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Voting Registration Up, May Herald Election Turn-out

by Elaine Skolnik

In Greenbelt and Prince George's County, an energized electorate is expected to vote in the November 5 Presidential General Election. Registration is up over 1992 in both Greenbelt and the county (see chart).

The sparkplug for county residents' interest in the upcoming election appears to be the two proposed charter amendments on TRIM. Question B calls for repealing TRIM, which "limits the real property tax of the County." This initiative also requires that two-thirds of the members of the full County Council approve "any increase in the tax rate greater than the rate in effect in the prior fiscal year."

Question I calls for a referendum on "any ordinance or resolution levying fees in excess of the

VOTING

Where and When

General election day is Tuesday, November 5. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the four precincts which serve Greenbelt --

Central Greenbelt: Precinct 3, Community Center

North End: Precinct 6, Greenbelt Elementary School Springhill Lake: Pre-

cinct 8, SHL Elementary Greenbelt East: Pre-

cinct 13, Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Any registered voter who has doubts about where to vote may obtain additional information by calling the Board of Elections at 301-952-3270.

amount levied or charged in the preceding fiscal year.'

A key unknown is whether voters' preferences on these TRIM initiatives will affect their choices in the Presidential and 5th Congressional District races in the county. Unclear also is how Independents will vote, especially since there has been an increase of new registrants in this category

The Bill Clinton - Albert Gore, Jr. ticket should win handily in Greenbelt over Republican standard bearer Bob Dole and his running mate Jack Kemp, where Democrats have a 3.4 to 1 advantage over Republicans. In the county, Democrats have a whopping 4 to 1 lead.

Longshots running for the presidential/vice-presidential slots are Harry Browne/Jo Jorgensen, Libertarian Party; Ross Perot/James Campbell (later replaced by Pat Choate), Reform Party; John Hagelin/ Vinton Tompkins, Natural-Law Party and Howard Phillips/ Herbert W. Titus, Taxpayers Party.

Green Party candidate Ralph Nader's name is not on the Maryland ballot. Supporters, expected to be numerous in Greenbelt, will need to write in Nader's name.

In the race for the 5th District, where Democrats have a 1.6 advantage over Republicans, incumbent Steny Hoyer is expected to win reelection to an eighth term. Of interest is whether his Republican challenger, John Morgan, can whittle away at Hoyer's usual victory margin.

See TURN OUT, page 7

Hoyer/Morgan Vie For Seat in Congress

by Elaine Skolnik and **James** Giese

The only political race for Greenbelters besides the election of the President is that of the member of Congress for the Fifth Congressional District. The race is between incumbent Steny H. Hoyer, a Democrat who has served in Congress since 1981, and John Morgan, a Republican who has been a member of the Maryland House of Delegates since 1990.

Morgan

Morgan is a 32-year old engineer with a Ph.D from Johns Hopkins University. He has a decade of experience as a defense engineer with the Navy.

His political literature emphasizes his fight to lower taxes, restrict lob-



a Delegate. He says he supports term limits, campaign finance reform (particularly restrictions on Political Action Committee funds), and will vote for a balanced budget amendment with limits on Congress' power to enact future tax increases. He is also for retaining TRIM and other limits on property tax in-

See HOYER, page 6



What Goes On Mon., Nov. 4, 7 p.m. Recycling Ad-

Wed., Nov. 6, 7:30 p.m. Advisory Planning Board, Community Center Thur., Nov. 7, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board of Directors, Hamilton Place

Thursday, October 31, 1996



Beth Norden collects wasps from the Humboldtia tree in the rain forest of Sri Lanka in July, 1993.

-Photo by K.V. Krombeln

Beth Norden Is Fulbright Scholar; Will Study Bees

by Suzanne Batra Greenbelt resident Dr. Beth Norden recently was awarded a Fulbright Scholar Grant. Only 800 Fulbright Scholarships were competitively awarded this year, down from the usual 1,000 because of budget cuts. These prestigious grants support international scholarship and educational exchanges of experts in the arts and sciences in some 135 countries. Dr. Norden will use her grant to travel to Sri Lanka and southern India, where she will work for four months, beginning in February, 1997. Most of the time she will be at the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka. She will be studying some rare, endangered tropical rainforest plants (Humboldtia), and the ants, bees and other insects that depend on these plants for food and shelter.

University of Maryland. She has lived in Greenbelt since 1985 with her husband Arnold "Butch" (also a biologist), daughter Heather, and son John. She taught biology and research at Eleanor Roosevelt High

Complexity of Issues in TRIM Repeal, Question I Faces Voters

by James Giese A sleeper question on this posed by TNT. year's ballot could significantly Plebiscite Government

However, she breaks ranks with TNT by opposing Question I. If that question is approved, "The effect would be plebiscite government," she states, "and would, for all intents and purposes, negate the most important responsibility of the county council." In past elections with long lists of ballot questions, voters have tended to drop out before completing the last questions. The total vote count diminishes with each question on the list. Question I is the last question on the ballot. No forecasts have been made as to what the mood of the voters may be who work their way down to the end of the ballot.

byist influence and stop the use of public funds for football stadiums while

change the way the county does business. Question I would require the county to place nearly all revenue increases on the ballot for voter approval. The question was placed on the ballot by the Truth iN Taxation (TNT) Committee headed by civic activists Judith Robinson and Robert Callahan.

Contrary to Question I and receiving far greater publicity and attention is Question B, placed on the ballot by the County Council with the support of County Executive Wayne Curry. If passed, this question would repeal the previously enacted TRIM amendment which forbids the council to increase the property tax rate without the approval of voters at referendum. Repeal of TRIM is being supported by Prince George's Revenue Initiative Dedicated to Excellence (PRIDE), another citizen's coalition, and op-

County Councilmember Audrey Scott, who represents the Greenbelt-Bowie area, is one of only two councilmembers opposed to the repeal of TRIM.

Questions B and I How to Vote

A YES vote on County Ballot Question B will repeal TRIM, the limit now placed on the real property tax rate. A NO vote is a vote against repealing TRIM and will keep the present limit on the property tax rate.

A YES vote on Question I will result in nearly all increases in taxes or fees having to be approved by voters at the next general election. A NO vote will permit the County Council to continue to make these decisions.

If Question I is approved by the voters, the county council will have to submit to referendum any ordinance or resolution providing for an increase in the amount previously charged for any tax or fee. Such referendums would be See QUESTION I AND B page 7

Dr. Norden grew up in Greendale, Wisconsin, which is one of the three original planned towns (Greenbelt is another). She earned her B. S. and M. S. at Towson State University, then her Ph.D. at the

School from 1988 to 1991 Since then, she has been working as an entomologist at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History, where she specializes in studying bees, wasps, and ants.

She is more than just an active participant in the Greenbelt Community Church. She is now a seminary student, with the support of her friends at Community Church. Over the last couple of years she has filled in and preached sermons when the minister has been on vacation.

Beth plans to study Buddhism while in Sri Lanka, thus completing a requirement of her seminary studies.

John plans to accompany his mother, to help her collect specimens, and to study exotic insects and plants in the rainforests of Sri Lanka and India.

Guestions B and I

Next Tuesday, county voters will decide two important ballot questions - should the "TRIM" property tax cap be repealed (Question B) and should most tax and fee increases require voter approval in a referendum (Question I). While we agree with some points made by those opposing TRIM's repeal, we urge our readers to vote "Yes" on Question B and "No" on Question I.

In the recent Citizens for Greenbelt forum on these ballot questions, we think Walter Planet made an important point - that our county has a republican form of government, under which we elect, from among us, people to represent us and to make decisions for us on running our government. We cannot expect them to do their jobs if their hands are tied when it comes to providing adequate funds to provide the services we want. If we are not happy with the job they do, we should vote them out of office at the next election.

TRIM

Our county faces more serious challenges than when TRIM was enacted. We believe that the quality of education has declined, crime has risen sharply, and other county services have deteriorated, some so badly that the city has taken over their operation. Furthermore property values have declined and houses are difficult to sell. Are we saving on tax bills at the expense of the values in our homes? While TRIM may not be the only reason for these unpleasant consequences, we think it is an important factor.

TRIM supporters note that in Montgomery County property taxes are lower for the same kind of house than they are in Prince George's. We think this comparison is misleading. What the supporters don't tell you is that the average resident in Montgomery pays more for services, based upon a higher income and fancier home. They also don't mention that Montgomery County is loaded with taxpaying high-tech industries, industries that County Councilmember DelGiudice says won't move to our county because of its poorer school system.

Under TRIM, county officials have been forced to tap every other revenue source they could find. As a result, the county has a high transfer tax on home sales, increasing the up-front costs here of buying a home, which makes it harder to sell. In addition, failure to fund essential services adequately, such as police, fire departments and education, will TRIM property values further.

Question I

While TRIM is bad enough, Question I, if enacted, will make matters worse by tying the hands of county officials, nearly completely. Like it or not, this county has serious problems to be addressed. If TRIM is retained and Question I enacted, officials would have virtually no way to react quickly if, for example, property values declined further, cutting total county revenues. Even if a tax increase were then approved, it would take up to two years to enact the needed change. Question I would also limit the county's ability to impose taxes that are more fair and equitable than the property tax.

Do we really want to make our county's safety and education dependent in an emergency upon finding enough voters willing to turn out to raise their own taxes?

The contrast is stark between the services the county can provide with and without TRIM. We urge voters to act to repeal TRIM by voting yes on Question B and to vote no on Question I.

Recreation Review Men's Night

Monday night is Men's Night at the Greenbelt Youth Center. Generally, the gym is open from 7 - 9:45 p.m. exclusively for Greenbelt residents interested in a fast paced game of drop-in basketball. On Monday, November 4, Men's Night play will begin at 8:30 and continue until 9:45 p.m. so that other recreation programs can be accommodated. A Greenbelt Recreation Facility ID card is required. Contact 301-397-

City Notes

The Department of Public Works prepared the new Dog Park for its weekend opening dedication. The Department reports it was able to save \$1,771 on hydraulic oil by buying it in bulk. During the last week, maintenance was done on the leaf vacuum machine in preparation for the upcoming fall seasonal work.

Suspensions on two Public Works dump trucks were heavied-up to better handle bigger loads.

Letters to the Editor

Others Serve Also

Mea Culpa. To all of us grammarians, I apologize for saying at the TRIM debate: "Good educated students make good students." Of course I should have said, "Well educated students ..." It was my zealous attempt to emphasize how important quality education is and how it affects all of us, no matter our ages or culture.

We seem to have been caught up in the figure of 40% of school personnel not in the classroom, which can be true, considering that secretaries, guidance counselors, health workers, media specialists, cafeteria workers, maintenance workers, crossing guards, bus drivers, and security personnel serve our students. Although they are not in the classroom, they do have direct contact with and influence over every child in school.

