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Primary Election Is Tuesday

by James Giese

Hey, Greenbelters, did you know that there is a primary election on Tuesday, March 5? Although the election and the candidates have received little publicity, it is still an important one. Better make plans to bone up on the candidates and vote on Tuesday.

This will be a primary election to select delegates (see boxes) to the Democratic and Republican National Conventions and to choose a party candidate for the office of the President and the U.S. Congress. The primary is open only to voters registered with the two parties. Greenbelt independents, called "declines" by the election office, will not be able to vote at this election, although in other areas they will be able to vote in school board elections. (Suzanne Plogman, this area's representative to the school board is not up for reelection this year.)

Republican and Democratic party members will also be choosing Judges of the Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial District. There are five incumbents and three challengers running for the five judicial offices. All eight candidates have cross-filed in both party primaries and are running as nonpartisan. If both parties nominate the same five, those candidates will not be subjected to a contested election in November and, in effect, will have been elected to office. But if one party chooses different candidates from the other, voters will have choices to make in November.

Presidential Election

Although there has been

little campaigning in Maryland, the selection of a Republican presidential candidate has drawn the most national interest. Maryland will be one of eight states selecting delegates on what has been billed "mini Super Tuesday." There will be a preferential ballot listing the names of all nine Republican candidates including U. S. Senator Phil Gramm who dropped out of the contest after a poor showing in Iowa. Republican voters will also choose three delegates to the convention from a field of 20. Of those, three each are committed to former Tennessee governor Lamar Alexander, television commentator Patrick Buchanan, U. S. Senator Bob Dole, and Gramm. Maryland Presidential Candidate Alan Keyes has one pledged delegate candidate on the ballot. The other seven candidates for delegate are uncommitted. Also running for president are Robert K. Dornan, Richard Lugar and Maurice Taylor.

On the Democratic side, President Bill Clinton is being challenged in the popularity contest and for delegates by perennial candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. Voters are to select three female and three male delegates. Clinton has full slates of three for both sexes. LaRouche has one female and two male delegate candidates pledged to him. One is a Greenbelter, Hans Egon Hopp. Also running are one uncommitted female and two uncommitted male delegate candidates.

For Congress

Long time incumbent Steny Hoyer, now a resident of St. Mary's County, is being chal-

lenged in the Fifth Congressional District by a Democrat. The winner will face one of four Republican challengers in the November election. The district includes only a part of Prince George's County, primarily areas outside the beltway, the southern part of Anne Arundel County, and all of Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert Counties.

Hoyer, 56, an attorney, has been representing the Fifth District since 1981. However, the boundaries for the district were greatly changed as a result of the 1990 census and the district is now considered more conservative than it was before redistricting. Hoyer has reached the fourth highest position in the Democratic leadership in the House, but his influence has sharply declined since Republicans took control over Congress.

Hoyer is opposed by Thomas W. Defibaugh, Sr., 43, an animal control officer for Anne Arundel County. Defibaugh is not raising campaign funds, but is instead asking supporters to contribute to the poor. Hoyer is reported to have had \$300,000 in campaign money on hand as of January 1.

On the Republican side, Maryland delegate John S. Morgan, 32, of Laurel has the best financed campaign with reported funds raised totaling \$23,000. Morgan is a physicist holding a doctorate degree from Johns Hopkins University. Republican pundits expect Morgan to be the party's candidate in the general election.

Of the other candidates, James J. Inabinett, Jr., 37, of College Park, is a real estate attorney. This is his first at-

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Fire Department Needs Help in Helping Greenbelt

by Randy Crenwelge

Greenbelters depend on the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department (GVFD) when a fire or medical emergency requires the department's expertise and assistance. What would happen if someone's call for help remained unanswered? There may be a day when the department might not be able to respond because there is a shortage of emergency medical technicians and firefighters.

Volunteers needed now

According to Jay Remenick,

"If you're looking to be a hero, it's not that way,"
—Jay Remenick

President of the GVFD, "Becoming a firefighter is not for everyone; however, the department needs people to join that are willing to focus themselves on achievement rather than hanging out on the street." New recruits must commit time and energy to train, study, and become certified. To join and be active, one does not have to live in Greenbelt; however, learning the skills, completing the training, and becoming a member of the department is not easy. The rewards for serving the community are immeasurable, Remenick says. Saving lives and property is considered a part of the job. "If you're looking to be a hero, it's not that way," Remenick remarked.

The public may often see the firefighters' acts as heroic. The fire service volunteers see themselves as just doing their jobs.

To help the fire department, one does not have to become a firefighter or emergency medical technician. Volunteers are needed who can perform secretarial or administrative duties, work around the fire house, and perform a wide range of other duties. "Volunteers keep the fire department in business," remarked Remenick.

Anyone wanting to serve in the fire service has to have a strong desire to save lives and property. In return for this commitment, there are worthwhile benefits. Members of the department have access to tools and shop spaces to work on their vehicles, they have a place to stay and sleep, and they are offered a high degree of responsibility and the honor of serving the community. The State of Maryland helps pay for college courses that firefighters (including junior firefighters and senior active members) can take to upgrade their skills and become certified. These college credits can be applied towards professional degree programs

which lead to fire service careers. After seven years of satisfactory service, the State of Maryland allows volunteer fire department members to make a sizeable monetary deduction when filing state income tax returns. There are also retirement benefits after 25 years of creditable service.

Recruits Needed

The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department is seeking individuals, starting at age 16 and up, who are willing to devote time and make the commitment to learn to save lives and put out fires. Anyone interested in becoming a firefighter can ask a local firefighter what it takes or call the GVFD at 345-7000. The firefighter's job is rewarding, Remenick relates. It promises to offer strong friendships, individual growth, the development of discipline, the acquiring of skills, and the giving of oneself unselfishly beyond one's known physical and mental limits. It also requires teamwork, a willingness to study, intelligence, dedication, sacrifice, support from family, common sense, and a strong desire to help people, save lives and put out fires.

Fire Service Training

This reporter visited the Maryland Fire and Rescue Institute (MFRI) at the University of Maryland. According to John Fisher of MFRI, fire service training is filled with fun and a competitive spirit. Groups of recruits often compete with each other while obtaining training objectives.

Overcoming claustrophobia and not panicking in cramped spaces is essential for all firefighters. One of the highlights of firefighter training at MFRI is the "Maize" building. This building contains a three story obstacle course which the firefighter must pass through in

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Registration Summary

by Elaine Skolnik

Some 7,758 Greenbelters are eligible to vote in the upcoming primary election on Tuesday, March 5 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at four polling locations. Precinct 3 registered voters will cast ballots at St. Hugh's Elementary School, 145 Crescent Road; Precinct 6 at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road; Precinct 8 at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive and Precinct 13 at Eleanor

Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway.

In Greenbelt, Democrats outnumber Republicans 3 to 1. Of Greenbelt's total 7,758 registered voters, 64.5% are Democrats, 20.3% are Republicans and 14.7% are Declines (see chart).

Democrats have an advantage over Republicans of almost 2 to 1 in the state and nearly 4 to 1 in Prince George's County. In the Fifth Congressional District, Democrats outnumber Republicans by 2 to 1.

Unofficial Primary Registration Figures

Precinct/Polling Place	Democrats	Republicans	Declines	Libertarians	Total
21-3 St. Hugh's Elem.	1,338	414	290	6	2,048
21-6 Greenbelt Elem.	1,233	435	240	5	1,913
21-8 Springhill Lake Elem.	703	110	149	0	962
21-13 Eleanor Roosevelt H-S	1,731	616	462	26	2,835
Total Greenbelt	5,005	1,575	1,141	37	7,758
5th Congressional District	83,042	39,111	19,233	120	141,506
Prince George's County	220,199	57,459	36,788	201	314,647
State of Maryland	1,444,880	729,041	250,906	1311	2,426,138

What Goes On

Thurs., Feb. 29 until the start of classes on March 18 - Ongoing registration for Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Programs, Greenbelt Community Center and Greenbelt Youth Center.
Mon., March 4, 7 p.m. Recycling Advisory Committee, Aquatic and Fitness Center.
7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals, Community Center
Tues., March 5, 7 a.m. - 8 p.m., Primary Election
Wed., March 6, 7:15 p.m. Park & Recreation Advisory Board, Aquatic and Fitness Center
7:30 p.m. Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center.

Letters to the Editor

Wrong Green

Being a resident of the eastern half of Greenbelt for over 10 years now, I've had a unique view of the city. I've watched the city council pronounce their fondness for the city and its residents. I watched the traffic grow as the developers marched to their own tune (much the same racket that cash registers make). I've watched the relentless destruction commonly known as "development" turn the last vestiges of the greenbelt into a smear of grey concrete and wasted fields. I watched as the Sunrise destroyers took out a small forest. Their legacy to us is a field of broken trees scattered with rubble. A constant reminder of their concern for our greenbelt. Even though they could not build on the site, they were not made to restore the site. It's like they operate under a different set of laws than responsible people do. If I went into a nearby wooded lot and started hacking away at the trees, I'm sure it would be a short term exercise with many long term legal consequences.

I've watched as the trees were moved to make us east Greenbelters a little park. I've heard the many reasons why we cannot have a real lake in our little park. I've watched the traffic on Hanover Parkway accelerate as the destroyers have turned Greenbelt forests into seas of mud. I've watched as the destroyers have perverted the last shreds of woodland into subdivisions for the cash cows called housing. More houses do not make better neighborhoods. Better decisions on the limited resources and greenspaces make better communities.

Why didn't I do something? Why did I sit back and let this happen? The trees are almost all gone and now I say something.

