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A Blizzard of Snow Stories

by James Giese

Greenbelters found the blizzard of 1996 to be fun, an adventure and a pain in the neck. One person found it to be a pain in another part of the anatomy after slipping on the ice at a video store parking lot. Before then she had been so proud of herself for skiing all over the place without falling and hurting herself.

It was an especially fun time for the kids who had plenty of opportunity to go sledding. Two of the favorite Greenbelt sled spots are the Greenbelt Elementary School and the hillside into the Agriculture Research Center at the city park in the 100 block of Ridge Road. Jeff Williams of Orange Court took his son Eric to sled at the school. Williams said it brought back old memories of the snow of 1966 when he was about Eric's age and had enjoyed sledding on the same hill, which was then behind the North End School. According to Williams, Eric thought it was great to be out of school, but by last Monday he had gotten played out and began to look forward to going back to school the next day.

The Kids Gathered

At least two city families found themselves to be hosts to their kids' friends. Debbie Coulter, who is the city's payroll clerk, found herself feeding 11 on Monday night as the kids all ganged at her house and watched movies. Also, she found the kids dropping by to use her clothes dryer to dry out their wet clothing after being out in the snow.

News Review staffer Joanne Tucker's daughter joined a gathering of seven at a friend's house in the Laurel area for the storm. However, by Monday afternoon the host parents had had enough, and the father transported all the

kids to the Tucker home on in long checkout lines. Pinecrest Ct. where they stayed until Wednesday afternoon.

4WD Workout

Greenbelt City Clerk David Moran had fun putting his fourwheel drive vehicle to the test. On Monday, he called the Greenbelt police to let them know he would assist in giving people rides who needed them. The next morning he got a call from the Greenbelt Nursing Center which was in need of help transporting workers to and from the Center. Some had been at the center for over 48 hours. While some were a little unhappy to be able to get to work, Moran noted that most employees recognized how important it was to be there to take care of the many invalids who relied on the staff for life support. Moran also gave rides to employees at the Washington Hospital Center where his girlfriend is employed.

"I enjoyed it," Moran said, referring to his experience in driving about the area in his fourwheel drive vehicle. "Of course, I hated to see anyone suffer because of the snowfall."

One of Moran's trips was literally a "milk run." The nursing center needed a resupply of milk and was able to arrange with Greenbelt Safeway for more. Moran transported 25 gallons from the store to the nursing cen-

Getting food was a problem for many Greenbelters as stores and restaurants were closed during the snow and then were short of supplies thereafter. Once residents dug their cars out they were first faced with the problem of finding a parking space in lots only partially plowed out. Then, if what they needed was available, they were faced with waits

"Get a Chicken"

I walked into the Co-op Food Store on Thursday. Almost immediately a lady told me to get a chicken before they sold out. Later I met a Greenbelt Police Officer who told me he was there to get a hot lunch and a chicken. "It's the only place that has chickens," he said. "I'm going to make chicken soup." Checking with friends who had shopped other stores I determined that it was indeed true that chickens were scarcer than hen's teeth.

GHI General Manager Gretchen Overdurff noted that obtaining food for the GHI employees who had worked around the clock had been a real problem. "We ran out of bread and milk, just like everyone else." On the other hand, city snow crews benefitted from some kind residents who brought them a cake, doughnuts and apple cider mix.

Really Mad

City Fleet Maintenance Foreman James Keifline put in double duty, working both as a mechanic and plowing streets in Greenbelt East. He put in 136 hours of overtime. He told of an encounter with one very irate citizen who flagged him down after he had plowed snow into her cleaned out driveway once again. When he stopped and got out of the truck, she came up to him and attempted to choke him, a difficult task for anyone, as Keifline is one of the biggest members of the Public Works Department. "After we talked a while, she calmed down," Keifline said.

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We've Moved! (We hope)

Please look for us inside the Community Center (through the outside door facing the Municipal Building, up a few steps to the first door on the left.)

Thursday, January 18, 1996

City trucks haul snow to the Northway ballfields at the east end of Northway.

Shock of the Unfamiliar: **The News Review Moves**

by Dorothy Sucher

Leaving home-that's how it feels. Blinking, mole-like, the staff of the Greenbelt News Review emerges from the dank, subterranean quarters in which we've lurked for so many years, putting out the community's newspaper week after week. Don't ask me exactly how many years, I'm not one of the paper's fact-checkers, I prefer the vague, sweeping statement. It was longer than the 35 years since I joined the paper anyway, around the time when we finally prevailed on the GHI Board, our chivalrous landlords, to install a toilet because most of the editors, myself included, were pregnant. (Before, we used to lumber upstairs and ask Mrs. Greeze if we could <u>puhlease</u> use the bathroom in her apartment. . . but oh, that climb in the ninth month.)

High Ceilings

This week the News Review moves into our spacious new quarters in the not-quite-fully-butkinda-sorta-open Community Center. We have two humongous windows, flooding the room with an unfamiliar substance known as "sunlight." There will be high ceilings devoid of the water and heating pipes festooned with electric cables, at which we have so often gazed in desperate creative frenzy while trying to find a shorter synonym for "zoning." Our walls will be of a virginal off-white instead of our accustomed pumpkin orange, with traces of the previous coat of green peeping through. No bank of electric meters labelled "DANGER-HANDS OFF, HIGH VOLTAGE!" No Original Greenbelt refrigerator, last defrosted in 1983, filled with bottles of frozen cranberry juice and peach nectar responsible for the rumor that frozen daiquiris were invented during a slow week at the News Review, and a file box containing frigid coins, part of our honor system for refreshments. (This reminds me

that I'm about \$5.00 in arrears and I'd better pay up before the big move.)

Sybaritic Luxury

Will it be possible to put out a paper under conditions like these, or will this sybaritic luxury rot whatever stern moral fibre remains to us, inducing thoughts of spending the winter lounging by the pool of a Florida condo instead of trying to wheedle information out of an evasive police department representative over the telephone? Unpaid, yet?

The week before our move a young man said to me at the New Deal cafe, "I just went down to the News Review office for the first time to place an ad." He paused, pity in his eyes. "I was shocked," he murmured gently, while the words, "You poor old thing. . ." hovered in the air. Perhaps he thought I deserved better, a bit more like Murphy Brown's office.

The young lack grit. They think what's important is to be camera-ready, when what really counts is the fact that our co-op of volunteers has put out the community's newspaper every week without fail for almost 60 years, a record unmatched in the nation. The young are taking over the world, though, so it's just as well we're moving to quarters that are glossier, a bit more like TV, the current notion of reality. The paper needs new blood, and our sunny office in the Community Center may be less of a shock to systems of the young. And hey, I'm probably gonna enjoy it myself, once I get over the adjustment.





An editorial conference at the old News Review office. Left to right, Barbara Likowski, Bernie McGee, Jim Giese, Publishing Assn. president Diane Oberg, and Mary Lou Williamson.

Grungiest

The News Review once entered a contest for the grungiest office, sponsored by WPGC. Let me tell you we were cocky, but we lost; we're still convinced the judging was rigged.

