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## **Urbanization Overtakes the County**

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### Prince George's History Part III

by Alan Virta (How and when did Prince George's County change from a small rural county to a bedroom suburb to a partner in a dynamic metropolitan area? You will find this information and much more in this third part of Alan Virta's brief history of Prince George's County prepared for the county's Tricentennial Celebration. Part one appeared in the January 4 issue and part two in the March 7 issue of this paper.)

Until the 1880's Washington was not much more than a small town tucked into one corner of the District of Columbia. There was much

land in the

District than

city. People

had settled in



Prince George's County because of its proximity to the capital; but on the whole, they were a small percentage of the population. As the nineteenth century drew to a close, however, the town of Washington became a citygrowing larger and larger until it spread into Prince George's County. All along

built-like Takoma Park, Mount Rainier, Colmar Manor, Cottage City, Brentwood, Capitol Heights, Fairmount Heights, and Seat Pleasant. Farming remained the way of life for many in the vast rural areas beyond these new towns, but year by year the percentage of the population earning their livelihood through agriculture declined as the denser suburban population close to Washington grew. The federal government itself moved out beyond Washington, as huge government installations were placed in Prince George's County-Andrews Air Force Base, the Census Bureau complex in Suitland Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, and NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt among others. As the twentieth century progressed and the automobile freed suburban commuters from rail, trolley and bus lines, new communities grew, farther out-Greenbelt, Cheverly, District Heights, New Carrollton, Glenarden, Bowie, Kettering, and more. What had been a County of

the County's borders with thirty thousand in 1900 became a County of sixty thousand in 1930. By 1950, there were almost 200,000. Ten years later, in 1960, there were 350,000; in ten years more, 661,000. But finally the explosive growth seemed to come to and end, as the next ten years saw a small decline.

> The end of the population boom seemed to bring a new assessment of Prince George's County's place in the region, for County leaders in the 1970's and early 1980's began to seek a new type of growth-an economic life not so closely tied to the federal government, and one not limited to providing homes for workers in Washington. What they began to seek was industry and commercial enterprise that would assume a life of its own in Prince George's County-and transform the County from a bedroom suburb into an equal partner in a dynamic metropolitan area. The challenge of that search is as formidable adventuresome, and exciting as the taming of the frontier so many years ago

The witness of three hundred years, then, has seen great change come to Prince George's County. One a struggling wilderness outpost-where men like Colonel Ninean Beall and his county militia rode the frontier to guard against Indian raids-the County developed during the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries into a prosperous, sophisticated tobacco society. When that society met its end in war, the small farm, growing tobacco and other crops, and local commence became the dominant ways of life, until Prince George's council and citizens to spend the County finally became part surplus and avoid tax increases, of the growing metropolitan areas of Wasnington, D.C. and a place where men and women of all creeds, religions, races, national origins, and economic positions live and work. But despite these great changes, reminders of the past are all around us, amidst the new, sometimes hidden from sight, and sometimes unrecognizable to the newcomer. Even if the large majority of our citizens live in an urban setting today, it must be remembered that much of our land still retains its rural character, and agriculture is still the way of life for many. If Prince Georgeans of today head out of the city. beyond the Beltway and suburban developments into the large areas that are still country, they can walk into See PRINCE GEORGE'S, page 8

### **New Ordinance on Recycling Will Prohibit Scavenging**

by Heather Elizabeth Peterson At the March 11 meeting

of the Greenbelt City Council, City Attorney Robert Manzi unveiled a draft copy of an ordinance which would make recycling mandatory in Greenbelt.

Council discussed the provisions drafted by Manzi, as well as the amendments suggested by Tracy Vincent, Recycling Coordinator, and Celia Wilson, Planning and Community Development Director. The ordinance, which would continue the present practice of recycling in Greenbelt, would require by law that householders separate their recyclable materials from other refuse.

 Council had some concerns over the wording of the ordinance. Mayor Antoinette Bram stated, "It should be a citizen friendly ordinance, and the way that I read it, it's not yet citizen friendly."

Council was pleased, though, by the anti-scavenging section. This section would forbid any unauthorized person from collecting other people's recyclable materials. The drafted ordinance notes that the original owner may donate or sell the recyclable materials as he or she wishes.

Manzi agreed to separate out the anti-scavenging section and make it into a separate ordinance, which he will then bring before council. Council will discuss the rest of the recycling ordinance at an upcoming work session.

#### Lights Out

Street light outages along Hanover Parkway were discussed by a representative of Potomac Electric Power Com-

**Petition Drive Begun** 

**To Save Libraries** 

#### pany (PEPCO), Billy Adair. Adair said that his company is replacing the cable linking the Parkway's lights, and that the repairs would be complete by early April. PEPCO expects that the new cable will solve the problem of several lights going out at once, though single outages may still occur.

Adair apologized for not dealing with the matter earlier. He said that the work order had been misplaced. Councilmember J Davis angrily told Adair that "it has taken six or seven years" for PEPCO to deal with this matter. She said that she was irritated by the company's delay in dealing with this "safety hazard."

In response to council's question, Adair said that individual residents who wished to report outages to PEPCO could call (202) 833-7500. The wooden light poles have numbers on them; the other poles should be identified by location.

#### **Tax Bills**

Council voted to support two Maryland Senate Bills which would allow new taxes to be levied. The first bill, SB151, would not go into effect unless it was allowed by a county referendum. This bill would impose a sales tax in Prince George's County in order to raise money for schools. Bram pointed out that the county school system needs new money if it is to end court-ordered, race-based school busing.

The other bill, SB154, would impose a telephone service tax on the county. See CITY COUNCIL on page 8

## **Annual Financial Report Previews Budget Struggle**

#### by James Giese

Greenbelt has completed its last fiscal year (July '94 - June '95) in the black, resulting in a slight increase in the city's unappropriated surplus funds. The small surplus of \$37,129 constitutes very good news since the city was expected to reduce its fund balance by \$336,400.

This information, and much more, is found in the recently released Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for fiscal year 1995 which began on July 1, 1994, and ended June 30, 1995 Past city financial reports have received the coveted Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and city officials expect this report to be recognized as well. Total revenues realized in FY 95 for the General Fund, the principal operating fund of the city, exceeded the estimated revenues budgeted of \$12,135,000 by \$306,197. Total expenditures fell short of the \$12,471,400 budgeted by \$67,332. This resulted in total revenues exceeding total expenditures by \$37,129, the amount of surplus added for the year.

reserve funds.