As for the instructional support staff, they too are served by secretaries, accountants, and maintenance personnel. These instructional specialists are an important component to what and how all of our students are taught, whether it is in the performing arts, computer skills, science, math, or languages.

I urge you to vote yes on Question B and no on Question I. Janet Parker

Thanks

The Greenbelt Co-op Annual Meeting is always a pleasant occasion on these late autumn days. Interesting presentations, good food, a chance to see friends. This year in particular I want to thank the Door Prize Committee. (Is there any such thing?) Your making available a hard-to-find Greenbelt afghan - and my having the luck-of-the-draw to win Such a souvenir of itl Greenbelt's best. The Art Deco heritage of President Franklin Roosevelt, and an early "woody" station wagon driving over an overpass, and the new townhouses. The best of today's Greenbelt — the Metro trains (fun to ride the Green/Red Lines. Elevated portions are like going up in a helicopter.) The Indoor Pool for a welcome winter change of pace. The Deer sculpture of the Greenbelt East trails, and parks, and new structures.

This is the kind of a souvenir of Greenbelt's best, that I will enjoy for years. And then pass on to future generations when I no longer have need of it. Memories in green and tan. Christopher Scherer

Thanks

The Committee to Save the Green Belt would like to thank the Greenbelt Eub Scouts (Pack 202) and the Boy Scouts (Troop 746) for helping out this year with the Children's Pumpkin Walk (9th Annual Halloween Tour.) On Thursday evening they offered their helping hands to clean out pumpkins and carve spooky faces. On Saturday afternoon, they helped bring these 165 Jack-o-lanterns to the woods and found creative places to place them. Later that night they dressed in monster costumes and accompanied the Goatman, the Phantom, the Grim Reaper and a few other creepy critters as they milled about the ghostly pumpkin path. We also want to thank the parents and other adults who contributed to one of our best Halloween Tours ever. We hope all of you in the community enjoyed this pumpkin walk under the moon amidst the pines and tulip poplars. We hope you enjoyed huddling together, scared in blazing awareness. We have a feeling you probably did.

> Chairperson, Paul Downs

Open Letter

Dear Mayor and Council:

I would like to express my congratulations to you and Mike McLaughlin on your selection of Greenbelt's next City Manager. As you know, Mike is well grounded in the business of city management, is a very hard worker, and is totally dedicated to the Greenbelt community.

I wish the Greenbelt team all the best in meeting the challenges of the coming years.

Daniel G. Hobbs City Manager Farmington Hills, Mich. Note: Hobbs is a former Greenbelt City Manager

Correction

In last week's front page coverage of her appearance at the library, the name of the former Surgeon General was misspelled. The correct name is Joycelyn Elders. The News Review regrets the error.

Fishing Rodeo Results

Greenbelt's young anglers converged on the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center outdoor pool on Saturday, September 28 to try their luck at the Greenbelt Recreation Department's Fishing Rodeo. A special thanks to all participants and a big congratulations to all category winners!

Biggest fish, overall: Patrick Mucci with a 19" fish; biggest fish (6 - 8 year old): Patrick Mucci; biggest fish (9 - 10 year old): Farres Ahmed; biggest fish (11 - 12 year old): Nathan Bush, James Mullane, Jason Suit.

First fish caught (6 - 8 year old): Holly Ferguson; first fish caught (9 - 10 year old): Tommy Siehl; first fish caught (11 -12 year old): Jason Suit.

More than two fish caught: James Mullane, Christopher Wohlpitts, Patrick Mucci, James Barnell, Doreen Reed, Jimmy MacKey, Jesse Crowley, Gabriel Pogach, Nathan Bush, Kimberly Carey, John Nance, Dustin Sicials, Johnny Kylis.

City Recreation Dept.

Library Book Sale

A Post-Election bargain sale of magazines and assorted books will take place on Greenbelt Library's lower level, Saturday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This is a clearing-out of miscellaneous items too numerous to fit into the Novel Endings Bookstore. The store will also be open, but items there will be at the regular low prices.



2200 for additional information.

Men's and Women's Turkey Bowl Registration is currently being accepted for Men's Touch and Women's Flag Football Turkey Bowls. The women's tournament is scheduled for the weekend of November 16. It will be followed by the men's tournament on November 23, 24 and 28. For registration information, contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

REMEMBER TO VOTE



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Key Agenda Items:

- 1997 Proposed Budget Second Presentation
- Landscaping Restoration Policy
- Reaffirmation of Auditor for 1996 Second Reading
- Roofing Contract 8 Woodland Way Second Reading
- Gutter Cleaning Contract Second Reading

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Precinct Workers Needed by Dems

Members of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and their guests from the Governor Oden Bowie Club from Bowie enjoyed a lively pre-election rally meeting with the Hon. Steny H. Hoyer, Democratic representative from the 5th Congressional district of Maryland on October 18.

Because November is Education Month, the featured speaker at the regular meeting on Friday, November 15, will be Janette Bell, president of the Prince George's County Educators' Association. The group meets in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at 8 p.m. on the third Friday of each month. The general public is welcome to attend.

For the General Election on Tuesday, November 5, poll workers are needed for the Greenbelt precincts and neighboring Duval High School and Lamont and Magnolia Elementary Schools. Anyone who can give an hour or two to hand out sample ballots for the Clinton-Gore Coordinated Campaign should call the club president, Pat Unger, at 301-474-1052.

Reiki Healing Circle

The next Reiki (RAY-kee) Healing Circle will be held on Friday, November 8, 7:30 - 9 p.m., in the Multipurpose Room at the Greenbelt Community Center. It will include music, guided meditation, the ceremony of putting names into the circle for healing, and several opportunities to experience the Universal Life Energy. The circle is open to everyone. A small, voluntary donation is requested to help pay for the use of the room.

GIVES Will Hold Its Autumn Meeting

The board of directors of GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) will hold its fall meeting on Saturday, November 9 from 10 a.m. to noon in the Senior Classroom of the Community Center, Farrell Didio of the Cooperative Caring Network (CCN) of the United Seniors Health Cooperative will attend.

Light refreshments will be served, and all members of GIVES as well as interested persons in the community at

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

Community Events

Co-op Nursery School Has Shopping Party

A holiday shopping party will be hosted by the Greenbelt Nursery School & Kindergarten at the school on Friday, November 8, from 6-10 p.m. and Saturday, November 9, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. The party features educational toys, books and music, art supplies, The Story Teller, musical instruments, unique crafts, stocking stuffers, and bake sale. Adults only, please. Free admission. The Nursery School is now located in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, For information, call 301-474-5570

Absentee Ballot In Emergency

After the Tuesday preceding an election and on election day prior to closing time at the polls, any person registered and otherwise qualified to vote may apply in person or through a duly authorized agent for an emergency absentee ballot.

To obtain information about qualifications for an emergency ballot, call 301-952-3270.

Realtor Offers Free Seminar

Denise P. Blackwell, a realtor with the Greenbelt office of Weichert, Realtors, challenges local residents to find out how they can buy a home with as little as \$2,000 down. Blackwell will be hosting a free home buyers seminar on November 7 and November 21 at the Greenbelt office located at 7701 Greenbelt Rd., Suite 100. Space for the events is limited, so call 301-220-9188 (24 hours a day, 7 days a week) to reserve a seat.

Weichert, Realtors has 7,500 sales associates and 200 offices handling residential and commercial real estate in the Washington area and on the East Coast.

GREENBELT

Golden Age Club by Dolores Capotosto.

Word has it that Greenbelt Golden Agers "took the town by storm" on the recent overnight in New York and, as usual, "sunshine followed them." For Jim and Betty Maher, it was like "going home" since that is the area of their roots.

The next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, will be the business meeting for the month. Come and learn about the upcoming activities of the club and maybe sign up for a trip. The travel committee has someone on hand at every meeting.

Congratulations to member Ray Haber who celebrated his 80th birthday on October 27.

This reporter thanks everyone for their cards, visits, prayers and thoughts during my recent illness. I'll try to stay well.

Be sure to get out and vote on Tuesday, November 5.

New Deal Cafe

The first weekend of November at the New Deal Cafe features two musical groups. On Friday, November 1, the Cafe will host the Chromatics for a return engagement. The Chromatics are a ten-member a cappella vocal group performing everything from Gregorian Chant to Doo-Wop and much more in between. The work of Don Comis, Greenbelt's "Muffin Maestro," will also be on display for patrons' culinary pleasure on Friday night.

On Saturday, November 2, One Plus One will be at the Cafe. This group has just released a new CD, "Beyond the Harbors," which should be available for sale.

The New Deal Cafe is located in the Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Road. On the Internet, see http://www2.ari.net/ gking/new_deal.html for more information.

Leaf Collection Is Scheduled

Public Works will begin leaf collection on November 4. The schedule is as follows:

November 4 - 8 Lakeside November 12 - 15 Woodland Hills, Boxwood November 18 - 22 Lakeside, Woodland Hills, Boxwood November 25 - 27 All areas will be checked

All leaves must be raked to the curb in rows or piles. Do not rake leaves into the street! Remove all branches, rocks and other debris from the leaf piles as these items damage the leaf vacuum. Branches and other yard debris should be bagged for Wednesday collection.

All other city refuse customers including Greenbrook Estates, Greenspring, Belle Point and GHI must bag all leaves and yard debris and call Public Works at 301-474-8004 to schedule a Wednesday collection.

Boy Scouts to Have Canned Food Drive

Cub Pack 202 and Boy Scout Troop 746 will be conducting a canned food drive. On Saturday, November 9, they will pass out plastic Scouting for Food bags in Greenbelt. They ask that people place non-perishable food items in the bags and place on the front porch in easy sight on Saturday, November 16, by 8:45 a.m. Anyone who does not get a bag and still wishes to participate should bring canned goods to St. Hugh's on November 16 around 9:30 a.m. Last year the scouts collected 1800 lbs of food; with help they can top this.

Explorations Offers Estate Planning

On Friday, November 8, Danielle Cruttenden will discuss estate planning, guardianships, powers of attorney and other issues of concern to senior citizens at Explorations Unlimited. Cruttenden is an attorney with Ryan & Drewniak, P. A. in Annapolis. Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.



large are also invited. Board members should RSVP to Irene Hensel, the office manager, at 301-507-6580 or to Janet Parker, chair, at 301-474-6888.

This no-fee program provides assistance with transportation, household chores, yard work, or other needs such as respite care through a "care credit" system. A pool of volunteers responds to requests from seniors, the housebound, or anyone in need of help, and each care giver receives a credit for each hour given. These credits may be used, "banked," or given to other members for future needs. At present, a large number of volunteers are registered and many more requests could be filled. For more information, call the office at the above number.

