

What Goes On

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School Busing's End in County Caught in Political Crossfire

by Angela Noyes

The Prince George's County school system is approaching a crossroads, but its route is months away from being clearly mapped. Two important arguments that will guide decision makers in choosing a course for the county were to be delivered this week. On Tuesday, December 16, the state Task Force on Education Funding issued its report to the Governor, state legislature, and political community. The comprehensive report, while not decisive, will likely influence the Governor and legislature as they adopt the 1999 budget.

Also this week in federal court, U.S. District Judge Peter J. Messitte will hear closing arguments in the desegregation trial that may lift the 1972 court order mandating student busing. Judge Messitte's decision will be issued this April. Since the state legislative session runs from January to early April, budgetary decisions affecting Prince George's County will also have been made by this April.

The Prince George's County School Board and the NAACP, two of the parties in the desegregation suit, are seeking \$250 million from the state, over five years, as well as \$250 million from the county, to bring an end to busing. These funds, if granted, would be used in large part to build new schools in neighborhoods from which children are now bused. The School Board and the NAACP want Judge Messitte to phase out his supervisory role over a period of years, contingent on a satisfactory transition to neighborhood schools.

Election Year Adds Heat

The Prince George's County Council, the third party in the desegregation case, also seeks funding from the state. The Council parts company with the School Board and NAACP, however, by advocating that the court immediately end its oversight of the racial balance of Prince George's County public schools.

Since 1998 is a county, state, and gubernatorial election year,

Election year will add political heat to the school funding issue.

this fact adds political heat to the school funding issue. The Governor, who introduces the budget bill that will include funds for Prince George's County, depended on a large win in Prince George's County to carry his election four years ago. State delegates and senators, who will vote on the Governor's budget, will be up for election this fall. County legislators — Council members, some School Board members, and County Executive Wayne Curry — will depend on the electorate this fall to regain their seats.

Major political players on the state level have voiced support for granting educational funds to Prince George's County, but in varying amounts, and with different conditions. Governor Parris Glendening has come out in support of providing up to \$250 million in state aid over five years, though as of yet without a firm proposal. State Comptroller

Louis Goldstein, who sits on the board that dispenses state funds for school construction, has declared his support for helping build new schools in the county. Senate President Mike Miller, Jr. (D-Prince George's) and House Speaker Casper Taylor, Jr. (D-Allegany) have both spoken in favor of efforts to provide construction funding to the county. Delegate Howard Rawlings (D-Baltimore City), the powerful chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, supports directing \$317 million over five years to Prince George's, but with numerous controversial conditions attached. Rawlings, dissatisfied with Prince George's County's public school performance, wants to provide funding only if the county replaces the elected school board with an appointed one, redirects magnet school and Milliken II funding to county schools inside or within one mile of the Capital Beltway, and establishes a "performance based evaluation system" for county school principals, administrators, and teachers.

State School Board Superintendent Nancy Grasmick, who is a member of the task force on school funding that will issue its report on Dec. 16, has also been critical of providing funds for Milliken II schools. Over the last 12 years, \$100 million has been spent on Milliken II schools, but this funding has not brought about a rise in performance by the schools' largely black student bodies. Milliken II funds provide more resources and reduce the student-teacher

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News Review Has Sunday Deadlines Next 2 Weeks

All copy and ads for the two holiday issues of the Greenbelt News Review, December 25 and January 1, must be received by the preceding Sundays, December 21 and 28.

Please help us meet the special deadlines required by our printer during this busy holiday season when we are short of staff. The News Review has mail slots in both its inside and outside doors at the Greenbelt Community Center for drop-off during times that the office is closed.

Ad Desk Hours

The ad desk will be open Sunday, December 21 and 28 from 2-4 and 8-10 p.m.

Copy Deadline

All copy must be submitted by 4 p.m., Sunday, December 21 and 28.

Court Case Will Affect School Enrollment Levels

by Mary Moien

The Prince George's County school desegregation trial (Vaughns et al v. Prince George's County Board of Education et al) is now in its final days at the Greenbelt Federal Court House. The plaintiffs are represented by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). There are two sets of defendants presenting their points of view: the Prince George's County Government and the Prince George's County Board of Education.

To a varying extent, all of the principals foresee the students that are currently being bused for integration purposes returning to neighborhood schools in the coming years. The exact time frame for the return of students is not yet agreed upon. The major issue is whether the school system will remain under the jurisdiction of the federal court as future changes take place. How will the schools in Greenbelt be affected by the return of students to neighborhood schools?

There are currently three elementary schools, one middle school and one high school that serve the vast majority of Greenbelt students, excluding

those attending magnet schools (which are expected to remain in existence to assist with the integration process). Significant numbers of students may leave Greenbelt schools and return to their neighborhood schools, while a very small number of students will return to Greenbelt to go to school. Current enrollment figures were provided by the school board Office of Pupil Accounting and School Boundaries.

Currently, 349 students are bused to Greenbelt Elementary School for desegregation purposes, representing 36% of the pupils; 111 students to Springhill Lake (17%) and 114 students to Magnolia (also 17%). At Greenbelt Middle School, 251 students (29%) are bused for desegregation, while 603 students are bused at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) (19%). In addition, there are currently 77 Greenbelt area students who are being bused to Oakcrest Elementary School in Lanham who could return to Greenbelt schools. These potential changes in the numbers of students attending schools in Greenbelt represent significant decreases in enrolled students over the next

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Santa in Greenbelt

by Nicole Morgan

He's making a list and checking it twice. Santa and his helpers made a special appearance at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Saturday, December 13.

Kids from newborns to fifth graders, including a set of twins, lined up from 10 a.m. until noon to tell Mr. Claus exactly what they wanted to find under their Christmas trees next Thursday morning.

"Greenbelt has been doing this for 26 years and I've been helping for nine," said Gaye Houchens, an elf, who passed out candy canes, lifted kids up on Santa's lap and made conversation with excited parents during the event.

Little Miss Greenbelt, wearing her sash and crown, came to

greet her peers and make a wish of her own. Kimberly Wynkoop, 7, thought for a few seconds before she decided to ask that Mr. Claus remember to pack a few Barbie dolls on his sleigh just for her.

Jessica Mealey, 11, is another one of Santa's helpers who was able to make the long, cold trip from the North Pole. After ushering families inside and serving refreshments to the crowd, Jessica told Santa that she wants a portable CD player, after being on her good behavior all year. Each child received a free photograph with Santa. Two of Santa's helpers taped the event. It will air on the Greenbelt Channel, B-10, on Tuesday, Dec. 23, and Christmas night at 6 p.m.



Santa came to the Youth Center to visit with the children. Front row: Elf Gaye Houchens holding Hannah and Callie Betman; Little Miss Greenbelt, Kimberly Wynkoop; Elf Jessica Mealey. Seated: Santa holding Niekia Gibles and Brandon Bradshaw.

- photo by Prospero Zevallos

Carriers Bring Greetings

Around this time of year it is customary for the News Review delivery boys and girls to make personal calls on the homes they service to present holiday greetings envelopes. The News Review's financial position is such that we cannot pay our carriers very much. They are therefore dependent on generous holiday donations to supplement their nominal pay.

Most of the carriers range in age from pre-teen to the middle teens. For the younger boys and girls, delivering the News Review is their first job experience. Many of the older carriers started at a young age and continue to deliver the News Review mainly as a service to their neighborhood. It is a learning process for all these youngsters and, in some cases, the instillation of responsibility takes time and patience.

The holiday season affords us all a chance to show appreciation and to provide encouragement for the efforts of these youngsters and at the same time to show understanding for any failings that might have occurred during the year.

Again this year the carriers will leave envelopes when they find no one at home. We hope these envelopes, equipped with our carriers names and addresses, will be helpful to our readers who wish to show appreciation. In case the carrier's name or address is in doubt, envelopes may be mailed to the News Review, 15 Crescent Road, Suite 100, Greenbelt, MD 20770-1887, for forwarding. Please include your address so we can identify your carrier.

Water Main Fix Almost Done

by Dennis Jelalian

Frank Hartz is the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) project manager for Contracts I and J to repair the 96" water main from Greenbelt Road to Route 450. He gave this News Review reporter an interview and a tour of the construction sites.

Contract I

Hartz says Contract I, which runs from Greenbelt Road to the Lanham Boys and Girls Club off Goodluck Road, is about 82% complete, and should be finished by March. Contract I will have been completed in less than a year. "Cianbro," the contractor for I, has done an excellent job: they have had no injuries. "An excellent safety record," said Hartz.

Contract I required 168 pieces of 78" pipe, large enough to walk through upright. Most pieces of pipe are forty feet long, and weigh eight and a half tons. They are placed inside the old pipe, which is only eight inches larger.

Corrosion Control

Pipe in the ground is subject to stray electric currents. These currents can remove metal from the pipe weakening or destroying it, in a sort of reverse electroplating. The new pipe will have a sophisticated system of detectors and power supplies that will neutralize stray electric currents and prevent corrosion.

In the narrow space between the old pipe and the new, electric conduits have been run to carry the sensors and power for the anti-corrosion system. Once the new pipe is installed and the electric conduit run, the rest of the space between the two pipes will be filled with grout blown in under high pressure.

On the inside of the pipe, the raw steel will be lined with a half inch of cement sprayed on. They are starting to spray the cement on Contract I.

Contract J

Hartz said that Contract J, which runs from approximately the Lanham Boys and Girls Club to Route 450, is about 30% complete. Utilicon, the contractor for J, has been having trouble getting prompt delivery of pipe. Some of the design and engineering work is still being done on J. Recent

conferences with the pipe supplier will increase the rate of delivery.

Visit to J

When we visited J, there was plenty of pipe on hand. But the construction foreman, Steve Widynski, was complaining that he'd been waiting all morning for the next piece, which drew laughter all around. The pipe is not straight, and each piece can only fit with the pieces it was designed to mate with. No two pieces are identical, and they are not interchangeable. While Widynski had plenty of pipe cluttering up the construction site in the middle of a residential neighborhood, he didn't have the piece he needed next, hence the laughter.

Utilicon has technology that will allow them to lay pipe quickly, perhaps as many as five pieces of pipe per day, and Contract J should be finished on or ahead of schedule by April 1999, two years from start

Thanks

We wish to thank all those friends, families, and organizations who helped make the Lions community breakfast with Santa a success this year. As in the past, the money raised will provide college scholarships and support academic achievement in Greenbelt. Special thanks to the American Legion and to the Greenbelt Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary for making our transition from St. Hugh's church to the Greenbelt Fire Department both smooth and successful. Also a big thank you to the Boy Scout troops of Greenbelt who literally served their community breakfast. Last, but not least, thank you Santa! Great job everyone! We hope to see you all again next year.