When the budget was adopted last May, the council debated about the use of surplus funds. The council is again expected to be faced with difficult choices when it is presented the new budget this month. If so, one of the most important issues its members will have to resolve is how much, if any surplus should be used to balance the budget.

While it is tempting to the can cause problems. The surplus funds serve as a rainy day fund in case some sort of a fiscal catastrophe occurs. They provide a cushion available in case of emergency.

The small increase to surplus left the balance of undesignated funds at \$1,432,064 as of last June 30. In adopting the budget for the current year, which began on July 1, the city council agreed to spend down \$165,700 of the

Bond buyers look closely at the city's financial reports. They want to be assured that the city is well managed and fiscally sound before agreeing to lend money to it. The amount of surplus funds is one indicator of good fiscal management.

Another reason for carefully spending any excess funds is that spending them offers only a short-term solution to financial problems, particularly if these funds are used to pay for expenses that will continue on in future years. Once the surplus is gone, city officials have to once again look at either increasing taxes or cutting back expenditures to balance the budget.

A petition campaign mounted by the Friends of Prince George's County Libraries, Inc. is underway to combat a possible library budget crisis.

Gov. Parris Glendening allocated \$2 million to the County library system in his tentative budget, but the State Senate voted recently to cut out the \$2 million. Funding could be restored in the Governor's supplemental budget. In 1995, Glendenning allocated \$2.5 to the County library system in his supplemental budget.

Petitions now being circulated throughout the county ask the State and County to fully fund the library budget. Over the past ten years, the Countywide library system has often suffered large budget cuts even as the system has grown in patron use and new libraries were being built.

Friends of the Greenbelt Library will have petitions at the local branch and in various places in Roosevelt Center.

Individual letters should be directed to the governor. All of Greenbelt's state delegates already support the measure. The aim of petitioners is the full funding of the county's library at a crucial time, Barbara Simon, president of the County Friends, stresses.

For more information, call Simon at 474-2192.

### What Goes On

Mon., April 1, 7 p.m. Recycling Advisory Committee, Aquatic & Fitness Center

Wed., April 3, 7:30 p.m. Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

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## Letters to the Editor

### Deer Are Not The Problem!

The February 22 article on BARC's "deer problem" is just another of endless attempts by hunters and the NRA to portray their bloodsports as beneficial to people and to their victims. And the unsuspecting public continues to buy the hunters' garbage:

\* "BARC has one of the highest, densest concentration of deer in the state." How convenient for those who can't wait to blast the deer away on government territory.

\* "The January 17 council meeting was frank and open . ." But untruthful and incomplete. The barbarity and immorality of sneaking into an animal's home during the dark, waiting for the innocent to awaken . . . are not discussed.

\* "Many species of interior forest nesting birds are declining." What about the deer-loving community? Deer bring the biggest trophy to killers; otherwise they would be killing lovable birds.

\* "150 acres of crops were lost." As long as BARC spreads into wild animals' homes with their "research" on other innocent animals for the violent appetite of humans, deer have to eat wherever they're forced to go. It is human overpopulation and their violent appetite that drive this need for "research" and the wholesale slaughter of the innocent.

\* Fix a hole (in a fence) and another will be cut down within two weeks." Electric fencing around a large housing area in my friend's Texas community keep the deer out. Three years ago Goddard instituted a contraceptive program for deer because they did not want to kill their wild neighbors. These respectful, progressive measures would cost a fraction of the \$14 billion in blood money (hunting).

\* "Council heard how the deer hunt was conducted." A war on wildlife is not safe for animals or people.

\* "The shots sometimes heard by Greenbelt residents may be anything, even poachers." Hunters talk about anything but their antiquated behavior. If you don't know the hunters' violent nature, you've never been on a hunt sabotage or attended an antihunting meeting.

### Victimized by Deer

I am a member of GHI who has been victimized by deer jumping over a chain-link fence into my yard and eating, to the ground, thirteen euonymus bushes. The deer then began eating five arborvitae trees in my yard.

GHI's caring and concerned reply to my request for assistance was to "plant shrubs which deer do not like to eat." Considering the significant amount of money already lost I can assure GHI there will be no more planting of shrubs on my property. Rather, I am more urgently concerned with protecting the other shrubs on the property. In deference to GHI's preference for shrubs rather than fences, I have planted approximately fifty shrubs and trees. In retrospect, privacy fencing would have been the better choice.

Are there other GHI members who have also been victimized by deer in this manner? If so, and if this is a GHI community problem, I feel strongly that GHI should share the expense of protecting members against deer invasion. If mine is an isolated case, I will then have no choice but to bear the expense for additional fencing by myself.

B. Sue Benson

#### Congratulations

Dee and George Ronchi celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss on November 18, 1995. Married in West New York, New Jersey, November 18, 1945, they have made Greenbelt their home for 49 years. Children Diane and George (William was unable to come) surprised them with a dinner party at Sir Walter Raleigh Inn. About 25 relatives, including three grandchildren and three great grandchildren were on hand to congratulate the happy couple. They received an abundance of warm wishes and gifts, including an evening out to see the musical "42nd Street" at the Burn Brae Dinner Theatre and another memorable evening out to see the world famous Italian tenor Luciano Pavarotti (who is from the same town as George Ronchi's family - Modena, Italy). It was wonderful having so many generations of the family together. We are truly blessed. Congratulations again,

### Roosevelt Kids Head For Science Fair

Forty-four Eleanor Roosevelt High School students will compete in fourteen categories at the Prince George's County Area Science Fair April 12 -14.

More than 500 students participated in the Nineteenth Annual Eleanor Roosevelt High School Science Fair February 14, one of the largest science fairs in the Washington metropolitan area. Students winning first, second, or third place in the school's fair will represent Eleanor Roosevelt at the county fair next month.

According to Catherine Duff, Science Fair Coordinator, students will compete in 14 categories, including behavioral science, botany, chemistry, engineering, mathematics, computer' science, medicine and health, earth and space science, microbiology, physics, zoology, and group projects.

Greenbelt winners were Christine Lee, third place in biochemistry, and Kimberly Brown, third place in botany.

### Extra Hours Open For Free Tax Help

All Maryland taxpayer assistance offices will offer extra hours of free walk-in and telephone state tax help up through the April 15 filing deadline for taxpayers still working on their Maryland returns.