We think we can manage human greed as long as we get our piece. Greenbelt stop fooling yourself. The only green that seems to have any significance is the money you've gained for selling yourself short. If the rest of the Washington metropolitan area goes to hell must you follow too? No, you don't have to. If we have trees and quiet streets, not as many people or cars, is this a problem? Is our contribution any less if we have less government sponsored services and more quality of living?

We are now past the crossroads. We, as Greenbelters, are obsolete. We are now part of the vast concrete jungle that is swallowing up all human decency in exchange for a bank account that pays for less and less.

When I look into the dark tunnel of progress, the light I see is the train of urban sprawl making its final approach.

Wyatt Miller

Editor's Note: The Prince George's County Council, not the Greenbelt City Council, has the responsibility for planning and zoning.

Vote

Loves the Paper

I love this paper! It reminds me of what my hometown newspaper used to be like when I was growing up. (I don't think they have a paper now.)

Ginny Wells

Free Tax Assistance Is Now Available

Volunteers trained by the Internal Revenue Service are providing free tax assistance to taxpayers who are either elderly, low-income, handicapped, non English speaking, or members of the military at more than 200 locations throughout Delaware, Maryland and the District of Columbia.

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) sites are usually located in churches, community center, libraries, and other neighborhood locations. In Greenbelt the site is the Greenbelt Branch library, 11 Crescent Rd. by appointment only; call 248-6604.

When visiting a site, bring the 1995 federal tax package that was received in the mail; all wage and earnings statements from employers (Forms W-2); all interest and dividend statements (Forms 1099); a copy of federal tax return from last year, if available; the social security number of any dependent(s) born prior to November 1995 who may be claimed; and any other relevant information concerning income and expenses.

Help with Bills From PEPCO

The record-setting cold weather in the area caused many people to use more energy than normal to heat their homes. As a result, some utility customers may find their energy bills higher than normal. Pepco customers who anticipate having difficulty paying their utility bill should call (202) 833-7500 to discuss possible payment alternatives if these bills pose a financial burden.

The Time Payment Plan helps customers with overdue or unusually large bills. The Average Payment Plan allows residential customers with current accounts to pay their bills in equal monthly installments, and the Extended Payment Plan extends the bill due date to the fifth of the following month for residential customers to correspond with the normal mailing and delivery of government and income-assistance checks.

The Chromatics thank Greenbelt residents for all their support, especially those who came out in the snow to hear us at the New Deal Cafe on Jan. 12.

The Chromatics have been chosen to participate in the **Atlantic Region Harmony Sweepstakes!** This A Cappella competition features 7 groups from the East Coast, at the Kennedy Center on Saturday, Mar. 2, 7:30 p.m. in the Terrace Theater. Come and cheer for Greenbelt's own a cappella ensemble! Tickets: call the Kennedy Center (202) 467-4600.

for more info call Padi Boyd, music director, 982-0279.

Progress and Problems At the New Deal Cafe

by Dorothy Sucher

The New Deal cafe, Greenbelt's newest co-op, made its much-anticipated debut two months ago in the community center. It has remained open for business every Friday and Saturday night since December 28, despite several record snowstorms, and 10 new members have joined. At a board meeting February 18, the cafe's progress and problems were reviewed.

Board members reported that several things that seemed to be problems at first have worked out surprisingly well. Despite initial complaints about the lack of small, intimate tables, customers seem to have taken to the "family style" informality of sharing the large, round tables, which promote conversation and meeting new people. Also the division of the dining space into two rooms, it turns out, has made a natural division possible between the music lovers, who want to congregate near the entertainers, and the customers who come primarily for socializing and tend to gather in the other room.

Everyone agreed that the indirect lighting from the new lamps, plus the placing of candles on the tables, have been an improvement over the harsh glare of the overhead fixtures. Pictures will soon be hung on the walls, and tablecloths should soften the atmosphere further.

Breaking Even

Financially, the cafe has been just about breaking even, but the balance sheet ought to improve once the one-time, start-up costs have been paid off. The credit side of the ledger includes members' dues, donations, and the sale of souvenir items like T-shirts and mugs; food sales alone are not yet totally covering expenses, and ways were discussed of lowering costs, although profit margins are already tight. The major costs involved in running the cafe include rent (25%), manager's salary (25%), and food (45%).

Manager Michael Eppolito reported that although the cafe has been well attended, crowds tend to ebb and flow unpredictably, making it a challenge to prepare an adequate amount of food while minimizing waste. Scheduling the kitchen workers, all of whom are volunteers, can also be difficult. If the workers don't have enough to do, they start feeling that it isn't worthwhile to show up; but if too few are on hand during busy times, the result can be "a nightmare."

Menu

Desserts and coffee have been the most popular items, with salads not far behind. Soup and chili are now available but haven't sold as well, perhaps because not many patrons are coming in for supper as yet, although the cafe opens at 6 p.m.

The menu will continue in flux for a while, as new items are tried. Also there is a need for a commercial quality espresso machine. This will cost about \$2,000, which will probably have to be raised through a fund drive. Fundraising ideas discussed included a dance marathon, to be held in the gym at the community center, and a coffee tasting.

Membership Survey

Alexander Barnes reported on preliminary results of a survey that was recently sent to members, 45% of whom reported having made five or more visits to the cafe. The majority rated the food, service, and entertainment between "1" and "2" on a scale of 1 to 5. Polled on whether the food should remain exclusively vegetarian, 21% voted "yes," 32% favored trying new, non-vegetarian foods, and 46% were neutral.

Board members and cafe activists in the audience at the

Students Can Run For School Board

The Prince George's Regional Association of Student Governments (PGRASG) will elect the student member of the County Board of Education on Thursday, April 11. The 1996-97 school year will be the first full year in which the student board member has partial voting rights.

Candidate forms will be available in the administrative offices of all public high schools for students. The filing deadline is Monday, March 18.


For more information, contact Student Affairs Advisor Camille McCann at 749-4379.

Interpreter Needed

The Prince George's County Health Department is looking for a volunteer who speaks Spanish fluently to act as an interpreter on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the daytime hours. The work site for this position is in Hyattsville.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact the Voluntary Action Center, at 699-2800.

meeting were polled on the amount of time they are presently contributing. The total was about 50 hours a week of contributed labor, in addition to the hours spent by the kitchen staff. Five or six volunteers staff the kitchen every Friday and Saturday night, and according to the survey most find it a "positive experience."



Greenbelt Municipal Access Television Channel B-10 Schedule

Tuesday and Thursday, March 5 & 7

6:00pm "Roosevelt Center Mall Design Options for Renovation and Repair"

6:30pm "The Audrey Scott Show"

7:00pm "City Council Meeting of Feb. 26, 1996"

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Greenbriar Owners Hold Annual Meetings

The annual election meetings of the Greenbriar homeowners' groups are coming up in March to elect members of the community to serve as the groups' representatives on the Board of Directors of the Greenbriar Community Association.

Greenbriar Phase I meets on Tuesday, March 12, and will fill a three-year position. Greenbriar Phase II will meet on Thursday, March 14, and fill two positions, one for three years and the other for two years.

Greenbriar Phase III will meet on Monday, March 20. There is no position up for election, but board members will update the landscaping plan and hear a representative from the Greenbelt Police Department speak about safety issues.

Greenbriar Community Association will hold its annual meeting Wednesday, March 20. Two positions will be up for election, Phase II seat and the Glen Oaks seat, both for three-year terms.

Recreation Review

Spring Camp

Registration for Spring Camp at the Greenbelt Youth Center is underway. Spring break for kids in grades K - 6, includes daily field trips, movies, crafts, games and more planned for the week of April 1 - 5.

Kid's Quickies

Anyone who missed the Kid's Quickies Workshop on February 7, lost out on a chance to make, decorate and eat lots of Valentine cookies. Eleven adventurers in grades K - 6 participated in the inaugural Kid's Quickie - Valentine's Day Cookies workshop, without even one report of a tummy ache. Don't miss the next workshop, scheduled for March 20 from 4 - 5 p.m. at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Kites will be made and flown in celebration of spring.

GLAD

Our next GLAD (Greenbelt Leisure and Activity Days) day is scheduled for March 5, election day. Kids will enjoy a morning tour of Chevy's Restaurant followed by either a picnic lunch (weather permitting) or a dip at the indoor pool. An afternoon trip to the movie theater will round out the day. GLAD is scheduled on county school holidays. Let GLAD eliminate a school holiday day care dilemma or use GLAD to cure those "What can I do now blues."

Call the Recreation Department for additional program information at 397-2200.

Line Dancing Raises Funds for Grad Night

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Grad Night '96 Committee will host three evenings of country line dancing including professional line dance instruction by Ann Foster. The public is invited. The dances will be held from 7 to 10 in the school cafeteria on Friday evenings, March 15, 22, and 29. Tickets will be sold at the door. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Margaret Bond at 249-6530 for advance sale of tickets or information. All proceeds will benefit Grad Night '96 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Community Events

OASIS Programs Open to Community

The OASIS program at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) will have the following programs in early to mid-March:

- Each Tuesday and Thursday 6 - 8 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to noon - Individual Tutoring
- Each Saturday 9 a.m. to noon - SAT Walk-in Computer Lab to prepare for the SAT

March 9

• SAT - Tricks of the Trade. Introduction to basic skill for the SAT, for adults and students grades 9 - 12. 10 a.m. to noon.

• Russian Slide Show. See and hear about Russia, especially the Children's Home in Polyevskoi. Students and adults. 10 - 11 a.m.

March 16

• Financial Planning. Learn about investing and financial planners. Adults and students grades 7 and up. 10 - 11 a.m.

March 23

• Learn Double Dutch. Have fun and get fit. Grades 3 - 12. 10 a.m. to noon.

• Introduction to CPR and First Aid. Students and adults. 10 a.m. to noon.

March 30

• Travel with Children. Learn about trips that can be exciting and educational. Students and adults. 9 a.m. to noon.