Dennis Boles and Bill Dupree
Lions Breakfast Chairmen

of construction, according to Hartz.

Through the Pipe

The surprise of the tour was a walk through the pipe. It twists and turns, rising and falling, like a writhing serpent through the earth, giving a slightly disorienting sensation.

You expect it to be dark inside the pipe, and it was, but there were lights strung every few feet. So there was enough light.

The really startling thing was the sound. Someplace, perhaps half a mile ahead of us, welders were joining the sections of pipe. We could just make out the glare of the arcs. There was the noise of the arcs, men yelling and laughing, the noisy roar of a machine, and the sound of wind rushing through the pipe. The pipe makes a natural echo chamber which transformed all the sounds into an eerie infernal effect. An interesting end to an interesting tour.

Letters

Who Says?

The lead article in your December 4 issue is "City Council Hires Biologist To Manage Beaver Problem." The first sentence in this article reads: "Extermination is not an option."

It would help insight into and discussion of the beaver problem if we were told: 1) who says that extermination is not an option; 2) on which facts and/or reasoning this statement is based.

Hopefully somebody will fill in these gaps.

Leonie Penney

Photographers Needed

The Prince George's County Special Olympics is looking for several residents to be volunteer photographers for the coming year. County Special Olympians participate in more than a dozen events during the year. For more information please call Rich Scott at 301-952-1400.

Wedding Wishes From First Couple

When Greenbelter Mukhtar Farooqi's wedding to his fiance Talat was approaching, President Bill Clinton's new "Initiative on Race" had just gotten underway and the President had mentioned in a speech that Fairfax County was a splendid example of ethnic harmony. This gave Mukhtar's father, Izhar Farooqi, an idea, since the ceremony was scheduled to take place in Fairfax. The senior Farooqi, an eight-year resident of Hunting Ridge, sent an invitation to President and Mrs. Clinton, telling them that they would be joining a gathering of guests from India, Pakistan, England, Canada, the Middle East, and Germany.

The First Couple sent their regrets, but extended congratulations on the happy occasion and said in a message, "Our thoughts and best wishes are with you as you begin your new life together."

Both the groom, a biologist, and his father are proud alumni of the Greenbelt Police Academy. The newlyweds have moved to Williamsburg, VA, where Farooqi has accepted a position.



Holiday Waste Collection

Due to the Christmas holiday, Thursday, December 25 trash collection will be a day earlier on Wednesday. Only Thursday collections are affected.

There will be no Thursday recycling collection or Friday yard debris and appliance pickups.

There will be a city refuse truck to collect extra holiday trash at the parking lot outside the City Office on Saturday, December 27 from 10 a.m. - 12 noon.

All City Offices will be closed on Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26.

For more information, call the Department of Public Works at (301) 474-8004.

ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

The fall gutter cleaning program

By December 19th the contractor "ALL-SEASONS GUTTER CLEANING" should have completed all courts from Ridge Road down to Westway with all side streets included. Weather permitting.

During the week of December 22nd through the 24th the following locations are planned:

- 1 through 8 Ridge
- 1 through 8 Crescent

If dates change or weather does not permit gutter cleaning an individual notice will be hung at each unit. If you have any questions, problems, or concerns please contact Phillip Rondeau at (301) 474-0292.

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m.; Tuesday 8-10 p.m.
Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

Community Events

At the Library

All Prince George's County libraries will close Monday, December 22 and Tuesday, December 23 at 6 p.m.

The libraries will be closed Wednesday, December 24 through Sunday, December 28.

Greenbelt CARES Babysitting Course

Greenbelt CARES will offer the winter session of their free babysitting course on Saturday morning, December 20, from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the conference room of the Municipal Building.

The course is free. Each student will receive a packet of materials to bring home. The course is targeted to teach students in grades 5 - 8 the safety and responsibility issues of babysitting.

Parents and students wanting additional information and enrollment should call Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau, 301-345-6660.

10/20 Annual Mile

The 33rd annual 10/20 mile running races will be held Saturday December 27, at 10 a.m. Registration is at the Greenbelt Youth Center at 9 a.m. The races are open to runners of all ages and abilities provided that adequate training has been done. There is an \$8 fee. Age group awards will be given in each race and each entrant will receive a commemorative patch. Refreshments after the race will be provided in the Youth Center. Call Joe Broderick at 301-717-2820 for additional information.

Winter GED Course

Greenbelt CARES will begin the winter 10-week General Educational Development (GED) course on Tuesday, January 13. GED I is held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. GED II is held from 1 to 3 p.m.

GED I is for students who need review of basic math (addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, fractions, decimals, percentages and word problems) and English grammar skills.

GED II is for students who have successfully completed GED I and/or are ready to learn algebra and geometry, English literature, and writing skills, and to prepare to take the GED test.

GED is held every Tuesday and Thursday for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building Conference Room, 25 Crescent Road. There is no charge for Greenbelt residents, but students are required to purchase the textbook.

Students do not have to be 16 years of age in order to take the GED course. Students are eligible to take a GED pre-test given at Greenbelt CARES, at no cost. The actual GED test is given by the State of Maryland, not Greenbelt CARES. However, students who are ready to take the test can obtain the application forms from Greenbelt CARES.

Questions and enrollment information regarding either GED I or GED II should be directed to Judy Hering, course instructor, at Greenbelt CARES, 301-345-6660.

Chamber Concert At ERHS Dec. 22

by Nancy Boardman
On Monday evening, December 22, in the Eleanor Roosevelt High School Auditorium, Greenbelters will have a holiday musical treat by instrumental soloists at ERHS. These students are selected through auditions for the honor of performing as soloists with the ERHS Chamber Orchestra, accompanying them for this holiday concerto concert.

Greenbelt students who play in the Chamber Orchestra are Jill Fitzpatrick, Lynn Hull, Katherine Stratton, Meadow Wirick, and Estelle Yoo. The soloists will perform an array of classical pieces, as well as more modern music with Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" as a part of the concert.

GHI Notes

The gutter cleaning will be completed by December 24.

Maintenance has been gathering leaves from common areas. Members are reminded that leaves must be bagged, left in the service side yard, and special trash called for pick-up (301-474-8004). Extra large leaf bags are available at the GHI offices.

The GHI offices will be closed Thursday, December 25 and Friday, December 26.

Greenbelt CARES

On Wednesday, December 10, Wendy Wexler completed the first of her eight week Teen Discussion Groups at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Next week she will interview students as potential participants for the next group beginning in January 1998.

Tammy Mountcastle began co-leading a Decision Making Group for fifth graders at Springhill Lake Elementary this week. Each group will consist of five sessions and all fifth grade students will have an opportunity to participate in the groups.

Seed Craft

Learn about the different types of seeds at Greenbelt Park and how to use them in making various crafts. The program is for children ages five to 10. Meet at the Ranger's Station at 1 p.m. on December 20.

Woodland Hike

Discover the sights, sounds and signs of the wildlife in the winter forest at Greenbelt Park on December 21. Meet at the Ranger Station at 1 p.m.



The Greenbelt Concert Band, directed by Tom Cherrix, strikes up lively Christmas melodies at the Municipal Building for the opening ceremonies of the Festival of Lights, December 6. -photo by Prospero Zevallos

Holiday Activities In Greenbelt Park

by Nicole Morgan

Rangers on horseback waited to greet the guests as celebrants gathered in the brisk woods of Greenbelt Park for a spectacular "Winterwonderland" with hayrides and arts and crafts on Saturday, December 13. Park-goers quickly filled the wagon for the guided 15-minute tour, and Santa waited outside the crafts room where children and parents stopped to make tree ornaments and pine wreaths. The Explorers youth volunteer team helped the youngest of the children make Christmas decorations, and answered their questions about the

park's wildlife.

Ranger Robin Martin passed around sassafras root from one of the many trees in the park, for haywagon passengers to smell. "Rangers sometimes boil the bark to make tea," she said. She also pointed out beaver dwellings, noting that the animals stay busy building dams that rangers often have to clear out. The 1,100-acre park has seen a large increase in the deer population and at dusk, rangers have seen groups of up to 30 deer coming out in search of food.

"I used to bring my children

to the park for hayrides during the fall," said Ruthann Lawson of Greenbelt. "Now I'm bringing my grandkids for Christmas. It's a good feeling."



City Notes

Specialty Operations crew - checked work of concrete contractor, hauled leaves to College Park, transported stage platform.

Parks crew - collected trash, litter, and leaves. Completed bus shelter at Ivy Lane and Ridge Road.

Work on the installation of a new bus shelter in Greenbelt East was continued. The installation of a metal climber in the playground on Plateau Place was completed.

Horticulture crew - planted 600 anemone bulbs to bloom next year, mulched pansies and covered with agrofabric against salt and snow. Fenced additional trees to prevent beaver damage.

Mechanics shop - serviced 25 vehicles.

Streets crew - helped with hauling leaves, seasonal decorations, and cleared stream valley park and storm drains.

The week before city crews decorated the light poles in Roosevelt Center with garlands and lights and decorated the official city Christmas tree at the city office. In addition, a historical plaque was installed on the map on Southway.

New Deal Cafe

Open Fri & Sat 7-11 pm Music 8:30 pm No cover

Friday 12/19 • Ray Kaminsky (blues, blues, and blues)

Saturday 12/20 • Bridges to Bliss (First night favorites)

Friday 12/26 • OPEN MIKE (play that new guitar!)

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WEEK OF DEC. 19

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Mon: (All seats \$3) 7:30

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Wed: (5:15 at \$3) 7:30

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Twenty-sixth Annual Festival of Lights

Greenbelt Recreation Department
25 Crescent Road • Greenbelt, Maryland 20770
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The Festival of Lights is a celebration of holiday events held throughout the month of December. Regardless of the origin of our individual customs and traditions, we welcome the participation of everyone in our community. Come celebrate together as family, friends and neighbors in the spirit of this special season and the Festival of Lights.