In addition to normal weekday hours of 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., the offices will have the following extended hours:

Monday, April 1 and 8: 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.;

Friday, April 5 (Good Friday): 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.;

Saturday, April 6 and 13: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.;

DEADLINE, Monday, April 15: 8 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein noted that state tax officials will complete Maryland returns free of charge as long as taxpayers bring a completed copy of their federal return and all W-2 statements.

All Maryland taxpayer service offices offer free state taxpayer assistance Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The toll-free number for state tax refund inquiries is 1-800-218-8160.

Nearby state tax offices include: at New Carrollton, 8181 Professional Place, Suite 101, Landover, 459-9195 and Wheaton

### **Tax Extensions**

Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein says this is the time of year when his office gets lots of calls from taxpayers who can't meet the April 15 filing deadline. "We have a new service this year for taxpayers who need an extension, but don't owe any additional tax with the return," he said.

Taxpayers who don't owe additional tax with their returns can make their extension requests by telephone at (410) 974-5TAX (974-5829). Taxpayers will follow voice prompts to enter necessary information in a short phone call.

Taxpayers who will owe additional tax with their returns will still need to file a paper extension request, using Maryland Form 502E, which is included in the state income tax booklet. Both telephone and paper extension requests must be filed by Monday, April 15.

An extension of time to file the return is not an extension of time to pay any tax due. Those who owe additional tax must file a paper extension request and enclose a check for the estimated amount of tax due.

### Blind to Have Museum Tour

A free program for the blind and those with low vision has been started in the Washington D. C. metropolitan area. The first tour on Saturday, March 30 from 1:30 -4:30 p.m. will be a visit to the Sackler Gallery (the Smithsonian's Asian Art Museum) to look at Chinese art. Large photos, visual aids and hands on objects will be available. The tour will be repeated on April 27.

Following the tour an Oriental tea will be held at Lowes Hotel. There is a fee for the tea which is separate from the free tour. For details and reservations call Katharine Bond, 703-591-2543.

#### Corrections

The name of Vita Pergola was misspelled in her Letter of Thanks in last week's paper.

The flags carried by the police ceremonial unit at last week's dedication of the Community Center were those of the nation, state, and Greenbelt Police Department (not county, as reported). The News Review regrets

the errors.

### Programs at Refuge

The Patuxent Reserach Refuge offers several programs of special interest during the month of April. On April 6 and 27 children of all ages, accompanied by parents, can learn about "Beavers: Makers of the Marsh." Participants will visit their habitat to view their dams and lodges. Dress for outdoors.

The program takes place from 10 a.m. to noon.

Also on April 6, from 1 to 2 p.m., 4 to 6-year-old children, with parents, can give a "Welcome to Spring." They will learn about nature's reawakening. Dress for outdoors.

On April 10 a program for ages 16 and older, "Birding for Beginners" begins with a lecture from 7 - 8 p.m. It will be followed on April 13 by a guided walk from 8:15 to 10:30 a.m. Learn where to find birds, how to identify them, what equipment and books are helpful. Bring field guides and binoculars.

Children 8 years old and older, with parents, can take a "Night Hike" on April 13 and 27, 8 - 9:30 p.m. They will discover the creatures of the night, including owls, spring peepers and bats. Dress for outdoors.

Meet at the North Tract Visitor Contact Station, Bald Eagle Drive, Laurel (off Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32).

Programs are free. For information and reservations call (410) 674-3304 or TDD (410) 674-4625.



"A Rifle Club is housed in a high school where the first sign upon entering the school reads "Stop the Violence."

And the facts that mean the most on the subject of hunting will not be printed by the News Review. I've tried before.

If you gun-toting, killing adults want to know why children are violent, they learn from you.

Nancy L. Robinson

### Support for Cancer

The American Cancer Society Montgomery County office offers a one-to-one support program for newly diagnosed cancer patients. The CanSurmount program matches trained volunteers with patients to talk, share, and listen. To request a visit or further information call 933-9350. Mom and Dad. We all love Plaza North Office Building, you. Suite LL6, 2730 University Blvd. Diane C. Ronchi West, 949-6030, TTY 949-6032.

> Greenbelt Municipal Access Television Channel B-10 Schedule

**Tuesday & Thursday, April 2 & 4, 1996** 6:00pm MNCPPC presents: "Your Open Road-Passport to History" Highlights the stops on the Passport to History.

**6:30pm** "The Audrey Scott Show" This month, County Councilwoman Scott focuses on the County's Tricentennial Celebration.

**7:00pm** "FY '97 Budget Presentation" City Manager Daniel G. Hobbs outlines the upcoming year's budget challenges.

7:30pm "Greenbelt Community Center Opening"

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# **Community Events**

### **Dance Fitness**

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission announces the opening of registration for bio aerobics dance fitness classes for adults and teens. The Spring session begins Tuesday, April 9. Mon./ Wed, classes start April 10. Greenbelt classes will be held at the Youth Center. For information and a free brochure call 262-5175.

### Easter Bunny Visits Greenbriar April 6

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks children are invited to the annual Greenbriar Easter Egg Hunt. The event will begin promptly at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 6 at the Greenbriar Community Building. The Easter Bunny will be hopping by to get his picture taken with everyone so be sure to bring cameras.

It is very important to sign up children in advance, so please contact Heather Fine at 441-1096 by Wednesday, April 3.

### "Explorations" Talk On Assisted Living

On Friday, April 5, Linda Evans will be speaking at "Explorations Unlimited" about assisted living for senior citizens. Evans is on the staff of Independence Court, an assisted living residence in Hyattsville.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center in the Senior Classroom. For more information call 397-2208.

### Clock Exhibit Opens At Greenbelt Museum

Because of the great interest in the Caprice glassware which has been on exhibit at the Museum since November, this display has been extended through March 31.

On April 7, a new exhibit of clocks and watches in use during the 1930s will begin. The exhibit will be built around Morris Levitt's collection of Art Deco clocks.

Anyone who has a time piece to lend to FOGM for this display, call 301-507-6582, and provide pertinent information about it. One

### County Genealogical Society to Meet

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, April 3, at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Public Library, 11 Crescent Road. The meeting is open to the public. Visitors are welcome and there is no charge.

The speaker will be Ron Walker, U.S. National Park Service, presenting an update on the Civil War Soldier Project.

