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## **Council Agrees to Fight Kenilworth Ave. Snowball**

#### by Betsy Likowski

The Greenbelt City Council was annoyed to recently learn of more fallout from the building of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) headquarters building on Sunnyside Avenue. Although it asked to be kept up to date on developments relating to the project, they found out the latest development when informed of a public hearing that was held on October 14. Council spent considerable time at the October 26 regular council meeting discussing plans with its attorney and environmental consultant on this subject. Council also reviewed plans for a new medical building and revised the city code on zoning at this meeting.

The Greenbelt City Council has opposed the USDA building from the beginning. It has held there were other locations that would have been better for the USDA and the environment, the site is isolated from mass transit and roadway access, and the council opposed the piecemeal road improvement planning pro-

Improvements to Sunnyside Avenue mean Edmonston Road will be widened. When it is widened between Cherrywood

Lane and Sunnyside Avenue wetlands will be impacted. Wetlands mitigation is required and the wetlands proposed for this are located west of US Route 1 and

"There's a huge snowball rolling down the mountain ... " - Kevin Kelly **Environmental System** Analysis, Inc.

south of the Beltway near the Paint Branch Stream Valley Park.

Kevin Kelly of Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. asked the council members about their goals and plans, and he gave some of his thoughts on the mat-Both Councilmembers ter. Rodney Roberts and Alan Turnbull opined that if council did not react to this project, then the impression would be given that council would roll over on the metro project plans. Make this an example, said Councilmember Edward Putens, for the metro site plan showed no sensitivity.

widening of Halt the Kenilworth Avenue, said Turnbull. We need to prevent a See COUNCIL, page 8

There are also colorful early plas-

tics such as Bakelite and Catalin,

as well as original Greenbelt fur-

niture designed by the Federal

government in the 1930s for

Greenbelt's modern-style homes.

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manities Council, funded through

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Museum is a nonprofit commu-

The Friends of the Greenbelt

ment for the Humanities.

The free lecture and exhibition

## Manzi Sends Letter

In a strongly worded letter dated November 3, City Solicitor Robert Manzi requested of Terrance Clark, chief of the Nontidal Wetlands and Waterways Division of the Maryland Water Management Administration, a meeting with the city council to discuss the possible piecemealing of road improvement projects related to the construction of the USDA facility on Sunnyside Road. This action had been requested by the Greenbelt City Council at its October 26 meeting.

Manzi noted that for over one year the council had been requesting such a meeting and that such a meeting was promised in a June 14 letter from the Director of the Water Management Administration to Senator Leo Green. Instead, the city was notified of a public hearing held on October 14. That hearing failed to afford free discussion of all the issues, Manzi contended. In addition, issues raised by the city remain unanswered, despite statements that they would be answered before November 4, the deadline for filing further comments for the record.

Besides the meeting, Manzi requested a 30 day extension of the November 4 deadline for filing comments.

According to Manzi, questions raised by the city concern what alternatives were considered, how was the mitigation area selected, was this the only way to handle the traffic issue and, a newly raised issue, the possibility of a beltway interchange access to the USDA. Copies of Manzi's letter were sent to the Governor, the two U.S. Senators, Congressman Hoyer, the city's Senator and Delegates to the Maryland General Assembly and Steven Elinsky of the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

# **Patrons Flock to Theater** To See "The Wizard of Oz"

#### by Altoria Bell Ross

Over a thousand movie goers followed the yellow brick road to the Old Greenbelt Theater last weekend to see the remake of "The Wizard of Oz" that kicked off a promotional film festival to save the theater and ward off a threat to close it.

"It was very successful," said Sarah Schaffer, city recreation coordinator and spokeswoman for the Save the Greenbelt Theater campaign. "It is probably more people than the Greenbelt Theater has had in a long time."

It certainly was. Owner Paul Sanchez said the normal weekend attendance for the theater is between 200 and 300 people.

"If we can do this business [all the time], we would have no problems," he said. "It was definitely a step in the right direction.'

On Friday, the first 100 people that entered the theater received free "Wizard of Oz" posters and the first 100 that visited the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater table received discount coupons for refreshments and a future movie. This week, Schaffer said she is sending letters to the 200 customers who left their ad-

dresses, inviting them to join the effort to support the struggling theater. Schaffer said the community needs to patronize the theater.

Thursday, November 12, 1998

**Beat The Rush** Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by

noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped

Tuesday nights.

Colleen Torske, a regular customer, comes just for the atmosphere. "I like the style of this theater," said the Bowie resident. "I like walking back in time. It is really classy.'

Other reasons drew first-time customer Rose Jochum of Cheverly. Jochum decided to see the movie in Greenbelt instead of Washington, DC, due to the attractive admission price and her desire to avoid a crowd.