Back in the heroic days when the News Review was slapped See SHOCK, page 8

⁻photo by Beverly Palau

Thanks and Farewell

When our readers actually see these words, your News Review staffers, all our editorial possessions and our news archives, dating from our beginning almost 59 years ago as The Cooperator, will have moved into our new office in the Community Center building. But these words themselves have been processed in our old basement quarters at 15 Parkway, proofread there, and formatted for this, our last edition as a guest of Greenbelt Homes.

All of our present staff members have known no other location, though the paper was first housed, under the auspices of the federal government, which ran the town, in another basement on Parkway. After the town was purchased by the Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation (the original name for GHI), we were offered the basement we have continued to occupy through all these years.

A couple of us remember what it was like. Unusable as a rental property, since it housed all the electrical meter boxes for the apartments above, it also contained storage lockers for many of the residents. It was only a dingy basement-cement floor, cinderblock walls, and a cement ceiling so crudely formed that it carries to this day the imprint of the wooden framing that held it up until the cement hardened. We didn't need much space in those days-the late 1950s. And we did not complain. Given the state of our finances-teetering always on the verge of disasterwe were grateful for rent-free space.

One human need, however, was not met by this facility. Responding to a request by our then-editor, Harry Zubkoff, GHI generously installed a lavatory. And since this facility diminished our working space, the corporation also moved all storage lockers for residents into a room across the hall. By that time we had what, for us, was expensive equipment to protect-a couple of standard typewriters. So pleased were we with our private space that Editor Zubkoff prevailed on GHI again, this time for tiled flooring and a coat of paint.

We all remember a campaign in the early '60s by a couple of GHI board members to charge us rent-and the resounding defeat of that motion by the membership. Since then we have been grateful guests of GHI, although we did then, and have continued to pay toward the utilities we used.

We extend our thanks to the many residents of 15 Parkway who have put up with us over the years.

As our readers know, this paper has survived during all these years through the work of a staff of volunteers. But that long history might never have been possible if this team of volunteers had not had a place to carry on our work. For their generosity, we salute the membership of the cooperative housing corporation, our truly kind landlords. We hope they will come to see us in our new space.

BARC Explains Deer Problem

We would like to assure the citizens of Greenbelt that our efforts to control the burgeoning deer population on the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) do not constitute a hazard to our neighbors. Unfortunately, we have had to intensify our efforts to reduce the deer population for a number of reasons - several of which should also be of concern to our neighbors.

Maryland Department of Natural Resources surveyed BARC several years ago and found that we were faced with over six times the number of deer the environment here can carry. This has led to a serious decline in plant and animal diversity in much of BARC's woodland and wetland areas, due to intense grazing. The number of vehicle accidents involving deer has been increasing at an alarming rate. In 1992, 22 deer were involved in car accidents. In 1994, there were 42 incidents. In the months since our deer control measures began, the number, particularly on Powder Mill Road, has dropped off significantly. The increasing deer population has also increased the population of ticks that transmit Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, presenting an increased danger to not only our employees, but also the citizens of Greenbelt and other surrounding communities.

crops, pastures, and research plots, impeding the scientific work that is BARC's mission. This year, deer destroyed 95 acres of corn and soybeans.

I can assure citizens that all authorized hunting to control deer has been carefully controlled and monitored so as to present no risk to either BARC employees or our neighbors. No high-powered rifles have been permitted to be used for hunting on BARC property. We have allowed shotguns to be used during the Maryland hunting season from November 25 to December 9, and black powder muzzle loaders from October 19 - 21 and December 23 to January 6. No hunting has been per-

to BARC's Greenbelt border. more than twice the buffer zone required by Maryland law.

Letters to the Editor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The News Review welcomes letters to the editor. They should be submitted by 9 p.m. Tuesday, be signed in hand-writing (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.

A Difficult Job

As a member of Greenbelt's amateur thespian community, I want to tell you my reaction to Kuei's negative review of "Who's Scrooge?" (News Review, Dec. 7).

In the past, your reviewer has given the Greenbelt Arts Center many constructive criticisms. Once before during her tenure as News Review Drama Critic Kuei reported that a GAC production really wasn't so hot, and that one really wasn't so hot.

Kuei's Dec. 7 review reflects the problems encountered in the rehearsing "Who's Scrooge," some of which were mentioned in the GAC-generated Nov. 30 News Review article about the preparations for the show.

I once overheard a fellow Greenbelt actor speculate that Kuei might never truly pan a GAC production.

I'm glad to learn she does have the gumption and integrity to do so, and wanted to let you know I appreciate how well she does a very difficult job ... a job which must be especially difficult since, after all, we know where she lives.

Hopi J. Auerbach P.S. Despite its problems, this play was an absolute BLAST to work on, so just imagine how fun it is to be in on one of GAC's hit shows! Anyone who wants to participate is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Arts Center at 441-8770 to volunteer.

illegal tree stands have also been removed. Trespassers on BARC property are subject to arrest.

BARC is a world class scientific institution, directed by Congress to carry out agricultural research. While we premitted closer than 1,000 feet serve natural environment and green space as part of our campus, BARC is not a recreation facility. Use of the grounds by the public requires that a use permit be obtained. One of the benefits of the use permit is that it allows us to advise users when there are areas that need to be avoided. We are committed to being good neighbors of Greenbelt and wish to be as accommodating as possible to its residents. We are equally committed to being good stewards of the environment and that includes controlling the current overpopulation of deer to safeguard our employees, our neighbors, and our research.

Sanity Saved

How I retained my sanity during the blizzard of '96 with a four-year old son (and a 44year-old husband) or my Top Ten Reasons to Live in Greenbelt (especially during a snowstorm): 10. The New Deal Cafe - food, music and companionship; 9. P&G Old Greenbelt Theatre - Wow watching a movie on a big screen; 8. The Washington Post Carrier never missed a day; 7. Public Library - great books and movies to stock up on: 6. Generous Joe's and Beijing - terrific food; 5. Aquatic and Fitness Center ah, the pool and hot tub; 4. Dave Meadows at Old Greenbelt Citgo - your car is always in good hands; 3. Coop Grocery Store - the best place to shop; 2. The dedicated employees and friendly citizens of the City of Greenbelt - like family; 1. The terrific snow removal crews -we could go anywhere safely all week.

What a great vacation! **Robin Olson**

Thanks for Toys

We wish to express our sincere appreciation of the many gifts donated to the Seventeenth Annual Weichert Realtors Toy Drive to benefit needy children.

The kindhearted generosity of the public this year helped us brighten the holiday season for many underprivileged children and made this year's toy drive the most successful ever! Thousands of toys were collected at our 200 offices and distributed to local charities in Connecticut, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington, D.C.

We extend our warmest thanks to the people of the greater metropolitan area and your community, for their continued support.

James M. Weichert, president

Thanks, Carriers!

I just wanted to congratulate you on not only getting this week's edition finished and printed, but also, "DELIV-ERED"!