• Calligraphy Demonstration - Students grades 9 and up and adults. 10 a.m. to noon.

The OASIS seeks to assist students and adults in the quest for improved and continuing learning experiences. All community members are invited to participate in these free programs. No registration is necessary. All programs are held at ERHS.

Purim Carnival

On Sunday, March 3, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be a Purim Carnival at Mishkan Torah. Children and adults are welcome to participate in this event and in the reading of the Book of Esther on Monday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. While it is traditional to come to the reading dressed in costumes, it is not required.

Sweets, greggers (noise makers), and costumes are part of the celebration.

For more information call 474-4223.

Nursery Open House At Mishkan Torah

On Sunday, March 3, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Mishkan Torah Nursery School, located at 20 Ridge Road, will hold an Open House. Openings are available immediately for two and three year olds. The curriculum encourages emotional, social, cognitive, and physical development, creativity, and positive self-esteem.

The program includes art, music, dance, drama, stories, science and nature, food experiences and nutritious snacks. Jewish holidays are celebrated with song, food, and dance. Children of all backgrounds are welcome and their diversity respected. Lunch Bunch is available. Mishkan Torah Nursery school is accredited by the Maryland State Board of Education.

Families are invited to the March 3 open house for fun and refreshments, or parents may call and drop by with their child on a school day. Registration for fall, 1996 is now in progress for two, three, and four year olds.

For information, contact Bonnie Korr, director, at 474-4223 or 277-8615.

Beltway Plaza Hosts Beauty Pageant, Jazz

Babies to 27 years old young ladies are eligible to enter a beauty contest to be held at Beltway Plaza Mall on Saturday, March 2 at 2 p.m. All participants will receive a trophy.

Entry forms can be picked up at the mall security office near the Center Court entrance.

Listen to the "Headliners" Jazz Band while shopping on Sunday, March 3 from 2 to 5 p.m. Four tickets will be given away to the March 6 basketball game featuring the Bullets vs. the Supersonics with limousine transportation. Drawing is at 5 p.m.

Caregivers Group To Meet March 5

A caregiver's support group will meet on Tuesday, March 5, from 5 - 6:30 p.m. at the Adult Care Center in the Greenbelt Community Center. Participating caregivers share concerns, frustrations and problem solving techniques. The group is open to the community. Respite care will be available at the center for the participant's family member upon request. There will be refreshments. The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month. For more information, call Beverly or Michelle, at 507-6590.

Writers' Group Holds Open Reading March 9

The Greenbelt Writers' Group will host its next open reading on Saturday, March 9, in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Police Station. Sign-up for the reading will begin at 7:15 p.m. Original poetry, fiction, personal essays, nature writing, humor, and other creative genres are welcome. Readers of poetry will be limited to five minutes; readers of prose, to ten minutes.

The reading will be followed by refreshments and conversation. Anyone interested in reading or listening is invited to attend. For more information, contact Marsha at 982-0365 or Robert at 474-2809.

Recycling Committee Meets on Monday

The Greenbelt Recycling Advisory Committee will have its monthly meeting on Monday, March 4 from 7-9 p.m. at the Aquatic Center. Everyone interested in participating in improving recycling in Greenbelt is encouraged to attend these monthly meetings. For more information, call the Recycling Coordinator at 474-8308.

Community Center Offers Free Movies

Starting March 11, the second Monday of each month will be movie time at the new Community Center. Interested viewers may bring lunch or eat in the cafeteria, after which the movie will be shown in the Senior Classroom at 1 p.m.

The film on March 11, "Night People" with Gregory Peck and Broderick Crawford, is a cloak and dagger movie.

Fun at Goddard

There will be a model rocket launch at the Goddard Space Flight Center Visitor Center on Sunday, March 3 at 1 p.m. Bring a rocket or just come out and watch. All launches are monitored for safety and are held weather permitting.

For information call 286-8981. The Visitor Center is located off of Soil Conservation Road.

At the Library

Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5 at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, March 7.

Poetry Plus, a poetry discussion series led by Karen Arnold, at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 9.

For more information on these, or other programs, contact the library at 345-5800.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The next meeting of the Golden Age Club will be held on Wednesday, March 6, at 11 a.m. in its new quarters at the Greenbelt Community Center. This will be the monthly business meeting which will be preceded by the Board of Directors meeting at 10 a.m.

Many thanks to Ellie Rimar who chaired the "Show and Tell" program on February 28. Thanks, too, to Joe Wilkinson who heads up the 50/50 drawings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month.

The Philadelphia trip, which was a great success, was enlivened by a few mishaps such as forgotten medications necessitating a climb through a kitchen window, a lost coat and a misplaced purse. Fortunately, all turned out well and everyone had a good time.

March birthdays will be celebrated on the third Wednesday, March 20. Also, members can still sign up for the "Passport Into History, Part II" on Thursday, March 28. Four historic sites will be included in this trip. Those that attended the Part I tour will agree that it was both interesting and educational.

The annual luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, May 8, at "E.J.'s Landing" in the College Park Best Western. The committee consisting of Dorothea Leslie, Pearl Siegel and Phyllis Budin as Chair will be accepting reservations at the meeting.

Upon returning from California, this reporter was saddened to hear the news around town. Golden Agers share deeply in each others concerns and Tony Pisano's death affected us all.

Garden Club Holds Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Garden Club will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m. in the new Greenbelt Community Center. Current and new members are strongly urged to attend this meeting. In addition to sign up for garden plots there will be a discussion of cleaning up the plots and fields, a clean-up day, and other matters the Greenbelt City Council requested the club take care of.

The club is open to all who want to garden. The club has three fields which are divided into plots. The fields are located in the central part of the city. The Community Center is the former Center School. It is on Crescent Road between the library and the municipal building. Enter on the side facing the shopping center and pool. For information call 345-3275.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE
474-9744

WEEK OF MAR. 1

Babe (All Seats \$2.00)
Fri. 5:25
Sat. & Sun. 3:30 5:25

12 Monkeys
*Brad Pitt
Fri. & Sat. 7:20 9:45
Sun. 7:20

Mon. 7:30 (All Seats \$3.00)
Tues.-Thurs. 7:30

*Nominated Best Supporting Actor



12 MONKEYS

New Deal



Cafe

Great coffee, sinful desserts, wholesome life fare, and music! And in our own neighborhood! Visit the New Deal Cafe for dinner and dessert this weekend.

Friday, March 1st: Geff Kling
Saturday, March 2nd: Goddard Storytellers

Friday, March 8th: Celtic Thunder (a multimedia show)
Saturday, March 9th: Carey Creed

Open Fri-Sat 6PM-12AM, 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 474-5642

Christopher Edward Mehrmann

Former Greenbelter Christopher Edward Mehrmann, 36, of Upper Marlboro died on February 16 in Prince George's General Hospital after an automobile accident.

Born in Queens, New York, Mr. Mehrmann graduated in 1981 with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York. He was a staff systems engineer for S-3 Technologies in Columbia, Maryland, for 15 years. He served as project manager and traveled extensively in the United States and internationally.

He is survived by his wife Michelle J. Mehrmann and daughter Teaya Perez of Upper Marlboro; brothers Michael and Mark Mehrmann, New York; and niece Kristina, nephew Johnathan, and two aunts. His parents Emily and George Mehrmann preceded him in death.

Services were held at the Lee Funeral Home, Clinton. Burial was private.

Children to Discover Wildlife at Patuxent

An afterschool program for children ages 5 to 7 will be held on Tuesdays, April 2 - May 28 from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Patuxent Research Refuge. "Wonderful Wildlife" will give children an opportunity to experience nature with all their senses, play games and make crafts that will enhance their interest in wildlife and be introduced to the outdoor environment. Parent participation is encouraged.

Advance registration is required, as space is limited. Call (410) 674-3304. Programs are held at the North Tract Visitor Contact Station, Bald Eagle Dr., Laurel (off Rt. 198).

Assistance Available For Cancer Patients

The American Cancer Society's Cancer Aid Plan offers financial assistance with hospital bills, surgeon's fees, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and physical rehabilitation for eligible cancer patients. Nutritional supplements and other medical supplies are available for those who qualify. Maryland residences may call 933-9350.

Reach to Recovery

The American Cancer Society offers the Reach to Recovery visitation program for mastectomy and lumpectomy patients. Trained volunteers visit new patients and present a temporary prosthesis, exercise instructions, encouragement, and support. To request a visit or additional information, Maryland residents may call (301) 933-9350.

Greenbelt CARES

Karen Griner-Smith, the newly appointed program monitor for Youth Services Bureaus under the Department of Juvenile Justice, visited with the CARES staff recently. Griner-Smith also observed a GED class.

Teresa Smithson interviewed students at Greenbelt Middle School in preparation for a pre-teen discussion group.

City Offering Art Classes At New Community Center

by Dorothy Sucher
Art Classes are here!

The Greenbelt Recreation Department, in a break with its past emphasis on sports and fitness, is offering a palette of courses for adults, teens, and children at the city's new Community Center.

Inspired in part by the new presence in the Community Center of a group of artists, some with studios on the second floor of the building, the classes include drawing; painting in oil, watercolor, and acrylics; calligraphy; pottery; and stained glass. Those who prefer wearable art can try the jewelry and fiber arts courses. For those who think they can't draw a straight line, "Introduction to Black-and-White Photography" is an option.

Children's Classes

Kids from 4 to 13-and-up can experiment in three separate sections of the "Create Your Own Sketchbook" class. And kids, too, will have an opportunity to dip into jewelry making, painting, pottery/sculpture, photography, and bead weaving - not to mention the intriguingly titled "Inkle Weaving."