In addition to sponsoring the film festival, W. Bowman Ferguson, the city's senior management analyst, said Greenbelt is looking for other ways to use the theater during the day, such as hosting business conferences. In the meantime, the theater will feature the classic musical "The King and I" on December 18 and 19, followed by "The Sound of Music" on December 20 through 23

This is what makes Greenbelt great," said Neil Williamson of Washington, DC. "I hope people realize the treasure they've got."

# Letters from the Amanis In Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Former Greenbelter Mary Jo Amani sends word from Honduras that the situation there is deteriorating quickly in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch.

"There is still no running potable water in the capital and elsewhere is worse. So many bridges are out that it will be months until transportation outside of the city is possible. Right now, an incredible number of people around the country are being fed by airlifts of rice, beans, and oil. But there are no milk, eggs, cheese, bread, meat, vegetables, or other staples in the grocery stores. Bread is still Luke was sure that the number available if you get in line at bread stores. Gas is being rationed to four gallons a person," she says.

and poverty there that needed addressing but it's all on another level now."

The Amani kids went with Mary Jo, she reports, to help make sandwiches (rice and bean) to airlift around the country. They went around to the local hotels to collect cooked beans and rice as they have the only kitchens big enough to cook such large quantities. Hundreds of volunteers show up daily at the American School gymnasium to make the sandwiches, or tortillas, or to stuff the food into bags for families of five or six persons. of sandwiches being made in one day (thousands) would be sufficient but was told it was "a mere drop in a bucket," she concluded.

# **Exhibit**, Talk on Modern **Home Offered by Museum**

Decorative arts of the Depression era are the subject of two upcoming November events sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM). The first is a talk by Shelley Nickles of the Smithsonian on the influence of modern art and design on ordinary, mass-produced household objects of the 1930s and 1940s. Nickles will speak on Thursday, November 19, at 7:30 p.m., in the City Council room of the Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. Her presentation is entitled "From

Manhattan to Main Street: Creating the Modern Home."

On the following evening, Friday, November 20, at 7:30 p.m., FOGM will open its new exhibition, "Fashionable, Functional and Frugal: Modern Style Comes Home, 1930-1946," in redesigned space at the Greenbelt Community Center. The exhibition features colorful glassware and household objects, demonstrating how penny-wise Depression age shoppers were lured into purchasing new, machine-made items for their homes.

Among the many objects on display are modernistic styles of glassware in Manhattan and Tea Room patterns. Another section is devoted to the Homer Laughlin China Company which produced the popular Fiesta Ware and Harlequin dinner ware. Shiny chrome toasters, irons and coffeepots boast a streamlined design. nity organization which operates the Greenbelt Museum in the National Historic Landmark city of Greenbelt. Greenbelt was built as a model planned community by the federal government in 1937 following the Great Depression. Pedestrian paths connect playgrounds, gardens and homes with an historic "downtown" shopping center.

Museum volunteers provide tours of an original home, restored and furnished in Depression era objects. The Greenbelt Museum is open Sundays, 1 - 5 p.m., and is located at 10-B Crescent Road. The exhibition in the Community Center is open daily, 9 a.m to 10 p.m. The new exhibition will continue through 1999.

For more information on the lecture, the exhibition or tours of the Greenbelt Museum, call 301-507-6582.

#### What Goes On Wed., Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m., PRAB meeting, Community Center.

8:30 p.m., Council Worksession on Greenbelt Metro Station Proposal, Community Center, Thurs., Nov. 18, 7:30

p.m. GHI Meeting. Hamilton Place.

"Even the best scenarios project epidemics of cholera and other pestilences, and increasing security concerns (riots, robberies) when so many are without food and water and other basics.

"So many have asked how you might help and have talked about getting people together to help. The best place currently is probably to give assistance through the Red Cross Hurricane Relief project or a similar international relief organization. Todd is working long hours as are all U.S. government personnel to ensure that Honduras gets as much assistance as possible through the U.S. government channels.

"What's sad is that there was already enough human misery

#### From Elisabeth

In her email to friends here, Elisabeth writes "There was a big hurricane here called Mitch and it destroyed everything in Honduras. In Choluteca a lot of the village got flooded completely and people died and lost their stuff. In Tegucigalpa a lot of bridges came down. The soccer fields got totally flooded and you can't even see the goals because they are under water. My housekeeper Mina lost her house when it fell into the river. We helped her with food, water, and we brought her kids and three little cute puppies to our house to take care of. The bad thing is there is no water and poor people have See HONDURAS, page 4

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hydrant to its present location. If

anyone thought of the proximity

of the hydrant to the parking

space, it was evidently deemed to

be safe from obstruction because

the "steamer" (the outlet) faced

the street. There was also a re-

luctance to spoil the esthetic and

balanced nature of the parking

spaces, plus the unwillingness to

Greenbelt is the only one in the

state, perhaps the country, where

a motorist can park right next to

a fire hydrant and not get a

ticket. If you are inclined to do

something normally illegal or il-

licit, just get a handicapped li-

cense and drive down to the Cen-

I suspect that this location in

lose a space.

