible,



Leonie Penney

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I want to thank my friends, neighbors, the Fire Department, GHI and the unknown person who spread the alarm for their help and assistance during and after the fire on March 1. J. M. Horine

Thanks

Thanks

On behalf of the men and women of the Greenbelt Police Department we wish to thank you for the support and encouragement in your editorial of March 9, 1995. Much of the success that we have had in solving the four homicides and other serious crimes in the past year is directly attributable to the cooperation received from people within the community. Crimes are seldom committed within eyesight of police officers. Investigators rely heavily on witnesses to provide them with the necessary evidence and statements to attain verdicts of guilt. In that regard we are blessed with citizens who take their civic responsibilities seriously and ultimately provide us with information which leads to the apprehension of the guilty parties.

We are also blessed with a truly dedicated group of police officers and staff who are proud to wear the uniform of the Greenbelt Police. A more talented, educated, professionally trained police department would be hard to find anywhere. Each year City Council reviews staffing and operational expenses for public safety. Repeatedly Council has provided funding to enable the Police Department to meet the challenges of today's society.

So, as you can see, any success the Department enjoys is truly a team effort. Greenbelt is a very special place. Each of us plays a part in keeping it that way. Thank you again for the kind words. It is always a pleasure to receive a little recognition.

James R. Craze **Chief of Police** 

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and people stopped in for the one-day opening in November. Given the overwhelmingly favorable reactions in the 435 surveys turned in, a general meeting was held at the Greenbelt Arts Center on February 11. The approximately 50 people at the February meeting brain-

miss you."

happening.

What is the Deal

With the New Deal?

by Kim Hansen and

S. Lee Henry

"When will that coffee house be opening up?" "What ever happened to the New Deal

Cafe?" "I keep coming by the

old Mellon Bank space expecting

to catch another one of those

fabulous weekend coffee/music/

book things, but always seem to

These comments have been

making their way to a small

group of people meeting every

Sunday to make the community's

image of the New Deal Cafe a

reality. Seems like it's time we

give you a peek at what's been

For starters more than a thous-

stormed about how best to proceed and elected a steering committee to come up with practical plans for getting the cafe off the ground. This hard-working group includes Alex Barnes, Pat Hamill, Amy Hansen, Kim Hansen, S. Lee Henry, Tim Lee, Mohan Rao, Kathy Weber, and Diane Whaples. Besides meeting each week to work on feasibility and cost analyses, the committee is compiling a resource list of people interested in making the New Deal Cafe a successful community "watering hole". To all those who have free time, some special skills, or just can't wait for that first cup of New Deal coffee, watch here for an announcement about our next general meeting early in April.

#### **City Notes**

Five replacement trees were planted at Schrom Hills Park. Trees throughout the city were fertilized. Pyracantha hedges were removed from near the Youth Center and the soil was prepared for replanting. Preparation for laying a flagstone path near the Youth Center was

#### Golden Age Club by

**Dolores** Capotosto

At the next Golden Age Club meeting, on March 22, Jim Ma-her will present a program in preparation for the trip to Gettysburg, PA, on March 28. The guide for the trip will be Col. James Stefan, Jr., a professor at the National War College of DC. Lunch and dinner are are included. All of our meet-ings are held at the Youth Center, 11 a.m. to noon.

Members should make reservations for the annual Golden Age Luncheon, which will be held on Monday, April 24, at EJ's Landing Restaurant. That's in College Park at the Best Western Motel.

March Madness is here, and with the gorgeous weather come busy days. For those who need help with some home or garden work, there are nice young students in Greenbelt who do small jobs. Ask a neighbor, or call Greenbelt CARES.

#### Planetarium

"Anasazi: Sunwatchers of Chaco Canyon," the story of an ancient Native American Culture and their astronomical observations, will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on March 24 at the H.B. Owens Science Center, Greenbelt Road. A live presentation to aid in finding stars, planets, and constellations of the night sky will follow. There is a fee. For information call 918-8750.

#### At the Library

On Wednesday, March 22, P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6 will meet at 7 p.m.

On Thursday, March 23, Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5 beginning at 10:15 a.m.

Also on Thursday, March 23, the Tickly Toddle Storytime for ages 2 and parent will be held at 11:15 a.m. Registration is required. Limit: 12. \_\_\_\_\_

# **Community Events**

#### **Baseball Team Meetings Set**

by Jeff Keir, Commissioner

Parent/player/coaches team meetings for the three Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club's 1995 Baseball teams are scheduled for Thursday evening, March 23 at the Greenbelt Aquatics & Fitness Center classroom. The 15/16 year old team will meet at 6 p.m.; the 13-year old team will meet at 7 p.m.; and the 14-year old team will meet at 8 p.m. It is important that at least one parent or guardian of each player attend along with the player. Team practices begin April 1.

For further information on the Club's County Baseball program, call Jeff Keir at: (H) 552-9234. To register, parents call, either Pat Benson at: (H) 441-4845, or Mel Scites at: (H) 441-8689. For information about Club activities, call (202) 310-1066.

#### **Gray Panthers Meet**

"Alternative School-What and Why"-will be the topic for discussion at the next monthly meeting of the Gray Panthers of Prince Georges County, Greenbelt Branch on Saturday, March 18, at the Greenbelt Police Station. Following a short business meeting at 1:30, speaker Debbie White, who represents a private company, will describe the program developed for disruptive students. These pupils will attend an alternative school at the former Bladensburg Elementary School to which they will be bused daily from several adjacent counties and Prince Georges.

The public is invited; for rides/information call Janet Parker at 474-6668 or Esther Webb at 474-6890.

**Multicultural Night At Eleanor Roosevelt** The International Club of El-

eanor Roosevelt High School will present Multicultural Night on Tuesday, March 21. A multitude of international exhibits and performances will be demonstrated. Performances such as Reggae music by Blacksheep and Prince Amara will be featured. The event will host Russian poetry readings by Sofie Marshak and Shirlyn Selvin as well as international dances from China, the Philippines, Africa, India, Latin America and the U.S.

Guests are also invited to experience presentations of Tae Kwon Do martial arts, drama performances and international cuisine. The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Guests can sample food and view exhibits from 5:30 to 6:30, and performances will be held from 7 to 9. For ticket information, pl€ase contact Mrs. Conner or Ms. Fidler at 513-5400.

#### **GBCC** Hosts March **Basketball Tourney**

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club is hosting a basketball tournament March 17 through March 19 and continuing the weekend of March 24 and 26 at Springhill Lake Rec Center. Trophies will be given on March

This will be a single elimination tournament with a two game guarantee. Boys, ages 11 - 17 and girls ages 12 - 14 will be competing from around the county.

There is an admission fee. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. For further information, contact Ava Ramey at 220-0942. For information on general Club activities, call the GB-GC Info Line at (202) 310-1066.

#### **ERHS Benefit Dance**

Eleanor Roosevelt's Grad Night Committee parents are sponsor-ing a Country Western Line Dance on Friday, March 31 in the high school cafeteria from 7-10 p.m. Lessons will be provided by the Southern Maryland Dance Team. Proceeds will benefit a drug- and alcohol-free graduation party for Roosevelt's sen-Call Alice Mahan at (301) iors. 336-4501 for information and fees.

#### Learn to Backpack

Learn the basics of backpacking at a campfire program in Greenbelt Park. Meet at the campfire circle on Friday, March 24 at 7 p.m. Tips on the equipment, clothing and food necessary for backpacking will be discussed.

#### **Homebuyer Seminar**

ICM Mortgage will be providing a free homebuyer seminar for the public at the Greenbelt Library on Tuesday, March 21, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The seminar topics will include all areas of the homebuying process, including qualifying for a mortgage loan. Representatives will be on hand to assist buyers with questions, pre-qualify borrowers and to provide informa-tional handouts from government agencies. For more information. contact (301) 220-4111. No obligation to interested parties.

#### Relationship Seminar

Gail Guttman, MSW, LCSW-C, Clinical Social Worker, Board Certified Diplomate, will speak on the topic "Relationship Therapy from an 'Imago' Perspective" at the next Maryland Meet-ing of the Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work.

The meeting, which is a brown bag lunch meeting, will be at the Greenbelt Library in the small conference room on Tuesday, March 21, at 12:10 to 1:30 p.m. All mental health professionals are welcome to attend. For further information call Marcie Walder at 474-2146.

#### **FGNP Plans Protest**

Friends of Greenbelt National Park is continuing its weekly protest of the development of the 7.76 acre Good Luck Road property adjacent to Greenbelt Park for single family homes. The group would like the property to become publicly managed green space. The group is planning citizen protests in front of the site, opposite Parkdale High School, on each Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 3 p.m.

#### **Hike for Six Miles**

Come join a park ranger and take a six-mile hike in Greenbelt Park along the Bridle Trail which circles the western part of the Park. Meet on Sunday, March 19 at 10 a.m. at the campground entrance.

#### **Toastmasters** Meet

The Spring Speakers Toastmaster Club meets the first and fourth Thursdays of the month. The next meeting will be on March 23 at 7 p.m. at The Fountain Lodge in Springhill Lake.

Learn and practice techniques of effective public speaking. Guests are welcome. Free admission.