33rd ANNUAL HOLIDAY ROAD RACE
Saturday, December 27, 10:00am
Greenbelt Youth Center

All ages welcome. Registration fee.
Choose 20 mile, 10 mile. Information: 717-2820.
Hosted by: DC Road Runners Club and Greenbelt Recreation Department

GREENBELT NEW YEAR '98
Wednesday, December 31-Thursday, January 1
6:00pm-1:00am

Greenbelt Community Center
Advance sales 11/28-12/26: free/0-4, \$3/5-15, \$5/16+
After 12/26: free/0-4, \$5/5-15, \$7/16+
End up '97 and start '98 with a family oriented, non-alcoholic New Year's celebration. This party offers something for everyone...definitely a don't miss event!
Hosted by: Greenbelt New Year Committee and Greenbelt Recreation Department

RESOLUTION MILE SWIM
Thursday, January 1
11:00am

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center
Ages: 16+. Registration required, fee.
Get the new year off to a great start with a hearty swim.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

Greenbelt Municipal Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

Special Holiday Programming Monday-Friday, December 22-26th

5:00 p.m.	Greenbelt Elementary "Toyland Fantasy"
6:00 p.m.	"Santa Visits Greenbelt"
6:15 p.m.	"Stories for the Holiday" featuring Frances Hughes Glendening
7:00 p.m.	"Holiday Lights" featuring the Greenbelt Concert Band
8:30 p.m.	"Greenbelt Combined Choir presents Silent Night..."

OBITUARIES

Shirley Kelly Grady

Shirley Kelly Grady, 69, died December 6 at Green Ridge House, where she had lived for the past three years.

Mrs. Grady was born in Baltimore but grew up in Laurel. She lived in Greenbelt for 15 years. She worked for Berman Unipub of Lanham for a number of years and was active with the Welcome Wagon of Greenbelt.

Survivors include daughters Maureen Davis and Patricia Baccala, son Kevin Grady and three grandchildren.

Mrs. Grady was a member of Good Samaritan Lutheran Church in Lanham. A memorial service was held there on December 11.

Memorial contributions can be made in her name to Hospice of Prince George's County.

Memorial Mass For Ed Burgoon

A Memorial Mass for Ed Burgoon will be celebrated on Saturday, December 20, his birthday, at 10 a.m. at St. Hugh's Catholic Church.

Volunteers Needed

The National Arboretum needs volunteer gardeners to help during daytime hours Mondays through Fridays in the gardens and plant collections. People are needed to work in the herbarium (dried plant library) and in the offices. Weekend positions also are available for tram guides, interpretive docents and visitor information specialists. Gardener training begins February 24. Applications are being accepted through January 27. Call 202-245-4565 for an application.

Stocking Stuffers For Crisis Center

The Holy Cross Lutheran Church Outreach Department is sponsoring Christmas stockings for the Family Crisis Center of Prince George's County. Donations are needed to fill Christmas stockings for the 18 children and 11 mothers residing at the Center. Small educational toys (toddler to 12 years), slippers, underwear, mittens, small school supplies and coloring activity books would be especially appreciated.

The Sunday School children at Holy Cross will be decorating and stuffing the stockings with donated gifts on December 21. Holy Cross is located at 9605 Greenbelt Road.

Lutheran Choir Gives Christmas Service

The Senior Choir at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, directed by Joan Spencer, will present a special Christmas Eve service program of traditional Christmas carols, beginning at 9:30 p.m., December 24. As part of the 10 p.m. service of lessons and carols, the senior choir will sing special numbers including "Tell Me Shepherds," and "Coventry Carol."

Joan Spencer, a graduate of Concordia Teachers College, River Forest, Illinois, has led the senior choir at Holy Cross for many years. She is a volunteer, as are the members of her choir. Joan is a lyric soprano who, in addition to directing the choir, occasionally sings solos and often sings the service introit.



Joan Spencer
Senior Choir Director

Mowatt Church Holds Christmas Programs

The annual Outreach Christmas Party for the families and children of the Pregnancy Aid Center will be hosted once again by the congregation of Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. The party will begin at 3 p.m. on Saturday, December 20.

On Sunday, December 21, the Christmas Concert will be a part of the 11 a.m. worship service.

A TREE OF LIFE TO THEM THAT HOLD FAST TO IT

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Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.
Daily Mass: 7:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. Monday-Saturday
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor
In Residence: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

Setting the Gospel FREE!
Reverend Drew Shofner -- Pastor

Early Morning Worship (Sunday)	8:35 AM
Bible Study for all ages (Sunday)	9:45 AM
Worship Service (Sunday)	11:00 AM
	6:00 PM
Prayer Service (Wednesday)	7:00 PM

For transportation or more information call 301-474-4212
Located at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads

Greenbelt Baptist Church

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Busing

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ratio in Prince George's schools where the percentage of black students is very high. Funds are not tied to increases in performance, however.

Grasmick Plan

Dr. Grasmick has proposed a modest plan that would give \$15.6 million to Prince George's schools for enhancing the quality of teachers and management, as well as student performance. Her Targeted Improvement Program (TIP) would direct \$9.1 million of the \$15.6 million to students considered "at-risk" — those receiving reduced fee or free school lunches, those with limited English proficiency, or those receiving failing marks in school.

The remaining part of the \$15.6 million in funds would go towards replicating teaching methods that have successfully increased state test scores, enhancing teacher development, and conducting a financial audit of the county school system. Prince George's School Board legislative officer Mark Woodard commented that the Grasmick proposal is "good, but is not nearly enough to provide for 15 new schools and at-risk students."

Judge Messitte's decision will have less to do with actual dollars provided for the county than with the approach the county will be ordered to take in regard to meeting the needs of all its students. Since the county council has not made firm projections of the dollar amounts it would contribute toward building schools, the NAACP wants Judge Messitte to continue to monitor the school system. Leaders in the NAACP fear that without court oversight, many of Prince George's 74% black schoolchildren could be relegated to inadequate, overcrowded schools.

Countering this view, County Executive Wayne Curry stated in testimony before Judge Messitte that given the county's large number of black elected

officials, the needs of black children would certainly be met. Wayne Curry, the school superintendent Jerome Clark, County Council Chairwoman Dorothy Bailey, County Board of Education Chairman Alvin Thornton, the state's attorney Jack Johnson, and Congressman Albert Wynn of the 4th Congressional district all are black leaders in the county.

School funding decisions reached by political leaders and by Judge Messitte will not affect each other directly, but may act together synergistically. Legislators, who are aware of the mood of the court, will consider Messitte's pending decision as they craft the budget.

Girl Scouts, Others Win Service Award

Greenbelt Girl Scouts received recognition for their outstanding achievement and involvement in the Prince George's County "Adopt-a-Road" program from Citizens Concerned for Cleaner County (CCCC). The award was presented at CCCC's 17th annual awards ceremony in November.

When the Greenbelt Girl Scouts went looking for an environmental service project several years ago, there were no nearby roads available for adoption. Instead of a strip of asphalt, the Greenbelt Girl Scouts adopted the stormwater retention pond at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive. They were the first group in the county to adopt a pond. Since its adoption, the pond has received regular litter pickups by Greenbelt Girl Scouts of all ages, from Daisy troops to Senior troops. Even local Boy Scouts have joined in the fun!

The City of Greenbelt Recycling Advisory Committee, the Greenbelt Home & Garden Club, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Junior Civitan and Ecology Club also were recognized by the CCCC.

Students Walk To Help Homeless

Several Karp Family School/Mishkan Torah students participated in the Social Action Committee mini-walk supporting the Fannie Mae Foundation's annual Help the Homeless Mini-Walkathon. On the cold and blustery afternoon of Sunday, November 16, the hardy walkers — Mark Blackman, Andrew Brenner, Rachel Brooks, Elliot Drew, Charlene Gerring, Alana Grife, Gabriella Grife, Shira Grife, Erica Krit, Rachel Oresky, Josh Roth, Jane Schwartz, Andrew Shansby and Mandi Sittle were chaperoned by Phyllis Oresky, Rabbi Saul Grife, and Joanne Zaslow. They enjoyed chatting and singing (top 40, of course) along with huffing and puffing.

The effort will yield about \$1,200 for The Dwelling Place, a Maryland agency that provides transitional housing and supportive services for homeless families. The goals of the agency are to meet a participating family's basic housing needs, strengthen the family's ability to be economically independent through job skills training and life skills management, provide programs for children and support for parents and build the family's competence and confidence through case management.

The check will be presented to The Dwelling Place in a ceremony in February. Students who participated may receive four hours of Community Service Learning Program credit.

School

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several years, which could be of importance as some of the schools, especially ERHS and Springhill Lake, are currently us-

ing portable classrooms. All Greenbelt schools except Greenbelt Middle are at or above their enrollment capacity.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

Armed Robbery

Dec. 11, Beltway Plaza Mall, a man was leaving the mall and a man armed with a black semi-automatic pistol approached him. Pointing the gun at him, the armed man demanded that the victim give him money and then turn away. The victim complied, and the robber fled on foot toward the Springhill Lake Apartments.

Strong-arm Robbery

Dec. 6, 5500 block of Cherrywood Lane, a strong-arm robbery occurred. The three victims ran to the Beltway Plaza police substation and reported that three to five black juvenile males had approached them at the bus stop and demanded money. One of the suspects punched the first victim twice in the face, as he made his demand. That victim turned ten dollars over to the suspect. The suspects walked several feet away, but returned, searched all three victims and took a cellular phone from one. One of the suspects stated that the victims should not have messed with the "Lakeboy Crew." The suspects are three black males 16 - 17.

Assault

Dec. 6, 1:33 a.m., 5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, officers responded to a domestic assault. The husband told the officers that his wife, during an argument with him, had threatened to cut up his clothing. She had held a pair of scissors over several garments, ready to cut them. He had attempted to stop her, and she had cut him. Both husband and wife had injuries consistent with the story, and both were arrested, charged with domestic assault and released pending trial.

Dec. 7, 12:55 p.m., Jaspers Restaurant, 7401 Greenbelt Road, officers responded to a domestic assault still in progress. The victim's estranged husband had pulled her out the window of a vehicle. Several clumps of her hair were seen in the vehicle and on the ground next to the car. She refused medical treatment. The man, 35, a nonresident, was arrested, charged with assault and released pending trial.

Dec. 8, Denny's Restaurant, 7405 Greenbelt Road, a customer sexually assaulted a woman by pinching her on the buttocks. When she turned her body to escape the assault, he walked behind her and grabbed her again. She called police, but the man had fled before they arrived.

Dec. 11, Beltway Plaza Mall, the victim was walking home on Cherrywood lane after shopping. A man grabbed her from behind, pressed a knife or similar object against her abdomen and said, "I have a message for you: Drop the charges." The suspect then fled on foot toward the shopping center. The woman sustained no injury other than a bruise on her abdomen.

Unattended Children

Dec. 8, 6:23 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a man left three children, ages 6, 10 and 12, un-

attended in his car for 40 to 55 minutes while he was shopping. He was charged with unattended children in a motor vehicle.

Auto Theft

Dec. 7, 6000 block of Greenbelt Road, a green 1994 Dodge Caravan with Maryland tags 634922M was stolen.