As for the tiniest tots, those 4 to 6 are invited to join the Wednesday "Pre-School Art"

classes. Greenbelt artist Barbara Simon is inaugurating an imaginative "After School Art Drop-In" program for Kids 6 to 8, which requires no registration (see separate story).

For all other classes, registration is now taking place at the Youth Center and the Community Center, and will continue until March 18, when classes begin. For information, call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 397-2200.

Mishkan Torah Caps Forum on Religions

The last class of the Comparative Religion Lecture series will be held Tuesday, March 5, at Mishkan Torah at 7:30 p.m. This is a change in time. The guest speaker will be Rabbi Grife of Mishkan Torah Synagogue. A small donation to cover refreshments is requested from those who have not registered.

Mishkan Torah is located at 10 Ridge Road. For information call 474-4223.

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■ Wednesday Bible Classes: 7:30 p.m.



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A visitor learns about Kenya, its map and important facts as other second grade students proudly display their African posters of clothing, art, housing and musical instruments.

- photos by Charles Fletcher

Planetarium Program About Big Dipper

"Follow the Drinking Gourd", a planetarium show based on the well-known children's book by Jeannette Winter, will be shown on Friday, March 15, at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road. It tells the story of a slave family escaping to the North, following the Drinking Gourd (Big Dipper) in the sky. The slaves learned about the drinking gourd from a song taught to them by an itinerant carpenter. During the planetarium program, the audience learns the song, and the planetarium sky gives them first-hand experience identifying the Drinking Gourd and other constellations of the night sky. In addition to astronomy, the program relates to history, social studies, and music.

There is a charge. For more information call 918-8750.

Arts Council Grants Applications Available

The Prince George's Arts Council is accepting applications for the FY 1997 Competitive Grant Program. Artists who are residents of Prince George's County and arts organizations that are located in or serve audiences in Prince George's County are eligible to apply. Applications are accepted in all categories of the arts including Dance, Theatre/Drama, Music, Film, Literature, and Visual Arts. The deadline for submitting an application is March 15. Interested artists may call the PGAC at 301-454-1455 to request a grant application packet.

Multicultural Program At Greenbelt School

by Barbara Likowski

It was multicultural day at Greenbelt Elementary School on Valentine's Day. Students in the After School program's younger classes (K through 3) shared with their classmates things that they had learned about different countries and cultures.

Stepping into Miss Susie's K/1 class was like stepping into an Italian restaurant. Cloth covered tables beckoned visitors to sit, enjoy a snack and learn some things about Italy.

In Mr. Proctor's third grade class, the children told visitors about Mexico. Then they invited visitors to sample corn chips and dip.

A bit of France was found in Miss Jennifer's second grade classroom. Students learned about France, what the main crops were, games, etc. Again visitors were invited to partake of French food.

A globe, a map of the kings and queens of Africa and another map of the many different people in Africa helped visitors in Mrs. Likowski's second grade class to understand where the individual posters made by students came from. These ranged in topics such as housing, animals, schools, food, etc. and showed how Africa was a blend of the old and new. A mankala game and African musical instruments made by the class attracted a lot of attention.

Students wandered from class to class and seemed to again enjoy mixing fun and learning.



Bernard Binion looks overwhelmed by the Italian food in his Greenbelt Elementary School's kindergarten/first grade version of an Italian restaurant.

Knights and Dragons In Glen Echo Play

Adventure Theatre in historic Glen Echo Park, in cooperation with the National Park Service, will present The Near-Sighted Knight and the Far-Sighted Dragon. Produced by special arrangement with Anchorage Press, New Orleans, LA, what one near-sighted knight cannot hope to do alone, he may just be able to accomplish with the help of a far-sighted dragon and an extremely intelligent princess! The play runs from March 2 through April 7, Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.

There is a fee. A prepaid group rate is available. The play is recommended for ages four and up. Reservations are strongly suggested. For further information, or to place reservations, call 320-5331 daily 10 - 4.



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ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, March 6, 1996
7:30 p.m.

Community Center
Senior Conference Room

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Review of Request for English Country Manor Entry Sign.
4. Further Consideration of Request for Traffic Control Devices
5. Review of Dog Park Report

Greenbelt Recreation Department Arts Program Spring 1996

Registration will continue from Thur. Feb. 29 until the start of classes on Monday, March 18

For further program information, please call the Greenbelt Recreation Department @397-2200

Register at the Greenbelt Community Center and at the Greenbelt Youth Center

Children's Classes

After School Art Drop In
Tue. and Wed. 3-6 pm, 6-8 years. Provides children's visual arts activities, including drawing, painting, working with clay. No registration required, drop in any time beginning at 3 pm and stay until 6 pm. \$1.00/hour and will be staffed by volunteers. Call Barbara Simon at 474-2192.

Basic Bead Weaving #233203

Sat. 5-6:30 pm, 9-12 years,

Res \$40, Non Res \$50,

Materials Fee: \$10

Create Your Own Sketch Book #233209

Sat. 11am-12 noon

4-8 years (parent must attend), Section 1

Sat. 12-1 pm, 9-12 years, Section 2

Sat. 1-2 pm, 13 and over, Section 3

Cost: \$8 Supplies Included

Clay Sculpture & Pottery #233502

Sat. 10-11 am, 6-8 years, Section 1

11:15-12:15 pm, 9-12 years, Section 2

Res \$25; Non-Res \$31.25 Materials Fee: \$5.

Painting #233204

Sat. 1 pm, 5-8 years, Res \$33; Non-Res \$42

Inkle Weaving #233211

Sat. 9-10 am,

8-11 years (parents must attend), Section 1

Sat. 10-11 am, 12-18 years, Section 2, April 13 and 20

\$15 for 2 sessions, 1 hour each.

Jewelry Making #253204

Tue. 7-8 pm, 12 & Over,

Res \$33.50, Non Res \$42.

Intro. to Photography #282514

Tue. 6:30-8pm, 12-17 years, Section 2,

Res \$35, Non Res \$43.75

Pottery

Sun. 11-1 pm, 12-18 years,

\$60, materials Fee \$5, Contact Jessica Gitlis at 441-3859.

Pre-school Art #223201

Wed. 10:30-11:20 Section 1, Wed. 1-1:50, Section 2, Ages 4-6.

Teen and Adult Classes

Intro. to Drawing #253205

Mon. 7-9 pm, 16 and over, Section 1, Res \$54, Non Res \$68

Intermediate Drawing #253210

Thur. 7-9 pm, 16 and over, Section 1, Res \$54, Non Res \$68

Basic Acrylic & Oil Painting #253206

Mon. 10-12, 16+, Section 1, Res \$54, Non Res \$68

Bead Weaving #253202

Tue. 8-10 pm, 16+, Section 1, Res \$53, Non Res \$66

Calligraphy #253207

Tues. 7-9 pm, 16 and over Section 1, Res \$40, Non Res \$50

Inkle Weaving #233211

Tue. 7:30-8:30 pm, 18 and over, Section 3, \$15/2 sessions

Intro. to Fiber Arts #253201

Wed. 7:30-9:30 pm, 16+, Section 1, Res \$53, Non Res \$66

Intro. to Jewelry Making #253204

Tue. 7-8 pm, 12 and over, Section 1

Res \$33.50, Non Res \$42, Material Fee \$10.00

Matting and Framing #263209

Fri. April 26, 7-9 pm, Section 1, \$5

Pottery

Tue. 10-11:30 am, \$45 + \$5 material fee

Wed. 5-7 pm, \$60, Materials Fee \$5

7-9 pm, \$60, Materials Fee \$5

Call Jessica Gitlis at 441-3859 for Information.

Intro to Black & White Photography #282514

Fri. 6:30-8:30 pm, 18 and over, Section 1, \$35 + materials

Intro. to Stained Glass #263212

Fri. 6:30-8:30 pm, 18+, Section 1, Res \$55, Non Res \$69

Adult Watercolor #263213

Mon., 7-9 pm, 16+, Res \$54, Non Res \$68

Ceramic Workshop Studio time available to advanced students and artists. Call 441 3859 for more information.

HELP THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

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which includes "spiders", tight and confined spaces, diminishing clearances, ladders, drop offs and many other surprises. The key is for the firefighter to overcome claustrophobia, keep calm, and develop a survival strategy essential in order to find his or her way out of the building using hands, legs, and fingers as eyes. The development of these life-enhancing skills is essential for survival in a dark, smoke-filled building when the firefighter has a limited supply of oxygen available.

Junior Associates

Young people, ages 13 through 15 can join the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department as Junior Associates. They begin by "hanging out" around the fire house, helping to clean the facilities, and keeping the equipment ready for service. They learn about the career through senior firefighters and emergency medical rescue personnel. Seasoned firefighters and rescuers will help teach them "the ropes." At this stage, the process centers on familiarization. Junior Associates must obtain parental consent to join. Although they cannot respond to emergency calls, they get to know the fire service. They begin preparing for the day when they will be able to participate during emergency calls. According to outgoing GVFD Chief Wynkoop, this is a great way to give young people a sense of direction.

What does the department offer to junior associates? Adult supervision, a sense of pride, leadership training and the acquisition of skills, adult role models and mentors, and an introduction to the fire service. They participate in fire drills and ride along with the fire chief on calls.

What must a young person offer and possess? He or she must want to be involved in the program. That person must make a commitment to perform the duties required, and be willing to work together with members of the department. If there is a job to be done, Junior Associates must be willing to get their hands dirty on occasion.

Junior Firefighters

Young adults, ages 16 through 17, may join the department as junior firefighters. At this stage, they begin to train and ride the fire apparatus. The training is free of charge. In order to remain in the program, they must complete the initial training requirements. To obtain Firefighter I status, 117 hours of training is required over an 18 month period. Training requirements are established by the National Fire Protection Association and the Prince George's County Fire Commission. Students learn how to pull hose, raise the ladder, use fire extinguishers, learn about basic fire science, and rules and regulations. Those individuals desiring to become Emergency Medical Technicians must undergo 120 hours of training in basic life support, human anatomy, and automobile accident extrication procedures.