I was quite surprised to find the paper tucked in my storm door and a figure under five feet high, toting a big newspaper bag, trekking along the walk. The small figure was covered from head to toe and I couldn't tell who it was, although I figured it was the News Review carrier. The small figure turned and gave a wave and I waved back. I hope it was the same carrier that I sent a Christmas check to, because he/she deserved it.

I didn't get any mail delivery today, but I had the News Review delivered. Any kid who delivers a community newspaper and trudges through snow that's up to his/her thighs ought to be applauded and get his/her picture in the paper.

I hope when this kid is grown there will be others to follow, involved in keeping this city, this state, this country going in times of crisis.

Elaine Goad Editors Note: The carriers for plateau place are Luke and Alex Mihalovic

Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thanks to all our neighbors and friends for your support and sympathy after the passing of my beloved husband and our dear father, Joseph Mousley.

> Norma Mousley and family

Thanks

I would like Greenbelters to know there are still Good Samaritans around. Bill Wilkerson, from Crescent Road, shoveled the sidewalks of 2C, 2D and 2E Eastway, as well as the access to my garage.

Norma Van Allen



Deer have also been causing extensive damage to the

In those areas adjacent to Greenbelt, only our own, trained employees were allowed to hunt, and they were required to observe the 1,000foot buffer zone. No hunting has been allowed along Research Road because we know it is a popular walking path for Greenbelt residents.

Notwithstanding our own safety measures, this area is experiencing a major problem with poachers - not just BARC, but the entire area. Shots heard outside of regulated hunting dates and times of day are from poachers.

We have asked the U.S. Park Police to help us increase enforcement of antipoaching laws. A number of

I would be happy to discuss these issues with any resident who continues to have concerns about their safety

K. D. Murrell, Director

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Fun At Goddard

For a real "Blast" that the whole family can participate in, come to the Goddard Space Flight Center Visitor Center on Sunday, January 21. The model rocket launch countdown begins at 1 p.m. Bring a rocket or just come out and enjoy watching the other rocket enthusiasts. All launches are monitored for safety and are held weather permitting.

The X-ray Timing Explorer (XTE) Project, which measures and studies neutron stars will be the topic of the next Discover Goddard presentation. Neutron stars spin at rates ranging from a thousand times a second to only once a minute. Find out more about XTE on Sunday, January 28, at 1 p.m., as Dale Schultz, XTE Project Manager, presents an overview at the Visitor's Center.

For more information on these, or other activities, call 286-8981. Interpreters will be provided for the hearing impaired with seven days notice through TDD 286-8103.

Volume-Based Refuse Collection Is Topic

The City of Greenbelt's Public Works Department and the City's Recycling Advisory Committee have arranged to hear about a "Volume-Based Refuse Collection Pilot Program" that is currently taking place in the Town of Chevy Chase. This talk will be held on Monday, January 29 from 7 - 8 p.m. in the Greenbelt Council City Chamber. Montgomery County Recycling Coordinator, Esther Bowering, has implemented this pilot program to measure its recycling effectiveness and potential applicability to other parts of Montgomery County.

The Chevy Chase recycling pilot program was expanded to include "mixed paper". Then each household was given the choice of different sized garbage cans based on what each resident assumed it would need to store non-recyclable material. The larger the can, the higher the cost. This has motivated residents to recycle nearly 60% of the solid waste stream in the Chevy Chase community.

Volume-Based, weight based, "pay-as-you throw" refuse fee structures are growing in popularity as a way to encourage and reward households that aggressively recycle. The philosophy behind "volume-based fees" is to treat refuse service more like a utility. Households pay for what they have landfilled. This persuades households to recycle more and

Community Events

New Parenting Skills Classes for Parents

Greenbelt Elementary School is sponsoring the STEP Parenting Program (Systematic for Effective Training Parenting) for parenting children ages 5 -12. Another parenting class, for young children birth to age 5, will be held at Francis Fuchs Early Childhood Center. This is a nine week class, beginning Feb. 1. It is taught by a parent for parents. The fee is low cost and people are asked to share experiences as well as learn new skills for their children and grandchildren.

Call the Family Education Network at 888-1020 to register. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Recreational Review

GLAD

A sure cure for cabin fever on school holidays! Greenbelt Leisure and Activity Days (GLAD) will provide an exciting day of planned trips and supervised activities Monday, January 22. Registration for GLAD is currently being accepted at the Recreation Business office. For additional program information, call 397-2200.

Drop In Volleyball

Coed drop in volleyball is played every Monday night from 7 - 10 p.m. at the Greenbelt Middle School. This program is ongoing, but will not meet when school is closed due to a scheduled school holiday or in the event of inclement weathers. For additional information, call 397-2200.

Community Center Update

Although the grand opening was postponed, the Greenbelt Community Center is now open to the public. Operated by the City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation, the center offers a full complement of programs for all Greenbelters and is the new home to some of Greenbelt's favorite organizations. A full size gym, meeting space and a dance studio is available for rental. Watch future News Reviews for updates on the rescheduling of the grand opening and for the posting of open gym time. For additional information, contact the Greenbelt Community Center at 397-2208.

Golden Age Club by Dolores Capotosto

The next meeting of the Club will be on Jan. 24. Our speaker will be officer Mike Mesol of the Greenbelt Police Bike Patrol.

The new officers for 1996, are as follows: President, Horace "Bud" Hinson; Vice President, Ellie Rimar; Second Vice President, Mary Gardner; Recording Secretary, Rachel Algaze; Corresponding Secretary, Pearl Siegel; Treasurer, Margaret Graham. Hopefully, all members will be supportive and helpful to all these wonderful, willing workers.

There should be some news soon as to when the club is to meet in our beautiful new quarters in the Community Center. This semester of Senior Exercise is meeting in the gym of the new Center, and it's great!

Thanks to all the birthday people of Dec. and Jan. for being so patient. Club members hope their celebration can take place soon.

After "that week" it is certainly wonderful to be out and about again. Come to the meetings, but be careful of the ice.

Greenbelt Elementary Begins New Program

United for Safety (U.S.) is a countywide program that focuses on students learning to solve problems non-violently. Nicole Barton, a fifth grade student at Greenbelt Elementary School attended a meeting of student leaders in the Eleanor Roosevelt cluster recently. She and other representatives are responsible for helping to develop a U.S. program in their schools. The Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB) will be discussing ways to promote effective problem solving. One method will be implementing the "C.A.L.M;" approach. Each day that there is no fighting at school, a Peace Flag will be raised on the flag pole the following day. GAB advisors, Mrs. Noxon and Ms. Bryce, are working with the students to initiate the program at Greenbelt Elementary School.

Donation Drop-off Rescheduled

Artists to Meet

All Greenbelt artists are invited to attend the first meeting in 1996 of the Greenbelt Visual Arts Coalition, on Tuesday, Jan. 30, 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. The discussion will include the role of the Coalition now that the Community Center, which includes space dedicated to the visual arts, is open. Membership in the Coalition is open to anyone interested in furthering the visual arts in Greenbelt. For more information, call Barbara Simon, 474-2192.