Contact Dennis Griffin at (301) 982-0598 or Cathy Yaworsky at (301) 552-4109.

**Greenbelt Federal Credit Union's** 

ANNUAL MEETING

Will be Held

Wednesday, March 22, 1995

at 7:00 pm in the Meeting Room of

**Greenbelt Library** 

11 Crescent Road

Door Prizes and Refreshments will be served.

Call (301) 474-5900 for details.

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will host a star party March 25, 7:30 p.m., at Northway Fields. Members of the club will set up telescopes ti view stars, clusters, nebulas, and the planet Mars. Visitors are welcome. Admission is free. Call (301) 552-1851 for information and directions.

For information contact: Russell Waugh, president, Greenbelt Astronomy Club.

#### **CFG Discusses Open Space Issues**

Citizens for Greenbelt is sponsoring a walk and talk on "What it takes to keep Greenbelt green." The walk will be held at noon on Saturday, March 18 at Northway Fields and will be led by a member of the Committee to Save the Greenbelt.

On Tuesday, March 21 at 8 p.m. the annual meeting of Citizens for Greenbelt will feature a forum on open space issues to be held in the City Council chambers. Forum participants will include: Rodney Roberts, Greenbelt City Council; Roberts McCarthy, Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board; and Jean Snyder, Friends of Greenbelt Park. The forum will follow a brief business meeting of Citizens for Greenbelt. For info 345-2032.

#### **Democratic Group Meets on Tuesday**

The next regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Prince Georges County Democratic Central Committee will be held on Tuesday evening, March 21, at 7:30 p.m. in the New Carrollton City Hall located at 6016 Princess Garden Parkway in New Carrollton.

In addition to the regularly scheduled monthly meeting, a public hearing will be held to consider nominating a female to the Committee in order to be in compliance with the State Democratic Committee and the Democratic National Committee. This hearing is a continuation from the February 21 meeting where the record was kept open in order to give those candidates who could not attend the meeting an opportunity to appear before the Committee to seek the nomination.

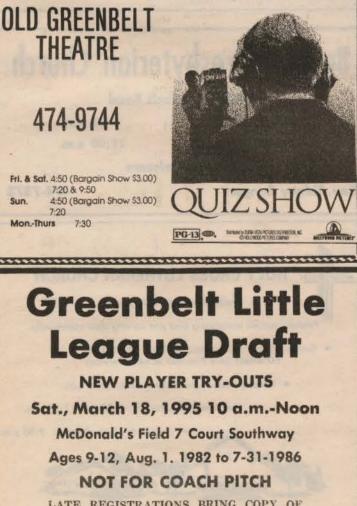
The public is invited to attend.

#### **Exploring Arts** For the Aging

Calling those Seniors who enjoy the arts or who enjoy being entertained. Also those who like to experience a wide variety of artistic endeavors. They will want to mark their calendars for Friday, March 24 so as to learn all about AFTA, Arts For The Aging, Inc. Patricia Anderman, the program coordinator for AF-TA, will be the speaker at "Explorations Unlimited". The presentation will be divided into three parts: 1) an introduction to AFTA, a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of seniors through the arts; 2) An open discussion on the types of artistic programs people would like to seen in the new Senior Center; and 3) refreshments, socializing and time to talk one-on-one with Ms. Anderman.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1-3 p.m. at the Youth Center. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. For more information call 474-6878.

7:20 & 9:50 4:50 (Bargain Show \$3.00) 7:20 PG-13 ..... **Greenbelt Little League Draft NEW PLAYER TRY-OUTS** Sat., March 18, 1995 10 a.m.-Noon **McDonald's Field 7 Court Southway** Ages 9-12, Aug. 1. 1982 to 7-31-1986 NOT FOR COACH PITCH LATE REGISTRATIONS BRING COPY OF **BIRTH CERTIFICATE PLUS \$20** For info. call Greg Fisanich 441-4647 - Hal Silverman 474-6947



GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

#### **Star Party**

**GBGC** Awards Banquet

rince George's Con

Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club honorees: (I-r) Eleana Brooks,

Nina Strauss, Terence Towler and Jeff Keir.

**Parents Anonymous** 

**Requests Volunteers** 

Parents Anonymous of Mary-

land, a nonprofit organization in

Baltimore, is working to break the cycle of abuse. Volunteers

are needed to be trained as facil-

itators of parents' self-help

groups, to work as child care

providers, and as hotline volun-

teers. There is also a need for

volunteers to be trained as ment-

ors for teenage parents. The next

training session starts on March

21. For further information, con-

tact the Volunteer Office at 410-

BOYS & T



Carol Hausner and Michael Sucher plan summer wedding.

### **Fifty Years Ago Minister Resigns**

by James Giese

October, November, 1944-Declaring that "I have neither time, strength or desire to waste the last years of my life in petty strife," the Reverend Wilmer F. Johnston offered his resignation as Pastor of the Greenbelt Community Church. Johnston had become Pastor three years ago. About 18 months later, the congregation began to disagree among itself. Recently, it appeared that the church's difficulties were over, according to Johnston, but then the church fight started up again. The Pastor could see no winners, "for some-one has well said, the devil is the only one to win in a church fight."

(A church membership meet-ing was held in November to consider the resignation, but the paper did not report on the outcome. Apparently, Johnston withdrew his resignation, because Johnston was still preaching at the end of the year, and, in a front page article on December 22, was reported to now be in support of Greenbelt Community Church affiliating with a denomination in order to receive aid in the building of a church.)

overcome: Alcoholism

Smoking Depression

Worry

Pride

Impatience

Bickering

Violence

### Hausner-Sucher

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sucher of Greenbelt are happy to announce the engagement of their son Michael to Carol Ruth Hausner. Carol is the daughter of Amy Hausner of Teaneck, N.J., and Melvin Hausner of New York City.

Michael, a graduate of Park-dale High School and the Uni-versity of Maryland, is a computer specialist with Applied Research Corporation, and a jazz pianist whose most recent Greenbelt engagment was at the New Deal Cafe coffeehouse. Carol, a graduate of American University, is a conference planner for American Bar Association. the and a singer/songwriter.

The couple plans to be married in July in Morris Plains N.J

#### **HS Students Try Diplomacy**

Students with ideas for solving the world's problems can find out how they would fare in the world of international diplomacy during the Maryland Summer Center for International Studies at the University of Maryland. Applications are now being accepted from students who will be entering grades 7-12 in the fall. Call 405-4172 for information or an application.

The program gives students the chance to act as diplomats during a two-week adventure into the world of high powered negotiations. Through the use of computer conferencing, participants talk with other student diplomats to explore human rights violations, trade and debt problems, world health issues. the environment and weapons proliferation. Students will also visit embassies and international organizations and get a chance to experience college life by living in university dorms.

The program is divided into two sessions. Students entering grades 7-9 should enroll in Session I, June 25-July 7. Session II, July 9-22, is for students ent-ering grades 10-12 The application deadline is May 5.

Nina Strauss and Terence Towler were selected by the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club as the Boy and Girl of the Year for 1995. Eleana Brooks and Jeff Keir were selected as Volunteers of the Year. All were presented with their awards at banquet sponsored by the Georges County Boys Prince and Girls Club on March 6, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bowie.

The Boy and Girl of the Year award is given to a youth mem-ber of GBGC who demonstrates sportsman-like conduct, leadership, academic excellence, and community involvement. The Volunteer of the Year singles out two adult volunteers from the many dedicated volunteers of the Club.

Strauss, a fifth grader at Greenbelt Elementary School, is a member of the cheerleading squad. In 1993 and 1994 she was Little Miss Greenbelt. Towler, an honor roll student, attends the Magnet Fine Arts Program at Suitland High School and participates in the baseball program. Brooks, a club member for seven years, has served on the Board for three years. Keir, a volunteer for 20 years, is a past board member and currently acts as the Baseball Commissioner.

For information on general Club activities, call the GBGC Info Line at (202) 310-1066.

#### Vallance Scholarship

Applications are being accepted for the 1995-1996 Shirley M. Vallance Scholarship, Sponsored by Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County (CCCC) the \$500 scholarship will be awarded to a high school senior or graduate who has demonstrated an interest in environmental causes in a post secondary school.

Application forms and information are available from high school guidance counselors or by calling 883-5843. TDD (201) 925-5167



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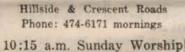
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6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 Rev. Stephen H. Mentz, Pastor (301) 345-5111

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by Linda Savaryn

Our sympathy to former staffer

We offer condolences to the family

474-5285

Jan Kuhns Zucker on the recent

of Lorraine Cooper of Greenbriar

who died on February 10. Mrs.

Cooper is survived by her husband,

Bob, two daughters, Sharon and

Kelley, a son, Butch, and five grand-

children. She was a Greenbelt

the American Youth Ballet in their

premier production of Snow White

on April 1 and 2 at the Prince Georges

Publick Playhouse in Hyattsville.

Creative and Perforning Arts

Easton.

Megan attends Thomas G. Pullen

Magnet School as a seventh grader.

She is the daughter of Marcy Fallon

of Greenbelt and Gary Fallon of

Sandi Dutton recently attended

the American Legion Auxiliary's 14th

annual Awareness Assembly in D.C.