Dec. 7, 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, a red 1990 Chevrolet Cavalier with Maryland tags BSV 325 was stolen.

Dec. 8, 9100 block of Edmonston Road, a red 1988 Acura Legend with Maryland tags ZMF 9021 was stolen. It was recovered on Dec. 8 in the 300 block of Stanton Road, S.E. Washington, D.C. by the Metropolitan Police. No arrests were made.

Substation-East

The Greenbelt Police substation phone number is 301-474-4992. 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, 301-474-5454.

Burglary, Theft and Fraud

Dec. 5, Burlington Coat Factory, money was taken from an unattended safe in the manager's office.

Dec. 6, 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, four cereal bowls were taken. There were no signs of forced entry.

Dec. 6, Safeway food store, 7400 block of Greenbelt Road, an unattended wallet was taken from a shopping cart.

Dec. 7, Marriott Hotel on Ivy Lane, a burglary of a hotel room was reported. Electronics and personal property were taken. There were no signs of forced entry.

Dec. 7, AMC Theaters, Beltway Plaza, an unattended cellular telephone was taken from a seat in a movie house.

Dec. 8, Aquatic and Fitness Center, a burglary was reported. An unidentified homeless person was discovered sleeping in a storage area and was sent on his way before police arrived. Nothing had been taken.

Dec. 8, 6700 block of Hanover Parkway, a burglary from a construction trailer was reported. Entry was forced. Nothing was taken.

Dec. 9, Office Plus Temporary Agency, 6401 Golden Triangle Drive, the manager told the responding officer that an employee of the agency had submitted two fraudulent time sheets and had received pay for hours she had not worked. Investigation is continuing.

Dec. 9, 6517 Springcrest Drive, appliances and electronics were taken from a model home. No signs of forced entry were found.

Dec. 9, Bally's Fitness Center, a wallet was taken from a locker after the lock was cut.

Dec. 11, Maplewood Court,

a residential burglary was reported. Glass was broken out of a sliding glass door. Electronics and photography equipment were taken.

Dec. 11, AMC Theaters, Beltway Plaza Mall, a counterfeit twenty dollar bill was used to purchase movie tickets. The investigation was turned over to the U.S. Secret Service.

Suspicious or Disorderly

Dec. 5, 2:45 a.m., an officer observed a vehicle moving at a high rate of speed, northbound on 495, and he stopped it on Kenilworth Ave. The driver did not show driver's license or registration, but showed a rental contract for the vehicle. Neither of the occupants of the vehicle was listed on the contract as the one who rented the vehicle. \$38,908 in pre-packaged bundles was found hidden throughout the vehicle. No arrests were made. Investigation is continuing.

Dec. 11, 6:35 p.m., St. Hugh's school, 135 Crescent Road, a man was standing in the road, trying to stop cars by stepping in front of them. As the officer arrived, the man pulled on the door handles of several cars, trying to get in. The entire time he was in the street he was screaming that he needed physical love. The officer tried to get the man out of the street, but the man stepped into traffic instead. The officer then attempted to arrest the

man, and a struggle ensued, and the man attempted to get the officer's gun out of its holster. Back-up officers arrived, and the man was placed in custody. He was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, and attempting to disarm a police officer and was held on \$50,000 bond pending trial.

Dec. 12, 53 Crescent Road, a man was creating a disturbance, shouting loudly enough to be heard in neighboring apartments, waking several people. After the officer asked him several times to be quiet, the man, a non-resident, was arrested. He was charged with disorderly conduct and released pending trial.

Vandalism

Dec. 5, 6200 block of Springhill Court, a bedroom window was broken.

Dec. 9, 6100 block of Springhill Terrace, a bedroom window was broken out.

Dec. 9, 7500 block of Greenbelt Road, a glass panel in a door was broken out. Nothing was taken.

Vandalisms to, thefts from and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7200 block of Greenbelt Road, Parkway, 7800 block of Lakecrest Drive and 6200 block of Edmonston Road.

Speed Control Efforts Increase on Parkway

The National Park Service and the United States Park Police have strengthened their resolve to make the Baltimore-Washington Parkway safer for all commuters and park visitors by increasing enforcement against hazardous drivers. Park superintendent Gentry Davis of National Capital Parks-East who is in charge of maintaining the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, recently purchased two state-of-the-art radar systems and presented them to United States Park Police Sergeant Keith Horton, acting station commander of the Greenbelt Park substation.

The purchase of the radar units is part of a continuing cooperative effort by the National Park Service and the United States Park Police to combat the escalating dangers of excessive speed on one of the most heavily traveled highways connecting the Nation's Capital to Baltimore.

Over 14 million vehicles travel the approximately 25-mile long parkway annually. Sgt. Horton reported that 6,753 citations were issued in 1996, and an estimated 80 percent were for excessive speed. Totals for 1997 are expected to exceed those of 1996.

GREENBELT ASSOCIATION FOR VISUAL ARTS

GAVA registration forms are available at the Greenbelt Community Center. Unless otherwise noted, all GAVA classes begin the week of January 11, 1998. For more information call Jessica Gitlis 301/441-3859.

Activity/Age	Day/Time/Location/Cost	Description
Instructor Advanced Wheel Techniques Gina Mai Denn	W/7-9pm/Ceramic Studio R: \$112; NR: \$122; 12-weeks	For experienced students. Emphasis on wheel and glazing techniques.
Ceramics Ann Potter	Su/11-1pm/Ceramic Studio R: \$112; NR: \$122; 12-weeks	A variety of wheel, hand building and glazing techniques will be covered. Class begins 1/11.
Ceramic Open Studio	R: \$50; NR: \$60; 12-weeks	Access to studio when classes are not scheduled. Call 301/441-3859 for info.
Introduction to the Wheel Jessica Gitlis	Tu/7-9pm/Ceramic Studio R: \$112; NR: \$122; 12-weeks	Emphasis on learning wheel techniques.
Tile Making Katie Childress	M/7-9pm/Ceramic Studio R: \$112; NR: \$122; 12-weeks	Create glazed ceramic tiles, learning texture, relief and repeated patterns.
Beginning Basketweaving Teddy Primack	F/7-10pm on 2/6 & Sa/10am-1pm on 2/7; Adult Art Rm R: \$35; NR: \$43; 2 classes	Make a market basket using basic techniques.
Intro. to Figure & Still Life Drawing Clark Mester	Th/7-9pm/Adult Art Rm R: \$95; NR: \$105; 8-weeks	Bring drawing pencils and a large drawing pad to the first class. Class begins 2/5 and goes through 3/26. Model fee will be determined at the beginning of class.
Pottery for Children 12+ Ann Potter	Sa/2-4pm/Ceramic Studio R: \$112; NR: \$122; 12-wks	Learn basic wheel and hand-building techniques.
Children's Ceramics 5-8 yrs Barbara Simon	Sa/11:15am-12:15pm/Cer. Stu. R: \$55; NR: \$65; 12-weeks	Children learn basic hand building and sculpture techniques.
Children's Ceramics 8-12 yrs Barbara Simon	Sa/10am-11am/Ceramic Studio R: \$55; NR: \$65; 12-weeks	Children learn basic hand building and sculpture techniques.
Explorations in Clay 6-12 yrs Barbara Simon	Su/3-4pm/Ceramic Studio R: \$55; NR: \$65; 12-weeks	Cost is \$1 for child/\$1 for adult family member. \$40 for each additional family member.
Comic Book 5th grade+ George Koschell	F/5:30-7:30pm/Child's Art Rm R: \$60; NR: \$70; 6-weeks	Learn how real comic books are drawn, inked, colored & printed.
Beading Basics 12+ Susan Gervasi	Sa/1-3pm/Adult Art Room R: \$25; NR: \$31; 1-day	
Homeschoolers Art Class 5-12 yrs Barbara Simon	M/1-3pm/Children's Art Rm R: \$112; NR: \$122 Sibling R: \$65; NR: \$73; 12-weeks	Children use clay, paint, printmaking materials and more. Parents encouraged to participate.
Children's Drop-in Art Program Barbara Simon	Tu/W/3-6pm/Child's Art Rm \$1/hr.	Program for school age children. Supervised by volunteers. No registration required.
Preschooler's Drop-in Art Program Barbara Simon	W/9-11am & 1-3pm/Children's Art Rm; \$1/hr	Program for preschoolers and parents. Parents supervise children. No registration required.

Competition Now Open To 7th, 8th Graders

For the first time, the Duracell/NSTA Scholarship Competition is open to 7th and 8th grade students and to two-person teams. In the 16th annual competition now underway, students in 7th through 12th grade are encouraged to participate individually or in pairs for over \$100,000 in U.S. savings bonds.

The Duracell rewards the creativity of students who invent battery-powered devices. Recognized as the nation's leading invention contest, 100 great ideas will be winners in the 1998 competition, and every student who enters will receive a prize.

Entries from grades 7 to 9 and from grades 10 to 12 will be judged separately. In both categories there will be a first place winner of a \$20,000 bond and two second place winners of \$10,000 bonds. In both categories there will be five third place awards of \$1,000 bonds, 12 fourth place awards of \$500 bonds, and 30 fifth place awards of \$200 bonds.

Students on winning teams will divide prize money equally. Sponsoring teachers of the top three winners in each category will receive \$2,000 gift certificates for computer equipment. Teachers sponsoring all 100 winners receive gifts.

The first and second place winners, their parents and sponsoring teachers will be guests of Duracell at awards festivities held in Las Vegas during the National Science Teachers Association's annual convention in April.

To help students power their winning ideas, the competition is offering directions and a parts list for the new Duracell/NSTA Starter Kit via the National Science Teachers Association World Wide Web site. The kit is an introduction to basic electronics and shows how to build a circuit. Students must collect or purchase the parts listed on the web site in order to complete the circuit.

Entries are judged on creativity, practicality, and energy efficiency of the battery-powered device, and on clarity of the essay. Winners are selected in a two step process by judges who are distinguished scientists and science educators selected by the NSTA.

The deadline for receipt of entries is January 14. For entry packets call toll free at 1-888-255-4242. Get more information on the WWW at <http://www.nsta.org/programs97/duracell.htm>. Student inventors retain all rights to their devices.

The Old Curmudgeon

by I.J. Parker

Last week, I strolled past the Greenbelt movie theater and was surprised to see that "Boogie Nights" was playing there. I had seen the movie earlier, so I knew the story was about a porno film producer, portrayed by Burt Reynolds. The reviews said that Reynolds would be eligible for an Academy Award nomination on the basis of his performance. (I think he'd be lucky to get an invitation to the theater, let alone an award.) Needless to say, the movie was pretty raunchy; the very last scene showed a young man displaying his genitals.