City Meeting Changed

The Jan. 22 Council Meetng has been changed to a work session

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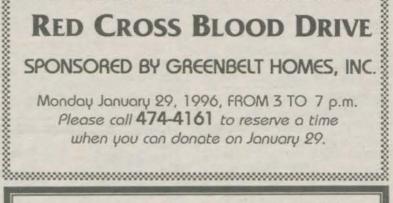
Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition to Meet

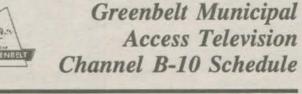
The Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition (GBC) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, January 22 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. The main agenda items will be approval of a plan to affiliate with the League of American Bicyclists, and proposals for GBC-sponsored rides and excursions. All area bicyclists are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Steven Harper, GBC Chair, at 513-9368.

At the Library

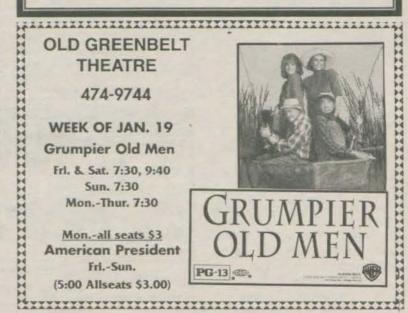
P.J.Storytime for ages 4-6 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24.

Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5 at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, January 25.





Tuesday and Thursday, January 23 & 25 6:00pm "Childrens Drama Class Performance" 6:45pm "The Audrey Scott Show" 7:15pm "The U.S. Court System and You" 7:45pm "Replay of Council Meeting of 1/16/96"



benefit directly by their efforts.

Everyone is welcome to hear the presentation. People who plan to attend, should call 474-8308.

Adult Ed Registration

Prince George's County Public Schools Adult Basic Education will hold registration for the Spring Semester at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Monday, January 22 at 7 p.m. in the Media Center. Classes include GED, Pre-GED, ABE Reading, and ESL levels 1-6. Classes meet on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. and begin on Monday, January 29. The registration process includes the administration of a class placement test. There is a fee for GED classes and ESL level 5 and 6. Other classes have book fees. For additional information, please call 805-2710.

Double Dutch League Fashion Extravaganza

The Greenbelt Youth Double Dutch League in cooperation with the Maryland State Double Dutch League will present a hair and fashion extravaganza entitled "Fashionable Impressions" on Saturday, January 27, from 5-9 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center. There is a fee.

For more information call (301) 499-4821 or (301) 459-7509.

PTA Rescheduled

The Greenbelt Elementary School PTA meeting on testing has been rescheduled to January 24 at 7:30 p.m.

The monthly "Donation Drop-Off" has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 20 from 9 a.m. - noon behind City Hall. The American Rescue Workers truck will be parked and ready to accept desperately needed clothing and household items. Residents are invited to bring used children's, women's and men's clothing (clean and preferably seasonal) and small household items (curtains, pictures, toaster ovens, and utensils) to the American Rescue Workers truck. Workers will issue charitable contribution receipts upon request. Donations are tax-deductible.

In the event of inclement weather, this program is canceled. For updates on this and other recycling programs, call the Recycling Coordinator at 474-8308



BABY WITH THE BATHWATER

by Christopher Durang

Fri. & Sat.; Jan. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27; Feb. 2, 3 at 8 p.m. Sundays, January 21 & 28 at 2 p.m. Gala reception follows this Friday's performance

A darkly comic farce about the growth to adulthood of a child with parents whose grip on reality is about as firm as melted ice cream.

\$8 general, \$6 seniors and students

produced by special arrangement with Dramatist Play Service, Inc.

For reservations, call the Greenbelt Arts Center: 441-8770

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William J. Dobbin, Sr.

William Joseph Dobbin, Sr., 85, of the 10 Court of Southway died at his home of lung congestion on Friday, January 12. His wish was to die at home and his family, respecting his wish, made him comfortable there. A 52 year resident of Greenbelt, Mr. Dobbin was well known in the community.

During World War II he served in the United States Army where he participated in guerilla warfare. He worked for the Bureau of Standards as a high voltage engineer and for the Department of Agriculture as an electrical engineer. He then worked for Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) as an electrician until his retirement.

He was responsible for wiring and decorating Greenbelt's first Christmas tree, a cedar tree on Greenbelt Road which many people came to see and later the city tree across from the Co-op grocery store.

Mr. Dobbin was a member of Disabled American Vets, Greenbelt American Legion, Post 136, and St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

His hobbies were working crossword puzzles, working in his garden, and watching TV. According to his family his real love was cooking which he often said satisfied his creativity. He was proud when his granddaughter, Amy Heller, was crowned Miss Greenbelt.

Mr. Dobbin is survived by his children: Mary E. Heller, Greenbelt; William Joseph Dobbin, Jr., Lanham (but just a mile from his father's house); Patrick Victor Dobbin, Charlotte, N.C.; John Joseph Dobbin, Sr., Greenbelt and Theresa Ann Washington, Bear, Delaware; 14 grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren; and cousins Jack Fleming and Dorothy Henry. His wife Shirley G. Dobbin died 14 months ago.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday, January 19 at 10:15 a.m. at St. Hugh's Catholic Church with the Rev. Thomas Crowley officiating. Interment will be private.

Christian Science Beliefs Series Topic

On Tuesday, January 23, the eleventh class of the Comparative Religion Lecture series will be held at Mishkan Torah at 8 p.m. The guest speaker will be a representative from the Christian Science Church. The class will talk about the background of their denomination, their maior beliefs, how they view their community and finally what their personal views are of unity and world peace. This will be followed by questions and discussion. Classes canceled due to bad weather will be rescheduled for later dates. Members of all of the congregations will be attending these sessions as well. The idea is to clear up misconceptions, broaden understanding and to meet neighbors. The series started on Wednesday, November 1, and the rest of the series has been scheduled on the following Tuesdays at 8 p.m. Registration for the series is requested but not required, along with a small per session donation to cover the refreshments. Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. For more information call 474-4223.

Hadassah Meeting Dora F. Barron

The Judith Resnick Group of Greater Washington Hadassah will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, January 23 at the home of Cynthia Wolfe. The program for the evening's meeting will be a presentation on photography by Ruth Horlick.

For more information, to R.S.V.P., and for directions, please call Diane Boyer at 459-5218.

Hadassah is a not-for-profit organization involved in support of Hadassah hospitals and other Hadassah projects in Israel, as well as educational, social, and youth projects in Israel and the United States.

County Schools Have Scheduling Changes

Prince Geroge's County schools will be open for students on Monday, January 22, a day which was to have been closed for children and open for parent conferences. The after school program will be held that day. School will closed at noon on Friday, January 26. There will be a.m. kindergarten only and no after school program. Parent conferences will be held that afternoon.

Rabbi Saul Grife

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Former Greenbelter Dora Friederike Barron, 66, of Bentonville, VA, died Wednesday, January 10. Born in Heidelberg, Germany, she was a daughter of the late Karl L. and Elisabeth Sholl Barth.