Senior Active Members

Senior active members are granted voting status in the department. As a minimum, all fire department members must possess either Firefighter I or Maryland State Emergency Medical Technician certification. Members are encouraged to continue their formalized training. For those that have completed Firefighter I requirements, an additional 57 hours of training is necessary to obtain Firefighter II certification. Additionally, training and opportunities are available to be certified Rescue Technicians, Rescue Specialists, Safety Officers, and Fire Officer I and II designations.

The GVFD needs volunteers now. Anyone who wants to serve the community with pride, obtain a strong sense of worth, find direction in their life, set goals, put out fires, and save lives should call the department immediately. Dedication and commitment are required to complete the training. Once certified, the department promises the opportunity to help people; according to many firefighters, helping others is the highest calling life offers. Life as a firefighter is exciting. Volunteer now by calling the Fire Chief or an officer on duty. The fire department can be reached at 345-7000.

Salon Secrets to Be Told at Workshop

A health and beauty workshop will be held on Tuesday, March 12 from 2 - 4 p.m. at the Independence Court Assisted Living Residence. Greenbelter Gwen Vaccaro, R.N., Esthetician and Certified Massage Therapist will conduct the workshop. She is the owner of Pleasant Touch in Greenbelt. Participants will learn the salon secrets of facials and techniques of seated massage. There will be door prizes and refreshments. Persons interested in attending should contact Jennifer Greybill at 699-7900. The Independence Court Assisted Living Residence is at 5821 Queens Chapel Road, Hyattsville.

Office Help Needed

The Senior Law Project at the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc., of Prince George's County needs volunteers on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to noon in the Riverdale office to answer telephone calls from senior citizens seeking legal assistance. The Senior Law Project delivers legal services to senior citizens residing in Prince George's County. No legal experience is necessary, just good telephone skills and a willingness to assist others. Training is provided, schedules are flexible.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact the Voluntary Action Center at 699-2800.

Our Neighbors

by Linda Savaryn
474-5285

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death by auto accident of former Greenbelter Christopher Edward Mehrmann of Upper Marlboro. Our condolences to his wife Michelle, whose cheerful kindness was known to the many people she served at Joe's Carryout, and their daughter Teaya Perez.

Amy Marie Mach, daughter of Leta and Darryl Mach, of Periwinkle Court, and Jean Carol McCarthy, daughter of Bobbi and Tony McCarthy, of Ridge Road, were named to the dean's list at the University of Delaware for the fall semester. Both are juniors. Mach majors in biochemistry, and McCarthy majors in chemistry.

Marine Pfc. Jerome Gary, son of Jerome and Cora Gary, recently completed the Administrative Clerk Course at the Marine Corps Service Support School at Camp Lejeune, N.C. The 1995 graduate of ERHS joined the Marine Corps in November 1995.

Archana Manohar, a junior majoring in biology at the University of Rochester, has been named to the fall 1995 dean's list. Manohar is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

A Library Contest For 50th Birthday

"Books & Other Good Things - The First Fifty Years, 1946-1996" is the theme for the yearlong celebration of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System's 50th anniversary. In 1946, the Board of County Commissioners established the county library system "for the circulation of books as a living memorial to those who have made the supreme sacrifice and as a testimonial to all those who served in wars."

Library customers of all ages can send birthday greetings to the Library by entering the 50th Birthday Card Contest. Copies of contest rules may be picked up at any branch library. Entries must be received by 5 p.m., March 16. Entries will be judged in three age groups: 6-12 years; 13-17 years; and 18 and older. Winners will be announced during National Library Week, April 14-20.

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Facilities for Seniors Open at Community Center

by Millie O'Dea

Many of the senior citizen facilities in the new Community Center are up and running, thanks to Karen Haseley of the Recreation Department, and seniors themselves. Bill Souser worked to get the senior lounge together and is there for Karen when she needs help. Martha Kaufman is working on recommendations for the movie showings beginning in March on the second Monday of the month. A Senior Recreation Committee meets four to five times a year to plan classes, trips, and speaker series.

The Senior Lounge, furnished with sofa, chairs, TV, and refrigerator, as well as the Senior Game Room, furnished with pool table, poker table, and card tables, are open for enjoyment during Center hours. Haseley said that although card games are scheduled, neither of these rooms will be used exclusively by any group, and sometimes several activities may be going on in a room at the same time. In addition, because the state gave matching grants for the renovation, seniors from all over the state are entitled to use the facilities.

The computer for the GIVES Program (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) has been installed in a corner of the Senior Lounge, ready for training sessions.

The second-floor room where the Golden Age Club will meet is not quite finished. It is a large, carpeted room with an adjoining kitchen, which may not be completed for some time. A sink and counter have been installed, but other amenities are still lacking.

Classes

The two senior classrooms will accommodate most of the daytime senior citizen classes. In the evenings and on weekends, the two classrooms are available for rent. According to Haseley, renting these rooms is an important source of income for a building that is expensive to operate.

At present the schedule of classes is about the same as when the seniors were housed at the Youth Center. However, Haseley is hoping that additional spring and summer classes will be scheduled. This

will be possible due to the additional rooms in the community center.

Food and Friendship

The Food and Friendship Program serves hot lunches at noon, Monday through Friday. These well-balanced meals are for seniors only, and the cost is nominal. The City Nutrition Office plans a monthly menu. Because the lunches are catered, reservations must be made at least a day or two in advance. For reservations call Louise, the city food manager, at 397-2208.

On days when schools are closed, or delayed for two hours, Food and Friendship will not serve lunch. If the schools are delayed only one hour, lunch will be available as usual.

This program needs volunteers. The hours are not long, the work is not arduous, and the pay is a free lunch. Call Louise to sign up.

Karen Haseley apologized to this reporter for the state of her office. "I haven't gotten it together since the move," she said. "My top priority is the people. Their areas come first, and then my office." Hearing Haseley's phone ring constantly, watching the traffic flow in her office, and seeing the seniors gravitate to her in the hallways, it seems likely that the office may have to wait awhile.

Calling All Volunteers

The Family Crisis Center, located in Hyattsville, has two volunteer positions available. The first one is for a child care assistant, which would entail providing supervision of children while the parents are attending sessions. A patient, caring person who loves children is needed.

They are also in need of hotline operators who could provide counseling via the telephone, screen clients, make referrals, update resource files, etc. Formal training is provided; they are looking for people willing to make a commitment to the job for at least 4-5 months.

For more information, or to volunteer, call the Volunteer Action Center at 699-2800.



Attention GHI Members

In preparation for this year's election on May 18, the Nominations & Elections Committee is seeking candidates for the Board of Directors, the Audit Committee, and the Nominations & Elections Committee. We will be contacting individuals who have been active within the cooperative. If you have the qualifications and/or the inclination to participate on this level, or would be able to suggest candidates, don't wait to be asked. To obtain more specific information on the details involved in serving on the Board or on either committee or to obtain candidate consent forms, please feel free to contact any of the N & E Committee members listed below or call Joan Krob at GHI. Candidate biographies must be submitted by 4/19/96 for publication in the News Review.

Andrew Levin 345-2032 Julla Elchhorst 345-5508
Charles Braun 441-8653 Judy Goldstein 474-9203



BOARD OF APPEALS
Monday, March 4, 1996
7:30 p.m.

Planning and Community Development Conference Room
Community Center
15 Crescent Road, Suite 200
AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from Quarterly Meeting 12/4/95
4. Summary of Activities for Dept. of Planning & Community Development
5. Review of Case Files

Republican Delegate Race

Delegates to the Republican National Convention, 5th Cong. District
[Vote for no more than three]

- Phillip Bissett, Anne Arundel County (Dole)
- J. Mitchell Brown, Prince George's County
- Leigh Burch, St. Mary's County (Buchanan)
- Paul E. Burch, St. Mary's County (Buchanan)
- Donald Devine, Anne Arundel County (Dole)
- Barbara A. Dorney, Prince George's County (Alexander)
- Robert P. Duckworth, Anne Arundel County (Gramm)
- Helen R. Fister, Anne Arundel County (Alexander)
- Lawrence J. Hogan Jr., Prince George's County (Gramm)
- Erwin Huelsewede, Prince George's County
- Scott D. Jung, Anne Arundel County (Keyes)
- Christine A. Kennedy, Anne Arundel County
- Robert Lavato, Calvert County
- William Anthony McConkey, Prince George's County
- Anthony J. O'Donnell, Calvert County (Gramm)
- Donald L. O'Neal, St. Mary's County (Alexander)
- Robert B. Ostrom, Prince George's County
- Audrey E. Scott, Prince George's County (Dole)
- Thomas Nicholas Shields, St. Mary's County (Buchanan)
- James A. Woods, Prince George's County

Democratic Delegate Race

Female Delegates to the Democratic National Convention, 5th Cong. District Vote for no more than three]

- Doris C. Bean, St. Mary's County (Clinton)
- Jessie Jo Bowen, Calvert County (Clinton)
- Shirley J. Dixon, Prince George's County (Larouche)
- Sylvia Fielder Jennings, Anne Arundel County (Uncommitted)
- Mary Butler Murphy, Prince George's County (Clinton)
- Male Delegates and Alternate to the Democratic National Convention, 5th Congressional District Vote for no more than three]
- Bill D. Burlison, Anne Arundel County (Uncommitted)
- Robert J. Callahan, Prince George's County (Uncommitted)
- Thomas V. Clabby Jr., Prince George's County (Clinton)
- Kenneth B. Folstein, Anne Arundel County (Clinton)
- Gerald M. Guthrie, Prince George's County (Larouche)
- Hans Egon Hopp, Prince George's County (Larouche)
- Edward A. Mohler, Charles County (Clinton)

PRIMARY

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tempt at public office. He became a Republican a year ago. John Douglas Parran, 43, of Calvert County is a video cassette recorder repair serviceman. He ran unsuccessfully for Congress in 1992 and for county supervisor in 1994. Eugene Robert Zarwell, 54, of Anne Arundel County is a department store salesman and a limousine driver. He ran for Senate in 1988 and 1992.