Now let's go back about 30-40 years. The movie theater, then part of the co-op, was showing an Italian film called "Bitter Rice", starring Anna Magnani - a buxom actress who was pictured in the advertisements dressed in cut-off shorts that displayed an ample behind. The plot of the movie centered on labor condi-

tions in the rice fields of Italy, and some torrid romance. Compared to current standards, the lovemaking was mild, if not tepid. There was no open-mouth kissing, and at critical moments, the film showed a flaming fire-plate, or huge waves crashing along the rocks. Maybe there was a heaving bosom or two.

Some local Greenbelt citizens, some spurred on by their church, decided to protect the morals of the town inhabitants, and prevent them from exposure to iniquity. They picketed the theater. The manager of the theater, a good-natured guy named Jack Fruchtman, was placed in a dilemma. He wasn't inclined to offend future patrons, so he cancelled the movie the next night.

This aroused another segment of Greenbelt citizens, who cried "censorship" and were angry that "freedom of speech" was being inhibited - nay, trampled on. What did Jack

Fruchtman do? He resumed the full run of the film!

We have come a long way since "Bitter Rice." The female body, long considered an object of beauty and admiration through the centuries in many cultures, is starting to get competition from the male body. The popularity of the "Chippendales," a group of male strippers, was an early manifestation of this aspect. This year "Boogie Nights," with its free exposure of both genders, but ending on the masculine display, was preceded by an English comedy titled "The Full Monty." This latter movie is based on a group of unemployed English friends who form a kind of "chippendale" act, but promise its patrons to go all the way, when they strip; thus the "full monty!"

I'm not quite sure what to make of this phenomenon. It seems as though women are demanding equal rights, including gawking at male nudes. Now, if only I can get rid of this beer-belly.



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Lots of Entertainment Offered at First Night

by Angie Noyes

New Year revelers of all ages will be treated to a wonderful Greenbelt celebration this year that promises to "Inspire Domestic Festivity." The second annual Greenbelt New Year, held in the Greenbelt Community Center, will welcome all ages to enjoy a rollicking evening of live music, storytelling, games, dancing, arts and crafts, and refreshments.

Here's a sample of what to expect:

Greg Meyer Jazz

Jazz players usually find themselves playing in nightclubs or other "grown-up" domains, so their music doesn't always reach younger ears. Greg Meyer, leader of the jazz trio that will play for New Year's, says the thing he most looks forward to at the event is that his kids will be able to hear him play.

Meyer was a student of Phil Woods, the great alto sax player.

Meyer's passion for jazz playing motivated him to form the group he has now played with for three years. The group will play two styles during the New Year's event. In the large gym area, they will play tunes from the big-band era, with selections by such jazz greats as Duke Ellington and Cole Porter. Inside the New Deal Cafe, the band will play softer swing music and Brazilian songs in the bossa nova style by artists like Stan Getz.

bring cheer to the New Year's festivities. The Dixieland Combo, a group of nine players including clarinet, trumpet, trombone, tuba, tenor sax, piano and percussion, will start the evening's musical line-up. This group will be followed by the Whirlwind Quintet, an ensemble composed of clarinet, oboe, French horn, flute and bassoon. Selections by the quintet will include classical, jazz, ragtime and medleys.

Goddard Storytellers

Do Goddard scientists tell tall tales? Those from the Goddard Storytellers do! An eclectic troupe of four tellers, three of whom deal with space by day, will fascinate listeners this New Year's Eve with folk tales, true tales, starlore tales and stories of heroes. In the spirit of the celebration, the group will focus on stories that are "fun to tell, and fun to listen to," with an overall theme of renewal, change, hope and humor.

The group consists of founder Jim Lochner, Tim Livengood, Lu Slifer and Jan Brenner.

Each member of the group has a niche, and Lochner's stories usually focus on starlore tales, Native American stories about the stars, as well as stories of heroes. Tim Livengood, "a science geek and incurable chatterbox.... specializes in true tales — maybe a little exaggerated — of life



INSPIRE DOMESTIC FESTIVITY

The Chromatics

The Chromatics is a nine-member vocal band based in Greenbelt. Their recent schedule has included a debut at the Kennedy Center Millennium Stage. With a repertoire spanning music styles from Gregorian chant to doo-wop, madrigals to folk tunes, and classical to contemporary/1990's chart busters, the Chromatics cover the full spectrum of a cappella sound. Like the Goddard Storytellers, many members of the Chromatics are full-time scientists.

ERHS Bands

Two of Eleanor Roosevelt High School's various bands will

lived foolishly." Lu Slifer is the group's Civil War buff, so some stories in his repertoire draw from this history and from his experiences living in Gettysburg. Slifer also spent time in India and various other locations throughout the world. His travels often make their way into his stories, which he refers to as, "Tall Tales and Short Legends from Around the World." Jan Brenner tells all kinds of folk tales, often finding a ready audience with her two children.

For more information on the Greenbelt New Year, call 301-397-2208.

A Review

Combined Choir Gives Concert

by Dennis Jelalian

The Greenbelt Combined Choir gave a crowd-pleasing concert at Greenbelt Community Church on December 14. The Combined Choir is comprised of members of various local church choirs who wore the robes of the churches to which they belong. It made a colorful spectacle and perfectly expressed the unity and fellowship of a group brought together to celebrate the season. The sight of the choir alone carried a message as powerful as any sermon.

The choir performed a number of Christmas favorites with polish and verve, which speaks well for Director Jean Cook. Pianist Muriel Balzer was outstanding. Her piano solo of "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" had a lovely hypnotic effect, which was just right.

Sometimes music arrangers will transcribe and arrange a piece of music from one musical group to another, or combine two or more pieces of music. There were two such pieces on the program.

One piece combined "Joy to the World" with "Go Tell it on the Mountain." The whole thing was done in a sort of hip gospel style. It managed to capture some of the mannerisms of gospel music, but failed to capture the brilliance, fire and passion. The problem is in the arrangement, not the choir, which sang well.

The other piece was a transcription of Pachelbel's famous "Canon in D" for choir. We're so used to hearing it performed as an instrumental, it came as something of a shock to hear it done by a choir. It sounded different, but captured the flavor of the original and was a definite success.

Congratulations to the Combined Choir. Keep up the good work.

A Review

Antigone Plays At Roosevelt

by Tabitha Stahl

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Drama Department presented its winter production of Antigone December 4 through 6.

Director and drama teacher, Brian Clancy, used a creative approach to the play, bringing the play up to date for the 90's. Names of characters and places were the same, but in all other aspects the play was totally modernized. Aeon originally king of Thebes, became the queen. She was prominent on stage in a bright red power-suit. The guards wore modern military combat uniforms.

Another creative idea was to spread the chorus through the audience. The members of the chorus were all dressed in brown, which made them blend with the audience. The audience felt at one with the chorus; an excellent idea.

There were modern audio-visual aids. The show started with projections of newspaper headlines on a big screen, ac-

companied by music. The headlines gave the background of the story for people unfamiliar with it. Another good idea, but the headlines went on too long and were too repetitive. The melancholy music established the mood perfectly.

While the play had many excellent features, some of the principal players were not effective or engaging. There was not enough passion, not enough variety of movement, not enough variety of voice. After a while, it became tiring. It did not involve me as other plays have.

The smaller roles drew my attention. Particularly effective was the messenger at the end of the play, played by Genna Williams, who related the death of Antigone and Haemon, while Haemon's mother stood listening, shaking and in tears.

This effective bit of performance brought the play alive. One of the ushers commented: "every time Genna started her monologue, it got freezing in the auditorium."

Recycling Award Won by ERHS

Eleanor Roosevelt High School was recently recognized as the top county high school in the Schools In Recycling (SIR) program for 1996-1997 for its 4,650 pounds of recycled paper.

At the annual awards ceremony of Citizens Concerned for a Cleaner County, the school was presented with an engraved baton, which was passed on from the previous year's winner as a symbol of recycling. Representing ERHS were Victoria Burton, Anna Guard and Richard Carrington.

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Our Neighbors

Condolences to Wayne Spong and his family on the recent death of his father.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of Shirley Kelly Grady of Green Ridge House. Mrs. Grady had lived in Greenbelt for 15 years.

Regina Nelson of Greenbelt is one of more than 500 St. Olaf College Christmas Festival Concert musicians who will be seen nationwide on "Christmas at St. Olaf," a public television holiday special on December 24. Check local station listings for times.

Hugh and Resa Jascourt, 32-year residents of Maplewood Court, celebrated two family milestones recently. Elder son Stephen received his Ph.D. in Meteorology at the University of Wisconsin. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). Son Leigh, an Arizona State University and ERHS graduate now working on a master's degree in physical therapy, became engaged. He proposed to Amy Light of Carmel, NY, via the scoreboard during the seventh-inning stretch of the Florida Marlins/Atlanta Braves playoff game for the World Series. Amy accepted, and after an August wedding and Leigh's completion of his M.S. degree at the University of Miami, the couple will move to Arizona. The Marlins' management sent the couple a photograph of the very public proposal.

Congratulations and thanks to all the many volunteers and students who helped bring the sounds of Christmas and holiday spirit to Greenbelt last weekend through musical performances.

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Winter Concert showcased the variety of talent possessed by its various musical ensembles on Friday. Sunday afternoon's traditional holiday performance by the Greenbelt Concert Band provided added sparkle with the participation of Brownie Troop #2208. The weekend was capped Sunday evening with an outstanding performance by the Greenbelt Combined Choirs.

Congratulations to the 39 students from the Greenbelt area who have been listed in the 31st Annual Edition of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 1996-97. Published by Educational Communications, Inc., the book is the largest high school recognition publication in the country. Students are nominated by high school principals and guidance counselors, national youth groups, churches and educational organizations based upon student's academic achievement and involvement in extracurricular activities.