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Mrs. Barron was retired from the Government Employee's Insurance Company.

Survivors include her husband Navarre Thomas Barron, Jr. of Bentonville, daughters Heidi Benowitz and her husband Scott of Bozeman, Montana and Marlene Lush of Riverdale.

A Celebration of Life was held on Wednesday, January 17 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

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GHI Board Begins Study Of Replacement Reserves

by Mary Moien

In the lull between the storms, the Greenbelt Homes Inc. Board of Directors met on January 11, with only this reporter as audience. Two major items were discussed: the date for the annual membership meeting and the revised replacement reserve study. After discussion, it was decided to keep the annual meeting on a weekend day. Saturday, May 18 at 2 p.m. has been tentatively selected, pending obtaining a location. The alternate day would be Sunday, May 19. The board would like to have the meeting at their old location, which is now the Greenbelt Community Center.

Replacement Reserve Study

The replacement reserves are funds set aside by the corporation to cover mechanical and structural components of the houses. These funds have been separate from ongoing maintenance funds. The board had requested management to review the current status of the replacement reserve fund. This review, now completed, was the major topic at the meeting. After the Finance Committee has had a chance to review it thoroughly, the board may schedule a work session on this report.

Jay Freedman, Director of Technical Services, summarized changes to the reserve plan. He fielded general questions, but detailed questions will not surface until the board has had a chance to read the whole report. The report con-tains detailed information and charts on the replacement of many components, such as

frame roofs and gutters, flat roofs and gutters, vinyl siding, owned garage doors, etc.

Heating Problems

One area that the board immediately wanted to discuss was the heating situation. Many members have complained that the electric heat is too expensive and not warm enough. Although replacement of heaters as the old ones fail is covered in the report, Freedman indicated that the fund is not currently set up to allow for a wholesale shift in the type of heating equipment.

Questions about replacement windows also arose. GHI manager Gretchen Overdurff indicated that, if the board indicates they want a study on new equipment, she would like the cooperative to experiment with various windows and heat sources at test homes and see how they perform before suggesting changes.

An entirely new section of the report dealt with options for financing the replacement reserve program. Currently the replacement reserve has a balance of almost \$1.5 million. The 1995 budget promember monthly charges, which management feels is **GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW**

A Review "Bathwater" Is Well Done. **If Not Universally Liked**

by Barbara Likowski

Is it possible to deal with serious problems with laughter? Can we look more easily at what may seem unthinkable by laughing when we really want to cry? That's something people must determine for themselves as they watch, then become engulfed in, the Greenbelt Arts Center's (GAC) presentation of Christopher Durang's "The Baby with the Bathwater."

From the moment we saw the odd painting in the set's living room, we had qualms, foreboding of what was to come. So it really was no surprise when what seemed to be a happy family, new parents looking at their baby, turned out to be something entirely different when the baby cried. Immediately we saw two very different people, immature, lonely, uncertain, definitely not prepared for parenthood.

In the midst of the hyperbole and confusion we had haunting glimpses of what might be. Perhaps we saw some of the things we had thought and done as new parents, though in the play vastly exaggerated. Thus we were able to at the same time feel a sort of empathy and horror. Of course, we laughed. Everyone laughed. This is a very funny play, sometimes it's slapstick comedy. However, the play also made us uncomfortable. Some things in

laughing and, for us, this was one of them. It was afterward that the thoughts we barely glimpsed during the play came to us in full and we could appreciate the author's intent. Looking beyond our personal feelings we were able to see how this play might appeal to the generation brought up on psychological explanations for actions, introspection and, yes, blame ("My parents did it to me,") people a little less uptight than people of our generation might be about this subject.

There are serious questions asked in this play: questions of identity (name, sex of a child), how does one define child abuse? Can children rise seemingly above unsurmountable odds; do things said and done to an infant and toddler stay with him/ her for life?

The acting is superb! From the parents - weak John (Scott Bloom), indecisive, resorting to tranquilizers and alcohol to keep going and Helen (Jan Lee Marshall) moving from reality to unreality almost at a blink of an eye to the Voice (Ervin Green) whom we never see but who keeps us alert and listening so as not to miss a word he says, they hold our interest.

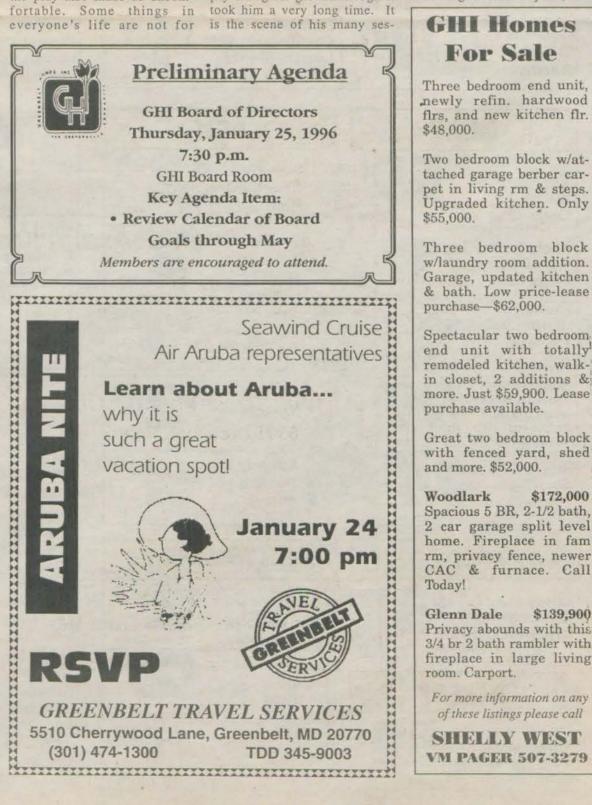
Newcomer Dan Buck plays the now grown baby in such a way that we can believe in his psychological growth though it took him a very long time. It

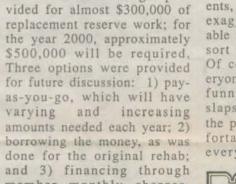
sions with his psychiatrist that had us riveted to our seats. We think that was the most interesting scene in the play.

The supporting cast was well chosen. Greenbelter Judy Holland, a school principal who is more than a little nutty, is more interested in the literary possibilities of a child's essay than what it tells about the child and her possible inclinations toward suicide. Nanny Sheliah Crossley is everything but a Nanny. Her behavior showed us how mixed up she was, too. We didn't like her or her brash behavior but had to admit she played the part well. Brooke Paller who plays a double role as a neighbor whose interest is solely in the child and later a young mother changes our feelings towards her when we see her in that second role. It also shows us that we were relating to the characters as real people, unbelievable as that might seem considering their outrageous behavior. Phyllis Kay and Susie Marucci, two of the normal people in the play, neighbors watching their kids at a playground, do not overact, making them believable, too.

Director Stephen Cox, to his credit, produces a play that is well done even though some of us may not like it. All the wonderful GAC behind the scenes crew produce setting, lights and especially sound, that enhance the play.