2. Approval of Agenda

1. Call to Order

3. Review of City Sign Program - Phase II

ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD

Wednesday, November 6, 1996

7:30 p.m.

Community Center Museum Room

 Brief Update on Status of Greenbelt West Metro Study

GHI MEMBERS Mark Your Calendars Now Then Attend The 1997 Budget Hearing on November 3, 1996 <u>GHI Board Room</u>

A Members' hearing on the proposed 1997 Budget will be held on Sunday, November 3 at 2:00 p.m. At this meeting members will have the opportunity to ask questions on the items that are included in the budget projections for 1997. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the meeting. Redskins game immediately following at 4 p.m.



Come in this weekend and meet your friends for a coffee, espresso drink, or a pot of tea. Splurge with one of our delicious pastries or homemade muffins, and enjoy free live music!

Fri, Nov. 1st: The Chromatics Sat, Nov. 2nd: One Plus One

Fri, Nov. 8th: Cliff Art Sat, Nov. 9th: Mike Hamilton

Open Fri-Sat 6PM-11PM, 15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD 474-5642

Lunch with Friends

Illustrated Fiction, James Miers

and Thomas Hindsley for The

Starlit Sword and Grade 8,

honorable mention, Group Po-

etry, Danielle Covington and

Londrell Ferrell for Free Style

from Greenbelt Elementary

School were: Grade 1, first

place, Group Poetry, first grade

elementary students for Word

Wise Poetry with illustrations

by Yinnan Zheng; Grade 3, first

place, Group Non-fiction, Mrs.

Gleason's class for I Like Be-

ing Safe; Grade 6, third place,

Group Poetry, Greenbelt Elemen-

tary 6th grade students for Col-

lected Thoughts, Ian Alexander,

illustrator; and Grade 6, honor-

able mention, Group Picture

Story Book, Jared Hunt, Mat-

thew Inzeo, Raymond King and

John Norden for Deep Water.

A. McNeill II has graduated

from basic military training at

Lackland Air Force Base, San

Michael A. and Jewell R.

McNeill of Brett Place. He is

Jason Peckenpaugh has en-

rolled at Carleton College in

Minnesota as a member of the

Class of 2000. He is a 1996

graduate of St. Anselms Abbey

School and the son of Jon and

Cheryl Peckenpaugh of

the St. Olaf College Cantorei's

fall tour of Iowa, Kansas, Mis-

souri and Minnesota Oct. 4 - 7.

82-member Cantorei vocal en-

semble, which functions as a

laboratory in composing, con-

Regina Nelson took part in

Nelson is a soprano in the

Springshire Way.

a 1993 graduate of ERHS.

McNeill is the son of

Air Force Airman Michael

Congratulations all!

Antonio, TX.

Elementary school winners

Poems.

The Community Center now has a program called Food and Friendship, which offers lunch every weekday from noon to 1 p.m. at the minimal charge of two dollars for seniors, three for younger participants.

The food is well-balanced and delicious, participants say, with each meal starting with either soup or juice. Different breads for each day, with milk, coffee and tea are regular items.

For the first week in November the menu includes steak and peppers on sub roll, green beans, diced carrots and strawberry parfait on Monday. Because Tuesday is election day, lunch will not be served. On Wednesday meatballs with curry sauce, parsley noodles, mixed squash and fruit cocktail will be served; and on Thursday roast chicken with gravy, cornbread stuffing, chopped collards and fresh pears; on Friday, broiled mahi-mahi, red potatoes, mixed vegetables and chocolate pudding.

The only requirment is to call 301-397-2208, ext. 2236 and reserve one's place a day in advance. Lunches are served in the dining room and participation offers a way to meet one's neighbors and find out what's going on in town.





Barbara Clawson

Original Springhill Lake resident and civic activist, Barbara Clawson, died on October 27 after a long battle with cancer. She was 63. She had been living with her son Eric in Clarksville. Her late husband, Earl, died in September of 1995.

OBITUARIES

Born and reared in Michigan, Mrs. Clawson and her husband raised their two sons in Springhill Lake where she was active in local politics and served as an Election Judge. She also led the Springhill Lake Bible Study Group for several years. She was the volunteer circulation manager in Springhill Lake for this newspaper for many years and a Sunday School teacher and active member of Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Clawson was employed by the Prince George's Board of Education for 23 years, serving in secretarial positions at Northwestern High School, Greenbelt Junior High School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School before retiring this summer due to ill health.

Mrs. Clawson is survived by her two sons and their wives, Eric and Kim of Clarksville and Bill and Amy of Columbus, Ohio; two sisters, Virginia Fruge of KY and Lucille Glenn of NY; and one grandchild Hunter Ray Clawson, Clarksville.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday at Wallace Memorial Presbyterian Church in Hyattsville. Burial will be at Arlington National Cemetery. Fleck Funeral Home of Laurel handled the arrangements.

The family suggests that contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 992, College Park, MD 20741.

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Our deepest sympathy to they enjoyed the food and the Celia Wilson, Director of Planning and Community Development for Greenbelt, upon the recent deaths of her father, Leo Wilson, former mayor of Laurel, and her uncle, John Wilson of Lanham.

Condolences are extended by Public Works Department staff to Specialty Operations Foreman Victor Kirk and his family on the death of his mother-in-

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of Barbara

Clawson their longtime friend and neighbor on Sunday, October 27. Sarah

Youngblood, an ERHS graduate.

has entered her second year at The College of Wooster in Ohio. It is also her second year on the school's cross country track and field team. So far she and her teammates have performed well at several meets. We wish them well as they vie for the conference championship later this fall.

"Everybody Loves Raymond" Raymond Haber celebrated his 80th birthday on October 27. His family, all 17 of them, took him to the Burn Brae Dinner Theatre, where

play, "Crazy for You." It was wonderful!

John and Nancy Gannon of Ridge Road joyfully announce the adoption of their daugher, Genavera Xiaojing Gannon. She was born in the southern China province of Guangdong on November 25, 1995 and her new parents traveled to China to adopt her and to learn as much as possible about the nation of their daughter's birth. They came home on September 23 of this year.

Genavera is very happy in her new community, and especially enjoys all of the trees and birds in Old Greenbelt and trips to the Greenbelt Lake to see ducks, geese and egrets.

The Gannons send a lifetime of thank yous to everyone who helped to bring Genavera home to Greenbelt.

Winners in the Prince George's County public schools' 1996 Write-A-Book Contest were awarded at a special ceremony this fall. Awards were for the 1995-96 school year.

Winners from Greenbelt schools were: Eleanor Roosevelt High School - Grade 9, first place, Individual Short Story, Melissa Cox for Respecting Our Differences and Grade 12, first place, Group Postry, Crystal Kerfoot and Jeanne Kepler for Pedro's Paddle;

Greenbelt Middle School -Grade 8, second place, Group





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A New Precinct Formed At Greenbelt Elementary

by Barbara Likowski

There's a lot of excitement about the upcoming presidential election at the new Greenbelt precinct, which also holds voting at Greenbelt Elementary School). This special precinct was formed by third grade teacher Brenda Rison and the approximately 90 members of her social studies classes. They plan to have a mock presidential election on November 1. and all students and teachers the third graders hope to make this a learning experience for everyone. Third graders will be assisted by members of the Greenbelt Advisory Board (GAB), which is made up of two representatives from each class.

First of all, the third graders gave some important facts. All the children learned that on November 5 their parents and other adults age 18 and over will have an opportunity to vote to choose one of three presidential candidates to lead the United States for the next four years. They are Bill Clinton, Bob Dole and Ross Perot. The children also learned other important facts, such as that in order to qualify to run for president, one must be a natural born citizen, 35 years old or older. It is important that the president-elect be a day of the election may sign an

resident within the United absentee ballot. This will be a States for fourteen years or more

After learning about the can-Elementary precinct (not to be didates, students will consider confused with the city's 6th whom to choose and think about why they should choose that candidate.

> Throughout the building, classroom doors have been decorated with patriotic art work. In the halls, posters and banners made by students advertise the election.

Registration

In order to participate, all have been invited to participate. students and teachers had to Besides the fun and excitement, register to vote. Teachers were given registration forms for their classes to fill out. These had to be filled out and returned in the envelope, with the homeroom teacher's name written on it, to the campaign office before the deadline date, October 29. The precinct workers then put a stamp of approval on each student's registration form. These were returned to the teacher to hold until registration day.

Voting

On election day, Nov. 1, all students will be given their registration cards by their homeroom teacher. They must present these cards at the polling place. Students who did not register will not be permitted to vote.

Any students who think they may be out of school on the note at the bottom of the registration form requesting that the teacher cast a ballot for the student's candidate. On election day students will line up early on their way to special classes, such as music and P.E. They will proceed to an election booth in the upper hallway with their already filled-out ballot. They will show their registration form so they can be checked off the list. Then students will be permitted to go behind the magic curtains to cast their votes.

Teachers will represent the electoral college. Each teacher's vote will be equal to 10 votes. "Teachers make a difference," the social studies students affirm.

Everyone at the new precinct is counting the days until they will be able to vote. Who will the winning candidate be?

Fun at Goddard

Model Rocket Launch, Sunday, Nov. 3. 4-3-2-1 Blastoff! Join model rocket enthusiasts of all ages at the Goddard Visitor Center on the first and third Sundays of the month. Learn the principles of rocketry and watch model rockets soar through the air-people can bring their own rocket, or simply watch the fun. All launches are monitored for safety. In case of inclement weather, call 301-286-8981 to verify the event.



Getting ready for Greenbelt Elementary Precinct's election are l. to r., Jordan Hinshaw, third grader and GAB representative; Principal Carolyn Goff; Brenda Rison, third grade social studies teacher and Dennette Knight, third grader and GAB representative.

- photo by Letty Bryce

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HOYER

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Hoyer, 56, now a resident of St. Mary's County, has been a practicing attorney, a member of the Maryland Senate and its president, and a member of the Maryland Board of Higher Education. He received his JD degree from Georgetown University Law Center.

Hoyer says that his top priorities have included strong support for social security and medicare and federal employee issues such as improved benefits and



new facilities for the Internal Revenue Service, the Food and Drug Administration and the National Archives. He also fought to save 3,000 jobs at Goddard Space Flight Center, where he helped to gain full funding of the budget for NASA's Mission to Planet Earth.

In responding to questions put forth by the League of Women Voters, both candidates expressed their support for campaign financial reform, the environment and public health. Hoyer is against the proposal to repeal the ban on the manufacture and sale of assault weapons. Morgan contends that the ban has been easily circumvented by manufacturers. He advocates stopping violent crime with mandatory sentencing, an end to parole and pretrial release for violent criminals, and use of the death penalty.