### Easter Egg Hunt At Nursing Center

Children are cordially invited to attend the annual Easter egg hunt that will be held by Greenbelt Nursing Center on Tuesday, April 2. The rain date will be April 3.

Come hunt eggs, meet the Easter Bunny and have refreshments.

The Easter egg hunt will begin at 1:30 p.m. For questions, call Hannah Jones at 345-9595.

### **Court/Block Parents**

The Greenbelt Crime Prevention Committee is seeking applicants for the Court/Block Parent Program. This program provides volunteers willing to offer a safe refuge, if the need arises, to children who walk to and from school. Possible problems for children might be fearing someone is following them, being injured, being locked out of their home, etc.

Volunteers for this program will undergo a Maryland State Police child care background check before they can participate. Officer George Matthews will submit fingerprint cards to the state police, who will conduct the background checks.

Only a minimal amount of time is needed for this important program. Please call Officer George Matthews at 507-6515 or Diane Ronchi (Crime Prevention chairman) at 441-1189 to volunteer.

### At the Library

On Thursday, April 4 there will be Drop-In Storytimes for ages 3-5 at 10:15 a.m.

### Comet Watch

Join the Greenbelt Astronomy Club for an unusual opportunity to view Comet Hyakutake during a total eclipse of the moon. The observing will start at dusk on Wednesday, April 3 at Northway Fields. Telescopes will be available for close-up views of the comet's nucleus. Bring binoculars if you have them.

### Recycling Committee Meets on April 1

The Recycling Advisory Committee will have its monthly meeting on Monday, April 1 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.

### Earth Day Events Will be on April 27

Mark Saturday, April 27 on the calendar and bring the family. The city's Recycling Advisory Committee is planning an Earth Day event from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Schrom Hills Park on Hanover Parkway. There will be musical entertainment, Zoo-Show and petting farm, a community yard sale, trash-bash games, a composting and low-impact camping demonstrations, a tree planting and more. The committee seeks civic groups to participate in some of these events. For more information about Earth Day-96, call the Recycling Coordinator, Tracy Vincent at 474-8308.

### Clean-up the River

The annual Potomac River Clean-up will be on Saturday, March 30. Meet at the Greenbelt Park headquarters at 9 a.m. Wear work clothes and shoes and be prepared to get muddy.

### White Cane Drive

This year's White Cane drive by the Lions Club will take place from Friday, March 29, to April 1, and then resume the week after Easter. Club members will be collecting money outside the Co-op, Safeway, Giant, and NationsBank for eye care, the Lions' main ongoing project. The funds will aid the Warner Institute for Eye Research and also help individuals who cannot afford to pay for eyeglasses.

### Wool "Paintings" At Library Gallery

The Gallery of the Prince George's County Memorial Library System presents "Hooked Wall Hangings" by Roslyn Logsdon, who is nationally known for her original, figurative works. She uses the traditional craft of rug hooking to produce images of people and buildings, "painting" with loops of wool. Logsdon maintains a studio at the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center in Laurel.

The show will be on display from April 1 to 26. The public is invited to the opening reception to be held Saturday, April 13, from 3 to 5 p.m., in the Gallery of the Greenbelt Branch Library. Gallery hours are Mon.-Wed., 2-5 and 6:30-9 p.m.; Thurs.-Sat., 2-5 p.m.

### **GHI** Notes

Blood pressure testing will be held on Wednesday, April 3, from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Woodlands Committee meets April 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The GHI Marketing Committee meets April 4 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The GHI Board meetings for April are on the 11th and 25th.

Reminder - a sale of grass seed and plants will take place on Saturday, March 30, from 9:30 a.m. to noon, unless it rains.

### Bicyclists to Tour County Historic Sites

Beginning April 6, the Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition will sponsor a series of rides to 16 historic sites in Prince George's County. The rides are open to all bicyclists over the age of 12 (those under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian). The first ride, scheduled for April 6, will include tours of the Greenbelt Museum and the College Park Airport Museum. The ride from Greenbelt to College Park Airport is approximately 6.5 miles each way. The group will return to Greenbelt by approximately 1 p.m. Participation in the rides is free. Interested bicyclists should meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Museum, located at 10-B Crescent Road. A parent or guardian must sign a permission form for riders under the age of 18. Riders must wear a helmet and should pack a lunch. The rain date is April 13. For more information, or to obtain copies of the permission form, call Steven Harper at 513-9368.



such loan will be the pocket watch of Harry Woods, which spent a considerable amount of time in pawn shops when he ran out of funds during the Depression.

ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD TENTATIVE AGENDA Wednesday, April 3, 1996 7:30 pm Community Center-Sr. Citizens Conference Room

- I. Call to Order
- 2. Approval of Agenda
- 3. Review of Directional Sign Plan
- 4. Further Review of Preliminary Plan of Subdivision-Prince George's Scrap

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7:30 p.m., Tuesday April 2, 1996 Greenbelt Arts Center Lobby next to the Post Office

**The Planned Virtual Community!** 

**Co-op Organizational Planning Meeting** 

Be there, or be un-connected!



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

Friday, March 29th: Heartbeat - contemporary jazz Saturday, March 30th: The Suburban Bushmen

Friday, April 5th: Jeff Felcher - jazz guitar Saturday, April 6th: Destiny - contemporary jazz Entertainment Begins at 8pm Open Fri-Sat 6PM-12AM. 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD474-5642

### John L. Hofstetter

John L. "Hoppy" Hofstetter, 66, of Winter Park, Florida died March 8 after a brief illness.

Maundy Thursday

On Thursday, April 4 the of-

fice of Tenebrae will be held at

the Greenbelt Community

Church at 7:30 p.m. The

evening begins with communion

and traces Jesus' life from the

last supper to the crucifixion

done by way of a series of

readings from the Bible that

ows, is a service that originated

about the ninth century. The

intention is to recreate the

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Service April 4

trace these events.

Mr. Hofstetter was born in Baltimore on January 29, He also lived in 1930. Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, and Severn, Maryland. He attended Greenbelt High School.

Mr. Hofstetter was retired from the U.S. Navy and Montgomery Wards. He was a member of St. Margaret Mary Church in Winter Park.

A sports enthusiast, he coached baseball for Greenbelt Little League during the fifties and for the Severn Athletic Association during the sixties.

Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Lucille Bryant Hofstetter of Winter Park; sons, John Hofstetter of Riverdale, Richard Hofstetter of Crofton, Robert Hofstetter of Beltsville; daughter Donna Harper of Casselberry, Florida; brother, Henry Hofstetter of Pine Beach, New Jersey; sister, Irene Beers of Bowie; his motherin-law, Rose Bryant of Beltsville; and six grandchildren.