The play continues Fridays and Saturdays January 19, 20, 26, 27 and February 2, 3 at 8 p.m. Matinee performances will be given January 21, 28.









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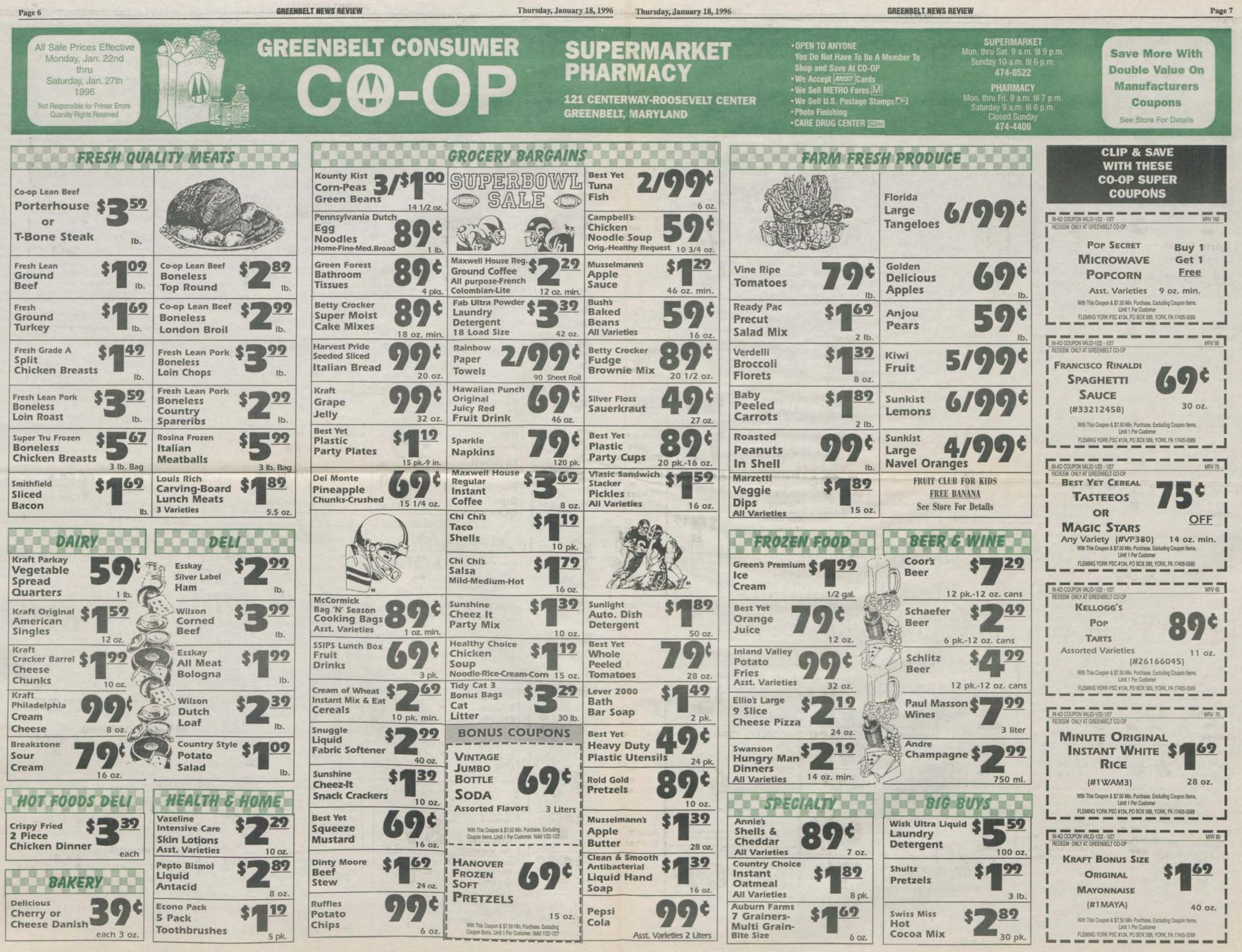
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Editorial staff labors beneath pipes festooned with cables. Left to right, Barbara Likowski, Eileen Farnham, Bernie McGee, Jim Giese, and editor Mary Lou Williamson.

Shock of moving

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with a \$2,000,000 libel suit although we'd never had much money in the bank, the prosecuting attorney accused us of secretly being rich. His reasoning? We gave papers away. Maybe you've wondered why we don't sell the News Review, keep subscription lists, etc. etc. Trust me, it wouldn't pay—I won't go into the boring details because this isn't that kind of an article.

Over the years our landlord, GHI, has been very good to us. It was a big brother of a co-op supporting a pipsqueak co-op, us, to help insure that Greenbelt would have a newspaper. Originally our basement space contained storage cupboards for tenants in the building (plus the electric meters and telephone cables), but GHI relocated the cupboards across the hall to



make room for us.

Over the years relations were mostly amicable, but about 40 years ago we managed to rile a couple of members of the GHI Board. They declared war and



Technology graveyard at the old News Review office. Antique typewriter (it still works) reposes on a patina of dust.

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Views of the basement office at 15 Parkway occupied by the Greenbelt News Review until this week, when the paper moved to the new Community Center. Photos were taken by staff reporter Dorothy Sucher.

demanded the unthinkable rent! Was the cause a critical editorial or two? Or was it because the timid wife of one of our most implacable board member foes worked for us as a proofreader and we paid her a member dividend of \$1.00 a week? "The News Review is rich!" her hubby thundered. "They pay their employees!" It irked him that she had her own independent income.

We weathered the crisis, as we've weathered so many. We believe we play an important part in the life of the town. Some of our readers seem to think so—or why else did one of them call the mayor to complain that a member of the News Review's board had an unlisted number?

Lost Cat

It'll take a while to get used to our new quarters. We'll have to stick a few dozen pieces of paper on the walls with scotch tape, and they'll have to yellow a bit before we feel at home. I'm pretty sure our readers will find us, though, when they want to bring in an impassioned letter to the Editor, or a classified ad about a lost cat, or an only slightly exaggerated piece of campaign literature.

And when they wander in we'll be there, blinking in the sunlight yet trying gamely to put out the paper as usual.



One of this paper's former business managers had an uncle who did this cartoon depicting life in the paper's basement offices at 15 Parkway. The drawing has been hanging on the office wall for many years.



Desk of Mary Lou Williamson editor in chief of the Greenbelt News Review. The editor's initials (top drawer pull, right) were carved by her daughter, Carolyn, the paper's office girl 20 years ago, when she should have been cleaning the floor.

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Blizzard of'96

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The city's mechanics had plenty of business, according to Keifline. "We busted up a lot of plows." The clutches in two trucks went out, several dozen hydraulic hoses were broken and about 19 snowplow blades had to be replaced. There were six tire blowouts and 20 others were worn out. "We were wiped out of windshield wiper blades," he said. "We used about 100 in two days on city trucks and police cars."