Dance Workshop

Nancy Havlik, Washington choreographer/dance teacher, will present part 4 of "Dance, An Insider's View" Thursday, November 7 at 1 p.m. in the Dance Studio at the Community Center. The workshop is designed for senior citizens, but all are welcome to come, get an aerobic workout and find a creative voice at the same time. Members of the workshop will explore dance improvisation structures including walking patterns, using words from nature for movement, partnering and mu-

Voters Asked to Authorize Sale of Obligation Bonds

by James Giese

Most voters will enter the polling place unaware that they will be asked to approve or disapprove five proposals to authorize Prince George's County to borrow money by selling its general obligation bonds. And many voters will fail to vote on these ballot questions (Questions D, E, F, G, and H).

Every time the county sells general obligation bonds, it pledges its full faith and credit to repay the money borrowed over a specific period of time, as well as to pay interest on its debt. Payment of the county's bonded debt has priority over any other expenditures of the county. For each \$1 million borrowed, the county will have to pay out about \$100,000 per year for the next 20 years, or about 10 percent of the amount owed. According to County Councilmember Andrey Scott, the County Council seeks to plan the sale of bonds so as not to increase the county's budget for paying debt. New bonds are issued, therefore, only when other old bond issues are totally paid off.

If all five bond questions are approved by the voters, the county government will be able to borrow a total of \$64,206,000 with an annual budget cost for repayment of about \$6.4 million. These amounts come to about ten percent of the current outstanding debt and current annual costs for the county, respectively.

Scott also points out that voter authorization to issue bonds does not mean that the bonds will be sold. The final decision on selling bonds is made by the county council, although it cannot sell the bonds unless it first has authorization from the voters.

Broad Language

The ballot questions for authorizing the sale of bonds are usually quite-general in their language, thus giving the county some latitude in how the borrowed money is spent. Common language is used in each ballot question to say that the bonds are to finance the design, construction, reconstruction, extension, acquisition, improvement, enlargement, alteration, renovation, relocation, rehabilitation or repair of whatever kind of facilities are described in the question.

Prince George's College For community college facilities, \$2,823,000 in bonds are proposed (Question D). These are to be used to finance major systems replacements, a science building and the Lanham Hall and Bladen Science Wings of Prince George's Community College.

Libraries

Library bonds totaling \$2,305,000 are to be used for the repair of library facilities (Question E).

Transportation

Nineteen specific projects are listed for the \$25,128,000 to be authorized for transportation facilities, including roads and bridges and mass transit facilities (Question F). Listed are five bridge repair/replacements, an overflow parking area for the fringe parking lot at Clinton, advance land acquisition for roadway improvements, curbs and sidewalks, intersections and other road improvements, street lights and traffic control signals. Also included is transportation safety enhancement.

Waste & Recycling

The Brown Station Landfill and a commercial municipal recycling facility/waste transfer station are targeted for bond financing if Question G is approved for environmental facilities. At \$29,950,000, this is the largest bond authorization being sought.

Buildings

The final financing program for which approval is being sought is for major renovations to existing county buildings. Question H asks the county voters to approve \$4,000,000 in new bonds for county buildings.

GREENBELT



by James Glese

The six Maryland ballot questions have generated little interest or controversy. Questions 5 and 6, while requiring statewide votes, affect only Harford County. Question 4 would enable charter counties to amend their charters to provide for special elections to fill vacancies. Such an amendment was passed in Prince George's County but declared invalid by the Maryland Court of Appeals. The other three questions pertain to state government.

Judicial Disabilities

Question 1 would expand the membership of the Maryland Commission on Judicial Disabilities from seven to 11, with five members representing the general public. Presently a majority (four) of the commission are judges, with only one layperson member. Two members are attorneys. If this question is approved, only three judges would sit, with one more attorney, in addition to the five laypersons. This change responds to charges that judges are overly protective of their peers, failing to take action to remove them from office when they become disabled.

Lame Duck Appointments

The second ballot question, if approved, would prevent a governor from making permanent appointments after the primary election, if the governor is not eligible for reelection or loses in the primary, and after the general election, if the governor is defeated in reelection. There was criticism of lame duck appointments made by Governor William Donald Schaefer prior to Parris Glendening's taking office.

Police in Legislature

Police and fire personnel take oaths of office making them holders of an office of profit that is created by the state constitution. The Declaration of Rights prohibits a person from holding, at the same time, more than one such office. Therefore, police and fire personnel cannot hold their jobs and be elected to the State Legislature at the same time.

In the past, other office holders, notaries public and members of the National Guard and military reserves have been exempted from this restriction. If ballot question 3 is approved, police and fire personnel would also be exempted and thus eligible to become members of the legislature while still holding their public safety jobs.

Special Elections

Prince Georgians adopted a ballot question that called for special elections to fill vacancies on the county council that occur more than 90 days prior to a regular election. The Court of Appeals ruled that the Maryland Constitution did not permit such a charter amendment for counties. If Question 4 is approved, Prince George's and other county charters could be amended to call for special elections to fill vacancies. At this election, county voters again have the opportunity to pass such an amendment, subject to approval of question 4.

Harford County

Questions 5 and 6 have to be approved by a majority of the state voters and a majority of Harford County voters. If approved, Question 5 would permit Harford County to establish councilmanic districts for its election and Question 6 would permit the taking of property for rights of way.

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Question I and B

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held at the biennial elections for members of Congress. The increased revenue thus put to referendum could not be collected until approved by a majority voting on the question.

The ballot question, if approved, would restrict the increase of any tax or fee except for a specific list of fees and charges identified in the petition. The exempt fees relate to licenses and permits and some charges for services.

Not exempt from referendum would be waste collection fees, landfill fees or environmental fees used to pay for the cost of recycling. TNT members were particularly upset with the new environmental and solid waste fees levied by the county council last year.

"Devastating"

Scott states that the projected \$27 million deficit in the Solid Waste Fund created an emergency situation. "The council was forced to act swiftly and decisively to prevent a costly reduction in the county's bond rating," she said. "If Ouestion I had been in effect at that time, the council would have been helpless to react, and the negative fiscal impact devastating,'

Although disagreeing with Scott concerning repeal of TRIM, County Councilmember Steve DelGiudice also spoke against Question I when he appeared at the Citizens for Greenbelt forum. He cited the county's efforts to obtain state approval for a telephone tax, a tax permitted in all other counties of the state and which, he claims, would produce revenue primarily from businesses and corporations, thus easing the strain on the property tax. Once the state did approve the county's right to this additional revenue source, it would take another two years for voter approval to be obtained, if Question I is approved.

Proper to Have a Say

TNT disagrees with the two councilmembers, however. "With the highest taxes of any county in the state it is proper that Prince Georgians have a say in new taxes and fees," it states in a campaign document.

TRIM

Repealing TRIM is receiving far greater attention and publicity. The debate has been waged in forums throughout the county, in newspaper coverage and through mailings and flyers. The repeal campaign was reported to have

floundered. Some suggested this situation was due to the lack of leadership by the county executive. Others were turned off by the failure of the executive and county council to specify how any increased revenues would be used. The Board of Education even toyed with a motion to oppose the TRIM repeal unless the money was specifically allocated for education.

Curry's Budgets

That situation has changed since Curry unveiled two preliminary budget proposals-one if TRIM is passed, and one if it is repealed. Curry would allocate \$43 million more for education, \$8 million more for police, \$5 million for fire, \$2 million for libraries, \$3 million for health and \$2 million for economic development if TRIM is repealed, a total of \$63 million. To do this, he would increase the tax rate a net 12 cents per \$100. He contends the average cost per household would be \$101.

Curry's budget plan has now received the support of the Board of Education and teachers' organizations.

Pros and Cons

Those who advocate TRIM's on the county would have been repeal claim that it has caused the county not to spend the amount needed for education and public safety. The problem has become critical since the last recession, following which county revenues have remained flat. Advocates also blame TRIM for the general decline in property values for existing homes during the last three

> TRIM supporters contend that the county has received adequate increased funding since TRIM went into effect. Callahan told the Greenbelt forum attendees that county tax revenues have more than doubled in the last 12 years, although its population has increased by only 11 percent and school enrollment by 20 percent. TNT contends that TRIM has forced the county to spend its money carefully and that poor management is the reason for the county's existing problems.

> Polls of county voters reportedly show that TRIM will not be repealed. However, no poll has been reported since Curry produced his budgets and gained support from educators and county employees.

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General Election Greenbelt Registration (as of October 7, 1996)

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| Precinct & Polling | | | | | | |
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| Place 21-3 | Democrats | Republicans | Declines | Libertarian | Others | Total |
| Community Center 21-6 | 1,553 | 458 | 347 | 8 | 1-Reform | 2,367 |
| Greenbelt Elementary 21-8 | 1,337 | 486 | 293 | 12 | 1-Reform | 2,129 |
| Springhill Lake | T | | - | | | |
| Elementary 21-13 | 1,168 | 151 | 275 | 2 | 0 | 1,596 |
| Eleanor Roosevelt | | | | | | |
| High | 2,177 | 720 | 588 | 7 | 1-Natural Law | 3,493 |
| Total | 6,235 | 1,815 | 1,503 | 29 | 3 | 9,585 |
| Prince George's | | | | | | 1. |
| County | 246,793 | 60,912 | 43,793 | 497 | 28-Taxpayer 40-Reform 11-Natural Law | 352,074 |
| 5th Congressional | | | | | | |
| District State of | 175,278 | 111,857 | 63,328 | | | |
| Maryland | 1,468,106 | 759,387 | 279,338 | 3,134 | * | |
| * Figures not available | | 759,387 | 279,338 | 3,134 | * | |

TURN OUT

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In 1992 Hoyer had a tough ing 75 percent victory. campaign to retain his seat. His district had been restructured, with only one-fifth of Prince George's County remaining in the district and a more conservative constituency added - all of St. Mary's, Calvert and Charles Counties and part of Anne Arundel. At the time he won big in Greenbelt, with 69.9 percent of the vote, and in the county to prevail but he could not beat his Republican opponent in the new jurisdictions of the district. At the time he secured only 53 percent of the vote in the 5th District.

In 1994 he fared better - receiving 59 percent of the vote because of his successful efforts to expand military bases in St. Mary's and Charles Counties when base operations in the Washington D.C./Crystal City area were closed. In Greenbelt he won big again with a sweepOther Issues

casting ballots "FOR" and "AGAINST" six state constitutional amendments, two additional county charter amendments and five county bond issue proposals (see separate stories).

Also on the ballot is the non-partisan contest for Judges of the Circuit Court (District 7). Five incumbent judges are running unopposed for the five judicial positions.

Voters will be asked to vote yes or no for Ellen L. Hollander to continue as Judge, Court of Special Appeals, At Large, and for James Patrick Salmon to continue as Judge, Court of Special Appeals, 4th Appellate Circuit.