## Notice to Readers

Delays in printing last week made delivery of the News Review to Greenbelt very late on Thursday night. Ian Tuckman, the paper's circulation manager, was still able to make a few drops to carriers that night. He resumed delivery to businesses and individual carriers beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, when he returned home from work. Carriers were faced with not receiving their papers at the time they had set aside for delivery and had to scramble for available time later during the weekend. The News Review regrets the inconvenience to its readers.

## Help Kids Learn About Maryland

Could you please publish my letter in your paper so that your readers might help me with research about your state?

In my eighth grade social studies class in Chicago, we are studying United States history. One of our assignments is to write a research paper about a particular state and how it relates to the history of the country. I have chosen Maryland as the subject of my research. I would like to learn about individuals from Maryland, or events that involved Maryland or occurred in the state that played an important part in U.S. history.

I would very much appreciate if you could send me items that would be of an interest. Post cards, newspapers with unique features about Maryland, clippings, articles, video tapes, old license plates, unique products from your region, or other items might help geography come alive in my classroom. We are to present a report to the class and anything especially interesting would make my report the best in the class. Please help me learn about your state and spark the interest of my classmates. Besides, everyone enjoys getting mail!

Our school is on the northern side of Chicago, about six miles from the downtown area (The Loop). We have about 100 students in the eighth grade and about 1,000 students in the out building (K-8). Most of our students are either immigrants or children of recent immigrants. We have students from many parts of the world - Mexico, Bulgaria, Korea, Nigeria, India, Bosnia, Vietnam, Guatemala, the Philippines, and many other places. Most of the students have not lived outside Chicago. My name is Mary, and I was born in Chicago. I'm 13 years old and I attend Budlong School. I enjoy reading, roller blading, bike riding, ice skating, and watching Bulls games. My favorite subject in school is science. I chose to write about Maryland because I would like to know more about the state and the people who live there.



## Thanks

The members of St. Hugh's Council of the Knights of Columbus appreciate the generous contributions of the citizens of Greenbelt during our recent Tootsie Roll Drive for the mentally handicapped.

Our thanks also to Greenbelt Co-op, K-Mart, and Safeway. Mike Rousseau, Chairman

Thank you for once again entrusting me with the duties and responsibilities of being your representative in the Maryland State Senate. I will continue to work diligently and faithfully for you in my attempt to make government open, accountable, and responsive to the will and needs of the people. My experience in all levels of our community and government will again place me in a leadership position, which I will use to address the major issues of the next millennium; among others, educational reform, economic and job development, protecting the environment, revamping the juvenile criminal system, and redesigning our health care system to respond to patients and physicians rather than profits.

As we enter into a new era of challenges, and major issues, I welcome your views on issues of concern. I also appreciate having your opinions and suggestions on legislation and budget items under consideration by the General Assembly. Citizenship is realized to its fullest extent when people participate in civic affairs at every level registering, voting, and making their positions known to their elected representatives. In the firm belief that such communication is a two-way street, I look forward to any inquiries you may have about state government and to providing assistance to you in any matter.

Leo Green, State Senator 23rd District of Maryland

I wish to thank the coaches of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club soccer program for 4 - 6 year olds - Marco D'Ottavi, Tim Murphy, and Dave Ralph. Under their guidance, my son and the other soccer players learned both soccer skills and good sportsmanship. It was exciting to watch them play, learn and make friends. I thank the coaches for their contributions to this community!

> Katie Calder (Michael Abraham's mom)

#### Please let me thank you, the voters of the 23rd District, for the confidence you have shown in me by electing me once again to the Maryland House of Delegates. I will do my best to live up to your expectations. During this election year my motto was "Constituent Service is my Business," it will continue to be my motto for you, the voters of the 23rd district. If the need arises and you need my help, please call my office. The toll free number is 301-858-3101. My door is always open.

Mary A. Conroy

## Thanks to Voters — Also Glasses Found

Many thanks to all the Democratic poll workers (and voters!) who helped to get Gov. Parris Glendening, Lt. Gov. Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, and the local 23rd District Democratic Team (Sen. Green, and Dels. Conroy, Hubbard, and Pitkin) re-elected on November 3.

Alas, either an over-worked poll worker or distracted voter left behind a pair of men's bifocal eyeglasses with brown frames in a black case with Velcro fastener. I have them at my home, and they may be claimed with a phone call: 301-474-1052.