The city ran out of hydraulic fluid. The only fluid available in the state turned out to be in Mt. Airy at a dealer from which the city had purchased several pieces of equipment. The owner was called at his home, and the city was able to get the fluid pulled off the shelf and set aside. Keifline made a quick trip up to get it.

Come Back in April

The city was not so lucky in getting chains for the backhoe to replace those worn out. The supply is gone and the manufacturer makes them only at one time each year. The city can get resupplied in April, it was told.

Many of the city's snow removal crew who do not live in Greenbelt did not go home for several days but rather took their breaks in Greenbelt or nearby with friends or relations. Gene Diest, Street Maintenance Foreman stayed with his in-laws in Cottage City, driving there in his cityassigned truck which has a plow attached. This resulted in two calls to Public Works asking why Greenbelt was plowing Cottage City's streets.

There's No Place to Put It

Overdurff was pleased with the way GHI crews and the city had handled snow reto push the snow and obstrucmoval. "GHI is not built for tions from improperly parked 23 inch snowfalls," she said. vehicles. "There is no place to put the Many apartment and snow, because wherever you go there are fences. The parked cars are really the biggest challenge for us." She expressed her appreciation to the many residents who helped GHI dig out and who cooperated by moving their cars out of the parking lots so that GHI equipment could get

in and remove the snow. Unlike many other housing developments, Overdurff said that in GHI "absolutely every court was opened up, and many courts were completely cleared."

Overdurff, who went out with the snow crews, was pleased with GHI's preparations for the snow emergency. The cooperative had purchased a new truck, a 36 inch Bobcat and several small plows this year. There was plenty of salt on hand. GHI and the city had met earlier to work out a strategy for snow removal on sidewalks. "We had a plan [for the snow emergency]," she said," and we did it the best we could."

Overdurff was particularly laudatory about the cooperation and help GHI got from city crews. She also thanked the many members who sent in notes to commend GHI crews. "They worked very hard," she said, "and were very conscientious. We were fortunate to have our own crew who could work around the clock. Many of them worked four days." She also commended Director of Maintenance Kenny Grimes.

State of Emergency

Residents of Springhill Lake Apartments were not so fortunate. Instead of having its own crew of maintenance employees, the project relied upon private contractors to clear out the snow. When it became clear to the city that snow removal was not taking place and that there was no access being provided for access by emergency equipment, Police Chief James Craze declared a public safety emergency and requested city crews to open up access to the numerous buildings in the project. This proved to be a challenging task, according to the public works crews who were faced with deep snow, lack of places

townhouse residents who did manage to dig their cars out of snowbound parking lots got in trouble by parking out on plowed streets so as to obstruct travel on the streets. This forced city police to order the cars to be towed in order to keep the streets open for emergency vehicles Many of the



A Boxwood Village resident clears the snow from his car.

-photo by Erin Colomb of J. Henson Photographics

towed cars were taken to the parking lot at Buddy Attick Park.

Springhill Lake was not the only apartment project with snow removal problems. David Moran, who said Greenbelt Roads were by far the best he saw in his driving about, described the snow removal at apartment complexes as "just terrible." Moran got stuck at one place and had to dig himself out.

TV Brings Plows

Five city employees live in the Hillmeade Station subdivision near Bowie. They report that they didn't see Prince

George's County snow plows until a Channel 7 news team showed up to do a segment for the noon news on the complaints of lack of plowing made by neighbors. Shortly after the news crew set up at the corner intersection next to Public Works Office Assistant Cindy Murray's home, five county snow plows appeared and began plowing. City Public Information and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau, who lives nearby, said the streets are still in poor condition and in need of more plowing.

City Councilmember Judith Davis was caught by the lack of snow removal in Washington. Davis had to stay with a friend for three days when she was caught by the snow after having dinner and a nice movie. She found it interesting to be in D.C. where everyone was walking or skiing. Cross country skis were everywhere. The only nearby stores open were a liquor store, a video store and a coffee shop. The coffee shop did a booming business, she said, and had difficulty keeping up with demand.

Davis, who was determined to get back home, managed to get out of the city on Tuesday in the midst of the snow flurry that turned into a second snowfall. "As soon as we hit Greenbelt, we found the roads were plowed," she said.

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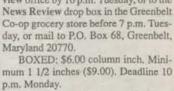
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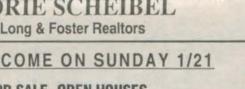
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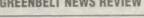
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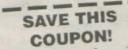
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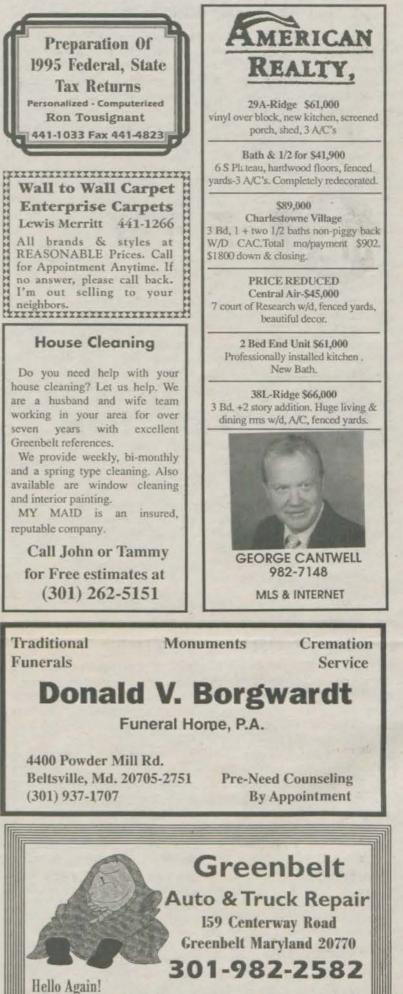
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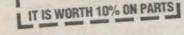
All-Star Honor Band Concert at UMCP

The University of Maryland School of Music will hold the All-Star High School Honor Band Concert, January 21 at 4 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union at

College Park. High school students from Maryland, D.C. and Virginia will perform. The concert is free and open to the public. For additional information please call (301) 405-5542.



Had enough yet? We have, but I think this is the start. As we get hack into the swing of things and start driving our vehicles again, there are going



Novena to St. Jude O holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue and rich in miracles, near Kinsman of Jesus Christ, Faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, to you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present urgent petition. In return I promise to make your name known, and cause you to be invoked. Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glories, St. Jude pray for us and all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail and must be said for 9 consecutive days. Publication must be promised.



to be a lot of repairs related to the snow and ice from last week.

In a prior article I talked about windshield wipers that were left on from the night before and when you set out in the morning to go to work or wherever they were frozen down and wouldn't operate, thus burning out an internal component. Make sure that you turn off the wipers when you park your vehicle for any length of time when the temperature is in the freezing zone.

Second, make sure that the windshield washer system is in proper operation and the chemical is a winter blend of solvent. This is going to be a important safety item for the next couple of weeks for proper visibility. With that in mind, it may be necessary to invest in winter type wiper blades. This type of blade keeps ice from sticking to the wiper blades, allowing the wipers to clear the windshield more effectively.