Potpourri

vantage over Republicans in the state of Maryland slipped In addition to the two TRIM from a 2.1 to 1 edge in 1992. initiatives, voters will also be to 1.9 to 1 in 1996. Some 1,468,106 Democrats; 759,387 Republicans; and 279,338 Declines (Independents) and 3,134 Libertarians are registered.

> 83 . percent of Greenbelt's 9,236 voters cast ballots in 1992; 79.8 percent in 1988; 76.4 percent in 1984; and 76.1 percent in 1980.

· The county's turnout in 1992 was a record high 79 percent.

• In the 1992 presidential contest, Clinton/Gore chalked up 62.8 percent of the vote in Greenbelt. Bush/ Quayle garnered 24.3 percent and Independent candidate Ross Perot obtained 12 percent. In Maryland Clinton received 50 percent of the vote,

The Democrats' ad- Bush 36 and Perot 14. Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Cross the bridge to the 21st Century with a vote FOR

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A Review **Greenbelt Arts Center - Words Alive! Halloween Hair Raiser**

by Colette Zanin

then more added for Greenbelt Arts Center's free "Halloween Hair Raiser," hosted on the evening of October 28. A literary event of macabre stories and poetry, the night's schedule was a far, welcome cry from standard Halloween fare featuring severed limbs, foot-dragging zombies and the like.

Attention to detail such as dim lighting, glassed candles, and costumed ushers went a long way toward setting an appropriately moody atmosphere, fortuitously disguising what is usually a rather dreary motif. It didn't appear that many of the public came in costume as requested, but several costumed Arts Center folks joined the audience, while grim reapers silently úshered.

Multiple actors presented more than a dozen well-prepared readings, some singly, others in groups. While most read from scripts, a few told their tales from memory. Either way, presenters did an exemplary job in giving life to spoken words, allowing the audience to "see" various events related. Vocals projected well to the full house of rapt listeners and clever backstage sound effects enlivened some stories.

Considered tales varied from familiar material (a potential suitor finds his sweater on the woman's grave, or the evil monkey's paw that grants three. wishes) to lesser known works. No program was in evidence; however, these actors and respective writings should have received credit, whether in hand-outs or in one source for audience perusal.

Lighting appeared the only seemingly unrehearsed aspect, as several readers came out only to shield their eyes from too much glare. The evening ended oddly with an out-ofplace group scream, followed by a bellowed announcement welcoming donations and demanding that ushers and actors stay to clean up. It would have been nice if the carefully crafted mood had been retained

All seats were taken and until, at least audience members had filed out of earshot.

Produced by Dennis Jelalian and Suzanne Zappasodi, this "Words Alive!" event was thoughtfully composed and performed with obvious pleasure.

The next scheduled dramatic reading, on Monday, November 18, is "War Words," a program dedicated to all war veterans which will be highlighted with actual letters and poems. Tear yourself away from "Melrose Place" — that shouldn't be hard — and come out for free literary enlightenment,

Gallery Exhibition

The Parents' Association Gallery at the University of Maryland presents the first exhibition of mixed media sculpture by Judith Goodman, entitled "Loans From the Collection," through December 6.

Goodman's work incorporates found objects with artfully crafted environments.

This work, she said, "is about what we leave behind bits of our humanity. Each piece is singular, held together only by the strength of remembrance."

A nationally known photographer whose work has hung in the Corcoran Gallery of Art and the Baltimore Museum, Goodman began incorporating photographs into her sculpture in 1992, using Duratrans transparencies - even X-rays - to complete her pieces.

In 1994 Goodman's mixed media piece "All Her Earthly Possessions" was awarded a best in show by juror William Christenberry, the nationally known sculptor and photographer.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday - Friday, All events are free and open to the public. The gallery is located on the second floor of the Stamp Student Union next to the information desk at the University of Maryland,

For further information contact the gallery at 301-314-8493.

Owens Center Offers Planetarium Show

The Planetarium at the Howard B. Owens Science Center offers the program There's No Place Like Home Fridays at 7:30 p.m. November 1, 8, 22; December 6, 13; January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

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Charter Amendments by James Giese

Two county charter amendments are on the ballot in addition to the two tax questions and the five bond questions. Although not greatly publicized, both have involved some controversy.

Special Elections

Question A, a repeat of a previous ballot question that was approved by voters, was subsequently ruled invalid by the Maryland Court of Appeals. This time it will become effective if the voters again approve the question, and if a state constitutional amendment, Question 4, is approved at this same election.

Question A would amend the county charter to provide for special elections if vacancies occur in the county council during terms of office. Each vacancy would have to occur at least 90 days before a regular election in order for a special election to be held. Presently, council vacancies are filled by appointment. Proponents contend that the special election process is more democratic and that appointees, selected by the incumbent political powers, become entrenched in office, thus having an advantage over other candidates when they eventually come up for election. Opponents cite the cost of holding special elections, especially for a special election taking place less than 90 days before the next regular election.

Political Appointees

Presently only a limited number of county employees are exempt from the county's civil service system and appointed without competing with others. Question C would amend the charter to expand the number of political appointees. Included would be an assistant to the chief administrative officer and other assistants and clerical support staff designated by the county executive by executive order. The county council could also designate positions on its staff or other positions within the executive branch by legislation adopted by a two-thirds vote. Proponents of the amendment argue that the executive and council should be able to choose the people they want to work for them. Opponents contend that it opens up the county to political patronage and the spoils system that corrupted so many governments before civil service reform came into being.



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Magnolia Elementary Is Growing; Close to Capacity

by Maria Godoy and Carolyn Price

Magnolia Elementary School, the school assigned to new before-and-after care pro-Greenbelt children living south of Greenbelt Road, is not experiencing the same burst of overcrowding affecting other area schools.

Principal Lynn Chadderdon, who took over the reins of Magnolia Elementary just this September, said that although the current enrollment of 625 students represents a 45-student jump from last year's enrollment, the school is still below the building's 650-student capacity.

Chadderdon said that the average class size at Magnolia Elementary is approximately 27 students, but stated that she did not have precise figures yet because the school is in the process of hising more teachers. The school's first grade teachers currently have the largest class sizes, Chaddeidon said, but the problem will be alleviated soon when a new first grade teacher joins the school's staff this Friday.

Three new teachers have already joined the school's staff, which currently has 21 teachers on its payroll.

Chadderdon said the school has "just enough" space for all the new teachers being hired and indicated that there is no lack of teaching materials. The special resources personnel include one physical education teacher, one special education teacher, one reading teacher and two English As Second Language teachers, who work with foreign-language-speaking students. Chadderdon said she

would like to have a math resources teacher, however.

Magnolia Elementary has a gram which Chadderdon said between 20 and 25 students currently attend. Fees paid by parents provide funding for salaries and materials.

Chadderdon came to Magnolia Elementary after having served as principal of Robert Frost Elementary, in Palmer Park, for the last eight years.

"I'm having a wonderful experience taking over," she said. "The school was well run."

Although she has not yet initiated any new programs, Chadderdon said that she and the school's planning committee have "lots of things in the works," and changes she would like to see include the updating of the school's computer technology.

Office Help Needed

The Mental Health Association of Prince George's County, located in Hyattsville, is looking for a receptionist to answer phones, greet clients, do light typing and work with the Director on special events.

For more information and/or to volunteer call the Prince George's Voluntary Action Center, Inc., at 301-699-2800.



Telecommunications Act Discussed by GEAC

by Dennis Jelalian

At the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) meeting on October 3, the new Telecommunications Act was discussed.

Chairman Sheldon Goldberg said that many homeowners associations have covenants which forbid outside antennas. The Act forbids such covenants, and provides that everyone who wants to must be allowed a dish antenna to access satellite communication. The associations may not prohibit such antennas, but they may regulate them, and set reasonable rules. All must have due process.

have to be revised. Goldberg said that there are a number of factors involved, such as whether or not a house has a deck and which way the house faces. Permit applications for dish antennas may have to be decided on a case by case basis.

Councilmember Edward Putens said that GHI and Greenbriar may have fewer problems since they have common outside walls.

A suggestion was made that outside walls not in common might be regulated in groups. This would require a legal agreement and would have to be approved by vote. Goldberg and Secretary Treasurer Charlene MacAdams both said such an agreement is unlikely to be approved. Goldberg is discussing with Stephen Bupp, president of Condominium Venture Management, drawing up procedures for dealing with requests for satellite

Greenbrook Lake

Goldberg reported that Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Wilson has

contractor to resume construction on Greenbrook Lake. Putens said the attorneys for both sides are discussing the case, and an injunction may be necessary. Mayor Antoinette Bram said if an injunction is necessary, she will take care of it.

New Substation

Goldberg commended the Greenbelt Police Department on opening the new police substation. Greenbelt Police officer Michael Mesol remarked that the new substation has a separate phone number, 301-474-4992. Mesol stressed that this number The association covenants will is for non-emergency calls only. The new substation may not be staffed 24 hours a day, but there is an answering machine for messages. Emergency calls should still be directed to the main station at 301-474-5454. Non-emergency calls may also be directed to the main station at 301-474-7200.

MacAdams remarked that she had only seen a bicycle patrol officer once in Greenwood Village. Mesol replied that while police cruisers patrol the streets and parking lots, bicycle patrol officers use different tactics. They patrol on walkways, in parks, and behind buildings, most often with their lights out. They do this to retain their night vision and they don't want to be seen. They want to surprise criminals.

Other issues discussed were costs of trash collection and recycling, and lighting on Hanover Parkway.

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Young art winners: from left are Robert Ben Cottrell, Adrienne Peters, Ethan Cowan, Leslie Primack, Joey Nutwell, Brandon Peters, and Madeline Henderson.

Art Show Winners Come in All Ages

According to Barbara Simon, third, Melinda Lehman for "Liwho coordinated the arts contest at the Labor Day Festival, more children and more adults entered the art shows than last year and attendance was also greater. Moving to the Community Center made the show more centrally located. In addition, the arts programming in the Center, the many classes and the presence of artists' studios, probably contributed to the added number of participants as more people have become involved in the visual arts. Simon said she believed that everyone who saw the shows was impressed by the talent in Greenbelt at all ages.

Prizes were awarded to:

Oil/acrylic painting: first, Daniel Kennedy for "Gambril Roofed Barn - Pennsylvania" and second, Tom Baker for "Washing His Foot."

Watercolor painting: first, David Ralph for "Orange Popsicle" and second, Joan Tunny for "Waves." Drawing: first, Linda Uphoff

for "The Bird"; second, Terri Long for "The Nightingale"; and third, Sarah Jane Bretell for "Colorado Springs 1."

Prints/collage: first, Micheal McMullin for his mixed media work "Wife"; second, Bill Holland for his collage "Ireland;" and third, Lynne Graham Slater for her "Untitled" collage.