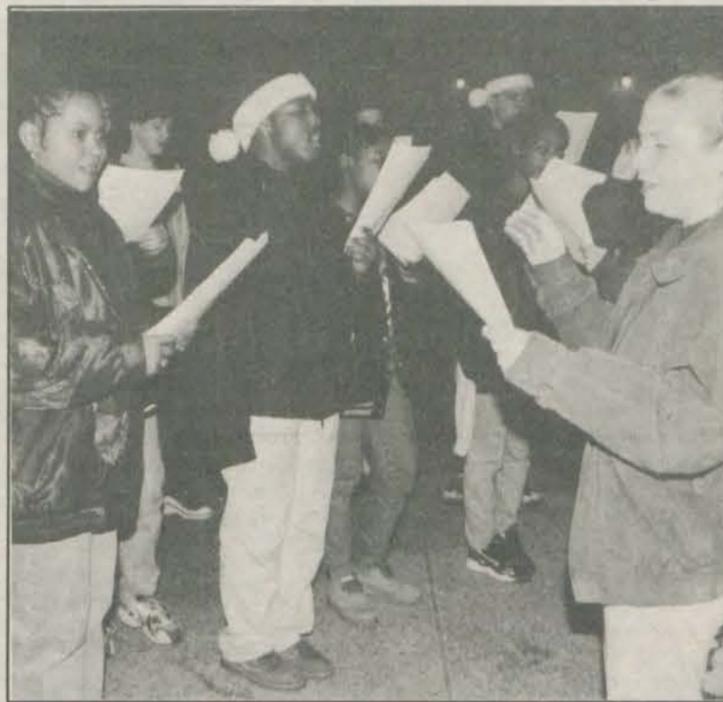
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Eleanor Roosevelt chorus members singing at Greenbelt East Christmas tree lighting.

- photo by Thelma Loret-De-Mola



Paul Carey

Paul Carey Completes Scout Training Course

Paul Carey, of Ridge Road, Life Scout of Boy Scout Troop 252 and Explorer Post 521, has successfully completed the Advanced Junior Leader Training Course.

Paul is currently working on his Eagle Project with his Explorer Post. Carey currently is certified in Professional CPR and First Aid and is presently training for Emergency Responder. He hopes to become an EMT by the age of 16. His Post provided the medical units for the Promise Keepers.

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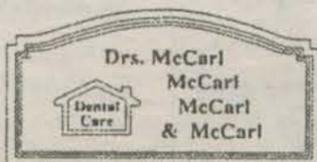


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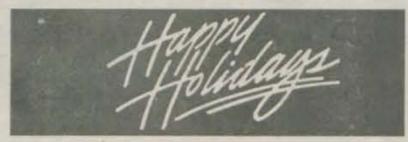
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- photo by Prospero Zevallos



Two-car crash on Crescent. A car went out of control on December 13, reportedly following a heart attack suffered by the driver. The driver of the second car was not seriously injured.

- photo by Rita Wooddell

Two Auto Accidents Occur in Two Hours

Crescent Road near St. Hugh's Catholic Church was the scene of two auto accidents on Saturday, December 13, less than two hours apart.

One incident occurred at 1:57 p.m. and involved two vehicles, one traveling southbound on Crescent Road and the other northbound. The southbound vehicle, driven by a Greenbelt woman, crossed over the double yellow line and struck the oncoming vehicle. The driver of the second car was a male Greenbelter. The victims were transported to Doctors Hospital, and both vehicles were towed away.

Single Car Accident

Less than two hours later, at 3:50 p.m., a second mishap occurred. This time a 29-year-old Greenbelt man is reported to have fallen asleep at the wheel of a red Subaru. The car crossed the center line, collided with a bridge guardrail, and overturned before coming to rest upside-down on the concrete embankment of the stream. Amazingly, the driver sustained only minor injuries in the single-car accident. He was taken to Doctors Hospital.

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Deer hunting will be allowed in 30 designated tracts east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. Hunters must hunt from blinds. There will be no free-roaming hunting and no hunting within 2000 feet of the BARC boundary.

BARC estimates that there are 2000 to 2500 deer on its property, which leads to widespread crop damage on the center.

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Residents wishing to participate in the hunt must have a valid Maryland hunting license, have taken a hunters' safety course and obtain an official BARC permit. In addition to the bow season ending Dec. 19, there will be a bow season January 5-31; a muzzle loader season December 20 to January 3. A shotgun season ended December 13. There is no rifle season.

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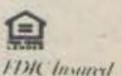
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GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT WINTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Mail in Registration Begins December 22

Mail-In registration is now accepted. In-Person registration is required at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

City Residency:
Resident rates apply to those persons who reside in, pay taxes to and are eligible to vote in Greenbelt elections (if 18 years of age or older). Non-resident rates apply to those who live outside of Greenbelt or those who have a Greenbelt mailing address, but do not pay taxes to the City.

Mail-In Registrations Accepted Beginning:

Greenbelt Residents December 22
Non-Residents December 29
Walk-In (for all) January 5

Walk-In Registration Locations:

Greenbelt Youth Center Monday-Friday 9am - 4:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center Monday-Saturday 9am - 9:30pm

A 'DROP BOX' is located at the Community Center and the Youth Center, where registrations may be "DROPPED" at any time during the registration period. For mail-in registration, complete form below and mail with payment to: *Greenbelt Recreation Department; 25 Crescent Rd.; Greenbelt, Md. 20770.* MasterCard/Visa and checks are accepted. If paying by credit card, please include the card type (MC/VS), the expiration date, and the credit card number. Checks should be made payable to the 'City of Greenbelt'.

Class Schedule:

Except where noted, all classes will begin the week of January 11, 1998. Saturday classes will begin January 17, 1998. Please see class description for specific dates and times. If class is canceled, make-ups will be held at the end of the regular class schedule. PLEASE NOTE: All classes have a limited enrollment. Early registration improves your chances of getting the class you want.

Pre School Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

Activity	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/Cost	Instructor	Description
127503-1	Mom's Morning Out 3-4 yrs	Tu/Th/9-11:30am/YC-A&C R: \$93.75; NR: \$122; 8-weeks	Gaye Houchens	Program designed to aid in social gross motor and learning skills. Child must be potty trained. Program will not be held on P.G. County School holidays. Class ends March 6. PLEASE NOTE: Payment for MMO is due in full at the time of registration.
127503-2	Mom's Morning Out 3-5 yrs	M/W/F/9-11:30am/YC-A&C R: \$137.50; NR: \$178.75; 8-weeks	Gaye Houchens	
127503-3	Mom's Morning Out 4-5 yrs	M-F/12:30-3:00pm/YC-A&C R: \$237.50; NR: \$308.75;	Gaye Houchens	
124201-1	Pre-Ballet 3-4 yrs	Sa/9:45-10:15am/CC-Dance R: \$32; NR: \$40; 10-weeks	Pam White	Basic dance movements, rhythm and coordination. Begins 1/17.
122502-1	Pre-Gymnastics 3-5 yrs	Th/3:30-4:15pm/YC-Gym R: \$30; NR: \$37.50; 8-weeks	ABC Jamboree	Age appropriate gymnastic fundamentals.
122502-2	Pre-Gymnastics 3-5 yrs	Sa/12:30-1:15pm/YC/Gym R: \$30; NR: \$37.50; 8-weeks	ABC Jamboree	Age appropriate gymnastic fundamentals.
122402-1	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	Th/3:30-4:30pm/SHL FREE; 6-weeks	TBA	Assortment of playtime activities for pre-schoolers. Registration required.
122503-1	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	Tu/4:45-5:30pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6-weeks	Erica Lieberman	Assortment of playtime activities for pre-schoolers. Registration required. Begins 1/20.
123507-1	Pre-School A&C 3-5 yrs	F/3:30-4:15pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6-weeks	Sarah Schaffer	Make and take projects for young artists. Registration required.
122503-2	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	Th/4:45-5:30pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6-weeks	Erica Lieberman	Assortment of playtime activities for pre-schoolers. Registration required. Begins 1/22.
123510-1	Junior Awesome Art 3-5 yrs	Sa/11:30-12:15pm/YC-A&C R: \$15; NR: \$18.75; 8 weeks	Erica Lieberman	Saturday morning art opportunity for young artists. Begins 1/24.
117501-1	Tiny Tots Drop-In 9-18 mos	W/9:30-10:30am/YC-MPR R: \$15; NR: \$18.75; 8-weeks Drop in: \$2.50/class	No instructor	Unstructured, interactive play time for child and adult caregiver.
112502-2	Toddler Gym 1 1.5-2.5 yrs	Th/9:30-10:30am/YC-Gym R: \$15; NR: \$18.75; 8 weeks	Janice Bistany	Interactive play for toddlers and their caregivers.
112501-1	Toddler Gym 2 2.5-4 yrs	F/9:30-10:30am/YC-Gym R: \$15; NR: \$18.75; 8-weeks	TBA	Interactive play for kids and their caregivers
N/A	After-School Art Drop-In 6-12 yrs	Tu/W/3-6pm/CC-Art Rm Drop in: \$1 per hour	Barbara Simon 474-2192	Winter session starts 1/7. Preschoolers welcome w/parent.
133501-1	Arts and Crafts 6-12 yrs	F/4:30-5:15pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6 weeks	Sarah Schaffer	Make and take creative art projects. Registration required.
133401-1	Arts and Crafts, 6-12 yrs	M/3:15-4pm/SHL FREE; 6-weeks	TBA	Registration required. Creative outlet for elementary schoolers.
133510-1	Awesome Art 6-10 yrs	Sa/10:30-11:15am/YC-A&C; R: \$15; NR: \$18.75; 8-weeks	Erica Lieberman	Creative art projects for young artists. Begins 1/24.
134202-1	Ballet 5-7 yrs	Sa/10:30-11:15am/CC-Dance R: \$32; NR: \$40; 10-weeks	Pam White	Emphasis on proper Alignment and body awareness. Begins 1/17.
134203-2	Ballet/Jazz 7-12 yrs	Sa/11:30-12:15pm/CC-Dance R: \$32; NR: \$40; 10-weeks	Pam White	Basic movements, encouraging creativity and expression. Begins 1/17.
132502-1	Gymnastics 6-12 yrs	Th/4:30-5:15 pm/YC-Gym R: \$30; NR: \$37.50; 8weeks	ABC Jamboree	Gymnastic fundamentals will be introduced
132502-2	Gymnastics 6-12 yrs	Sa/1:30-2:15pm/YC-Gym R: \$30; NR: \$37.50; 8-weeks	ABC Jamboree	Gymnastic fundamentals will be introduced
132503-1	Homeschooler Open Gym 5-12 yrs	W/2-3pm/YC-Gym R: \$5; NR: \$8; Drop in: \$1/week; 8-weeks	No instructor	Unstructured, open gym time exclusively for home schooled children and adult caregiver.
132202-1	Beginning Karate 5-12 yrs	Th/5:30-6:30pm/CC-Rehearsal R: \$36; NR: \$44; 9-weeks	Arturo Oliva	Self-defense through the use of karate. Begins 1/22.
132201-1	Intermediate/Advanced Karate	Th/5:30-6:30pm/CC-Dance R: \$36; NR: \$44; 9-weeks	Arturo Oliva	Self-defense through the use of karate. Yellow belt level or higher. Begins 1/22.