During the four day legislative session,

she and other members were kept

abreast of national and international

**Paint Branch** 

**Unitarian** Church

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Ed Kohee, Al Usack, Mark Hayes,

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Church School 9:30 & 11:15

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Megan Fallon will be dancing with

neighbor for almost 20 years.

death of her mother.

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issues, in addition to ongoing

auxiliary programs and activities.

Dutton is a member of the Greenbelt

Auxiliary Unit #136 and is currently

the National Americanism Chair-

man of the American Legion

Marine Pvt. Daymon Gibson, son

of Cynthia Gibson of Springhil Drive,

recently completed recruit training

Parris Island, S.C. He also participated

in an active physical conditioning

program and gained proficiency in a

variety of military skills including

Gibson is a 1991 graduate of Largo

Air Force Airman Micah B. Jones

has graduated from Air Force basic

training at Lackland AFD, San

Antonio, TX. He studied the Air

Force mission, organization and

customs and received special

A 1994 graduate of Maurice J.

McDonough High School, Pomfret,

"Unusual Perennials" will be

the topic of a presentation by Anne Brooks, local floral design-

er, at the March meeting of the

Beltsville Garden Club. The

meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m.

Learn About Flowers

training in human relations.

first aid, rifle marksmanship and

at Marine Corps Recruit Depot,

Jones is the son of Palms S. Jones of Hanover Parkway.

Navy Seaman Joe P. Sampson, son of Harriett E. Sampson of Springhill Court, has been serving off the coast of Mogadishu, Somalia, aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Belleau Wood as part of the international task force assembled to withdraw United Nations forces from Somalia.

The 1982 graduate of Laurel Senior High School of Laurel, joined the Navy in April 1993.

Get well wishes go to Jerry Conway of Lakeside Drive, who recently, returned home from a stay at Doctors Hospital.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jeff Chapman, who's now recuperating at home.

Carmen M. Brown, a Greenbelt resident and certified P.G. County teacher, has been appointed by New Ventures Adlerian Counseling

Center of Bowie as a family counseling practicum student for the spring semester. Brown is a family counselor in training, completing post master's of arts work at Bowie State University's Adlerian Counseling program.

Employed in the Prince George's County schools since 1984 as a visual arts instructor, she has also worked on the Task Force to create Suitland's School for the Visual Arts, interned at Greenbelt Elementary School's guidance program, and is presently writing the Interelated Math-Art lesson curriculum for the county.

### **Greenbriar Hosted**

#### Sign Language Intro

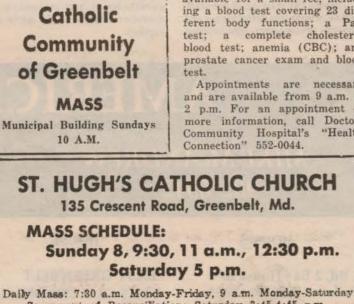
The Greenbriar Terrace Room was the site of a popular "Intro to Sign Language Class" con-ducted by instructor Francisco Roman. He taught some primary signs and their practical applications. Interested participants were referred to classes for more advanced study. Roman teaches at Gallaudet University.



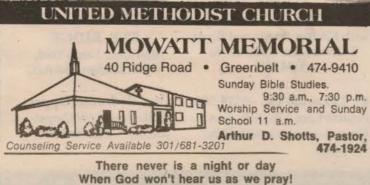
Sunday Services 9 am and 11 am

Lanham-Severn & Glenn Dale Rds, Just South of Greenbelt Road (MD 193)

The Rev. Michael HopkinsServing North/Central Prince George's Co. Vicar Vicar



Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m. Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor Rev. G. Paul Herbert, Associate Pastor





Greenbelt Girl Scout troops purchase gifts for needy children as part of the Salvation Army Angel Tree program in December. —photo by Karen Yoho.

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Prince Georges County will hold a support group for sib-lings and adult children of mentally ill parents on Tuesday, March 28 at 7 p.m. at Cheverly Health Clinic, room 218 (across from P.G. Hospital). For further information contact Sheaffer at 839-0253. Donna

#### **Health Fair**

In an effort to help people get the health care they need, Doc-tors Community Hospital and the Rotary Club of Bladensburg are presenting the fourth annual HEALTH FAIR '95 on Saturday, March 25, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the hospital, 8118 Good Luck Road, Larham.

Anyone over the age of 18 can receive a variety of free and low cost screening tests, for blood pressure; hearing; oral, colorectal and skin cancer; body fat; vision; glauconia; foot screen-ing; height and weight; nutritional counseling; and more. Ad-ditional optional lab tests are available for a small fee, including a blood test covering 23 different body functions; a Pap test; a complete cholesterol blood test; anemia (CBC); and prostate cancer exam and blood

Appointments are necessary and are available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. For an appointment or more information, call Doctors Community Hospital's "Health Connection" 552-0044.

(REI), College Park, announced the date of its annual Scout Skills Day. The workshop is scheduled for March 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. Scout Skills Day is a workshop designed specifically to service the scout troops in the area. Over 300 attendees are expected.

This year's clinic topics are: Knot Tying, Pack Fitting, Layering for comfort, Trip Planning and a Map and Compass Course. There will also be contests in Tent Pitching and Sleeping Bag Stuffing. The workshop is also open to the public. To register a troop, call (301) 982-9681 and ask for Customer Service.

#### "Taking My Turn" by Betty Allen

At the Greenbelt Arts Center a lively octet of singers/actors is rehearsing a musical comment on life's changes - Taking My Turn. Created by Robert H. Livingston from the writings of "people in their prime" and set to music by Gary William Friedman, Taking My Turn is a fresh, original and moving addition to the Arts Center's repertoire.

I was privileged to observe this show in rehearsal, as Director Mary Lou Fisher and a cast of four men and four women bring it to life. On a stage empty of props, moving between three levels, they involve the audience in real-life situations this show may be about aging. but it comments basically on the human condition. Humor, tenderness, heartbreak - guts - are revealed in songs and comments. The opening ensemble number "This is my Song" introduced people looking forward - and back - with affection, anger and a little nostalgia.

An able small theater orchestra directed by Joe Sorge (who is the show's musical director) handles varied rhythms and styles with enthusiasm. There's real variety in the score - an effective blues, touching romantic duet. I had to resist the temptation to sing along - it's singable music, but not at all trite.

Taking My Turn was first produced in 1982, and Mary Lou Fisher has long cherished a dream of presenting it in Greenbelt. Fortunately for us, that dream will be realized; performance dates are March 24, 25 and 31, April 1, 7 and 8, and Sunday, April 2 at 2 p.m. Put it on your calendar; you'll have a wonderful time.



Scout Skills Day at REI **Support Group Meets** Recreational Equipment Inc.



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alert area residents including those in North College Park and Beltsville.

A petition drive is also planned,

The lack of access to the Metro

system and the need to build an

extension to Kenilworth as well as

the loss of a portion of the

Agricultural Research Center open

space are the group's reasons for

opposing the headquarters proposal.

'I'm not against the facility being

built in the Greenbelt vicinity," Turnbull said, 'but not outside the

range of the station." He cites the

airspace above the Greenbelt Metro

Station parking lot and Capital Office

Park as two possible Greenbelt

locations. Other locations suggested

by him were the office park

development near the College Park

Metro station, the White Oak facility

to be closed by the Navy and other private projects. "There is so much

being built in the private sector that

could be suitable." he noted.

Turnbull said.

### **OVERDURFF**

#### (Continued from page 1)

meetings now tend to be shorter, she notes

She also worked to enhance communication between board, staff and members. Not having a manager for six months had been very hard on the staff as were the negative actions of the membership at the 1993 special meeting.

Overdurff maintains an open door policy to improve customer service. While members need an appointment, no one is turned away. She has heard some long standing gripes. Whether real or imagined, perception is what counts, she believes

She has tried to improve staff morale by accenting the positive. Staff needed to let go of what happened in the past, and not to overreact.

Having been closely involved with two lawsuits against GHI, she was literally in court every day for two months. This prevented her from doing as much organizational work as she would have liked, yet she is proud to have revised the personnel manual, established a trainin; program for employees, and gotten the maintenance department to develop a maintenance plan for 1995. She also notes that GHI obtained significant cost savings and better coverage by negotiating liabilty and worker's compensation insurance policies with new carriers.

#### Surprise?

Overdurff took the GHI job to learn and have a greater experience. Was the job what she expected it to be? The 1993 special meeting gave her a good idea of what to expect, she

claims. However, she was not prepared for the intensity of her day to day routine. "From the time I arrive until when I leave late, I am on," she said. "I've had more than the average to deal with. So many kinds of concerns." Still, she feels that she has learned a lot.

When asked if she had problems resulting from her being the first woman to manage the corporation, particularly in dealing with a maintenance department dominated by men, Overdurff said, "It was not that difficult. I've had a very supportive staff. I think we have a

#### **PG Library System Awarded for Service**

The Prince Georges County Memorial Library System has been awarded The Washington Post Library Grant Award for 1994. Dr. Vincent Reed, The Post's Vice President for Communications, presented a check for \$25,000 to Library Director William R. Gordon, January 31, at a reception held at the Post's corporate offices.