Sculpture: IVI al) Halford for "Life Is a Beach." Fine crafts: first, Gina Mai Denn for her ceramic "Pod Pot," and second, April Still for her "Plants - Parts Puzzle."

ons at the Circus," fourth, Joey Nutwell, "Thunder Storm."

Drawing: first, Robert Ben Cottrell for his "Volcano and Dinosaur"; second, Leslie Primack for "Reading Under the Apple Tree;" third, Joey Nutwell, for "A Bear Cub"; fourth, Brandon Peters for "History of the World and Evolution from One-Celled Animals to My House (GHI)."

Sculpture: first, Monika Lehman for "Mardi Gras Mask" and Ethan Cowan for "Squirrel

Sclawy for her "Sun Pin"; and third Madeline Henderson for "Butterflies by the Sea."

-- Photo by Tom Simon

Seven through ten years:

Painting: first, Dina Goldberg-Strassler for "My House in Winter;" second, Nora Simon for "The Magic Mountain;" third, Jacquie Tull for "Fruit Basket."

Drawing: first, Corinne Tull for "Three Horses" and Nora Simon for "The House I Would Love To Live In;" second, Zack

Yokel for "My Brother Nate" and Nick Bailey for "Fish In The Sea"; third, Shane Fendlay for "Lounging Lizard" and Jessica Mealey for "Fierce Lion"; fourth, Ari Goldberg-Strassler for his print "Peek-a-Boo".

Sculpture: first, Janet Hagelgans for her "House" and Cara Curtis for her ceramic "Blue Bird;" second, Timothy Nutwell for "Red Windows" and Ari Goldberg-Strassler for his ceramic "Bowl"; third, Jack Zackowitz for his mobile "Glider Girl" and Ryan McMullin for his "Gator Glee"; fourth, Lauren Schreiber for her "Lion" and Chrissy Shelhadi for "Chilly Willy."

11 to 14 years: Painting: first, Erin Yokel

with her self-portrait entitled "Me;" second, Jesse Goldberg-Strassler for "Solitude;" third, Angela Shehadi with her "Untitled - 1." Drawing: first, Lisa Stratton

with her print entitled "Fish;" second, Jesse Goldberg-Strassler for "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor;" third, Carrie Shine for "Praise the Lord" and Paul Rousseau for "Tiger."

Sculpture: first, Clare Storck for "The Clay Lady;" second, Tim Farris with "Uninvited Dinner Guest;" third, Wendy Hagelgans for "Mountain" and also fourth with "Tumbleweed." 15 to 18 years:

Drawing: first, Cody Pierson for "Blow Torch."

Sculpture: second, Mary Storck for "Market Lady."

The Cipriano Award given annually to the art work which best depicts the theme "Americans at Work" was awarded to Leslie Primack for her drawing of her father and herself gardening, "Spring Break."



The Art Show offered something for everyone.

-photo by Lisa Goldman



The "Green Award," given annually for the work that best shows a concern for the environment, which was presented by the Greenbelt Greens, went to Barbara Stevens for her painting "Piecework/Greenbelt on Edmonston Road." Chrissy Shelhadi won the "Green Award" in the children's division for her drawing "Greenbelt Lake;"

Children's Awards

Children's awards are given by age group as well as cat-

Pre-school through Six years:

Painting: first, Ethan Cowan for "Ethan Cowan Playing Baseball;" second, Adrienne Peters for her "House-Butter";

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the museum's tour hours Fridays from 11 a.m. -3 p.m.; Sundays from noon - 4 p.m. and by appointment.

featured

This collection of photographs includes individual and family portraits, scenes of group activities, as well as interior and exterior shots of historic locales. Each of the photographs is captioned with reminiscences of daily life in the scenes depicted.

Visitors will receive "Maryland's Indian Heritage," a free publication that contains a brief history of Maryland's earliest inhabitants.

For further information call

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

County Foundation Supports Families

The Prince George's Community Foundation, Inc., has begun Youth Initiative 2000 to bring together communitybased and nonprofit groups, individuals and businesses to work in collaboration to confront issues of family violence and ensure a bright future for children, youth and families.

"Looking to a Bright Fu-Woodmont Avenue, Suburban ture" is the theme of this collaborative effort. A major goal of Youth Initiative 2000 is to create a Community Resources Directory.

A charitable, nonprofit organization, the Foundation helps to meet critical needs in tended the retreat and participants three major areas - human services, education, and chil-dren and youth. The Foundation is co-sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, and the County Department of Parks and Recreation.

Education Retreat Hosted by ERHS

The Prince George's County School System was host to the 11th Annual Comer Process Retreat at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on October 19.

The Comer Process Retreat, named after the nationally renowned Yale University scholar and child psychiatrist, Dr. James Comer, unites parents, educators, students, support staff and community activists for a day of professional development training. Dr. Ed Joyner, director of the Yale Child Study Center's School Development Program was speaker at this year's retreat.

Over a thousand people atshared information about the Comer School Development Program, a systemic approach to school management, using mental health principles of child/adolescent growth and development, and relationships.

Of the 180 schools comprising the Prince George's County School System, Greenbelt Middle School and 89 other schools currently

Phone Help Needed

The Senior Law Project at the Legal Aid Bureau, Inc. of Prince George's County needs volunteers on 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 will be provided and a flexible schedule arranged.

To volunteer call the Prince George's Voluntary Action Center, Inc. at 301-699-2800.

work to incorporate the principles and design elements of the Comer School Development Program into their total educational program. The Prince George's County School System's Comer School Development Program Office was recognized for excellence in 1994 by being selected as one of only three Regional Professional Development Centers for the national Comer Process effort.

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Substation-East

The new Greenbelt Police substation phone number is 474-4992. This number is for non-emergency calls only. The substation may not be staffed 24 hours per day, but there is an answering machine. Emergency police calls should be directed to the regular emergency number,

Greenbelt CARES

Tutor's Workshop on Saturday morning, October 19. The purpose of the workshop was to instruct tutors and discuss strategies to work better with students. Information included homework, scheduling and good study habits. Six tutors attended the workshop.

On Wednesday, October 23, Wendy Wexler and Judye Hering were interviewed for a segment on councilwoman Audrey Scott's show, a cable production which serves to educate the Prince George's public on how and where their tax dollars are spent. This particular show will highlight family and social service programs and can be seen on Greenbelt Cable.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A local man was the victim of BMX boy's bicycle from a patio a strong arm robbery on Thursday, October 24, around 1:40 a.m. The man was walking down the road near Beltway Plaza when two men came up from behind. One of the men grabbed him, and held his arms, while the second removed the man's money. The suspects fled on foot toward the Giant Supermarket. They are described as black males, about 20 years old, 6', one with a heavy build and the other with a thin build, and both were wearing black clothing.

A 30-year-old nonresident woman was arrested, charged with leaving children unattended in a motor vehicle on Saturday evening, October 19. An officer, responding to a call, found four children ages one, three, five and eight inside a vehicle in the parking lot of Beltway Plaza. The woman was released on citation pending trial.

Drugs

Officers responded to the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway on Friday night, October 18, shortly after 11 p.m. on a report of an intoxicated man banging on the door of a residence. A 28-year-old resident man was found with an open bottle of alcohol in his possession. The man was arrested, charged with disorderly intoxication and released on citation pending trial.

Responding to a report of a possible shoplifting in Greenway Shopping Center on Thursday afternoon, October 24, officers found some merchandise in the parking lot and witnesses pointing out a group of three suspects. The suspects got into a vehicle and left on Greenbelt Road. The car was stopped on Southway and a 'crack' pipe was located inside. 36-year-old nonresident A woman was arrested, charged with possession of paraphernalia, and released on citation pending trial. The other two occupants were released with charges. The vehicle, which was unregistered, was impounded.

Thefts and Burglaries

A 37-year-old nonresident man was arrested, charged with theft, forgery and uttering, on Friday, October 18, around 5:30 p.m. The man, who fraudulently applied for a loan, was attempting to pick up the money. The man left before officers arrived, but was apprehended a short time later. The man was held on \$15,000 bond after appearing before a District

in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane on Saturday morning, October 19; an unattended purse from the restroom in Popeye's Restaurant, Beltway Plaza, on Sunday afternoon, October 20; building materials from a home construction site in the 6500 block of Springerest Drive on Monday morning, October 21; money from a residence in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road on Monday, October 21; a video camera, a 35mm camera and coins from a residence in the 100 block of Northway on Tuesday, October 22 (entrance gained from an open bathroom window); money from a residence in the 7500 block of Hanover Parkway on Tuesday, October 22; Halloween decorations from the front yard of a residence in the 1 Court of Ridge Road on Tuesday, October 22; money from a residence in the 8900 block of Edmonston Road and an office suite in the 7500 block of Greenway Center Drive, on Thursday, October 24.

Auto Thefts and Recoveries Prince George's County Police recovered a 1992 Honda Accord on Monday afternoon, October 21. The vehicle had been stolen from the 9 Court of Southway on October 9.

A 1995 Mazda MX 6 was stolen from the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane on Friday, October 25. A witness observed a man pouring gasoline on the vehicle in the area of Old Pond Drive and Glendale Road, Bowie. The man was startled by the witness and fled the scene in a white pickup truck.

Two vehicle thefts were reported on Tuesday morning, October 22. The first was a 1986 Pontiac Gran Prix two-door, MD

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.

tags CMC877, from the 6200 block of Breezewood Drive.

The second was a 1987 Chevrolet Caprice station wagon from the 9000 block of



story of this country's fight for independence. "1776," which opened on Broadway on March 16, 1969, is a vibrant and exciting musical history lesson about the events leading up to the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

Goddard's theater production team takes you back over 200 years by transforming the Recreation Center into "foul, fum-ing, foggy, filthy Philadelphia," where the first Continental Congress will decide the fate of the nation. This year's MAD Fall Show sports statesmen, lawyers, ministers, wives of the Congressional delegates, and General George Washington's own courier. By traveling back to the scene of the Declaration and watching the Congress in action, we are reminded that those we tend to think of as serious historical figures, memorialized in marble and granite, were actually people as full of human frailty and foibles as we are. "1776" has a large cast of Other vehicles reported stolen -characters, well represented by Goddard employees across the Center. Greenbelters taking part are: Louis "Mac" Fancher, music director; Susan Breon, orchestra director; Lynne Slater, set designer; Nina Desmond, cast member and publicity manager: David Michael Harris, cast member; Erica Drezek as Martha Jefferson, and Bill Pruett as Roger Sherman. Directed by Greenbelt resident Ron Wilder, "1776" is a masterpiece of song, history and sentiment, as well as an in-

tober 25 and will run to November 23. Doors open at 6 p.m. with buffet from 6:30 to 7:30 and curtain at 8 p.m. All Sundays. For ticket information

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Cast members of "1776" from left: Bill Struthers, Linda Smith,

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Court Commissioner.