Judges

The five incumbent judges are: Michelle D. Hotten, 41, Largo; Sherrie L. Krauser, 45, Adelphi; Audrey E. Melbourne, 65, Upper Marlboro; E. Allen Shepherd, 58, Mitchellville; and Thomas P. Smith, 54, Upper Marlboro. All but Melbourne are recent appointees whose appointments are now subject to election. Melbourne, who has been on the court since 1978, has completed a 15 year term and is up for re-election. All but Smith have previously served as judges on the District Court. Smith, a former county attorney, was a partner with the prominent county firm, O'Malley & Miles before his gubernatorial appointment to the Circuit Court.

The three challengers are: Greenbelter Jo Ann P. Myles, 44 of Mandan Road; Thurman H. Rhodes, 46, Upper Marlboro; and Elvira Marie White, 43, Clinton. Myles, a graduate of Howard University School of Law, has been a civil and criminal litigator for more than nine years. Rhodes has been a District Court judge since 1988 and is a graduate of Catholic University of America, School of Law. White obtained her law degree from Maryland and has been a public defender for 15 years and civil practicing attorney for 10 years.

Clinton to Visit ERHS Thursday

President Bill Clinton is expected to make an appearance at the White House Conference on Youth, Drug Use, and Violence, to be held on Thursday, March 7, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt. Congressman Steny Hoyer had urged White House officials to hold the conference in Prince George's because of recent gang violence in county schools.

Law enforcement officers, teachers, students and academicians from across the nation will participate in round table discussions and classes.

Hoyer worked to have the federal Gang Resistance Education and training program (GREAT) introduced into the county schools in March 1994. Initially the program was designed to help seventh grade students "set goals for themselves, resist hostile peer pressure, resolve conflicts without violence, and understand how gangs and youth violence negatively impact the quality of their lives." The program has now been expanded to include third and fourth grade students as well.

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Jeff Emerson Feted As Man of the Year

The Prince George's Community Foundation, Inc., honored Jeff D. Emerson as its "Man of the Year" at its annual luncheon, Thursday, February 22, at the Marriott Hotel in Greenbelt.

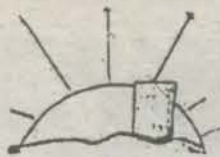
Emerson is the Chief Executive Officer for NYLCare (formerly HealthPlus), which is headquartered in the County. He directs the operations, marketing, medical, finance and MIS departments for NYLCare, one of the largest HMOs in the Baltimore/Washington metropolitan area.

Under Emerson's leadership, NYLCare has been one of the major benefactors of the Foundation, showing its commitment to being involved in the community it serves.

When the Foundation became a community foundation, NYLCare was the first to set up a fund, the NYLCare Community Fund, which has awarded more than \$50,000 to community organizations in less than two years. Some organizations that have benefitted from this Fund include Prince George's Hospice, M.O.M.S., Inc., Christmas in April of Prince George's County, Children of the Light, Inc., Prince George's County Hotline & Suicide Prevention Center, ROJA Productions, Inc., Prince George's Philharmonic, and Child Empowerment Network, Inc.

New Agents

Two new agents recently joined Coldwell Banker Nyman's Greenbelt office: Audrey Clagett and Alvin Ferrell. Top producer in January was Odd Blorstad; top listing agent was Louise Brown.



Greenbelt's Business

Trademark Realty Wins Award

Century 21 Trademark Realty's Greenbelt office won the Quality Service Award for 1995.

Recipients of this award earn the distinction by providing their customers with an exceptional standard of quality service based on the responses from the Century 21 Quality Service Surveys. To win, an office and agents must be rated good or excellent by over 90% of all respondents, on all seven points of service. What makes this special is that in effect, customers nominated the office based on the dedication and commitment demonstrated throughout the year.

This is one of the most prestigious awards given in the Century 21 System, which represents over 5,000 offices nationwide. The award will be presented at the upcoming Annual Awards Banquet.

City Notes

Among other activities, the city crews prepared for spring and cleaned up the messes of winter. Shrubs and trees were pruned in various spots around the city. Flower beds were cleaned around the Roosevelt Center.

Fallen leaves were cleaned from curbs and gutters. Stormdrains and underpasses were cleaned.

Snow removal equipment was serviced. Snow piles were removed from walkways.

Weichert Realtor's Top Producers

Top Producers for January at Weichert Realty are: Top Producer/Units, includes units of listings sold, marketed listings, and sales, Joyce Roper and Holly Muack; Top Revenue Units, agents having four or more revenue units, Joyce Roper, Holly Muack, Vonda Griffith, and Karon Moore; Top Sales Associate, associate with highest number of sales units, Vonda Griffith and Joyce Roper; Top Listings Sold, includes listings sold and marketed listings, Joyce Roper; Top Dollar Volume, includes dollar volume of listings sold, marketed listings, and sales, Joyce Roper; Top Listings Obtained, agent with the highest number of new listing units, Joyce Roper and Holly Muack; and Production for the month of \$500,000 and over, Joyce Roper, Karon Moore, and Vonda Griffith.

George Ardell Joins Weichert Realtors

George Ardell has joined the Greenbelt office of Weichert, Realtors, after six months of experience with Shannon & Luchs. He is a member of the Prince George's Board of Realtors, Chamber of Commerce, Technology Committee, and Economic Development Committee, and is the owner of AA Technical Marketing Services.

HealthPlus Is NYLCare

HealthPlus, whose local administrative offices are on Ora Glen Drive, announces a name change. The new name, NYLCare, emphasizes the relationship to New York Life Insurance Company, of which Health Plus has been a wholly owned subsidiary since 1987. All other aspects of HealthPlus will remain the same.

Recycle Aerosol Cans at Park

Aerosol cans are accepted for recycling at the Recycling Center located inside Buddy Attick Park, but not in the curbside recycling program. Deodorant and hairspray cans, whipped cream dispensers, air freshener and furniture polish cans, etc., may be recycled at the Center. Cans should be empty of both product and propellant. Plastic nozzles should be removed if possible. Spray paint cans are not accepted for recycling at this time. For more information about the Recycling Drop-Off Center, call 474-8004.



Everyone in Greenbelt is recycling mixed paper. Did you know that includes Hunting Ridge and Greenbriar Condominiums? Residents are asked to "step up to the challenge" and recycle flattened boxes, paper egg cartons, telephone books, magazines, catalogs, junk mail TOGETHER WITH newspapers. These familiar faces at Greenbriar show how easy recycling can be! Pictured l-r are Rita Howard; Tina Murphy, Service Coordinator; Jon Holland, Facilities Manager; Marvin Gay; City Councilmember J. Davis; Gene Winchester and Albert Chandler.

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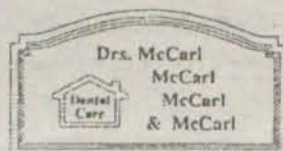
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New After-School Drop-in Art Program for Children

by Eileen Peterson

"Art belongs to the people," says Barbara Simon, artist, teacher and chair of the City's Arts Advisory Committee. And by "people" she especially means all children. On Tuesday, March 19, she will begin coordinating an after-school drop-in art program for children ages six through 12, at the Greenbelt Community Center. Held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m., the sessions will be supervised by adult volunteers.

"This is not day-care or a class," Simon continues, "but a chance for children whose art experiences are limited to explore a wide variety of projects at their own pace." Children with art experience will be able to work on their projects independently, she says.

Children thus exposed to creative work may be inspired to sign up for specific, structured art classes now offered at the Center, she adds.

No Registration

It is not necessary for a child to register. The first time a child drops in, an information sheet outlining the program and mutual responsibilities will be provided. There will be a nominal fee charged at the door, and parents can also buy one-hour passes in advance to avoid sending cash. At any one time, up to 15 children can

be accommodated. Simon hopes to expand the program to every school day and also offer it in the summer.

Volunteers Needed

This program can be offered at a low fee because volunteers staff the program. Adult and teen volunteers are needed to sign up for one-hour slots (3:30 - 4:30; 4:30 - 5:30) with a minimum of two hours per month. Seniors, parents, college students - anyone interested in art and/or kids can volunteer. Volunteers can earn credit against a child's fee for the program. Teens helping the adult volunteers can earn credits for their schools' public service requirements.

Open House for Volunteers

On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, Mar. 5, 6, 12, and 13, half-hour drop-in orientation workshops will be held continuously from 3 to 6 p.m. Those attending the workshops may sign up then or later, if they choose. No previous art or teaching experience is required.

This program is being partially supported by a grant from the Prince George's Community Foundation and by a contribution from the Greenbelt Unit #136, American Legion Auxiliary.

For information, call Barbara Simon at 474-2192.



Teacher Barbara Simon watches as Sophia Kean, 7, creates a self-portrait

photo by Tom Simon



Will Bennett, 5, creates a painting in art class at Community Center

—photo by Tom Simon

Riversdale Mansion Hosts Art Exhibit

The Riversdale Mansion, 4811 Riverdale Road, Riverdale is hosting an art exhibit entitled "Confluence: Area Artists at Historic Riversdale" from March 1 to April 28. An opening reception will be held on Saturday, March 9, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The mounting of this exhibit is part of the Prince George's County Tricentennial Celebration and recognizes the many established and emerging professional artists residing in the communities surrounding this

200-year-old mansion. The exhibit features the work of painters, sculptors, printmakers, photographers and mixed-media artists. Many of the 25 participating artists have made pieces specific to Riversdale and its artistic heritage.