Dr. Reed lauded the county library stystem for its service to the community. "Over the years we have been impressed with the manner in which you serve your community," he said. "The Post believes firmly in this county's public libraries, and it is gratify-ing to see an operation that so effectively fulfills its mandate. Prince Georgians are the very fortunate beneficiaries of your dedication, efficiency and innovation."

Some 75 Prince Georgians library trustees, friends and members of the Public Library Foundation-were on hand to congratulate the Library admin-istration and staff. "We are thrilled to receive this award and be recognized for our efforts,' said Library Director Gordon.

really good management team. 1 received a warm welcome from many who wanted to see a woman as manager."

One of the reasons for her acceptance, she believes, is that women bring a sensitivity to management. Being a mother helps to bring out these qualities. (Overdurff has two grown daughters.) "In my generation, women were meant to be peacemakers, men to get what you want, she said. However, those traditional roles are changing, she believes. She attempts to create a balance between being assertive enough and keeping peace. While difficult to do, "You learn to do it," she said. She notes some difficulty when a woman deals with maintenance people and contractors, but "I fought those battles a long time ago. What you have to do is earn people's respect and work twice as hard to show people that you know and understand.

Overdurff has been involved with cooperatives for over 25 years. She managed Avon Hills in Michigan for nine years. Growing up in Reading, Pennsylvania, she first became interested in co-ops when she moved into one. She was actively involved in organizing a food co-op and a baby sitting co-op. More recently she has been a trainer for the National

Association of Housing Cooperatives. It was through that association that she learned that GHI was looking for a new manager. Goals

Overdurff's long-range goal is to preserve the cooperative so that it will last another 50 years. She feels it most important to have a maintenance plan and to use data from GHI's inspection program to update the plan during each annual review. She also wants to look at the reserves' program and convince the members of its importance. With adequate reserves, the corporation can avoid future borrowing.

Other specific objectives for this year are to take a look at the organizational structure to see where changes need to be made and to increase the training of the staff. both as to technical performance and personal development. She believes

shop ends

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some programs need to be reworked, like yard and exterior inspection. (She would also like to see an interior inspection program established some time.) For exterior inspection, she would like to better utilize the data gathered for the long-range planning of repair work. For yard inspections, she believes that there needs to be more consistent enforcement. "It's important to look at the curb appeal of our homes," she said. "It has a lot to do with resales."

Overdurff feels that the recent special meeting has given her, and the board, a boost. "The meeting played a very significant role in turning around the direction we're going," she said. "The board worked very hard to take away the 'us' vs. 'them' attitude. It was important for the members to see theat the fees were mainly for their benefit. It gave the board the opportunity to see member support. It gave me support.

### **Group Protests Planned Ag. Dept. Headquarters Facility**

#### by James Giese

About 18 to 20 people showed up on a Friday evening, March 10, at the police station meeting room in order to discuss what to do to "Help Save "The Farm' and Stop Kenilworth Ave. Superhighway Project," according to group spokesperson Alan Turnbull. He said that the attendees were 'uniformly aghast" at the news about the proposal to build an Agricultural department Headquarters Campus facility behind the Agricultural Library south of Sunnyside Road.

**Group Protests** 

The group discussed strategies for changing the federal government's **Tutor Homeless** 

So Others May Eat (SOME), an area wide soup kitchen and multi service organization helping homeless and hungry people has math, literacy and returning student preparation pro-grams for their clients. Volunteers are needed to work one to one with a person seeking one of these services. All volunteers must attend one training workbefore their assignment will be made. Tutoring sessions are scheduled evening and week-

mind as to where to build the facility.

Turnbull said that it is the group's

hope and expectation that the

process of planning the mitigation of

traffic will delay the project long

enough for people to raise their

voices in opposition. This process

should take six months to a year, and

the group hopes to delay it further.

The group is now planning to

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **ON BASIC CABLE RATES** Monday, March 27, 1995 8:00 p.m. Council Room **25 Crescent Road**

The City of Greenbelt will hold a Public Hearing to hear citizens'/subscribers' concerns about Maryland Cable's rates for Basic Cable. Basic cable is the "B" side of the cable, Channels 2-31. This is the tier that the City of Greenbelt has the authority to regulate under the Cable Act of 1992. MultiVision's has submitted FCC Forms 1200, 1205, and 1215 justifying their rates for Basic Cable, equipment, and A La Carte Channel Offerings. The City is currently in the process of reviewing these forms. City Council is expected to toll the 30-day deadline for the review to allow an additional 90-days. This additional time is necessary to determine whether or not the rates for Basic Service and equipment comply with applicable laws and regulations. The submitted forms are available for public review at the City Offices. For more information please contact Beverly Palau 474-8000.



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## **USDA Ok's BARC For FDA's CFSAN**

#### by Elaine Skolnik

In keeping with the Administration's reinventing government policy and the atmosphere on Capitol Hill, the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has scaled down the proposed size of its Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) a project that may be built in the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). Currently Greenhorne & O'Mara, Inc. is conducting a study on the strengths and weaknesses of the proposed BARC site which is located west, not east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway according to development director Jay Bhargava of the General Services Administration (GSA).

Concerned about traffic congestion and loss of green space, the Greenbelt City Council has requested a meeting with Senator Paul Sarbanes and Congressman Steny Hoyer. Already opposed to locating the proposed new United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) headquarters on BARC land at Sunnyside Ave., Council learned only recently about tentative plans for the CFSAN facility.

Last August, Sarbanes and Hoyer told the city council that authorizing some development of BARC would help protect Maryland from losing the "world's premiere agricultural lab." In the 1980's the two Congressional leaders, along with the then city councils, fought hard to keep BARC from being sold off to private developers. Today, uneasy BARC officials appear ready to give up some land to an agency that shares the Center's mission, such as CFSAN, rather than risk additional development that would be incompatible with their goals. BARC would also receive much needed funds in a land transfer to FDA. CFSAN

FDA must select a site for CFSAN in Prince Georges County that is within two miles of the FDA's Veterinarian Center now under construction at Muirkirk and Odell Roads. If it is not feasible for the facility to be constructed on BARC land, then other nearby land, including parcels under private ownership, will be considered.

Development Director Bhargava noted that the project is in the "preliminary investigative stage." Greenhorne and O'Mara is currently looking at the approximately 100 "buildable acres" needed for the project. Reportedly, a 500-foot buffer of trees will meet National Park Service requirements for the Parkway. The buildings are not expected to be obtrusive since they will remain below the tree line.

Initially the CFSAN facility comprised one million gross square feet - a half million gross square feet for the lab and a half million gross square feet for the office building. Currently, GSA Project Director Harry Debes said, both the size of the buildings and number of employees have been scaled down. The buildings would now total about 716,000 gross square feet and the number of employees reduced from 1,500 to 1,100.

Debes also observed that the infrastructure and their costs - roads, sewer and water, and utilities - must also be factored in.

Bhargava noted that the National Capital Planning Commission and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission have expressed concern about the density of the proposed development. They feel, he said, that "1,100 employees in that intersection is too much for the existing infrastructure to handle." (These agencies serve only in an advisory capacity.)

It apears that USPA, BARC, GSA and FDA like the BARC site for the CFSAN facility. A decision is expected in a few, weeks, said Bhargava, who stressed that the concerns of the public, the City of Greenbelt and the county executive will be heard. "If strong opposition is voiced, we may have to advertise for a private site," he said. USDA HQ

Plans for USDA to build its headquarters on BARC land has already received an icy reception from the Greenbelt city council. On the drawing boards are four two-story office buildings on 115 acres of BARC land that would house roughly 1,500 employees and provide 900 parking spaces.

The site is located across from the Greenbelt Metro Service yards between the CSX tracks and Rhode Island Ave., between Sunnyside Ave. and the Capital Beltway.

Council's major concern is that increased traffic congestion in the area would lead to the extension and widening of Kenilworth Avenue and the building of the controversial Inter-County Connector. Council has vigorously opposed both projects.

Joining the protest is Carole Levin, president of the Greenbelt Homes, Inc., who, "on behalf of the 1,600 families who reside in Greenbelt Homes, Inc.," wrote on February 24: "Proximity to the Metro rail line offers numerous opportunities to accommodate a major USDA employment center without requiring any additional highway construction, yet neither USDA nor SHA have explored or proposed any such transit friendly options to date."

#### **Christmas in April**

Christmas in April needs volunteers to do a variety of tasks, from painting to cleaning yard brush, in order to make its annual and renowned project in renovation of the houses of needy homeowners a successful one. All that is needed are strong and willing arms, a generous spirit, and a few hours. For information call 699-2800.

#### FDA

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Rodney Roberts. He felt that such a facility, distant from public transportation, would have a profound impact on traffic congestion. It should be located on part of the huge parking lot for the Metro Green Line in Greenbelt, he said.

The BARC administration had itself suggested the site, Wilson commented. They were interested in identifying sites not disruptive of other farm activities. They liked the prospect of use of this land for the Center, a part of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) since its function was consistent with other BARC activities. It is attractive as well to the FDA because of other projects they have nearby.