Pat Unger, Treasurer 23rd District Team

Say Season's Greetings to your friends and family with personalized videotape!

### The Old Curmudgeon by I. J. Parker

How would you like to park within three feet of a fire hydrant, and not be given a parking ticket? All you need is a "handicapped" license. There is a handicapped parking space on the east side of the Roosevelt Center on Centerway that is located next to a fire hydrant!

How the hydrant got there is an interesting story. The hydrant used to be located across Centerway on the side near the pedestrian underpass that leads to the Center. But it sprung a leak. This precipitated a meeting between the city planners, the WSSC, and the fire department. They decided to relocate the fire

## GFA to Meet

Greenbelt Foundation for the Arts, the nonprofit group which raises funding for all arts experiences in Greenbelt, holds its second annual meeting from 8 p.m. - 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 19, at the Greenbelt Community Center. Board members will review the past year's activities. Nonmembers are invited to attend. For further information call Eileen Peterson at 301-441-8249.

## Dog Walk Set At Greenbelt Park

ter for a cheap thrill.

Enjoy the sights and sound of November with a dog.

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is conducting a two mile pet walk on Sunday, November 15, at 1 p.m. Dogs must be leashed. Please bring a bag or scoop to pick up after the dog. Meet at the Rangers Station. For more information call 301-344-3944.



Greenbelt Access Television



Elaine Skolnik, President, 1977-1985 President Emeritus, 1985-

Editor, Mary Lou Williamson, (301) 441-2662

I look forward to receiving mail from you. Thank you for your interest in my education and your kindness.

Mary Youkhana **Budlong Elementary**, **Room 403** 2701 W. Foster Ave. Chicago, IL 60625

August, an intervenies Distance

GATE-Greenbelt Access Television is providing a great way to reach your loved ones that can't be with you for the holidays! Videotape your season's greetings at the GATE Studio located in the Greenbelt Community Center during the Festival of Lights Craft Show.

### **DECEMBER 5TH FROM 10AM-5PM DECEMBER 6TH FROM 11AM-4PM**

If these dates are inconvenient, call GATE at 301-507-6581 to schedule another time. Price is \$10.00 each plus S & H for mailing.



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## Writers Group **Holds Reading**

The Greenbelt Writers Group will host its next open reading on Friday, November 20 in the Theater Rehearsal Room of the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Sign-up will begin at 7:15 p.m. and the reading will start at 7:30. Poetry, fiction, personal essays, nature writing, and other creative genres are welcome. Readers of poetry will be limited to five minutes; readers of prose will be limited to ten minutes. Also, Dorothy Sucher will speak on the process of finding a publisher. Sucher is the author of several mystery novels. Her latest book is "The Invisible Garden.'

Refreshments will be served after the open reading. The open reading is free and open to the public. For more information, call 301-345-7081.

## Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto The next Golden Age Club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, at 11 a.m. in the Multi-purpose room of the Greenbelt Community Center. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, Party Chairlady Solange Hess announced that the club will purchase meat and turkey platters and a cake for the November birthday party. Members are asked to bring foods to round out the feast. Helpers are always appreciated.

Get well wishes go to the Sunshine Committee chairlady, June Francisco, who is in Doctors Hospital. Selena Bonebrake has been moved to a Clinton nursing home (address available). Eva Love has also been hospitalized at Doctors Hospital and Naomi Miller (Harold's wife) is in Prince George's Hospital. Ernie Varda's new address is 39-F Ridge Road and he's been going through cataract surgery. Any special attention to the ill would be nice to hear.

The Golden Age Club will donate \$100.00 to the Red Cross which will be earmarked for the flood victims in Central America. There are other groups in Greenbelt who are collecting for this cause.

The next trip for the Goldenagers is scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, and will be to the Treasures of Nicholas and Alexandra exhibit at the Wilmington, DE museum on the waterfront. See a member of the Travel Committee at the meetings to sign up for this and other trips.

# **Community Events**

## At the Library **Children's Programs**

Wednesday, November 18, 7 p.m. P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6. Thursday, November 19, 10:30 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for

ages 3-5. 11:15 a.m. Tickly Toddle Storytime for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

**Adult Programs** 

Wednesday, November 18, 2 p.m. Adult Book Discussion. Robert Coles' "Old and On Their Own."

## LaLeche League Meets November 17

LaLeche League of Greenbelt will meet on Tuesday, November 17, at 10 a.m. at a member's home. The topic of the meeting is "Why Breastfeed Your Baby?" Pregnant and breastfeeding mothers are invited to attend. Babies are welcome. For more information and directions to the meeting, please call Heather at 301-345-1859.