Teen/Adult Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

Activity	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/Cost	Instructor	Description
152203-1	Fit N' Fun Aerobics 16+	M/W/F/9:30-10:45 am/CC-Gym R: \$40; NR: \$50; Drop-in fee: R: \$2; NR: \$3; 11-weeks	Judy Cocchiaro	Bring mats and weights. High and low aerobics. Babysitting available. Begins 1/5. Class is in dance studio 1/5, 1/7 & 1/9.
N/A	Tone & Strengthen 16+	Tu/Th/9:30-10:30am/CC-Dance; FREE; 11-weeks	Judy Cocchiaro	In the Senior Conference Gallery Room on 1/13 & 1/15. Begins 1/6.
152202-2	Health Fitness 16+	Th/7-8pm/CC-Dance R: \$25; NR: \$31.25; 9-weeks	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, Hatha yoga and more. Begins 1/20.
152202-1	Health Fitness 16+	Tu/7-8pm/CC-Dance R: \$25; NR: \$31.25; 9-weeks	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, Hatha yoga and more. Begins 1/20.
142201-1	Karate Shotokan 13+	Th/6:30-7:30pm/CC-Rehearsal R: \$36; NR: \$44; 9-weeks	Arturo Oliva	Self-defense through the use of Karate. Begins 1/22.
142202-1	Karate Workout 13+	Th/8:30-9:30pm/CC-Dance R: \$36; NR: \$44; 9-weeks	Arturo Oliva	NEW! Aerobic workout using basic karate movements. Begins 1/22.
154501-1	International Folk Dancing	F/8-10pm/YC-MPR \$30/person; 8-weeks.	Roland Forbes	Variety of international dances for all skill levels.
154201-1	Greek Folk Dancing All Ages	Su/7:30-9:00pm/CC/Dance R: \$36; NR: 40; 10-weeks	Chris Tennent	Remember Zorba and wonderful music? Have fun, keep fit! Begins 1/18.
157202-1	Beginning Sign Language 13+	M/7-8:30pm/CC-Sr. Classroom R: \$40; NR: \$50; 10-weeks	Cathy Raider	Come learn the beginning of sign language. Book purchase additional. Begins 1/12.
152206-1	Tai Chi - Beginning, 16+	Sa/8:30-9:30am/CC-Rehearsal R: \$32; NR: \$42; 8-weeks	Larry Fleming Class Leader	Learn the basics and experience the benefits of this mind/body exercise.
152204-1	Vishwayatan Yoga 16+	Tu/6-7pm/CC-Dance R: \$40; NR: \$50; 10-weeks	Manju Shukla	Class will focus on yoga exercises, yoga therapy, and breathing technique to reduce weight and improve circulation. Begins 1/20.
152201-1	Morning Yoga 16+	M-Tu-Th-F/7-8:30am/CC-Dance R: \$50 for 10 classes; NR: \$62.50 for 10 classes; Drop-In: R: \$5; NR: \$6	Mary Wirick	This class suitable for beginners or experienced people. Bring a mat or towel. Enter at dance studio door located around the back of the building. Begins 1/19. Class is ongoing.

Special Registration Classes Please see class description for special registration information.

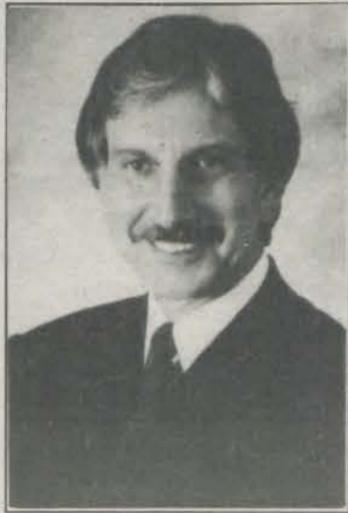
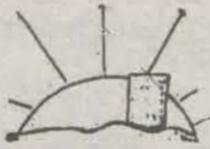
Activity/Age	Day/Time/Location/Cost	Instructor	Description
Aerobics Jackie Sorenson's, 16+	Tu/Th/ 6-7pm Sa/9-10am/SHL-Gym, \$3.50/ class	Janet Anderson 301/439-3866	This is an ongoing, high energy program. Register with the class instructor any time the class is held.
Bio-Aerobics 12+	Tu/Th/7-8:15pm/YC-Gym \$49.50/8-weeks; Drop-in: \$4	Barb Forte 301/262-5175	Class starts January 20. Call 12+ Barbara Forte to register at 301/262-5175.
Jazzercise Regular	M/7-8pm/CC-Gym 16 classes: \$48; Drop-In: \$6	Bev McQuay 301/776-5405	Ongoing class, register any class night. Warm-up, aerobics, 16+ strengthening/toning and cool down.
Jazzercise & Circuit Training	W/7-8pm/CC-Gym 16 classes: \$48; Drop-In: \$6	Bev McQuay 301/776-5405	Ongoing class, register any class night. Aerobics and strength 16+ training. Bring weights if desired.
Jazzercise Cardio Quick, 16+	F/6:30-7:15pm/CC-Dance 16 classes: \$48; Drop-In: \$6	Bev McQuay 301/776-5405	Ongoing class, register any class night. 45-min. quickie workout includes aerobics, strength, floor and cool down.

Natural Gas Van Added to City Fleet

The city of Greenbelt, taking advantage of Maryland State Transportation Emissions Reduction Pilot Program (TERP) funding, has purchased a new 15-passenger van fueled by natural gas. TERP funding is offered to municipalities for use in innovative programs that help to reduce vehicular traffic and cut down on harmful emissions. Natural gas, which burns cleanly, does not emit any harmful emissions.

The new natural gas van will be used by the city's Department of Recreation for Community Center events and summer camp activities. The van operates like any other van, although the cost of natural gas is slightly cheaper than that for regular gasoline. Currently the nearest facility providing natural gas is located on Route 1 in College Park.

The \$23,500 cost of the van was split 80/20 by the state of Maryland and the city. Other TERP funding will be used to build bus shelters in Greenbelt, making the use of public transportation more convenient and enjoyable. In the past the city has supported alternative transportation by adding several bike lanes throughout the city, and will continue to seek other ways to reduce emissions.



Ed Hatch

Hatch Named RSC President

The Residential Sales Council (RSC) introduced Maryland's Ed Hatch, CRB, CRS, as the new president during its national convention in New Orleans, LA.

Hatch, president of Ed Hatch Seminars in Greenbelt, is a senior instructor with the RSC, as well as an instructor for the Maryland Graduate Realtors Institute, where he also served as dean in 1989. Recognized internationally as an educator, Hatch's real estate career has encompassed being an agent, manager and broker/owner. Also, he has authored numerous articles.

Greenbelt's Business



Linowes and Blocher Firm Expands Here

Maryland's land use and zoning law firm, Linowes and Blocher, has hired Midgett S. Parker, Jr. as a new partner and Garland H. Stillwell as a new associate in its Prince George's County office, which is experiencing significant business growth. Both attorneys are active in the county and well-known in political arenas and business circles.

Parker's practice involves counseling clients on a range of issues from government regulations to internal operations. He provides legal counsel to business, religious institutions and developer clients in land acquisition, land use regulations, financing, construction contracts and dispute resolution. He has served as legal counsel to the Prince George's County Personnel Board. He graduated cum laude from Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia and obtained his law degree from the University of Maryland School of Law.

Stillwell's practice focuses on land use and zoning law. He also represents religious/non-profit entities in Prince George's, Montgomery and southern Maryland counties and was formerly the Associate General Counsel of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. He received his law degree from Boston College Law School and his undergraduate degree in city planning from Howard University.

Both attorneys will represent the firm in its Greenbelt office at 6411 Ivy Lane.

Coldwell Banker Sales Associates

Adele Lewis, Manager of the Greenbelt sales office of Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors, announces that Chris and Cheryl Makris have joined the company as husband and wife Sales Associates. They will conduct Buyer Seminars and specialize in listings and sales in Prince George's and Montgomery counties.

Roscoe Hemsley, GRI, has joined the Greenbelt sales office of Coldwell Banker Stevens, Realtors, as a sales associate. Roscoe is a member of the Prince George's County Association of Realtors and the Maryland Association of Realtors. He will specialize in listings and sales in the county and Washington, D. C.



Chris and Cheryl Makris, new sales associates at Coldwell Banker Stevens.

Business and Education Forum

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Business and Education Forum to be held on Thursday, January 8, in Rennie Forum at the Prince George's Community College. The event will be from 8 - 11 a.m. and will feature presentations by Prince George's County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jerome Clark, Maryland State Department of Education Superintendent Dr. Nancy Grasmick, and Dr. Art Curry with the Prince George's Private Industry

Council.

The purpose of the Forum, entitled "Crossroads for the 21st Century Workforce," is designed to provide the business community with information on workforce readiness in the public schools and the importance of business involvement in this effort.

There is no cost for attending, but reservations are required. Call the Chamber at 301-731-5000.

Bell Atlantic Offers New CALL54 Service

Bell Atlantic is in the process of filing with the Maryland Public Service Commission for permission to offer a new service in Maryland. This service, Bell Atlantic CALL54, is an automated reverse directory assistance service. It will allow business and residential customers to obtain listing information for telephone numbers in Mary-

land published by Bell Atlantic. The service will be accessed by calling an area code, then 555-5454. By providing the phone number, CALL54 will then provide the associated name, address and zip code. The service is expected to be available in selected areas of Maryland beginning in January, 1998 for a per-use charge.

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ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

Two vacancies have occurred recently on the Board of Directors. The Bylaws provide that the Board, by a plurality of fifty per cent or more of the remaining directors, name a member of the cooperative to fill the vacant directorship until the next regular annual meeting of the members.

The Board asks that any member wishing to seek the opportunity to serve as a director to contact the Member Services office at 301-474-4161 ext. 138, or write to Keith Jahoda, President of the Board of Directors, Hamilton Place, Greenbelt, MD 20770 by

January 5, 1997.

Gloria Drake Recalls Early Days in Greenbelt

(For the many people visiting their Greenbelt families for the holidays, and with Greenbelt's 60th anniversary year drawing to a close, we are printing the remarks made by Gloria Shelton Drake at the Gala Dinner Dance held at Martin's Crosswinds on Sunday, October 19.)

A long time ago, a student at Greenbelt High School wrote a song of welcome, and we sang it at all the games. It started out: "We welcome you to Greenbelt We're mighty glad you're here." We are mighty glad that you are all here this afternoon.

Remembering — if you are

professional baseball when he was eight years old. "Come on, Ton'!"

Ann Walker Bittenbender and the Greenbelt Majorettes won championships all over the country.