A memorial Mass will be offered at 1 p.m. March 29 at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church in Crofton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National Institutes of Health, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Frank J. Galvin

Center.

Association.



### **GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW**

### Now at Montpelier

The Montpelier Recital competition continues on Sunday, March 31 with a free concert at 3 p.m. by Capitol Hill Chamber Players Wind Quintet. Reservations are necessary so call 953-1993 TTY 490-2329.

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### Festival Notes

by Sandy Smith

Here it is March, and the initial organization has already begun for the 1996 Greenbelt Labor Day Festival! The hardworking members of the Festival Committee already have had their first meeting. The fearless leaders were elected, and the planning process was started.

Rick Ransome is heading the committee this year, fellowing in the able footsteps of previous president Tom Renahan. J Davis has for a number of years acted as Carnival Coordinator with Mike Vaccaro, and both will be continuing in that capacity. Leaving the Enter-tainment Committee in the hands of Bill Barber and Patty Brothers, Barb Barber will be supervising the programs, while Ed Cooke will be directing the many financial details of the Festival. Sandy Smith will be the secretary, passing publicity to Sarah Ellis.

In order to run smoothly, the Festival needs as many volunteers as possible. People can call Rick Ransome (441-1597), Sandy Smith (474-6127), or Natasha Jewell (352-8665) to find out what they can do. Volunteers are needed for everything from making telephone calls to doing mailings to being posted at the Information Booth on the Festival weekend. High school volunteers should call the coordinator of high school volunteers, Lynn Lubey, at 474-4718. This is an excellent chance to add to the Community Service Points needed for graduation!

#### The Pageant

The three-part Miss Greenbelt Scholarship Pageant is also gearing up for action. It awards scholarships funded by area businesses and organizations. Little Miss (7-9) and Junior Miss (10-13) contestants should live or go to school in Greenbelt, and Miss Greenbelt contestants (14-19) should live, work; or go to school in Greenbelt. The girls will enjoy events through the summer, including community activities, fundraisers, and get-togethers. Please call 352-8665 to register for the orientation meetings, which will be held in April. Parents are welcome to attend with their daughters and meet the Pageant organizers. For more information, contact the Pageant Executive Director, Natasha Chavrid-Jewell, at 352-

The wheels are now set in

### Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The monthly business meeting of the Golden Age Club will be held on Wednesday, April 3, at 11 a.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Greenbelt Community Center. A board meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m.

The sign-up sheet will be available for the Tuesday, April 23, trip to the National Wildlife Visitor's Center and the tour of historic Laurel. Lunch at "The Old Country Buffet" is included in the fee.

Phyllis Budin and her committee are taking reservations for the annual luncheon to be held at "E.J.'s Landing" in the College Park Best Western on Wednesday, May 8. Please pay by check.

Words of praise describing the grand opening and dedication of the Community Center are still being heard. How nice that Tony Pisano was posthumously honored for his service on the original committee

Since the crocus, forsythia and daffodils are blooming, it's time to get serious about yard work. Go easy, though, and keep the linament handy. Enjoy the spring weather and come out to the meetings. Better yet, make a reservation to have lunch at the Center after the meeting.

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#### **Chorale Concert**

The University of Maryland Chorale will present a Spring Concert on Sunday, March 31, at 4 p.m., at University United Methodist Church, on Campus Drive in College Park. The program includes "Zadok the Priest" by Handel and motets by Schutz, Clausen, and Gawthrop. Spirituals by Moses Hogan and folk music by Holst will be performed. Secular selections include works of Donato, Criswell and Riegger. Student soloists and piano selections by accompanist, Eric Lerner, will be featured. The concert is free and the public is invited to attend. For information call 405-1150.

#### Free Band Concert

The National Concert Band of America will present a free concert on Sunday, March 31 at 2:30 p.m. in Queen Anne Auditorium, Prince George's Community College.

A highlight of the concert will be a selection of numbers from the popular musical "Les Miserables." An audience reception will follow the performance

Fritz Velke conducts the National Concert Band of America, which consists of retired members of the four armed services bands.

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After-School Arts Program Expanded

The Children's Drop-In After-School Arts Program at the Community Center has been so successful that it will be expanded during the Spring break week only (April 1 to 5) to every day from 3 to 6 p.m., announces program's coordinator, Barbara Simon.

This is a no-preregistration required, drop-in after school opportunity for children ages six through 12, she stresses, with an hourly fee payable at the door in cash or slips purchased at the Center office. Parents of pre-school children can bring their youngsters at the same cost if the parent stays with the child for the entire time.

#### Volunteers

Teen-aged volunteers are needed to work with each adult volunteer. School requirements for volunteer work can be satisfied through this service. The program runs Tuesday and Wednesday 3 to 6 p.m. More days per week will be added as funds be-Simon.

Wish List The program needs donations of plastic jars with lids - the one-pound size like that used for peanut butter. Large coffee cans -5 lbs. or larger - without lids are also useful. Scrap board (plywood is OK) - thin or thick in sizes approximately 8" - 10" square are needed. The children work clay on these pieces. Old -even shabby - men's button-down shirts are needed to use as smocks.

Donations can be labelled "attention Barbara Simon" and left at the Center's office, which is open 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Mon. - Sat., 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

### Volunteers Needed

A new social services program of the Department of Social Services, Prince George's County, is seeking volunteers to coordinate children's activity for preschoolers while parents use the resource center. A teaching background is preferred. Police clearance is also required. For more



motion for a fabulous Festival this 1996 Labor Day! The next meeting of the Festival Committee is on March 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station. Stay tuned for more information in future issues of this paper.