Three nonresident men were arrested and charged with two counts of theft, possession of an unlawful payment device and credit card fraud, on Friday, October 18, around 10:30 p.m. The men were apprehended in a room of the Marriott Hotel, 6400 Ivy Lane, after paying with a stolen credit card. They were held on bond after appearing before a District Court Commissioner.

A residence in the 100 block of Greenhill was burglarized on Tuesday, October 22. A man, described as white, in his 20's, 6', 160 lbs., black hair and beard, wearing green and black camouflage pants and a black T-shirt, was observed attempting to open the front door around 12:30 p.m. A 12-gauge shotgun, clothing and money were taken.

Other thefts reported include: a green and orange Huffy brand

Breezewood Terrace which was recovered by Metropolitan Police on October 25.

A 1991 Honda Accord twodoor was reported stolen from the 8300 block of Canning Terrace on Saturday morning, October 19. Maryland National Capitol Park Police recovered the vehicle later that day in Adelphi.

include: a red 1992 Toyota Corolla four-door, PA tags AYR7817, from the 9100 block of Edmonston Court on Wednesday morning, October 23; a purple, gold and white 1996 Honda CBR600 motorcycle, MD temporary tags 98767R, from the 7800 block of Mandan Road on Thursday, October 24; and a 1996 Nissan Altima from the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway on Thursday, October 24. The latter vehicle was recovered by Montgomery County Police in Rockville.



Fire Prevention Month **Knowing What To Do Could Save Your Life**

by Randy Crenwelge

(This is third in a series of Fire Prevention articles offering useful information on smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, escape and exit drills and fire prevention tips.)

Escape and Exit Drills

A life saver is to evaluate a home or business to determine at least two means of escape from the bedrooms or workspaces to safe meeting places outside the home. Each family member or worker must be made aware of the exit means and this process needs to be practiced routinely. By practicing the escape methods, individuals' minds are programmed to remember them. Also, practice teaches an individual to automatically function and reduces the possibility of panic.

Smoke detectors give the inhabitants of a home a head start to escape a fire. Members of a household need to know how to use this valuable time to leave quickly and safely. The NFPA recommends that a floor plan of a home be drawn. The plan should indicate primary and alternate escape routes from every room. Select practical and reasonable escape routes. Each household member must know that if one escape route is dangerous due to the fire, the alternate escape route must be used.

Danger is witnessed by smoke and a hot door. If a door knob is hot when touched, there is a fire on the other side of it. In a two-story home or apartment, it is essential to plan an escape route through the second-story windows. In twostory homes and apartments, it was recommended that a portable rope or similar ladder be stored near an escape exit. This ladder could be pulled out and attached to the inside wall below the window of escape with an attachment mechanism. If a ladder of this type is stored for an emergency, it could be quickly attached to the wall inside the window and then tossed out the window to be used as a safe means of escape. Also, GVFDRS members brought to this reporter's attention that one of the safest ways of escaping a GHI fire from the 2nd floor is to crawl out of the vindows near the porch top and onto the top of the porch. Once there, the escapees should await for help to bring a ladder. Fire escape plans must be reviewed and modified as home inhabitants grow older, etc.

them during a fire emergency. Be sure to let the fire department know if a household includes someone that may have

difficulty escaping a fire. Hearing Impaired: Special smoke detectors are available that flash a light in addition to sounding an alarm.

Young Children: Adults may not be able to reach their children during a fire emergency. The children must know how to escape without parental help. During home exit drills, stress confidence in the children's abilities to escape on their own. Have them practice their escape routes. Children under 3 years old should be involved in exit drills; but, realistically, they may not be able to escape a fire on their own. If possible, their bedrooms should adjoin the room of an adult or older child, preferably with a connecting door. The family escape plan should designate responsibility for helping young children escape to specific members of the household.

Apartment Buildings: apartment buildings have special fire-safety guidelines. When an escape plan is drawn, include the location of the nearest firealarm box so that other tenants can be alerted of a fire. Never use elevators during a fire. If the apartment is two or more stories above the ground floor, do not jump from a window. Telephone the fire department even if the fire trucks have already arrived. Don't hang up until the dispatcher says it is okay to do so. Signal fire fighters from the window by waving a white cloth.

If possible, open the windows at the top and bottom so fresh air can enter through the lower opening and smoke can leave the upper opening. Do not break the window. If opening the window draws smoke into the room from any source, close the window.

Babysitter Checklist

The National Fire Protection Association recommends that in the event of a fire babysitters leave the home with the children immediately and call for help from a neighbor's phone. parents of the children being watched should give the babysitter the following information in addition to telling the sitter where the parents will be and how they can be reached. All of this information should be given directly to the sitter on one sheet of paper. The information that the sitter needs is as follows: names and ages of children, family name, full address, town, home telephone number, fire emergency telephone number, police emergency telephone number, local doctor or hospital telephone number, poison-control center telephone number, neighbor's name and address, neighbor's telephone number, location of nearest fire alarm or call box (if applicable), location of meeting place outside the house where all members of the household should report after

escaping the fire. Stay to Fight a Fire or Flee

to Safety?

GVFDRS Chief Gene Davis had some words of wisdom to share with Greenbelters. "When you are dealing with a fire, even a small one, you are in danger. Don't try to be a hero," he warned. Chief Davis shared some of his thoughts that he has learned through his experience as a seasoned firefighter. They include:

Act, don't react, when a fire occurs. Assess the situation and fight a fire only if it is safe to do so. Life is more important than property. Make sure that everyone has left a building before fighting a fire. Call the fire department first. Make sure that the fire is confined to a small area. Make sure that there is at least one unobstructed exit from the location that will be used to fight the

Fire doubles in size every minute it burns. What is a small, contained fire one moment can easily engulf an entire room in a matter of seconds! In less than two minutes, a person can pass out or even die from toxic gases and smoke.

Do not attempt to fight a fire unless it is certain that all occupants have moved to a safe area, and the fire department has been called. There must be at least one unobstructed exit behind you. Never fight a fire between you and the exit. If you are unsure of the danger, or if there is a chance of the fire spreading to-your location, leave immediately. Close all doors behind you when leaving. Wait outside to tell the firefighters where the fire is located.

If the flames are as tall as your height, if the room is get-

Fire Safety Tips

The following tips help fire victims survive; 15) Never smoke when drowsy or when in bed. 16) Use sturdy, non-tip ashtrays and check for smoldering butts in furniture - especially after parties. 17) Never leave cooking food unattended. Keep cooking areas clean and clear from combustibles. 18) Use portable space heaters with care. Keep them away from combustibles. 19) Have your chimney and central-heating system inspected at least once a year and cleaned if necessary. 20) Plug only one heat-producing appliance into an electrical outlet. Never override or bypass fuses or circuit breakers. Avoid running extension cords across doorways or under carpets. 21) Keep matches and lighters stored out of reach of children. Use only child-resistant lighters. 22) Never store gasoline inside your home. If necessary, keep a small quantity in an approved safety container locked in the garage. 23) Store paints, thinners, and other flammable liquids in their original containers, well away from heat, sparks, or flame. 24) Keep your attic free from combustibles such as newspapers and magazines. 25) Identify your house with large address numbers that the fire department can see

ting smokey, and if the fire is so hot that you can't get within 5 feet of it, do not fight the fire and leave the building immediately.

Reduce the Amount of Flammable Materials

Each home and business should be thoroughly checked for flammable materials. Flammable materials must be properly stowed away from heat and heat sources, and matches and lighters must be stored away from children. Space heaters must be kept in good working condition. Also, they must not be placed near flammable materials such as curtains and furniture.

Planning Ahead Increases the Chance for Survival

Fires are serious matters. Smoke detectors increase the chance of survival when installed and operating properly. Everyone must have an escape plan. The escape plan must be practiced on a routine basis. Teach children how to get out on their own. They must act immediately to exit without parental help. If fire extinguishers are in the home, know how to use them and make sure that they are properly charged. If confronted with a fire emergency, exit the home/business immediately, call for help from a neighbor's residence, be calm and follow the instructions and

Greenbelt Photo Club

The Greenbelt Photo Club met on October 8. In addition to showing some of their recent photography, members toured the space designated for the Community Center darkroom and heard the Community Center management's plans for making the darkroom functional. Initial plans were also discussed for sponsoring a Spring Photo Show and community Family Photo Day.

The Greenbelt Photo Club meets the second Tuesday of the month (next meeting is Nov. 12) at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center. The photo theme for the November meeting is "Autumn." Participants should bring five pictures that illustrate the theme. Meetings are open to anyone who enjoys photography, and those who want to meet others with the same interest and who want to improve their photo-taking skills. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact Lisa Goldman at 301-474-6425.

guidelines that the fire service professionals and firefighters have learned through research and actual fires.

There is no alternative but to be prepared. Please have a safe and "fire-free winter," thoughtfully remarked Chief Gene Davis.



Special Situations

Older adults and people who have mobility disabilities should have smoke detectors installed inside their sleeping areas in addition to detectors outside. their bedrooms. It is also a good idea to install a telephone inside their sleeping area within easy reach and the local emergency telephone numbers posted

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Middle School at Capacity

by Jennifer Waller

Since 1995, Greenbelt Middle School's student population has risen by over 100 students, but principal, Dr. Richmond Myrick, said that there are no overpopulation problems.

Greenbelt Middle School educates 7th and 8th graders from Landover, College Park, Capitol Heights and Cheverly, in addition to Greenbelt.

The expected student population for the beginning of the year at Greenbelt Middle was 683; however, there are now approximately 746 students. Since the pupil capacity of the school is 750, Dr. Myrick said, space availability is sufficient. Additions are not being made to the building, but a new roof is being constructed, Dr. Myrick added.

Though some students come from other towns, transportation is sufficient. Bus space was a problem in the beginning of the school year, but more buses met the needs for extra space, said Dr. Myrick.

ranges from 28 to 30 students in each room. Some classes consist of as many as 36 students, while self-contained and special education classes have only eight to 12"students.

Students have no problem getting to class on time because of the number of students in the hallways between - cital Hall of the Tawes Fine classes, Dr. Myrick said. According to him, faculty availability has not been a problem either. This year's student to teacher ratio is 31.2 to one, In special education classes, both a teacher and resource teacher are present.

"We would love to have another special education teacher but it isn't in our budget," said Dr. Myrick.

To enhance the students' education, the school has installed a new computer lab, which allows students to become familiar with the call 301-405-1150. internet.

A French immersion school is also interested in locating at Greenbelt Middle School

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but has not yet been approved by the Board of Education, Dr. Myrick said.