Little Bobby Sommers was starring in the first documentary movie made about Greenbelt at the same time that Shirley Temple was starring in "Little Miss Broadway," the first movie shown at the Greenbelt Theater.

Mayor James Wolfe put Greenbelt on the map when he helped bring direct dialing telephone service to us. Remember when everyone else could



Beverly Finn, Bart Finn and Lee Shields, Original Greenbelters and Angie Wish, Maryland Univ. Student who did her thesis on Greenbelt.

very lucky, and you were raised in Greenbelt — is a wonderful thing.

You remember the belt of green that surrounded the town. That's how it got its

dial direct, and we still had to dial the operator?

Frank Lastner, well known County Council member, and his family were the sack race champs one Fourth of July.



JoAnne (Scott) Kennedy with sister Kathleen (Scott) McFarland, Original Greenbelters.

name. It is important to remember that Greenbelt existed in "Maryland amid the pines," another original song beginning — "Greenbelt is made of brick, cinder block, slate, and shingles, but the people are what made this town great!"

I remember Abe Chasanow took on McCarthyism and won. There was a Pulitzer Prize and a movie contract.

Ruth Bowman, renowned educator and author, had her finest hour when she led the Bunny Hop at a community dance.

Tony Baker was scouted for

Mr. Cipriano and his family had a donkey cart in the Labor Day parades.

Planes took off and landed at Schrom Airport, but the Capital Transit buses got us out of town and back.

Ray and Rene Ward and Genie Kelleher were dancing their way into our hearts.

Kathleen Scott McFarland, Shirley Morrison Clute, and Pat Brown were playing their hearts out in the Greenbelt Marching Band led by Dana Garrett. Mary Jane Kinzer, Director of Community Projects — and a woman far ahead of



Beverly Finn, Bart Finn and Roland "Twin" Taylor, Original Greenbelters.

her time — had obtained some used instruments from the Navy Band.

Politics were always important to Greenbelters, and local election results were announced far, far into the night on a loud speaker attached to the outside of the firehouse.

Greenbelt has always had its share of beauty queens, Miss Greenbelts and Little Miss Greenbelts. The first Miss Greenbelt was Barbara Runyon Hendricks. The first Little Miss Greenbelt was Lynette Brafford Thompson. I remember that.

I remember the first queen, Mary Jean McCarl Bonham, with her beautiful smile. Is that what inspired all those McCarls to become dentists — generation after generation after generation?

When I drive by a school parking lot today, I am amazed to see how many students have cars. When I started Greenbelt High, Monte Bond had a car. That was it! So Paul Williams drove the one school bus back and forth until, somehow, he managed to get us all there.

I remember that Pauline St. Martin Bordas sold tickets at the pool. Ora Donahue sold tickets at the movies. Paul Malasi repaired our shoes. George Panagoulis was chief of police. Nurse Stauffer nailed a quarantine sign to our door if we had the measles.

There are many landmarks to remember — some gone, but not forgotten. The first Youth

Center, called the Drop Inn, started in the basement of the firehouse. It went from there to a war surplus Quonset hut, and it is now the wonderful recreation center located beyond the pool.

Imagine a hospital at 30 Ridge Road.

Trees so high that, when you climbed to the top, you could see the lights on the Washington Monument.

Remember the nature trail cleared by seventh grade boys that went from Center School to the lake? The lake — beautiful in the winter for ice skating and lovely in the summer for swimming and boating.

The Indian Spring was mostly for sweethearts as the initials carved in the old, bent, and broken trees still tell us today.

The first time that I saw television was in a store window in the Center — the first actual shopping mall in the United States. The other day I was looking in the same window, not at TV, but at Keno.

Of course, occasionally, there was trouble in Paradise. The Soap Box Derby was held in Greenbelt. Jim Bordas ran into Jack Waters and broke his leg on the very first day.

When Ted Fox's father gave him driving lessons, we all ran for cover! There were rumors that his dad shouted for him to turn right while waving frantically to the left. Somehow, it all worked out. Ted became a driver education instructor.

Greenbelt has produced doc-

tors, lawyers, authors, artists, politicians, and priests. Probably our most well known citizen is Tom Poston, the famous TV actor.

Ben Goldfaden, at the recreation department, was told by Roy Braden to rest while others worked and work while others played. I once mentioned to Ben that I had never learned to swim — in the first pool in Prince George's County. He could not believe that anyone in his care had not learned to swim.

"Care" is the key word here. The people of Greenbelt have always cared. They worked to make sure that the people that they cared about had the best that any community could offer.

I remember when the 60th Anniversary Committee was hard at work, and we were complimenting one of the members on the splendid job that she had done. She said people wondered why she gave so much time, and she answered, "Greenbelt is worth it."

I will always remember that.

UCPA Seeks Adult Volunteers

The United Cerebral Palsy Association of Prince George's County is seeking volunteers to be escorts and companions to assist adults with disabilities on community outings. For more information, call Steve Barish, program director, at 301-262-4993.



Phillip "Flip" Hesse, Mrs. Hesse, Charles "Buddy" Ourand and Patricia "Patsy" (Hesse) Sher, Original Greenbelters.

60th Anniversary Luncheon at the American Legion Post 136

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Ken Nicodemus, Bob Nicodemus and Sam Rolph, Original Greenbelters.



Don Green, Eddie Halley and Bill Donahue, all Original Greenbelters.



Rosalie (Poston) Cassou and Delores Juliano, Original Greenbelters.



Eddie Halley, Bobby Dove, Original Greenbelters and Bobby's wife Beverly Dove.



Dale Jernberg and Bill Segal, Original Greenbelters.



Jim Carneal, Alice Carneal and Zella Bryant with Allen Carneal in background, all Original Greenbelters.



Pauline (StMartin) Bordas, and Donna (Nyhoff) Lyles, Original Greenbelters.



Lorraine (Mullin) Nuzzo, Delores Juliano and Rosalie (Poston) Cassou, Original Greenbelters.



Betty (Sillaman) Jones, Mattie Siegal and daughter, Carole Siegal all Original Greenbelters.



Marita (Freeman) Provost, Varina (Craig) McGowan, Original Greenbelters.



Don Schoeb, Joan (Schoeb) Butler and Judy (Johnstone) Jones Original Greenbelters.



Charles "Buddy" Ourand, Judy (Kasko) Myrick, Jeanne (Kasko) Hardy, Original Greenbelters.



Lucy (Forrester) Wolfe, sister-in-law of sisters Ruth (Wolfe) Hebb, Esther (Wolfe) Stephen and Gracie (Wolfe) Miller, all Original Greenbelters.



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Kathleen (Scott) McFarland, June (Hammersla) Franklin and Nora Hammersla, Original Greenbelters.



Lucy (Forrester) Wolfe and Elizabeth "Betty" (Sillaman) Jones, Original Greenbelters.



Bart Finn and Ronnie "Twin" Taylor, Original Greenbelters.



Lucy (Forrester) Wolfe and Elizabeth "Betty" (Sillaman) Jones, Original Greenbelters.



William "Billy" Fern, Maxine (Fern)—, Original Greenbelters and Carl Detinger, American Legion Post 136 Commander.

Thanks to Pioneer kids for identifying their childhood chums: Bill Donahue, Bob Sommers, Ruth Myers, Donnie Wolfe, Joyce Mangum, Kathleen McFarland.



Fran (Lastner) Arnold, Ann (Lastner) Austin and Joan (Thompson) Lloyd, Original Greenbelters.



Carole Siegal, Harold "Dinks" Lloyd and Carol Kling, Original Greenbelters.



Eddie Burton a Berwyn Boy and Eunice (Birtman) Burton and Phyllis (Birtman) Bickerton, Original Greenbelters.

SHL "Giving Tree" For Needy Children

Springhill Lake Apartments in cooperation with the Prince George's Department of Social Services (DSS) is sponsoring a "Giving Tree" for needy children this Christmas season in the Springhill Lake Rental Office at 9264 Edmonston Road, through December 23.

Anyone interested in helping can come to the rental office and pick an ornament from the tree containing the age and gender of a child in need. Donors are asked to purchase a gift and return it to the rental office for distribution by the DSS.

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I-95 Speed Limit Raised to 65 MPH

The State Highway Administration (SHA) increased the speed limit along I-95 from 55 mph to 65 mph between the Baltimore and Capital beltways on Monday, December 15.

"Increasing the speed limit along I-95 to more closely correspond to what motorists are already traveling makes the speed limit more realistic and brings speeds to a more uniform level, thereby enhancing motorist safety," said Thomas Hicks, director of SHA'S Office of Traffic and Safety. The speed at which most people travel along I-95 between I-495 and I-695 is approximately 68 mph. There were five fatalities there in 1995; two fatalities in 1996; and three during the first six months of 1997.

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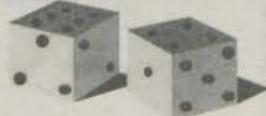
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Greenbelt New Year

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 \$5 individuals 16 and over
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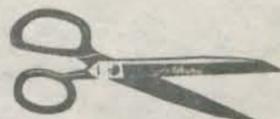


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Arts and Crafts-What kind of face and hat will you put on for 98? Join Greenbelt Artist Barbara Simon for the making of Masks and Hats. 7-9 pm.



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Locations								
The Gym	Grand Procession	Double Dutch	African Dance Troupe	Ballroom & Swing w/K2 DJ	Greg Meyer JAZZ	Chromatic s	Balloon Drop	
New Deal Cafe		Frank Cassell		Lowell Teen-age Rock	Chro-matics	Greg Meyer JAZZ		
Rehearsal Room	Pizza, Nuggets, Nachos, Fries			Pizza, Nuggets, Nachos, Fries				
Senior Game Room	Caricatures 7:30-10:30			9-11 Pleasant Touch Massage and Harp music				
Senior Lounge	*Storytellers		Harp	**Storytellers		Board Games		
Front Lawn	Snow Statue (weather permitting)							
Gallery	MaGic Michael							
Dance Studio	Juggling Clinic		Duck, duck goose	Chief Psychiatrist	Hokey Pokey Limbo, macarena	Juggling clinic	Twister	
Multi-purpose Room-	karaoke							
Adult Art Classroom	Kids BINGO				Kids BINGO			
Sr. Classroom	Wood-winds Quintet		Dixie Combo					
Children's Art Classroom	masks hats and noisemakers							
Hallway	Dixie Combo	Face-painting	Resolution wall					

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 And never brought to min'
 Should auld acquaintance be forgot,
 And days o' lang syne?

For auld lang syne, my dear,
 For auld lang syne,
 We'll tak a cup o' kindness yet,
 For auld lang syne.

Robert Burns