### **Benefit Race**

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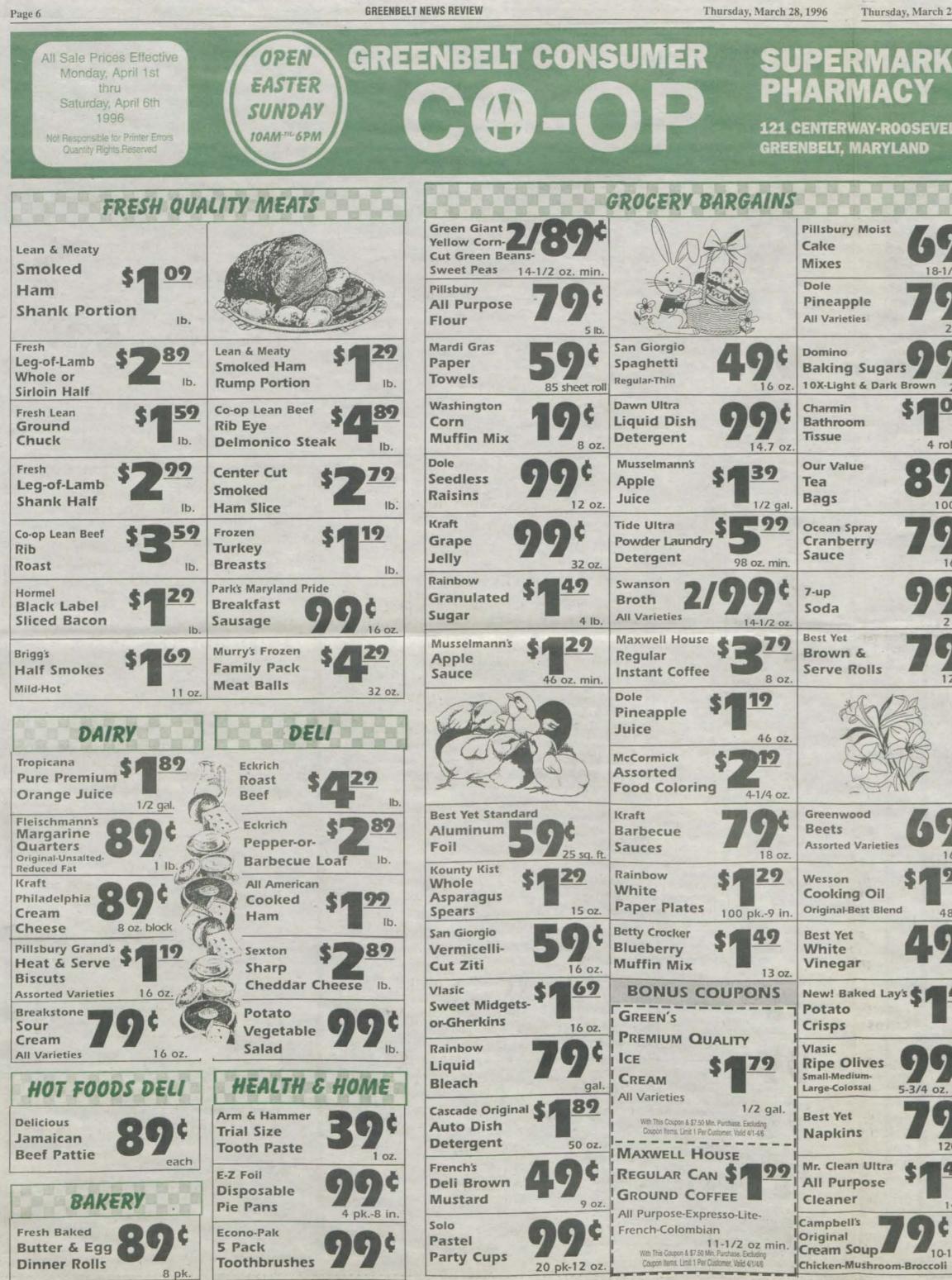
Attention runners, walkers, and wheelchair racers. Come on out for the 5K Terrapin Trot, Saturday, April 13, at the University of Maryland. Proceeds from the race will benefit the Arthritis Foundation, the Mary-land AIDS Response Fund, the Maryland Wheelchair Athletic Foundation, and Camp Fantastic, an activity camp for children with cancer. To register, or for more information, call 314-8498. The pre-registration deadline is April 1.

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Greenbelt pioneer Eleanor

Ritter celebrated her 90th birth-

day on St. Patrick's Day. Her

family had a birthday party for

her at the American Legion,

where she received citations from

City Council as well as the

O'Sullivan, one of four people

accepted to the graduate

playwriting program at Carnegie

Mellon University. Graduates of

this program have included Steve

Bochco ("Murder One," "L.A.

Law," "Hill Street Blues"),

("China Beach"). Kathryn re-

ceived a 1995 Individual Artist

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a Governor's Citation. She was a

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### PRINCE GEORGE'S HISTORY

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the woods or along the creeks, and rivers and see if for just a moment, a Prince George's County that the first settlers might have seen more than three hundred years ago.

#### Postcript:

The city of Greenbelt is representative of suburbanization, the latest stage of Prince George's County's history. But before the idea of Greenbelt was conceived, thousands of years of human experience took place within the imaginary lines that are now the city boundaries. Ancient Indian artifacts have been found on aptlynamed Indian Creek. In the 18th century, English and Scottish settlers divided the land into farms and plantations. Slaves tilled tobacco fields and farmers tended their crops all within the bounds of presentday Greenbelt. When the city of Greenbelt was built in the 1930s, most visible reminders of bygone days were swept away. Our trees give testimony to the past, however, for the huge trees that grace the rise at the loop of Crescent and Ridge Roads (1 Court) mark a longvanished homestead, so too do the old trees on Ridge, just east of Southway. Aside from the trees, historical markers and a few 19th century gravestones are about all that are left within the city bounds to remind us of the pre-suburban era. Though it is historic in its own right, Greenbelt is a 20th-century city. During Prince George's Tricentennial year, Greenbelters are invited to visit the older historic sites around the county and to familiarize themselves with Prince George's past at the Greenbelt library. For more information contact the Tricentennial office at 322-1996 or the Prince George's County Historical Society at 464-0590.

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### **CITY COUNCIL**

### Ride in a Model A **During GHI Tour** by Isaac Robinson

The Southern Maryland Model • A Club will conduct free tours of the various homes and gardens on display during the GHI (Greenbelt Homes, Inc.) House and Garden Tour on Sunday, April 21. The new Community Center will be the starting point. Maps and brochures will be available in the Museum Room of the Center. The tour hours will be from noon until 5 p.m. Many local businesses are showing their support by advertising in the tour brochure.

Amazingly, for a car built in the 20s and early 30s, an estimated 250,000 Model A's are licensed and still running. When these cars were in production from 1927 to 1931, Henry Ford built 4.3 million A's. They can go 50-55 miles per hour and get 16-18 miles per gallon with their 4-cylinder engines.