This show marks the first time in nearly two centuries that a large body of artwork will be formally displayed at—recently restored—Riversdale Mansion.

For more information call 864-0420; TTY 699-2407.

Stamp Student Union Hosts Art Exhibit

From March 5 to April 11 the Parents' Association Art Gallery, located at the Stamp Student Union on the campus of the University of Maryland College will be hosting an exhibition of paintings and drawings by Glen Cebulash and Alan Gentile-Blackwell. The opening reception will be held March 15 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Cebulash and Blackwell both completed their masters work at The American University and are currently teaching at The Washington Studio School.

Cebulash has exhibited at the Watkins Gallery, Kennedy Center and Bowery Gallery in NY. He has had solo shows at the Pattee Library at Pennsylvania State University and the Court Yard Gallery in Washington, DC.

Blackwell has taught at The Baum School of Art in Allentown as well as Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA. He has shown widely in the Washington DC area.

For more information call the gallery at 314-8493.

Guarneri Quartet Will Hold Open Rehearsal

The Guarneri String Quartet will hold an open rehearsal on Thursday, March 7, at noon, in the Ulrich Recital Hall of the Tawes Fine Arts Building at the University of Maryland College Park. They will read through Haydn's String Quartet No. 5 in D Major, Opus 64 ("The Lark") as well as Schoenberg's String Quartet No. 2. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend. For information call 405-1150.

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In continued support and encouragement of braille literacy, the Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind will again sponsor training in the "basics" of braille for the sighted as well as blind students during the month of March.

The two hour-long classes are free of charge, and will be held at the Columbia Lighthouse Saturdays, March 9 and 16, from 10 a.m. to noon.

For more information, or to register for the braille training course, please contact Edith Parker at the Lighthouse, 202-462-2900 x3012.

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A 25 year old non-resident man was arrested on charges of possession of a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) and possession of CDS paraphernalia in the early hours of Saturday, February 17. An officer stopped a vehicle in the 6000 block of Cherrywood Lane for a traffic violation in which a man was a passenger. As the officer approached the vehicle he detected the odor of what he believed to be marijuana coming from the vehicle. The driver was informed he would be placed under arrest because his driving privilege had been revoked. After the driver and passenger stepped out of the vehicle, the driver fled on foot, eluding apprehension. The passenger was found to have a quantity of suspected marijuana and CDS paraphernalia in his possession. The passenger was held on \$500 bond after appearing before a District Court Commissioner. Charges are pending against the driver of the vehicle.

A three year old child was found alone in a vehicle by officers responding to a report on Saturday evening, February 17. The child was located in a vehicle in the parking lot in the 7500 block of Greenbelt Road. The vehicle operator, a 50 year old non-resident woman, was located and arrested on a charge of leaving an unattended child in a motor vehicle. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

On Saturday evening, February 17, three Greenbelt youths were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Officers responding to a report, located the youths in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. The youths, ages 14, 15 and 16, were released to their parents pending trial.

On Tuesday morning, February 20, a man requested entry into the Mobil Service Center on Centerway. When the attendant refused to open the door, the man exposed himself. The identity of the man is known and the incident is under investigation.

The lock to the front door and mailbox of a condominium in the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway was vandalized on Friday, February 16. The lock mechanisms were damaged as the result of some substance,

possibly glue, being injected into them.

Thefts

A storage shed at the Windsor Green Community Center was broken into on Tuesday, February 20. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Burglars entered a residence in the 6000 block of Springhill Drive through an unknown method on Thursday, February 22. Nothing appeared to have been taken.

Thefts reported include: a wallet from an unattended purse in an office suite in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road on Saturday afternoon, February 17; computer equipment from an office in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive on Tuesday, February 20; clothing and jewelry from a residence in

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.

the 6000 block of Springhill Drive on Tuesday, February 20; and a blue Murray mountain bike from an unlocked shed in the 2 Court of Research Road on Wednesday, February 21.

Auto Thefts and Recoveries

Prince George's County Police recovered a 1979 Chevrolet Chevette reported stolen from the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. The recovery occurred in the 8100 block of Baltimore Avenue, College Park, on Saturday afternoon. The vehicle was recovered in good condition without the tags. A 32 year old non-resident man was arrested and charged with theft over \$300.

A silver 1995 Chrysler Sebring was reported stolen from the 7800 block of Jacobs Drive on Wednesday, February 21. The vehicle was recovered later the same day by Prince George's County Police in the 3000 block of Hospital Drive, Cheverly. The wheels and tires had been removed from the vehicle. No arrests were made.

A 1985 Jeep reported stolen on March 1, 1995, from the 7400 block of Frankfort Drive, was recovered on Wednesday, February 21, in good condition. The vehicle was recovered by Prince George's County Police in the 11300 block of Baltimore Pike, Beltsville. No arrests were made.

An officer patrolling the 9100 block of Springhill Lane on Wednesday morning, February 21, noticed an abandoned vehicle. A computer check revealed the vehicle, a 1995 Ford Tempo four door sedan, had been reported stolen to Baltimore City Police. No arrests were made.

Other vehicle thefts reported include: a green 1995 Hyundai Accent two-door, VA tags ZSJ932, from the 9100 block of Edmonston Road on Wednesday, February 21; and a gold 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass four-door, MD tags RKV895, from the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace on Friday, February 23.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9300 block of Edmonston Road, 6000 block of Greenbelt Road (two incidents) and the 2 Court of Southway.

Tax Time Update

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein said today that his office is mailing out the last of 900,000 Form 1099G's to Maryland taxpayers who itemized deductions last year and received a refund from the state.

Federal law requires the Form 1099G be sent to remind taxpayers that the state income tax refund received last year must be reported as income on the 1996 federal tax return. Taxpayers are reminded not to attach the 1099G to the federal or state income tax forms.

Taxpayers who have questions about the information on their 1099G should call the Maryland's taxpayer service at (410) 974-3981. The Comptroller's 20 income tax offices located across the state provide free taxpayer assistance between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, including all state and federal holidays during the tax filing season. The addresses and telephone numbers of these income tax offices are listed on the back of the Maryland tax packet and in most local telephone directories.

Credit Scam Warning

Attorney General J. Joseph Curran, Jr., warns consumers to be wary of companies that offer to fix bad credit ratings for a fee.

He noted that the Connecticut Attorney General's Office recently won a \$480,000 judgement against Credit Resource Management Group. CRMG cheated consumers with false promises that it could erase bad credit information from consumers' records. Maryland has not licensed CRMG to operate here and Connecticut has barred the company from doing business in that state.

Any consumers in Maryland who paid money to this company have until April 25, 1996, to file complaints against Credit Resource Management Group by writing to the Connecticut Office of the Attorney General, 110 Sherman Street, Hartford, CT 06105.

Under Maryland law, it is illegal for a company offering credit repair services to charge consumers before performing the service. In addition, credit repair companies must register with the Maryland Commissioner of Consumer Credit, obtain a surety bond, and list their license number any time they advertise their services. To find out if a credit repair company is licensed, call the Commissioner of Consumer Credit at (410) 333-6800.

All consumers should check their credit reports each year. Marylanders are entitled to one free credit report annually from each credit reporting company. Consumers who find inaccurate information on their credit report can have that information removed by contacting the credit reporting agency in writing and explaining the problem, Curran said.

Drivers Needed

The College Park Meals on Wheels needs help delivering meals to the elderly who live in College Park, Beltsville and Greenbelt.

Volunteers who can spend an average of 1 1/2 hours each Monday through Friday are needed to serve as drivers and visitors. Helping one day a week, a month, or twice a month would be greatly appreciated.

For more information, or to volunteer, contact the Voluntary Action Center at 699-2800.

Eco-Adventures At Patuxent

Afterschool Eco-Adventures for children ages 8 to 12 will be held at the Patuxent Research Refuge on Wednesdays April 3 to May 29 from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Children will investigate wildlife and the environment up close.

Advance registration is required, as space is limited. Call (410) 674-3304. Programs will be held at the North Tract Visitor Contact Station, Bald Eagle Drive, Laurel (off Rt. 198).



The woods clean up committee netted plenty of junk. We could say "everything but the kitchen sink"; however, there was a kitchen sink, and kitchen cabinets and bed springs and mattresses, old lumber, cans, bottles, boxes, paper, old roofs; just about anything you can think of. This particular pile was located across the street from 53 Court Ridge. The workmen removing the debris by the truckload declined to be identified.

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GHI Board Discusses Storm Damage Repair

by Sandy Smith

The February 8 Board Meeting of Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) began with an hour-long open forum to give members an opportunity to comment on the yard inspection program. What constitutes a compost pile, whether current rules are sufficient, and whether enforcement not rules are the problem occupied the board and the few members present for most of the forum. The Board discussed the various definitions or types of composting. Audit Committee member John Taylor suggested a class on composting and said people need information to follow the rules. Board Member Keith Jahoda spoke on the need for screening on common sides to prevent unsightly views from all directions. Board President Alan Turnbull and Board Members Bill Phelan and Betty Deitch formed a working group on composting to work on the issue.

with the M&J Building/Roofing company for the work.

Recycling

The city has proposed a pilot program to change the recycling collection program in GHI. In order to speed the collection process, the city proposes using collection bins in certain courts to see if this would speed the overall operation. GHI residents could then place items in the bins at any time for the weekly collection. Response to this proposal was generally negative, with Board members citing difficulties in locating carts, possible litter around the carts, and failure to treat GHI members as other city residents. Several felt that recycling collection in GHI should actually be faster than in the single family home areas. While GHI would like to help the city meet its recycling goals they rejected this pilot project.