## Greenbelt.com Holds Free Internet Class

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC), together with the Greenbelt Library, will hold their next monthly class on Tuesday, November 17, at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Library.

This month's topic is "Cruising the Net using a Macintosh computer." This is an opportunity to become more familiar with "surfing" using Macintosh computers. The instructor is Chris

## **Roosevelt Center** Merchants to Meet

The Roosevelt Center Association will meet at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 19, upstairs at the Co-op.

#### Recreation Review

Please note, the Youth Center gym will be closed from Monday, November 16 to Saturday, November 21, for floor refinishing. The Youth Center Business office and remainder of the facility will be open for regular business hours during the scheduled maintenance.

## **Gray Panthers** Workshop Set

An open public workshop on "The Growing Divide: Inequality and the Roots of Economic Insecurity" is being given by the Gray Panthers on Saturday, November 21 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Police Station.

This is a 1-1/2 hour summary of a popular economics education workshop designed by the Boston-based United for a Fair Economy. Participants will look at recent changes in income and wealth distribution, and examine the changes in policy which have fueled inequality. The workshop demonstrates that the economy is not a force of nature but an institution built and maintained by people; public policy choices shape how the economy works and whom it rewards.

Participants in the workshop will explore ways to narrow the gap between the rich and everyone else. Everyone is invited.

#### Konkel.

Please reserve a seat by calling Tom Crompton at 301-596-3237.

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## **Explorations** Program **Features Bill Phelan**

On Friday, November 20, **Explorations Unlimited presents** "Watch it Grow." The presenter is Bill Phelan, the horticulturist for the City of Greenbelt. Phelan will bring along some flowers to plant (in a planter made especially for the presentation) and the participants may help to do the planting.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Community Center. This presentation will be held in the senior classroom. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

## **Identify Trees** At Greenbelt Park

Learn how to identify the trees of Greenbelt Park. Join a park ranger on a walk identifying trees throughout the park on Saturday, November 14, at 10 a.m. Meet at the Ranger Station. For information call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

## **Tranquil Trails Walk** At Greenbelt Park

Discover the tranquility of Greenbelt Park. Join a park ranger on a walk on the Azalea Trail through the park on Saturday, November 14, at 2 p.m. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area. For information call 301-344-3944.

## **Community Committee** Plans for Year 2000

At last week's first meeting of the Greenbelt Year 2000 Community Preparedness Group, the 20 attendees had an interesting and spirited discussion about individual and community preparedness in response to the year 2000 computer date problem. They agreed to continue meeting to discuss community issues surrounding this challenge.

All Greenbelt residents interested in Y2K issues or who want to know more are invited to the second meeting, to be held at the Community Center in the dining hall on Thursday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. Please call 301-441-3809 for further information.



Florence Holly says that the Nominating Committee has candidates for all 1999 club offices except that of Recording Secretary. Any volunteers?

Enjoy the beautiful, brisk weather and come out to the meetings.

New Deal Cafe Open Fri. & Sat 7-11 pm

Friday, November 13 Early Bird Open Mike

Music

8:30 pm

No cover

Saturday, November 14 **Lost Memories** Acoustic Country & Rock Classics

**Donations for Musicians Encouraged** Sunday Brunch 10 to 3 Greenbelt Community Center (301) 474-5642

\*\*\*\*\*\* Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Congratulates

**Governor Elect Parris N. Glendenning** Lt. Governor Elect Kathleen Townsend

Learn about District 23 Maryland State Democratics Speaker Greenbelt Council Member Thomas White

and other invited committee members

Social hour follows Friday, November 20, 1998 - 8 p.m. Terrace Room Greenbriar Community Building Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road Public welcome.

Rides/information call 301-474-6668 <del>\*</del> Come join your friends and neighbors in exploring the natural wonders during this 1.25 mile trail walk in Attick Park.

Saturday. November 14th 10:00 a.m. (Meet at playground) Nature guide will be Bill Phelan. City Horticulturist

Hot coffee and cider will be served. Contact the Recycling Office at 301-474-8308 for further information.

Sponsored by the Recycling Advisory Committee

## **Baha'is Celebrate Birth of Founder**

by Nasseem Rouhani

Last Wednesday, November 11, 1998, the Baha'i community of the Washington D.C. area joined millions of other Baha'is around the world in observing the 181st anniversary of the birth of Baha'u'llah, the Prophet-Founder of the Baha'i Faith. The celebration took place right here in Greenbelt at Martins Crosswinds, where several hundred participants gathered for the 29th annual Birth of Baha'u'llah banquet. The banquet was followed by an address given by Dr. William Roberts, a member of the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States. Throughout the celebration, there was music, which included a performance by the Washington D.C. Chorale. Most importantly, this celebration was a time for fellowship amongst the participants.