During the tour viewers are challenged to identify the various models-Phaeton, Roadster, Coupe, Sport Coupe with rumble seat, Tudor Sedan, and Fordor Sedan. In 1932, the most expensive model, the Fordor Sedan DeLuxe, sold for \$630. An owner could sink that kind of money now to replace one fender (excluding labor cost).

When the first family moved into Greenbelt in 1937, the 8-cylinder Ford V-8 had taken the place of the Model A. The picture in the Community Center of a wood panel station wagon on a pedestrian underpass, might be a

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Council agreed to support the bill on condition that half the money raised would go to the county Board of Education, one quarter to the city, and the remaining quarter to the county.

Both bills were supported by all councilmembers, but Councilmember Rodney Roberts expressed a number of reservations about the bills, saying, "Our tax money is not being managed properly. We don't have any business raising taxes when we're giving rich businessmen millions and millions of dollars to build stadiums."

Council also decided to send a. letter to county and state representatives protesting the removal of two million dollars from the state budget which would have funded county libraries and a new Metro line in the county.

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R.S.V.P. There is no admission charge for the open house, but please reserve your space by calling ...

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### Police Dept. Has Poster Contest

In celebration of Be Kind to Animals Week the City of Greenbelt Animal Control Unit of the Police Department will be sponsoring the First Annual Be Kind to Animals Poster Contest. The contest is to educate and encourage young people to treat animals with kindness and to care for pets in a responsible manner.

Children who live in the City of Greenbelt and are in kindergarten through sixth grade may participate. The contest rules are:

• Entries must celebrate or reflect kindness to animals.

• Only one entry per student-one student per entry.

• Entries should not exceed 11" x 14" in size.

• The student's name, school, grade and the teacher's name and a day time phone number must be clearly written on the back.

• Entries will be judged according to grade levels: kindergarten; first and second; third and fourth; fifth and sixth.

Submit by April 26 to the Greenbelt Police Department, Animal Control Unit, Atten: Sgt. Jim Parker, 550 Crescent Road Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

Students may use any type of material for their poster. The posters will be judged by how well the message of animal kindness is presented and not on artistic ability. A committee of volunteers will serve as judges. Winners will be announced and all posters will be displayed during BE KIND TO ANIMALS WEEK, May 5-11 at the Greenbelt Community Center.

All entries will receive a certificate of participation. Entries become the property of the City of Greenbelt Animal Control and can not be returned. The City of Greenbelt reserves the right to reproduce and/or display any entry in part or in it's entirety.

For additional information call 507-6555.

### MS Annual Walk Needs Volunteers

The National Capital Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society is in need of volunteers to help with the 1996 Multiple Sclerosis Walk, scheduled to take place on April 14. They are looking for people to assist with registration, passing refreshments, service lunch, etc.

### **IRS** Online

Getting free tax help from the IRS can be as easy as dialing a telephone or using a home computer.

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Taxpayers also can get tax help on-line from their home or business using a personal computer and a modem. Through the electronic market place for the U.S. government called FedWorld, computer users can dial (703) 321-8020 to download tax forms, instructions and publications. Taxpayers can also get answers to their tax questions and do basic research of IRS reference materials.

Taxpayers also can access FedWorld on the Internet through IRS's home page on the World Wide Web at http:// www.irs.ustreas.gov. or connect via Telnet at fedworld.gov or FTP at ftp.fedworld.gov.

#### **Bonsai Demonstration**

On Saturday, April 6 at 1:30 p.m. there will be a bonsai demonstration at the Yoshimura Center of the U.S. National Arboretum.

People will be able to watch an expert work with bonsai at this free demonstration.

The U.S. National Arboretum is located in Northeast Washington. The main visitor's entrance is located on New York Avenue, Northeast. Visitors should enter from the service lane.

For general information, call (202) 245-2726.

### **Hospital Blood Drive**

To support a need for blood donations, Laurel Regional Hospital, in conjunction with the American Red Cross, will hold a blood drive on Tuesday, April 2, from 2 to 8 p.m., in the J. Russell Jones Room. The hospital is located at 7300 Van Dusen Road, in Laurel.

To schedule an appointment, call 497-7950, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but scheduled appointments will be given priority.

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### Bicycle Rodeo

The M-NCPPC Park Rangers are sponsoring a series entitled "Bicycle Rodeo." This program, for ages 8 - 16 years old, will feature a bicycle skills course, bicycle inspections, and a safety talk. The program nearest Greenbelt is on April 4, 9 -noon, at Berwyn Heights Community Center, Berwyn Heights.

This event is free, but reservations are required. Participants must bring their own bicycles and helmets.

To register, or for further information, call 627-7775; TTY 699-2544.

### Bonsai Video Review

There will be a free Bonsai video review at the Yoshimura Center of the U.S. National Arboretum on Saturday, March 30, and Sunday, March 31, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come see the experts working with bonsai. A wide variety of bonsai subjects will be featured.

The U.S. National Arboretum is located in Northeast Washington. The main visitor's entrance is located on New York Avenue, Northeast and visitors should enter from the service lane.

For general information, call (202) 245-2726.

### **Prom Donations**

Donations of new or gently used dresses, tuxedos, suits and other prom attire are being collected by the Prince George's County Department of Social Services, Office of Volunteer Services and Resource Development, and distributed to local high school students for their proms.

Collection dates are as follows: March 29 to April 6 at PG Plaza; and every Tuesday in April from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Department of Social Services, 6111 Ager Road, Hyattsville,

For more information contact Theresa Woods at 422-5022.



For more information, or to volunteer, contact the Voluntary Action Center at 699-2800. p.m. Walk-ins are welcome, but scheduled appointments will be given priority.

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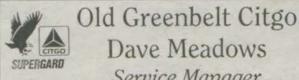
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#### **GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW**

## **POLICE BLOTTER**

### Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A man walking down Cherrywood Lane from the Greenbelt Metro shortly after midnight Monday, March 18, realized he was being followed. The man was grabbed from behind and stabbed several times with a knife. The assailant took the man's leather case and fled the area on foot. The man was transported by ambulance to Prince George's General Hospital and treated for knife wounds to the head and back. The assailant is described as a black man, 5'10", 180 lbs., wearing an orange jacket, dark pants, and a dark skull cap.