Storm Damage Repair

The recent blizzard caused damage to the copper gutters and slate roofs. While roof repair is covered by insurance, the extensive damage to gutters and downspouts caused by or resulting from weight of snow, ice or sleet is not covered by insurance. GHI is liable for repair and solicited bids for the work which take about six weeks to complete. The Board approved for first and second reading a contract of \$9,611

Labor Day and Community Activities

Board Member Nat Shinderman volunteered to chair a committee to plan GHI's participation in the annual Labor Day Festival. He hopes to stir up interest among the membership to be involved in this community event. New members will be invited to join. Board Member Don Comis emphasized that it should be member-oriented and not Board-driven. In another action, the

Fifty Years Ago

by James Giese

Baby Sitter Parties

November, 1945—A Research Road couple returned home from a party only to discover that their high school baby "sitter" had a party of her own and that over 50 dollars in damages had been done to their furnishings. The sitter claimed that a girl friend and three boys had come uninvited and returned once again after being chased away by neighbors when the car they were in careened around the court bumping into parked cars. The girl admitted that there had been drinking when confronted with the evidence of a half empty whisky bottle, a half empty wine bottle and broken glass scattered about the living room and kitchen. The girl's stepfather agreed that he and the parents of the boys would pay for the damages.

Board approved a \$300 contribution to the Academic Achievement Program sponsored by Greenbelt's Department of Recreation. The program is designed to give elementary school children an added incentive to achieve academic excellence, as well as instill the importance of good behavior by giving awards and recognition for accomplishments.

The Board Meeting adjourned and moved into Executive Session.

Boys & Girls Club Bulletin Board

Each year, Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club recognizes an outstanding boy and girl from the club, as well as outstanding male and female volunteers. The winners for 1996 are: Katie Evans, Marcella Smid, Ferney "BJ" Dennis, Ernestine Rivers, and Frank Wheeler. All winners will be honored at a banquet on March 4, at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Bowie.

Family involvement became a requirement of membership for the GBGC at the first annual All Sports Registration Fair held on Thursday, February 22. The club will continue to offer county baseball, coed intramural and county basketball, fall and winter cheerleading (pom poms and competition squads), football, fall and spring soccer, and county softball. Additional in-person only registration dates will be announced by the club registrar, Mel Scites, 441-8689.

A special membership meeting requested by the 1996 Board of Directors to update the club's bylaws was held on Friday, February 23. Ten percent of the membership constituted a quorum at the special meeting. During the 1995 board session, the rules committee revised certain parts of the bylaws to bring them up to date. Members will receive a copy of the new rule changes.

The GBGC cheerleading com-

petition squad placed third in the NCA cheerleading competition, at Largo on Saturday, February 24. Members of the 12 and under squad are: Tiffany Atkinson, Connie Bailey, Kristin Floyd, Charlene Gerring, Jessica House, Emily Kutchman, Meghan Lloyd, Glenna Small, Kelly White, and Alexis Williamson. The team is coached by Ava Ramey. Julie Sanders and Tammy House are team parents. The team will compete in the regional contest on April 13 at Towson, and the Spring Spirit competition on April 14, at Kings Dominion.

The Fourth Annual Spring Basketball Tournament will be held at the Springhill Lake Recreation gym on March 23, 24, 25, 26, 28, 29, 30, and 31. Teams from other Prince George's county basketball programs, Baltimore City, and Springfield, Virginia will participate in the March Madness. For additional information contact Ava Ramey, basketball commissioner, at 220-0942.

The GBGC Honor Roll for the month includes: Team of the month, 14 and Under County Team - Basketball; Coach of the month, Jesse Jones, Head Coach, 14 and Under Basketball; Player of the month, George Hewan; and Volunteer of the month, Ernestine Rivers.

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A big area that requires attention is the anti lock brake system that most of our vehicles are equipped with. It seems that the brake fluid is becoming contaminated with excessive amounts of moisture. Scheduled preventive maintenance brake fluid service is a must.

Flushing all the stale brake fluid and refilling with fresh fluid could save you literally hundreds & in some cases up to even fifteen hundred dollars. There is an electronic over hydraulic brake control valving that is not forgiving of any moisture or corrosion that enters in the brake fluid.

If your vehicle is equipped with rear wheel anti lock or full ABS system it is very important to check your service records to see when you have had the brake fluid changed last. Remember this is separate from brake pad or brake shoe service & it's up to your certified technician to advise of these conditions.

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The View From Ridge Road

by Christina O'Boyle
Winter Walk

I was about to take my headache and tight shoulder muscles to the Fitness Center and try to get rid of them, when halfway out the door my dog's sad eyes got to me. Chessie hadn't been in the woods for a long time, and neither had I.

So I replaced the car keys with the dog's leash, my Reeboks with boots, and realized for the zillionth time how easily I could turn away from the activity out on Ridge Road and escape into the solitude of the woods. Right behind my house, footsteps from my kitchen, desk and door, is a place that just stays there waiting for me to wander in. So I took my tension for a walk with the dog in the snowy woods.

At first I kept an aerobic pace, following my original plan for physical exercise. As my heart rate increased, it was matched by an increase in delight as my feet landed on cross-country ski tracks and deer footprints. I felt as if I'd stepped into C.S. Lewis's magic wardrobe and come out in a new country, or at least a New England resort town. Can I really be in Greenbelt, so close to my house and the BW Parkway, and yet be in these deep woods? This question, this feeling always washes over me when I'm in there. No matter how many times I've walked through the woods, each experience seems new: the sun hits the trees at a different angle; or the kids come along with their games and chatter; or it's uncomfortably muggy or bitter cold. This time I got lost in memories of the winter I lived in Stowe, Vermont. I remembered the revelation of having access to snowy woods and open fields where I could simply walk away from work, snap cross-country skis onto my ski-boots, and glide through the

trees. I thought I'd never find that kind of accessibility again. Yet here I am, south of the Mason-Dixon line, trekking through a Maryland forest that's visible from every window in our house. And it's been filled with snow so often this winter that it is just like a New England resort town.

Chessie's gallop encouraged me to keep up, get over the hills, march along the plateaus and ravines and down to the BARC cornfields where the great grey trunks give way to open space. I followed Chessie to the brink of the field and stopped. For 18 years I've come here, come trudging through the woods to this point and stopped. The view surprises me, even though I've memorized it by now. The surprise is that it's there - here - behind my house. And that I've lived here beside it so long.

Chessie was out in the field, crouching, waiting for something to fly out of my hand. But I'd forgotten her ball. She's a Chesapeake Bay Retriever who believes that this field exists for retrieving. With nothing for her to catch, I turned and headed for the "new" hill. For many years John and I never noticed the path that leads to this hill. But with more walkers, and for a while, bikers, new paths have been created. We used another route that circumvented it, coming around so that we walked along the ravine at the bottom, not realizing we could be slipping down its steep side, laughing out loud, irritating the deer.

The approach to the top is gradual, so you don't realize you're up high. Suddenly there's an expanse, a steep drop. Coming up to it, my heart beat expectantly, as if the trees anticipated my appearance and the slope snickered at my uneasy feet. I stood surveying the drop, the ravine below, the incline across the way, the landscape that is my back yard.

Leaving the aerobic program on the hilltop, I edged my boots into the hill's side, an old Vermont trick I just happen to know. At the bottom Chessie and I turned to-

wards home. We followed the deep ravine filled with snow, passed the holly tree grove and started looking up for the yellow mass that should be our house. Getting closer we could see the turret, then the decks. We came out of the woods at our fence, scaring the cardinals, sparrows, and chickadees hiding in one forsythia hedge. They fluttered to new branches as we opened the gate.

"Whose woods these are I think I know ..." They're called "Parcel 1" and owned by the City. They're everyone's belt of green. But when I'm in them, they're mine.

Whose woods these are I think I know
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To watch his woods fill up with snow.
My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.
He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.
The woods are lovely, dark and deep,
But I have promises to keep,
And miles to go before I sleep,
And miles to go before I sleep.

"Stopping by the Woods on a Snowy Evening"
by Robert Frost

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Friends of the Greenbelt Museum Board President Sandra Lange explains the intricacies of a 1930s mangle to Greenbelter Mary Ann Baker as Al Herling looks on. Mangles were commonly used through the 1950s to press tablecloths, sheets, pillow cases, and even shirts. The mangle and other domestic housewares can be seen at a special exhibit on domestic technology at the Greenbelt Community Center. The museum exhibit area, located on the second floor, is open 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., Mondays and Fridays and 1 - 5 p.m., the first Sunday of each month, through August.

- photo by David Lange

Fifty Years Ago

by James Giese

Co-op Repays Loan

September 29, 1945—Greenbelt Consumers Services (GCS) made the final payment of \$3,500 on its start up loan from Consumer Distribution Corporation (CDC). CDC, a cooperative incorporated by Edward A. Filene, the Boston department store merchant, loaned \$40,000 to GCS to aid in the development of the consumer cooperative movement. The money was used to equip and operate the stores at the commercial center until a sufficient number of people had moved in to form their own cooperative. Late in 1939, GCS, with 418 members, took over the store and agreed to repay the loan at the rate of \$4,000 a year paid quarterly plus additional payments as the capital invest-

ment increased.

In the same issue of the Greenbelt Cooperator, an editorial took after "the mutterings that have gone on so long about the cooperative's having a 'monopoly' in town. . .". It reminded its readers that the large food store chains were approached in 1937 and were literally implored to open up branches in the new community and had refused. It wasn't until 1939 that the residents managed to organize themselves into a working body which developed the million dollar business of GCS. It reported that both members and non-members were invited to a series of Monday night meetings to take part in plans for the co-op's expansion.



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