Baha'u'llah, meaning the "Glory of God" was born into a noble Persian family on the 12th of November, 1817, in Tehran, Iran. The Baha'i religion, with over five million believers worldwide is now the second most widely spread world religion after Christianity with members in more than 200 countries, territories, and islands.

## **Democratic Club** Vote Post Mortem

by Janet Jacobs-Parker

Greenbelt Council member Thomas White and others elected to represent District 23 on the Maryland State Democratic Central Committee will be the featured speakers when the Eleanor and Franklin D. Roosevelt Democratic Club meets on Friday, November 20, at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road. White and the others will report on the latest activities of the Central Committee and plans for the future.

Following the recent election in Maryland and around the country and the events which took place following the results, the meeting promises to be lively. The public is invited to attend, participate, and ask questions and to continue discussion in the social hour which will follow. For a ride or information, call 301-474-6668.

We say a sad farewell to longtime treasurer Roy Dahl. Greenbelt's loss will be San Diego's gain. We wish him well.

## **Project Thanksgiving Helps Needy Seniors**

TheBus, Prince George's County's community transit system, is sponsoring a systemwide food drive to provide a special meal for needy seniors at Thanksgiving. From November 16 - 20, in lieu of collecting the regular fares for rides on TheBus routes throughout the county, operators will accept a donation of non-perishable foodstuffs such as canned goods and packaged foods. The food will be collected by TheBus officials for Project Thanksgiving and delivered to the County's seniors.

Flyers will be posted on all TheBus buses to let passengers know about the food drive for Project Thanksgiving. Boxes will be placed on all buses to receive donations.

The County's Department of Public Works and Transportation currently operates 17 TheBus routes for Prince George's County residents. TheBus provides community service on most routes from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. For specific route or schedule information call 301-883-5656.

#### **GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW**

## HONDURAS (Continued from page 1)

#### to drink dirty water or no water and I feel bad for them. We are ok but if we didn't have a cistern we wouldn't have any water, but we do have a cistern so we are in luck. Where I live it is ok, but there is a lot of rain and it is flooding streets and overflowing rivers. Because of the hurricane we've missed two weeks of school and no one knows

when school is going to start." The Amanis moved from Greenbelt to Honduras this summer. Kids who played soccer or went to school with Luke, Elisabeth or Liam, might want to send them messages via Mary Wirick, 13-C Ridge Rd or Mary Lou Williamson 301-441-2662. Although families of Americans are likely to be evacuated this week, Mary Jo's latest email gives no hint that they plan to leave.

#### How to Help

The Middle School at Sandy Spring Friends School, where the Amani children attended the past two years and Mary Jo taught last year, are collecting clothing, canned food, toiletry items, baby bottles, diapers and medicines such as Tylenol, Motrin and Advil to send to Honduras and Nicaragua. Those wishing to make cash donations should make checks out to "Hurricane Relief Fund." Friends of the Amani's and others wishing to help in this disaster may call Williamson or Beth Novick.

Here

St. George's

**Sunday Services** 

10 am Education for all ages

11 am Sung Service

Deal/Hard of Hearing)

## **Science Competition** Hosted by ERHS

The eighth annual Final Frontiers Science Competition requires students to build devices designed to meet specific engineering challenges. The catch is that they can use only masking tape, drinking straws, balsa wood and other inexpensive materials to construct their frequently odd-looking contraptions. Student teams then compete with one another to determine who has built the best device.

In Prince George's County, this event will take place on Saturday, November 21, from 8:30a.m.-12:30 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The competition is held in school classrooms.

The Maryland Space Business Roundtable is a nonprofit organization that promotes the state's \$2 billion-a-year space industry. It has sponsored Final Frontiers since 1990 in the hope that the competition might inspire students to pursue technical careers. This year's competition, which features five different events, is expected to draw hundreds of students from both public and private schools.

## Thursday, November 12, 1998 School Public Forum

To Be Televised

Prince George's County Public Schools will televise the November 9 public forum held by Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jerome Clark, and Board Chair, Dr. Alvin Thornton, to provide the public with informational updates regarding the MGT of America Audit report, the State Accountability Task Force Report, the Memorandum of Understanding, the Comprehensive Plan, and the Master Plan. Persons interested in viewing the public forum can watch Cable Channel 12 during the following times: Friday, November 13, at 5 p.m.; Saturday, November 14, at 1 and 8 p.m.; and Sunday, November 15, at 1 and 8 p.m. For additional information, contact Hope Hall at 301-952-6005.



## **University Theatre** Presents The Seagull

University Theatre at the University of Maryland presents the bittersweet drama, The Seagull, Nov. 11-22. Performances of the play will be held in Pugliese Theatre in the Tawes Fine Arts Building Nov. 11-14 and 17-21 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 15 and 22 at 2 p.m.