An alternate site for the FDA campus in Montgomery County is considered less attractive to the General Services Administration, which will ultimately make the decision, because that site is not federally owned. GSA is very aware of nearby base closings, Wilson indicated.

Recognizing that the federal government is not bound by state-adopted rules and regulations concerning land development, council directed city attorney Robert Manzi to research federal guidelines concerning the environmental impact of new construction. In the meantime they asked the city staff to set up a meeting for the council with U.S. Representative Steny Hoyer and U.S. Scnator Paul Sarbanes concerning both proposals for new construction on BARC land. Councilmembers believe that Congressman Hoyer is the driving force on both projects.



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## **POLICE BLOTTER**

Around 8:15 p.m. on Friday, March 3, officers responded to a report of armed robbery in the that there was indeed an open 7800 block of Hanover Pkwy .: As a woman was walking into her building she heard a shout, turned around, and saw a man pointing a large silver handgun at her. He demanded her pocketbooks and took both that she was carrying. Then he and another person who had been waiting just outside the door ran away. The man with the gun is described as black with a light complexion, about 25 years old, 5'8', 150 lbs., black close-cropped hair, dark eyes, wearing a brown or black leather jacket and dark pants.

Around 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, March 2, officers responded to a report of armed robbery in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd. Apparently a 20-year-old nonresident man offered to trade marijuana for some speakers that the victims were selling from their van. They refused the offer and the man went to the truck of his vehicle, produced a handgun, and then demanded the speakers. After getting the speakers, the man told the victims to leave the area. They did - with the tag number of the man's vehicle, and called the police. The police found the man, got a positive identification of him by the victims, and arrested him for armed robbery. He appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was held on \$100,000 bond pending trial.

An 83-year-old woman was pickpocketed while in a checkout line at Giant Supermarket around 11:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 1. A man came up to her, stepped on her foot, and bumped into her. Then,a short "Angels" Help Recycling money had been taken from inside her purse. The man is described as black, in his 30s, 5'11", 155 lbs., it . black hair, nearly dressed in a suit for and brown trench coat.

A burglary was reported in a

A coat was reported stolen from a residence in the 6200 block of Springhill Ct. on Monday, March 6.

Currency was reported stolen from a suitcase in a room at the Holiday Inn on Wednesday, March 8.

On Wednesday, March 8, a woman in the 9100 block of Edmonston Rd. reported a theft that occurred last November. A man persuaded her to invest money in a company with a promise of substantial profits or a refund of her original investment if she wasn't satisfied. The woman had received neither profits nor her original investment and had been unable to contact the man recently. Police are currently investigating the case and warn citizens to be leery of investment schemes that promise substantial profits.

A 21-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of (drug) paraphernalia around 12:30 a.m. on Friday, March 10, after an officer stopped a suspicious vehicle in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Around 10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, officers responded to a report of a wanted person at 20 Court

#### **Hotline on Drugs**

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 507-6524. Callers may remain anonymous.

Hillside Rd. They found the man, did a computer check, and confirmed warrant for him for unauthorized use of a vehicle. So, they arrested him and impounded the vehicle. A 22-year-old resident, the man appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released pending trial.

A 1985 Nissan 300ZX was reported stolen from the 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd. on Saturday, March 4, and recovered elsewhere on Wednesday, March 8. No arrests were made.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: the 9000 block of Breezewood Terr., the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terr., the 9100 block of Edmonston Rd., the 6300 block of Golden Triangle Dr., the 6000 and 7400 blocks of Greenbelt Rd., the 5700 block of Greenbelt Metro Dr., the 7500 block of Hanover Pkwy., and Maplewood Ct.

#### Reward

The Greenbelt City Police Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of person(s) responsible for any of the unsolved crimes as reported in Criminal Investigations in the Police Blotter in the Greenbelt News Review. Contact 507-6530. All information is confidential.

Recycling had a banner year in 1994! There's no doubt about . recycling is a way of life Greenbelters. Residents recycled at the curb- and have the county awards to prove it! residence in 46 Court Crescent Rd. Greenbelters recycled at the Reon Wednesday, March 8. Entry was cycling Drop-Off Center, in fact, gained by breaking out a rear window; more than last year. The 1994 electronic equipment and jewelry were figures show that Greenbelters stolen. recycled 238 tons of material at the Drop-Off, a 16% increase from last year.

> The citizens recycled nearly 49 tons of cardboard and paperboard in 1994, a 35% increase over 1993. Mixed paper collection weighed in at 77 tons, also an increase of 35%. Greenbelters recycled 68 tons of newspaper and 25 tons of co-mingled glass, plastic, aluminum and steel/aerosol containers at the drop-off, 13 tons of telephone books and six tons of white office paper too. For every ton of material Greenbelters recycled at the curb and at the Drop-Off Center, valuable landfill space was saved. resources were returned to the manufacturing sector and jobs were created.

There are many anonymous Greenbelt "Recycling Angels" that help at the Drop-Off Center on evenings and weekends. These "angels" crush and deposit boxes left on the deck, which has kept the area uncluttered. They also push recy the roll-off bins with their own shovels or rakes to make more room for the glass, plastic and metal recyclables. Their efforts help keep recyclables from overflowing onto the deck. The city is grateful to all of them and to the Greenbelters who recycle the bottles, cans and paper year around. Let's keep the recycling efforts up and landfill bound waste down in 1995!

> Tracy Vincent **Recycling** Coordinator

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#### **Avoid Home Repair Ripoffs** — Here's How

The Prince Georges County Office of Citizen and Consumer Affairs advises residents that home repairs is the largest category of complaints in terms of money spent. The office offers the following advice on steps to take in advance to avoid problems. Most important, they say, is

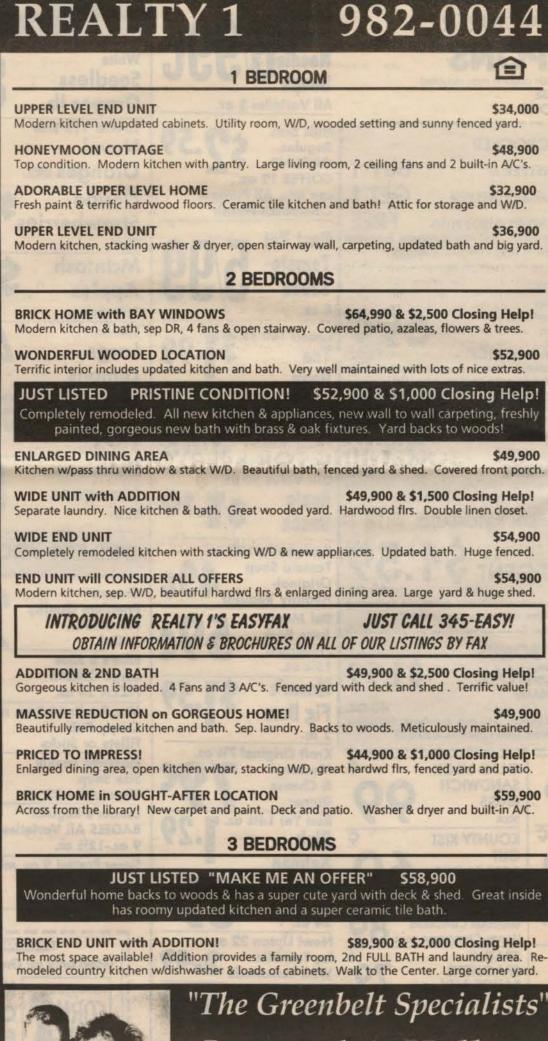
to make sure the contractor is

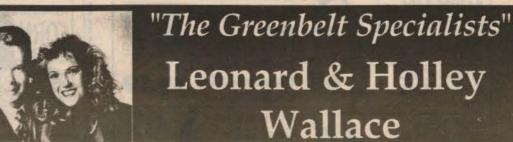
licensed. The office is aware of cases where an expired or fictitious license number was given by contractors. To verify a license call the Maryland Home Improvement Commission (410) 333-6309.

Consumers should also check the company's complaint record by calling the Consumer Protection Office (952-4700) and the Better Business Bureau (202-393-8000).

The office advises homeowners to be extremely cautious of contractors appearing unsolicited, offering to do work. This is not a normal way to do business and frequently the result is poor work or a scam.

The office has prepared a video on how to select a contractor. Copies are available in all county libraries or through the consumer protection office. For information call 952-4700.





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## **GHI Group Explores Crime Watch Program Needs and Posibilities**

#### by Mary Moien

Greenbelt Homes, Inc. invited Greenbelt Police Officer George Mathews to discuss crime and crime prevention at a special GHI meeting on February 21. Although Gretchen Overdurff GHI's general Manager, and the majority of the Board of Directors were present, only half a dozen other members attended.

Officer Mathews who has made this presentation to many other Greenbelt groups, covered many topics, keeping the audience involved in the discussion. Those **GHI** members interested in forming a neighborhood watch program should contact the Member Relations Staff at GHI. Many other neighborhoods in Greenbelt already have active programs.

#### Hints

Mathews described many hints for avoiding becoming a victim of crime that are applicable to all Greenbelt residents. People can reduce the opportunity for becoming a victim. When leaving the house or office, always have you car key already in hand. Never let yourself get in a position you cannot get out of, Mathews said. Look all around and do not walk near groups of unknown people in parking lots, even GHI court parking lots. At work, walk with a co-worker if possible.