An officer patrolling the area of Mandan and Greenbelt Roads Tuesday night, March 19, stopped a vehicle for an equipment violation. A computer check on the driver revealed an open arrest warrant with Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. A search of the vehicle uncovered a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun, and a quantity of suspected heroin. The driver, a 34-yearold non-resident man, was arrested on charges of possession of heroin with intent to distribute, possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia, and transporting a handgun. He was held without bond pending trial.

youth was the victim of a strong-arm robbery which occurred on Sunday afternoon, - tious name to a police officer, March 17. The youth was walking from the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza towards Breezewood Drive when he was approached by the three sus-

pects. One suspect grabbed the youth and demanded the boots the youth was wearing. The youth attempted to run away but was punched several times by the suspects. The youth fell to the ground and the suspects removed his boots and fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as: 1) a black male, 12 to 13-years-old, 5'0", 100 lbs., black hair, brown eyes, slender build, dark complexion, wearing a yellow jacket, a black and white skull cap, jeans and black tennis shoes; 2) a black male, 12 to 13-years-old, 5'0", 100 lbs., black hair in a short afro, brown eyes, slender build, dark complexion, wearing a dark lightweight jacket, jeans, and black tennis shoes; and 3) a black female, 15 to 16-years-old, dark complexion, long straight hair, wearing a dark jacket, jeans, and black tennis shoes.

The driver of a vehicle stopped for an equipment violation in the 20 block of Southway on Thursday afternoon, March 21, gave the officer a false name, fictitious driver's license and an illegally obtained credit card. It was also discovered that the driver had an open arrest warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department. The driver, a 30year-old resident man, was ar-A 12-year-old non-resident rested on charges of giving a false statement to a police officer, giving a false and fictidisplaying a fictitious license, receiving an illegally procured credit card and driving with a suspended license. The man appeared before a District Court Commissioner and was released pending trial. He was then taken into custody by the Sheriff's Department for service of the warrant.

The police were contacted when a woman heard someone attempting to remove the screen from her bedroom window in the 9300 block of Edmonston Road on Tuesday night, March 19. When the woman opened the blinds, she noticed the suspect running from the scene. The suspect is described as a man with an average build wearing a green jacket.

A warrant has been obtained by Greenbelt City Police charging a 19 year old non-resident man with assault with intent to murder, armed robbery, assault with intent to rob, battery, and carrying a deadly weapon with intent to injure. The warrant was issued as a result of a robbery which occurred in the 4 Court of Gardenway on March 6. The warrant was turned over to Prince George's County Sheriff's Department for service.

Other thefts and burglaries reported include: money from a residence in the 6220 block of Springhill Court on Tuesday afternoon, March 19; an unlocked and unattended 14' burgundy Juji brand 21-speed bicycle from an apartment building in the 9300 block of Edmonston Road on Wednesday, March 20; and stereo and computer equipment and compact discs from a residence in the 6200 block of Springhill Court on Thursday afternoon, March 21.

#### **Automobile Thefts** and Recoveries

A woman reported her boyfriend had taken her vehicle the evening before without her permission and had not returned it. The vehicle and suspect, a 21year-old non-resident man, were located a short time later in a parking lot in the 6000 block of

Cherrywood Lane. The man was placed under arrest and charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. The man had two open arrest warrants with Prince George's Sheriff's Department into whose custody he was released.

A blue 1988 Oldsmobile Delta 88, MD tags VZT946, was reported stolen from the Beltway Plaza Parking lot on Wednesday evening, March 20. A witness observed two men, in their twenties, enter the vehicle and drive towards Cherrywood Lane.

The registration plates of a vehicle reported stolen on March 13 from the 6400 block of Ivy Lane were recovered on another stolen vehicle by Prince

### Hotline on Drugs

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

George's County Police. The recovery occurred on Sunday, March 17, in the area of Annapolis and Roosevelt Avenues, Landover. No arrests were made

Baltimore City Police recovered a 1987 Chrysler LeBaron two-door reported stolen on February 15 from the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive. The recovery occurred in the 5700 block of Reisterstown Road on Thursday, March 21.

A grey 1982 Toyota Celica two-door, reported stolen on January 9, was recovered by Mount Rainier Police in the 3500 block of Newton Place, Mount Rainier, on Saturday, March 16. No arrests were made.

A green 1996 Mercury Tracer four-door, MD tags CLZ754, was Lt. O'Neil Graduates From FBI Academy

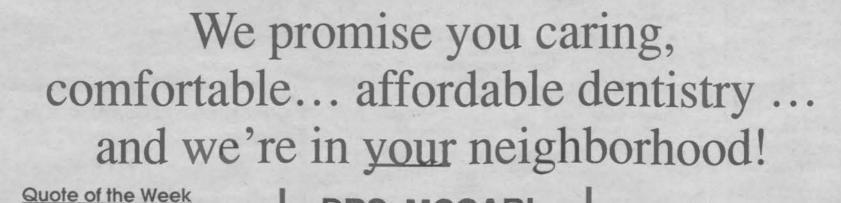
Lt. Daniel P. O'Neil, Administrative Services Division Commander for the Greenbelt Police Department, was among the 254 law enforcement officers graduated March 22 from the FBI National Academy Program at Quantico, VA. The 184th Session of the National Academy consisted of men and women from 48 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, six military organizations, three Federal civilian organizations, and 18 foreign countries. Internationally known for its academic excellence, the National Academy Program, held at the FBI Academy, offers 11 weeks of advanced investigative, management and fitness training for selected officers having a proven record as a professional within his or her agency. On the average, these officers have 16 years of law enforcement experience and usually return to their agencies to serve in executive level positions.

### City Notes

Trees and shrub beds in Schrom Hills Park were mulched. Street trees in Greenbrook and Green Spring were treated with pre-emergent weed herbicide along with landscape beds in various areas of the city. Middle School soccer field was prepared for a week-end game. Landscape beds were prepared at the Community Center.

reported stolen from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane on Friday morning, March 15.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6000 block of Breezewood Drive, 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, and the area of Ora Glen Drive and Ora Glen Court.



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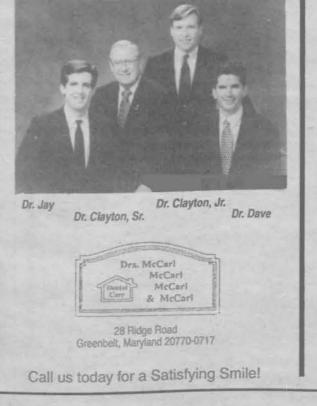
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