The Seagull is a Russian drama of ambition, talent, and unrequited love, written by Anton Chekhov and translated by Kristin Johnsen-Neshati.

Sign interpretation is available Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. Pugliese Theatre is accessible to people with physical disabilities. There is a fee, with discounts for students and senior citizens. Tickets are available by mail now or by phone charge. For reservations or additional information, call the University Theatre Box Office at 301-405-2201 (V/TTY) weekdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; or write: University Theatre Box Office, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20741-1215; or visit the University Theatre website at www.inforM.umd.edu/THET/ plays.





## 20th Reunion Planned For ERHS Grads

There will be a reunion for 1978 graduates of Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Saturday, Nov. 28. For information, call the Reunion Company at 301-294-0960.

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#### **GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW**

# **Greenbelt Theater Makes Friends in the Community**

#### by Dorothy Sucher

Greenbelt sure is a friendly place. FOGgy, too - and the latest friendly fog to blow into town is FOGT, the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater. It joins FOGL (friends of the library), FOGM (the museum), and doubtless others that have slipped my mind.

Well, FOG like this is good - and when you peer through it you can see not only that the city is coming of age culturally but also that the old cooperative spirit of Greenbelt is still alive and well.

The purpose of the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater, which 6 weekend the Greenbelt Thedoesn't actually exist yet but is now in the process of formation (see the ad in this issue of the News Review), is to support season, the theater plans a and preserve the historic movie house in Roosevelt Center. The ber 18 - 24, featuring two glovenerable institution is threatened with extinction, due to market forces, TV, tired blood Greenbelters are up in arms.

sponded by offering the resources of the Department of Recreation and by co-sponsoring a film festival that will offer filmgoers in the next few months a chance to see some of Hollywood's greatest classics on the county's biggest movie screen.

#### 200 Signed Up

So far, some 200 theater patrons have signed up at the interpretation of a Broadway in-Friends of the Greenbelt Theater table, indicating that they wish to join the group. A membership and fund drive will get under way next week, when those who have expressed interest will receive a letter from recreation coordinator Sarah Schaffer with an invitation to join the group. Surely other prospective members are out there as well.

According to Schaffer, the group "will function as a liaison between the theater operator and the community at large. The group will be in charge of developing a survey which will be distributed to the community as a way to gauge what the citizens of Greenbelt would like to see on the 'big screen.' In addition, Friends of the Greenbelt Theater will work with the theater management to organize and promote special events and film festivals.

#### **Films in Festival**

vember 6 with "The Wizard of event, juried by a panel of art-

Oz," with that fabulous entertainer Judy Garland still looking impossibly dewy, Margaret Hamilton incredibly scary as a green-faced Wicked Witch of the West, and performances by Ray Bolger, Bert Lahr, Jack Haley, and Billie Burke that have passed into cinema legend. Theater-goers responded by turning out in force - 1,200 paying customers during the weekend. The lines were reminiscent of the theater's opening night in 1938, when Shirley Temple starred in "Little Miss Broadway."

In fact, during the November ater was one of the highestgrossing theaters in the region.

Looking ahead to the holiday "Classic Movie Week" Decemrious musicals the whole family can enjoy. Rodgers and Hammerstein's melodious "The whatever the reason, King and I" stars Yul Brynner as the polygamous King of The City Council has re- Siam, the sexiest bald guy ever to hit the silver screen. The chemistry between him and Deborah Kerr, prim and proper but with those banked fires that are a specialty of the English, is memorable, especially in the "Shall We Dance" sequence, when she teaches him to waltz. And who could forget the delightful "The Small House of Uncle Thomas," Hollywood's terpretation of a Siamese version of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"?

> As for "The Sound of Music," what can I say? Julie Andrews' voice is glorious, the views of the Austrian Alps are spectacular, and if Christopher Plummer as the count is a bit stiff, his motherless brood of singing kids is hard to resist. The score is by Rodgers and Hammerstein, and the story a widowed count, a spunky convent girl who becomes his children's governess, a perilous escape from the Nazis - has timeless entertainment value.

#### **Additional Plans**

An Alfred Hitchcock film week is under consideration for March. And the Park and Planning Commission is working with Paul Sanchez, owner of the theater, on plans for a filmmaker's film festival in April. This event will be a presentation of several up-and-The festival opened on No- coming filmmakers' works. The

## **Donation Drop-Off**

The November Donation Drop-Off will be held this Saturday, November 14, behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon. Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding sheets, toys, puzzles and books. For more information, call Michael Clem, recycling coordinator, at 301-474-8308.