Don't be a carjacking victim, said Greenbelt at night, it is always more Mathews. Lock all doors and keep windows up - especially in crowded areas. Keep your vehicles in good working condition and never drive so low on gas that you might run out, he explained. Plan alternate routes to a destination, so as not to become lost in a strange neighborhood if the usual route is blocked by an accident. Do not stop for a disabled motorist. People can stop at the next convenience store and call the police to report the motorist.

At traffic lights leave space between you and the car ahead in case there is a need to maneuver out of the space quickly, if someone approaches your car, said Mathews. However, if a carjacking does occur. get out of the car and do not put up a fight.

In response to questions about crime in old Greenbelt, Mathews described how crime statistics are kept. For police purposes, Greenbelt is divided into three sectors. One consists of Greenbelt and the new Ivy Lane office park. Springhill Lake is another sector and east Greenbelt is the third.

Crime is relatively low in old Greenbelt. Regarding car thefts, old Greenbelt has the lowest number, although car theft throughout Greenbelt is in a decline possibly due to increased use of anti-theft devices like bars and alarms.

'This is not Disney World anymore,' Mathews cautioned. Although women should feel fairly safe walking and jogging in old

prudent to run in pairs. He also recommends that night time walkers stick to the streets and not use the inner walkways. Although there has been no increase in reported crimes on the walkways, he said it is always better to be in the most open place possible at night.

In response to a question about the use of mace, Officer Mathews indicated that anyone who decides to carry mace had better know how to use it. He has concerns because of the chance that the criminal can grab the mace container when the victim hesitates or misuses it. Then the criminal may be more angry because the victim tried to use the mace. Mathews said that the use of mace has to be an individual decision, but one should know the consequences of using it.

He responded similarly to a question about whether to submit to an attacker or try to get away. A person must evaluate each decision individually, he said. Only the victim can estimate how dangerous an attacker appears.

#### **Fighting Crime**

At least one police car is in each sector of the city at all times. Anyone who sees anything that looks suspicious, should call the Greenbelt police immediately; they can respond quickly. In response to concerns about large groups of loiterers in areas such as behind the library. Mathews urged citizens to call police immediately to check it out. The police cannot be



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building. She wondered if a better arrangement of the proposed structures could improve this question of access to parking.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts addressed the issue of noise abatement. Consultant Jame sHerl, representing the developer. explained that the Beltway is 20 feet below the land in question. He felt that only the top floor of the fourstory building would require noise abatement construction, which was planned in the form of special construction design and materials. Councilmember Tom White wondered

what would happen to the proposed amenities if the property was sold to another developer. He was assured that the Shapiro Companies would develop the senior citizen facility, as well as its surroundings. To this split responsibility, Davis expressed concern about the maintenance of the common area between the two proposed developments.

She wondered as well about issues of physical health for the senior citizen facility: could a room be set aside in the seniors building for doctors visits, she asked. And how about athletic equipment? Physical fitness instruction?

everywhere, so citizens must take some responsibility, he said. This led into a discussion of the feasibility of a neighborhood watch program within GHI.

GHI had tried to organize a neighborhood watch program in the past, but it died a slow death. Most of the other neighborhoods (outside of old Greenbelt) now have active groups. If enough residents are interested in a watch program, each person needs to volunteer only a night or two a month for the mobile watch. That involves two people riding around the neighborhood and reporting suspicious activities.

There is also a static watch where each resident keeps an eye on his own street and reports anything suspicious. GHI members interested in participating in a watch program should contact the GHI Member Relations Staff.

#### **Court Parents**

The City of Greenbelt is also reviving the system of court or block parents, where a sign is displayed in the window to signify that children can knock on these doors in an emergency. Residents who are home most of the day are encouraged to apply. Residents who apply must be fingerprinted and have their backgrounds checked.

#### **Recycling Corner**

Recycling is an important way people can help the environment and reuse valuable resources for many purposes. Greenbelt has a very aggressive recycling program and is the envy of many County residents. However, the city's resources can't be extended to every person in Prince Geo ges County because of its cost. Anyone who knows people interested in recycling magazines, catalogs and cardboard, should have them contact the County Office of Recycling at 883-5963. Montgomery County residents can recycle those items at the Shady Grove Transfer Station, More information about Montgomery County recycling is available by calling 217-2870 or 590-0046.

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#### **Parking Waivers**

County zoning requirements allow providing fewer parking spaces for senior housing. The developer plans to provide two spaces for every three apart-ments. For the condominiums, the developer will seek a park-ing waiver to build fewer spaces than the county requires. Instead of two-and-a-quarter spaces for each apartment unit, or 261 parking spaces, only 202 spaces are proposed.

#### Concerns

The APB members raised a number of concerns that the board decided to present to counell. When Chair Roberta Mc-Carthy questioned how transportation would be provided for the seniors who did not have cars, Herl suggested that they could use "Call-a-Ride." When Bill Clare asked who would pay for the service, Herl responded, "Your taxes and mine." Mc-Carthy asked city Planning Director Celia Wilson to research the adequacy of parking at Green Ridge House and the use of the Greenbelt Dial-a-Ride.

James Drake questioned the suitability of the property's lo-cation for senior housing. Herl said that this proposed use is approved, the property would be closer to shopping than four other projects recently approved. Greenway Center is about a long block away, with pedestrian access through the parking lots of the Maryland Trade Center office complex. The grocery store at the shopping center would be another good block away.

When asked how the development would benefit the city, Herl responded that it would increase the city's tax base. But Mc-Carthy contended that income brought in from residential development does not pay for all the cost of public services need-

McCarthy also was unhappy with the proposed amenities. Sheldon Goldberg wanted to know what drove the combined housing proposal. Why not all senior housing? Herl said his client wanted two types of development and wanted to satisfy the city's desire for condominium apartments.



Off the Wall III, Montpelier Arts Center, May, 1993. -photo by George Kochell

### **Community Center Preview**

#### by Cathy Salgado

Those passing by the old Center School on Crescent Road can't help but notice lots of construction going on. The building, originally opened in 1937 as the town's community center and school, has come full circle and will be reopning as the renovated Community Center in July. Care is being taken to restoring the building to its 1937 appearance from the flooring style, to the color of the walls and the lighting on the ceilings.

One thing the originial building did not have is all the modern necessities to meet the diverse needs of the community. Two elevators are being installed as well as handicapped accessible ramps, doorways and bathrooms. New heating, air conditioning, electrical and plumbing systems are being installed in order to meet city and county building codes.

The Community Center Task Force, a volunteer group, has been meeting for the past three years to decide what programming elements were to be represented in the building. After many public meetings and presentations from potential users the Task Force made its recommendations to City Council. The result is a combination of users that serve every age group in the community.

Every Age Group Starting with preschoolers, the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten will be using three rooms and a new playground as their new expanded home. For seniors, a Drop-In center occupies two rooms as a lounge and game room. The seniors also have an art room and a classroom. Located in the basement, Adult Day Care, run by Baptist Ministries, offers daytime care for seniors. This program has numerous locations throughout the metropolitan area. A warming kitchen and dining hall complement the senior uses and will be open to the public for a place to socialize over lunch. Artist Studios are located upstairs and are currently being offered to local Greenbelt artists. There is a ceramics studio that will be open to the public, complete with glazing and kiln rooms. A large dance studio will be available for classes and rentals.

#### News Review Location

Some familiar organizations will be relocating or expanding. The News Review will move from Parkway into larger office space. They will be conveniently located across the hall from the Multi-Media room. The Greenbelt Museum will have a display area and office located next to the building staff offices. They also will be doing archiving upstairs on the same wing as the artist studios. Channel B-10 and Greenbelt Access Television will have a studio that will provide live taping of local events and will expand offerings on Channel B-10.

The Community Center is scheduled to open for the tenants in late July and to the public on Labor Day Weekend. The Recreation Department is looking for individuals and groups interested in renting out specialized space or offering classes for a wide variety of participants.

(Cathy Salgado is the Recreation Department staff member in overseeing the Community Center.)

#### Magazine Subscription Cautions for Consumers

Magazine subscription problems? The watchword for consumers is "Ask Questions" according to "Consumer Tips" published by Prince Georges County office of Consumer Affairs.

It's hard to remember when a subscription you paid for is supposed to expire. Many publishers offer an extension at "special rates" soon after you subscribe. If you accidently renew more than once or buy a second subscription, then discover it and raise the issue, it is routine for the company to add issues to the end of your subscription — but at the regular rate, not the special, multiple-year price.

The biggest problems occur with gift subscriptions. Some unscrupulous companies accept payment but never place the orders with the publisher. In addition, some publishers are slow with subscription fulfillment, and with a gift subscription it's likely the recipient won't complain. After 12 or more weeks for monthly publications, less for weeklies, those who give gift subscriptions should check with the recipient to see if the magazine is actually being received.