After-School Programs

Greenbelt Middle School offers successful after-school activities and programs to students. Tutorial math and reading sessions are available.

"Greenbelt Middle School is #1 in the county for the writing test," said Dr. Myrick. Students also have the op-

portunity to play girls' and boys' basketball after school.

Greenbelt Middle is currently working to provide transportation for students involved in after-school activities. These buses would be available two times per week.

Opera at U. of MD

The University of Maryland School of Music is pleased to present the Maryland Opera Studio production of "Fatal Song," a new book written by Kathleen Cahill and directed by Leon Major. Familiar arias and duets are set in a The average class size new context. Musical arrangements and new music arranged by Lester Taylor will be conducted by Pauline Haupt. Performances will be held on Friday, November 15, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, November 17, at 3 p.m.; Tuesday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m. and Friday, November 22, at _ Microsystems sent five volunteer 7:30 p.m. in the Ulrich Re-Arts Building. There is a fee for admission. For tickets or information call 301-405-1150

In connection with "Fatal Song" the Maryland Opera Studio will hold a series of panels, lectures and recitals during November. The first in the series is a lecture by Dr. Susan McClary, entitled "Mozart's Women" on Friday, November 8, at 1:30 p.m. in the Ulrich Recital Hall. All events in this series are free. For details and information,



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alumni and now Manager of Edu-St. Hugh's Catholic Elementary and Middle School is now cational Services at Sun's Columbia office.

> A grant of \$1,000 from Sun Microsystems with a matching grant from St. Hugh's Catholic Youth Organization will make it a reality that all classrooms and the library will have four Internet access points. This provides a flexible system that will give each classroom the ability to do individual research or for programs to be sponsored by the library

and then broadcast into those classrooms that wish to receive it. The system was installed in a way to be able to take advantage of future technology acquisitions by the school.

NetDay '96 was started on the west coast and in March of 1996 about 3,500 schools and 50,000 volunteers participated in wiring schools in California. The national NetDay '96 campaign anticipates that 210,000 volunteers will participate in wiring projects by the end of October 1996. NetDay '96's target for that date is to wire 20 percent of all U.S. primary and secondary schools.

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St. Hugh's School **Linked to Internet**

on the Internet. Through a pro-

gram called NetDay '96 spon-

sored by Sun Microsystems and

Bell Atlantic, the school was able

to gain the hardware and cabling

required to connect all of the

technicians to St. Hugh's to assist

teachers, parents, PTA and school

board members in the installation

of the equipment. The Sun em-

ployees brought their friends and

spouses who also assisted in the

effort. The Technology Commit-

tee of the School Advisory Board

led by Joe Bistany and Jim

Schaffer coordinated the effort.

By the end of the day, the volun-

teers had installed wiring and

jacks in all of St. Hugh's K-8

classrooms, the computer lab, the

principal's office, and the

secretary's office. Harriann

Walker, principal of St. Hugh's

said she was thrilled to be part of

the NetDay '96. She was especially excited to see Joe Bistany

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The first Outstanding Educator of the month award given by the Ladies Auxiliary of Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 was presented in August to Greenbelter Katie Knorr, a sixth grade teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School. Shown I. to r. are Sandi Dutton, from the auxiliary, Knorr, Verna Rupert, from the auxiliary and Carolyn Goff, principal of Greenbelt Elementary School.

- photo by Letty Bryce

Members of the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA Executive Committee planned and held two Back to School nights on September 17 and 24. Shown here are 1. to r: Diane. Teets, PTA vice-president; Paulette Watkins, Elemen-tary Instructional Assistant (EIA); Jennifer Bryson, treasurer; Lynne Shupp, recording secretary; Kathy Sciannella, corresponding secretary and Kathy Kerdock, president.

- photo by Letty Bryce

Greenbelt Elementary Is Creatively Using Space

by Kerana Todorov "Although Greenbelt Elementary School is crowded

this year, we have been creative with the space we have," asserted Principal Carolyn Goff. She said she felt fortunate to have a new spacious building which made it possible for staff to redesign areas and make maximum use of available space.

By taking out extra furniture and using a new classroom design a teacher at the school was able to transform a small classroom into an inviting one for 30 students. "The teacher was wonderfully creative," Goff said.

It also was possible to keep the luxury of having rooms for special classes such as music and physical education (P.E.), she added.

No programs have had to be eliminated. Goff, who hopes to expand her kindergarten program from five half days to five full days per week, is determined not to let space dictate the programs for the very young. Goff said her school's needs for materials are not as great as they would be for a larger staff. "I would like to see smaller classes," she said. This means more teachers.

The building, built in 1993, is already over capacity. Seven hundred twenty nine pupils are now working in a building whose maximum capacity is 660. Last year's student popu-

one. School attendance is between 96% and 97% each day, Goff said. Also the student turnover rate is between 14% and 15%.

The school is equipped with IBM and Macintosh computer laboratories. The new school opened with four computers in each classroom that were networked. Students also have access to the internet. A parent is designing a home page for Greenbelt's 'net site.

Special programs the school offers are Youth Development (Imani), Social Skills/Citizenship themes, and Reading Incentive programs. An upcoming Grandparents or Special Senior Day will be held in November.



Goff said the After School Program is in great demand. There are 150 students currently enrolled. The ratio of students to group activity assistants is 15 to one. The assistants include mostly retirees and students. There are also four school system counselors, a part time P.E. instructor and community volunteers, who assist in the afternoon. There is a waiting list of 30 students. The program is primarily funded through the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC). This year the school was not able to offer the program to sixth graders and admitted a limited number of fifth graders. The school offered help to the city recreation department who developed the GOAL program at the Greenbelt Community Center to provide another alternative for quality after school care.

Greenbelters Receive Arts Council Awards

The Prince George's Arts Council (PGAC) hosted the annual Grants Awards reception and an evening of celebration honoring FY 1997 grant recipients on September 20 at Harmony Hall Regional Center in Fort Washington.

Grant awards were presented for performance, exhibitions, and programs in dance, visual arts, music, theater/drama, and literature.

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IDEPENDENCE

Local recipients of PGAC FY 1997 grants included Barbara Simon, Barbara Tyroler, Micheal McMullin, and the Greenbelt Arts Center, which received three grants.

A dramatic performance by Kate Campbell Stevenson of her one-woman show, "Women: Back to the Future," was featured in the evening's celebration.

The FY 1997 grand awards

were made possible by the support of the Prince George's Arts Council Super Circle, the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission, the Prince George's County government, and the Maryland State Arts Council.





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lation was between 715 and 720.

So far the school has not had to use temporary buildings. Goff said she would not know where to put them. There is a sharp drop in the terrain behind the school. Furthermore, a temporary would ruin the aesthetics of the school's courtyard.

Greenbelt Elementary has a total faculty of 65, including 27 classroom teachers. This year the school's budget from the system's Comprehensive School Improvement Fund paid for an extra third grade teacher. The school has a new kindergarten aide and five resource teachers.

Currently kindergarten classes have a ratio of 25 students per teacher. Most other grades have a ratio of 29 to one. Fourth grade classes are the largest with a ratio of 32 to

Barbara Likowski also contributed to this article.

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Council Debates Priorities For Roads, Sidewalks

by Virginia Beauchamp

In tribute to the season, a lighted Jack-o-lantern greeted those attending the Greenbelt City Council meeting on October 28. In the absence of Councilmember Edward Putens, who had not yet arrived, the others suggested putting the pumpkin head at his empty place at the council table for better viewing by the camera. "It's an improvement," joked Councilmember Thomas White.

Then, just as the camera for the viewers at home was to be turned on, lights in the chamber were turned out altogether, leaving only the glow of the eerie pumpkin face. Late-comers had to wend their way through the semi-darkness to find their seats.

About a dozen of them were members of the bicycle coalition, who had arrived with their president, Steven Harper, for the formal presentation of a letter signed by 188 Greenbelt residents and visitors during the Labor Day weekend. The letter thanked the councilmembers for their efforts in creating bicycle lanes and pedestrian sidewalks in Greenbelt.

In accepting the letter, Mayor Antoinette Bram noted that the Maryland Municipal League was studying Greenbelt's policies in developing "traffic calming" measures in residential areas.

Traffic Calming Again

At a later point in the meeting, council again considered the issue of providing pedes-

trian access as they looked at a list of proposed priorities for Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) for street improvement projects in Greenbelt. As presented in a letter to the county government, which administers the federal grant money, the four projects, in the order of priority as recommended by city staff, were: street improvements on Breezewood Dr., sidewalk construction on Southway, street improvements on Springhill Lane, and street improvements on Westway.

Staff estimates that about \$120,000 altogether might be allocated. Their specific estimates for costs of these improvements suggest that no more than the first two— \$110,624 and \$31,130 respectively—could be funded.

Mayor Bram wondered if Southway might be moved ahead of Breezewood Dr., since construction of a sidewalk along the east side of Southway to the bridge over the Parkway would be a major piece of council's effort to encourage pedestrian, rather than vehicular, movement. "Sidewalks are a top priority," she said. "They're important. If sidewalks are there, people will use them."

Strategic Question

White worried, however, about putting the smaller project first. He felt that it was "strategically better" to begin with a larger project. He noted, in addition, that part of Southway came under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Administration, which might be persuaded to provide some funding toward its improvement. Councilmember Judith Davis agreed. She preferred to follow the priorities as established by the Public Works Dept., which had physically scrutinized the relative conditions of the streets in question.

Putens, however, wanted to bring Westway to the top of the list, arguing that Breezewood Dr. had been worked on more recently. City Manager Michael McLaughlin confirmed this to be true. Both had received some base repair, he said. Both now would need milling and resurfacing. Nor was he "confident" about suggesting that the "big-ticket item"—that is, Southway over Breezewood—should be put second.

Putens wondered if Westway and Southway could be put together as one project. Only if they were part of one census tract, he was told.

White then summed up his position, which council later adopted—that the priorities established by the city staff in their presentation to the county was the best strategy. "It is sound," he said. "We shouldn't tamper with that strategy."



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Pictured from left to right are Julie Cummings, Janet Gagnon, Angeline Butler and Bill Ayers.

- photo by Dorothy Pyles

City Notes

An emergency light bar was overhauled and reinstalled on its original police car, saving the cost of purchase for a new light bar. The light bars used on Greenbelt Police cars cost \$1,149.25 and \$1,957.47 each, depending on type. The overhaul cost was \$101.11 for a conversion kit; \$88.38 for a flashing kit; and \$14 for new lenses - for a total cost of \$203.49.

A new snow plow blade was installed on the front-cut mowing machine. This will

be used for sidewalks. Public Works now has two such plows available.

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Repair of last winter's snow equipment damage is underway. Parts have been ordered and are to be delivered this week.

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