Now is the time to check on your implied Preventive Maintenance servicing. If it has not been done, it may be to your benefit to have it performed. We're not out of the woods in respect to snow and ice. It just may keep you from breaking down. Believe me, towing vehicles in the snow and ice is very tough and you may wait several hours before a tow truck is available!

Till Next Time Think Preventive Maintenance! Joe!

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Cherrywood Terrace near Cherrywood Court in the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 9, when his vehicle was approached by three men. One of the men struck the car with his hand. The driver opened his door and asked what was the problem. The man yelled a racial slur and, after a short verbal altercation, closed the car door. The victim drove to the 6000 block of Cherrywood Court where he was confronted again by the three men as he attempted to enter the building. One of the three men began yelling racial slurs and struck the man in the head.

A short time later, three men fitting the same description attempted a car jacking in the same area. The victims were traveling on Cherrywood Terrace when they stopped behind a stalled vehicle. The three suspects approached the victims' car on foot, opened the driver's door and told the victims to get out. By this time the stalled vehicle had been moved out of the way and the victims were able to drive away, though one of the men attempted to open the driver's door, breaking the handle in the process.

The suspects are described as: 1) a black man, about 18 years old, 6'2", wearing a black jacket, brown pants and a knit hat; 2) a black man, about 18 years old, 6'2", wearing a black jacket and dark pants; and 3) a black man about 18 years old, 5'6", wearing a red jacket, dark pants and a baseball cap.

On Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 10, an officer responded to a report of a vehicle blocking snow removal equipment in the 6100 block of The Breezewood Court. owner was told to move the vehicle into a parking space or the vehicle would be towed. The officer left the scene to assist some other motorists, but returned a short time later to find the vehicle had not been moved and was now blocking traffic. The officer called for a tow truck. The owner returned to the scene and began yelling at the

A man was driving down between his vehicle and the tow truck, the owner was placed under arrest. As the officer attempted to handcuff the man he was struck. A second officer responded and was also assaulted while assisting in taking the man into custody. The man, a 42-yearold resident, was charged with two counts of battery, obstructing and hindering, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest. The man appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released pending trial.

The management of the Academy 8 Theaters requested an officer to escort a patron off the property on Saturday evening, January 6. As the officer attempted to escort the woman, she became disorderly, yelling profanities, and causing a crowd to form. The woman was placed under arrest and charged with disorderly conduct. The woman, a 40-year-old non-resident was released into the custody of the Prince George's Sheriff's Department when a computer check revealed the woman had an open arrest warrant with the Prince George's County Police.

Officers responded to a report of an unwanted guest in a residence in the 400 block of Ridge Road on Saturday evening, January 6. The woman, a 41-year-old nonresident, was placed under arrest and charged with trespassing, when she refused to leave the residence. She was released on citation pending trial.

An electronic pager was found in the possession of a student on the grounds of Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Friday, January 5. The student, a 16-year-old non-resident youth, was arrested, charged with possession of a pager on school grounds, and released on citation pending trial.

Thefts

A man heard a noise coming from the laundry room of a building in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive in the early hours of Thursday

ticed a man in the laundry room who claimed to be washing a shirt. The man noticed a screwdriver next to one of the machines and damage to one of the coin boxes. The man left to call the police, at which time the suspect fled the scene. The suspect is described as a black man, 19 to 20 years old, 5'5", 140 lbs., black hair and wearing dark clothing.

A burglary of an office suite in the 6300 block of Ivy Lane was reported on Thursday, January 11. Computer equipment was stolen.

Auto Thefts and Recoveries

While patrolling the area of Crescent Road and Centerway on Friday, January 5, an officer stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the 1976 Cadillac Coupe de Ville had been reported stolen to Prince George's County Police. The driver, an 18-year-old nonresident, was arrested, charged with theft, and released pending trial after appearing before a District Court Commissioner.

A 1988 Acura Legend fourdoor was stolen from the 7900 block of Mandan Road on Friday, January 5. The car was recovered later the same day in the 4900 block of Newton Street, Hyattsville, by Prince George's County Police. No arrests have been made.

A 1993 Jeep Cherokee was

block of Springhill Terrace on Wednesday, January 10. It was located a few minutes later in the 6200 block of Breezewood Court. The ignition had been damaged and groceries had been removed.

A 1992 Geo Storm twodoor was reported stolen from Court Gardenway on Wednesday evening, January 10. The vehicle was recovered the next day in the parking lot of St. Hugh's Church. No arrests have been made.

Other vehicles reported stolen include: a beige 1990 Infiniti M30 two-door, MD tags BRT816, from the 7900 block of Mandan Road on Friday morning, January 5; a blue 1993 Saturn station wagon, MD tags TNM313, from the 51 Court of Ridge Road on Saturday morning, January 6; a red 1980 Datsun B210 two-door, MD tags CXA057 from the 6100 block of Breezewood Court on Sunday, January 7; a white 1984 Jeep CJ-7 two-door, MD tags 05483M, from the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road on Monday, January 8; and a grey 1982 Toyota Celica two-door, VA tags QVZ889, from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace on Tuesday, January 9.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted theft of vehicle were reported in the following areas: 8300 block Canning Terrace, 9300 block of Edmonston Road, Fayette Place, 6000 block Greenbelt reported stolen from the 6100 Road, 7000 block Greenbelt

UCP Star-A-Thon To Air on Sunday

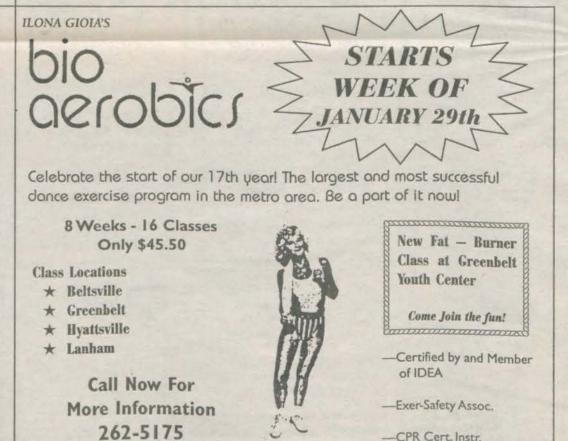
On January 21 United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) will present its 18th network telethon from noon to 6 p.m. on station WJZ-TV, Channel 13. This totally local telethon features local persons and groups.

Service and veteran organizations are collecting funds for UCP which will be presented on the telethon. For example American Legion posts in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties have raised thousands of dollars for UCP.

United Cerebral Palsy of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties will be the recipient of all locally raised funds to be used to support the agency's services.

UCP programs include residential services, employment training, summer camp for children, independent and community living training, parents' support groups, and introduction of students with disabilities to careers in high technology. For information about UCP, or the telethon, please call (301) 262-4993.

Road (two incidents), 2 Court Laurel Hill Road, Lynbrook Court, 8000 block Mandan Road, 2 Court and 100 block Northway, 16 Court Ridge Road, 9100 block Springhill Court and 6100 block Springhill Terrace (two incidents).



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