A recent complaint involved a consumer who purchased a subscription for an elderly relative, who died. Nearly a year later, the publisher began soliciting the giver for renewal of the subscription. The donor notified them his uncle had died but the publisher kept sending renewal notices. Finally, it was learned that the subscription had been "suspended" when the first issue after the death was returned to the publisher, but the account was never removed from the computer. In this case, the consumer requested and got his own subscription extended for the remaining undelivered issues. It pays to follow up and ask questions.

Some consumer advocates suggest that gift-givers buy and give an issue and send the enclosed subscription card to the publisher in the recipient's name, to avoid being permanently soif-ited for renewals. It's still a good idea to be sure the publication is actually being received.

Beware of subscription telemarketers who pretend to be doing surveys, or tell you "it's only pennies a day" to sell you a package deal for hundreds of dollars, or "guarantee" you've won a (probably worthless) prize. Maryland has a law requiring that you be sent and that you sign a contract before such deals are enforceable, but this is not well known outside Maryland, sometimes leading to collection action. And be cautious about appealing or persistent door-todoor magazine sellers. The subcriptions are usually overpriced and often magazines never arrive.

For more information about consumer problems, call Consumer Protection at (301)952-4700.

-Prince Georges Office of Citizen and Consumer Affairs, Consumer Protection Division.

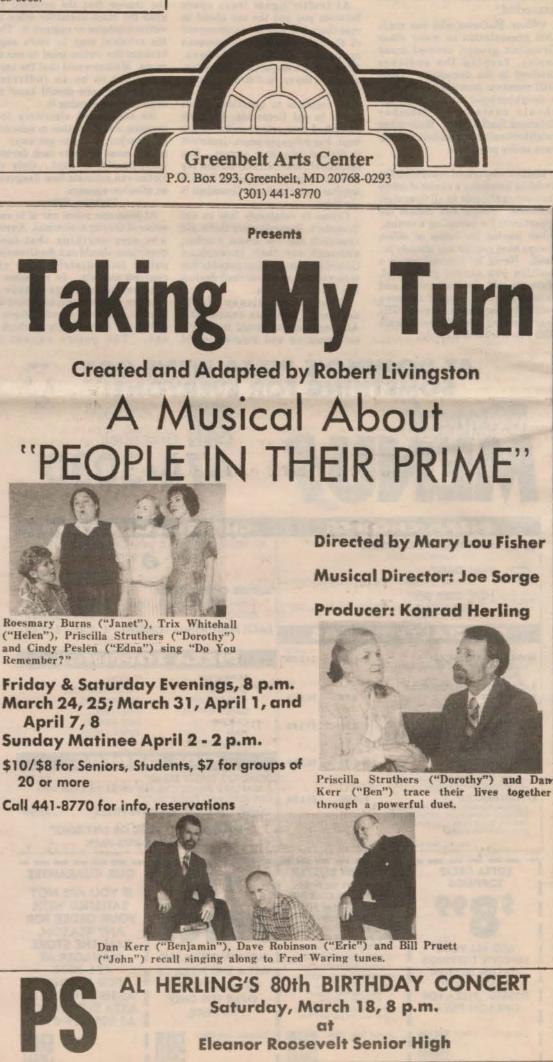
#### **Recycling Corner**

Steel and bi-metal cans are recyclable in the curbside program. Steel cans include fruit, vegetable and soup cans, baby formula cans, tuna and pet food cans. Be sure to rinse the cans thoroughly to avoid unwanted animals. Lids can be inserted into the cans and slightly crushed or discarded. Loose lids are sharp and should be handled with care. For more information about recycling at the curb, call the County Office of Recycling at 883-5963.

### It's The Law In Greenbelt

Md. Annotated Code Secs. 21-502,21-507. Pedestrians Crossing Streets. Pedestrians have the right-of-way only at sreet crossings of marked crosswalks and vehicles have the right-of-way only between street crossings. This right-of-way does not relieve pedestrians from exercising due care upon entering a crosswalk or street, and does not apply where traffic control devices are in operation. It is the duty of the motorist to observe movements of a pedestrian while crossing a street, and to yield to pedestrians at street crossings on the motorist's side of the road. or entering that part of the road. In general, if a pedestrian crosses a street or roadway at any point other

than at an intersection or marked crosswalk, the pedestrian shall yield the right-of-way to any approaching vehicle. A pedestrian may not cross an intersection diagonally.



**Faces of Greenbelt** 

### Greenbelt Becomes "Family" **To Town's Chief Historian**

#### by Dorothy Sucher

"Go talk to Betty Allen" is usually the first piece of advice a visiting researcher--city planner, architect, historian, or graduate student--gets in Greenbelt, for Betty knows more about Greenbelt's history than anyone else in town.

demurs, as if her 30 years as librarian in charge of the Tugwell Room, the collection of materials about Greenbelt, planned towns, and the cooperative movement, had been a mere pastime, a hobby. Now nearing 70. Betty remains identified with the Tugwell Room, named for Rexford Guy Tugwell, head of the New Deal's Resettlement Administration, even though she retired from the county library system five years ago, and these days works only one morning a week, as a volunteer.

She is quick to point out that the Tugwell Room is not really an archive. For that, you need special training and facilities, not to mention an adequate budget. And although the collection has been indexed, it "isn't indexed in depth--I probably know a lot of things in the collection that nobody else knows are there.

And she can lay her hand on them. When a committee was trying to create a local history museum, Betty came up with photographs from the Thirties that showed the interiors of Greenbelt homes, as well as an original price list of the furniture that had been produced by the government (\$700 could furnish a whole house).

For the author of a recent book about the now-defunct Greenbelt Consumer Services, forerunner of the present co-op supermarket, she unearthed a host of materials about the cooperative movement. To assist

"Oh, I know bits and pieces," she a graduate student, she rummaged through the collection's extensive biographical section, and a copy of the resultant thesis, called "The Gospel According to Greenbelt," is on file in the Tugwell Room.

Came in 1960

Betty came to Greenbelt in 1960 with her late husband, Gordon, also a librarian, and their three young children, (Later a fourth was born.) "We knew almost immediately it was the place we wanted to be. Librarians don't make much money, and Greenbelt was a place where we could afford to buy a house. Gordon had learned about it in junior high. Back then it was a small town on a two-lane road."

Through the local Unitarian community they met a Greenbelt couple -- "they should have stars in their crown"--who took the young family into their home for two weeks. The Allens rented and then bought a GHI house, a decision Betty never regretted, although in 1977 the family moved to a big old farmhouse on Beaver Dam Road because Gordon had become embroiled in GHI controversies and wanted to leave. But when he died in 1984, Betty returned to Greenbelt. "It felt like home," she says. "I'd never really left, because I'd kept on working at the Greenbelt library. Greenbelt is my family."

She pauses, and a thoughtful look comes over her pale, bespectacled face, with its characteristic expression of mildness yet strength. "I don't have a rosy picture of families."

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she remarks. "Mine never gave me the idea of a supportive group, such as I've found here. You can pick your friends, but not your relatives. My father made a point of not knowing his neighbors."

She lifts her square jaw, a gesture that hints of stubbornness, although she claims that lifting the jaw is merely what singers learn to do. She is a contralto, like her mother, who died when Betty was ten years old. All her life Betty has sung in church choirs and community choruses.

Her parents were professional musicians-her father a cellist and her mother a singer--in Chicago, where she was born. They got married in their teens aboard a steamer crossing Lake Michigan, so that they wouldn't need parental permission. Betty's father had run away at 13 from his German immi-

grant family. She doesn't know why. "People didn't tell their kids much then.

Such a Good Little Girl

Both parents" were topnotch musicians, but singers had a certain glamor. My father couldn't stand competition, so my mother gave it up. He played radio jobs, but he had a drinking problem. He was terribly controlling--overprotective. And my mother was very tense, controlled, and disapproving. I was an only child, and I'd come along when my parents were close to forty. I wasn't allowed to cross the street where the streetcar ran. I had to ask permission for everything. I was such a good little girl, it's awful. When I had a cold I was put to bed and had to stay there. But at least then I could read--adult books, Dickens, there were no books for teens.

"I really don't know what would have become of me if my mother had lived. It's odd to say that. But after she died, my father married a distant cousin who was 25 years younger than he. Louise was horrified that I wasn't allowed to go down-town, or to swim, and she insisted that he let me do things on my own.

"I never thought I'd go to college.

**GREENBELT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB** 

### **BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT** Springhill Lake Rec Center March 17 - 19 and March 24 - 26, 1995

20 local clubs competing -- the best in local basketball. 49 games -- lots of basketball excitement!!!!

#### **Tournament Times**

Friday, March 17: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Saturday March 18: 12:00 (noon) - 9:00 p.m. Sunday March 19: 12:00 (noon) - 9:00 p.m. Friday, March 24: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. Saturday, March 25: 12:00 (noon) - 9:00 p.m. Sunday, March 26 (Championship Day): 11:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Admission: \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children (12 and under)

Proceeds to benefit Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Tournament sponsored by GBGC Basketball Program

In Greenbelt's Tugwell Room, librarian Betty Allen sits surrounded by research materials.

No one would pay for it. But I did it myself, by working full-time. Sometimes I took classes at night, sometimes during the day. I was a page in a library, and then I was promoted to music librarian, earning \$110 a month."

She married between college and library school, and she and Gordon joined the Unitarians. Betty hadn't been raised in any church, for her father was a practicing atheist. She plays the Flaming chalice, the

"human-centered religion." Nowadays the Paint Branch Unitarian Church plays an important part in her life-it, too, has become part of her family. "It gives me support," she says. "There's always someone I can call when I need to talk, and people know they can call on me, too.

A year ago she had an aneurysm on the aorta. "I'm never sick," she says. "Everyone was extremely shocked. It could easily have transposed me into the next world-which I don't believe in." The new minister at Paint Branch visited her daily, as did many others. "I'm not good at

#### **City Hires New Firm To Collect Old Fines**

In order to improve the income from past due parking tickets, the City of Greenbelt recently changed the company it hires to make collections. The performance of the previous agency had been "unsatisfactory," according to the city staff, since it had been "unable to utilize the data available through the City to pursue the delinquent tickets.

By resolution, the city council approved a contract with a new company, which had come highly recommended by the city of Col-lege Park. The new company, Data Ticket, Inc., which is located in Garden Grove, California will receive 44% of all funds it collects.

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-photo by Barbara Tyroler accepting favors," Betty notes with a grimace. "I'd much rather do them. But it was very supportive."

She shows me a recent picture of her daughter, who 30 years ago was my son's playmate and now lives with her family in southern Virginia. Another daughter lives in Tennessee, one son is in Riverdale, and one lives at home. Betty has three grandchildren and is expecting a fourth.

A Dedicated Liberal Now that she has recovered from her illness, she likes to keep busy. It's the habit of a lifetime. "I tend to see both sides of an issue," she says. "There aren't too many things worth putting your foot down about and saying 'No'." What might those be? "Civil rights, mostly," she says, and mentions that she spent the day before our conversations in Annapolis, "as a 'body', lobbying for gay and lesbian rights--which I'm not. but I said, 'Don't you need straight people, too?" She is proud to be a liberal, and says that although "Greenbelt isn't as liberal as you think, it's more liberal than most places. Greenbelt is the place where, if you want to make a difference, you can do it. I wouldn't live anywhere else. Too much of me is here.

#### **Come Take a Tour Of BARC by Video** A straw hat, lemonade tour of

the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center is now available at the National Visitor Center of the Agricultural Research Service. ARS is the primary research agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Visitors can see a free video tour of summer sites and sounds at the Beltsville Center.

The video features earthfriendly vegetable and fruit growing techniques, studies of crops in air-pollution chambers, cows and calves in the dairy barn of the future, lean and playful piglets, and living descendants of the legendary Beltsville White Turkey. The video is edited from camcorded research-panel tours.

The ARS National Visitor Center is an educational facility col- on Powder Mill Road. Call for ing directions: 504-8483. Bus tours ess, of the Beltsville Center can be of arranged by appointment, but no prior notice is needed to see the video tour.

shows me a medallion she is wearing around her neck. It dissymbol of the Unitarian Universalist movement, which she describes as a

#### **Recycling Corner** by Tracy Vincent

Plastic grocery bags can be recycled at the local Co-op, Safeway and Giant supermarkets. Plastic bags can be clear or colored. Bags include dry cleaning bags, empty bread bags and any miscellaneous clean bags. Bags should be free of paper receipts and staples (on dry cleaning bags). Old bags are made into new trash bags and plastic lumber. Recycling plastic bags is easy and important since they don't biodegrade in the landfill. To recycle bags, they must be brought to a supermarket collection point. Bags are not accepted for recycling at the Dropoff Center.

Anyone who has a recycling question which could be answered in the "Recycling Corner", should call 474-8308 or write Tracy Vincent at 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md. 20770. Kirsch Service Company Appliance - TV-VCR

Repair - EPA Certified -

Major Appliance -

#### Reducing Junk Mail

For people whose mailboxes are overflowing with unsolicited mail help is at hand. To stop the flow of most national advertisements. write the Mail Preference Service which removes names from many national mailing lists without charge. People must provide the exact spelling of all names. and the addresses should include zip codes. In a few months, there should be a reduction of junk mail. Simply write to: Mail Preference Service, Direct Marketing Association, P.O. Box 9008, Farmingdale, NY, 11735-9008

To keep a name off unwanted mailing lists, people should contact the mail-order companies and other organizations to let them know that they don't wish their address shared or sold. This way, people should receive only the catalogs they want.

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**Kite Flying Contest** Come celebrate the beginning of Spring by taking part in the annual Kite Flying Contest. This event has been expanded to include two contest days: the first is Sunday, March 19 at 1 p.m. at Braden Field; the second is Sunday. March 26 at 1 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park. Both children and adults are invited to participate and qualify for prizes in many different categories. Kites must fly to qualify. For further information. call 474-6878.

Facility Entrance Card All participants, 14 years and over, entering the Recreation Centers are required to have a Recreation Facility Card. They may be purchased by residents only at either center.

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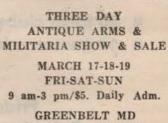
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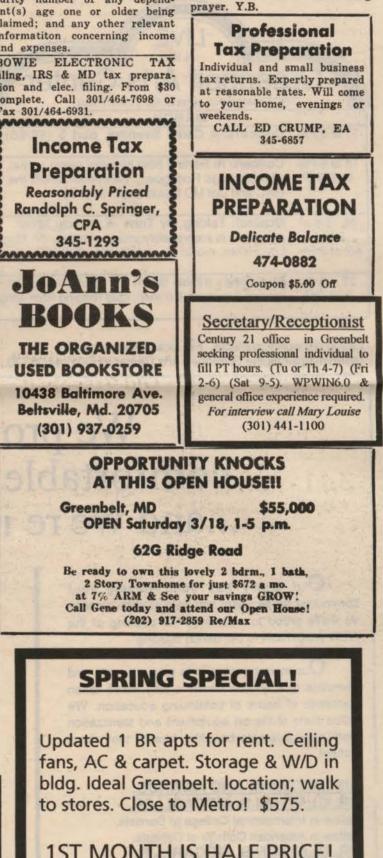
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imaging equipment, state tax forms should be filled out in blue or black ink.

Many taxpayers are calculating the standard deduction incorrectly. The worksheet on page 7 of the instructions should be used to avoid errors.

Finally, taxpayers claiming Maryland's pension exclusion must now file form 502PE, which is provided in the tax booklet.

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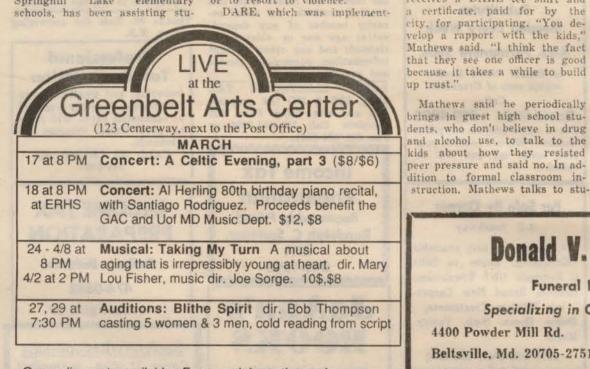
### **DARE Helps City Students Avoid Drugs and Violence**

#### by Philip Kornreich

To some children, Police officers are imposing and threatening. They are told at an early age that the police are adversaries rather than allies, which can lead them to shun an officer's helping hand when they become older. Greenbelt Police Officer George Mathews wants to make sure that this doesn't happen here.

Mathews, who is the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DA-RE) officer for Greenbelt and Springhill Lake elementary schools, has been assisting stu-

dents to recognize and resist the pressures that influence them to experiment with drugs or to resort to violence. DARE, which was implement-



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dents during lunch and recess to emphasize his presence as a friend and not just a crime fighter. "A lot of these kids at first kind of fear police officers, so it's nice to break down a lot of barriers with them."

He added that the lessons learned at school must be brought home. "This kind of program needs reinforcement from the families. This is a difference that you will have to see further down the road."

Carolyn Goff, principal at Greenbelt Elementary School, said DARE is having a positive effect on a number of her stu-dents. "Over the years I've been here, this is one of the sixth grades that's making the wisest choices," she said.

Sixth graders Keva Marable and Matthew Gregory said they and their classmates have taken Mathews' lessons to heart. "I've learned that good things can happen to you if you don't use drugs and that bad things can happen to you if you do use drugs," Marable said. Gregory added, "Drugs can mess up your grades and cause a lot of problems."

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### **Fifty Years Ago First Fire Fatality**

#### By James Giese

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Neighbors Walter Moran, Anthony Madden and Joseph Rogers also attempted without success to rescue the baby. Stanley Fickes, a 17-year-old volunteer Stanley fireman, of 60-J Crescent Road, donned a gas mask, entered the flaming room by ladder, and removed the baby, whose clothes had been completely burned off. Rushed to Leland Memorial Hospital, the child was pronounced dead. The fire was concentrated around the baby's crib and damage done by the fire, smoke and water was estimated at \$175.

The baby's father, Seaman Second Class Jean R. Nance, US-NR, was in Boston at the time of the tragedy awaiting the sailing of his ship, which had been commissioned that day. The Red Cross quickly located him and he returned home the following day

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