## **Diabetes Often Hides** From Most Victims by Sue Krofchik

Do you have diabetes? Don't be so quick to answer, "no." Of the 350,000 people living in Maryland who have diabetes, only about half know they have the disease. In an effort to educate the public, Doctor's Community Hospital sponsored a Diabetic Health Fair at Martin's Crosswinds on November 8, attended by about 200 people.

Dr. Vilma Mascarenhas, an endocrinologist with Riverside Medical Associates in Riverdale, spoke on the causes, diagnosis and treatment of diabetes. In some individuals it is caused by a malfunction of either the thyroid or adrenal glands and when the problem with those glands is treated, the person is no longer diabetic.

In most persons, though, diabetes is a life-long disease which can have severe consequences leading to blindness, nerve damage or loss of limbs, if left untreated or not monitored properly. Mascarenhas suggested persons with the following symptoms check with their physicians to be tested for diabetes: increased urination, thirst and appetite, with or without blurred vision, itching, fatigue or slow-to-heal cuts.

Doctor's Community Hospital has established a Diabetes Care Center to help the community understand the disease better. Two free educational programs are a five hour course and a support group. The next group will meet on November 17 at 7:30 p.m. for a program on holiday eating. For more information or to register, call Elaine Stone at 301-552-5123.

#### ists and filmmakers, was held last year at Cheverly's Publick Playhouse and was a huge success.

So run, do not walk, to the Greenbelt theater, bring all your friends, and don't forget to join the Friends of the Greenbelt Theater.

#### **Roosevelt Presents Fine Fall Concert**

#### by Dennis Jelalian

The Greenbelt community has a wonderful resource in the talented music students and teachers at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). The students usually sing and play with more skill than might be expected from average high school students as they showed at the Fall Concert November

There was preconcert music played by a woodwind quartet. More music from this group would have been welcome. It would have been nice to incorporate this quintet into the rest of the concert. They would have made a nice contrast to the massive groups that provided the rest of the program. The music teachers should be encouraged to feature more small groups.

There were seven groups featured in the concert. Sally S. Wagner directed Concert Band I and the Wind Ensemble. Scott D. Laird directed the Concert Orchestra and the Chamber Orchestra. Dr. Barbara W. Baker directed the Gospel Choir and the Women's Choir. Rebecca J. Holtz directed Concert Band II.

All the groups performed well with a few minor exceptions. Sometimes the singers' diction was poor and the words could not be understood. Some

## Education Week to Be Observed by Legion

Plans for participation in observance of American Education Week, November 15-21, have been set in motion by the Auxiliary of Greenbelt American Legion Unit No. 136, This year's theme, "Teaching Children to Think and Dream," reflects 77 years of concern and interest by the American Legion family and other professional groups. Unit 136 expressed its appreciation to the teachers of several community schools in October by delivering baskets of apples and a poem of appreciation. During the coming week the Unit will also provide bookmarks encouraging

of the players had problems with pitch. Some pieces, notably the Baywood Overture (Concert Band II) and the Renaissance Suite, lacked the expected panache.

One puzzling problem was that the 29 sopranos of the Gospel Choir could hardly be heard. This may be related to the poor acoustics of the auditorium previously noted. The altos managed to make themselves heard, but there were more of them, and lower voices tend to carry better.

Outstanding numbers in the program included Russian Triptych (Concert Band II), Spirit (Gospel Choir), and the Shoop Shoop Song (Women's Choir). The instrumental works showed to best advantage with good orchestrations that made each part stand out.

Symphony #1 by Daniel Bukvich is in memory of the bombing that caused a fire storm in Dresden in 1945. This eerie work is complete with the drone of aircraft, the rattle of machine guns, bombs exploding and people screaming. When the raid is over, the flames die out, the stage lights fade to total darkness, and total silence. Then the orchestra mimicked a lone baby whimpering and crying in the dark. This unusual work received enthusiastic applause.

students to read which will be given to each child who visits the school library. During the week and throughout the year, publications encouraging safety, civic pride and scholarship will be distributed.

American Education Week is for everyone - not just for active parents and educators. Participation by visiting community schools during this week will demonstrate commitment to providing a high quality of education for Greenbelt's children. The Auxiliary urges all citizens to plan now for a visit to a local school during the coming week.



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new highway on another side of Greenbelt, said Roberts, for this is a new highway in the making. What is happening is the state and county are using federal funds to start the widening of Kenilworth Avenue up to Laurel and the Inter-County Connector, he continued. Can we affect the federal funding of the project, he asked Kelly.

"There's a huge snowball rolling down the mountain and you guys are trying to redirect it. At worst you will earn their respect, at best you will find an alternative," Kelly responded. However, he asked the council to bear in mind that "these guys" are convinced they have the best alternative. Kelly advised looking at the mitigation plans, reviewing the entire project file, having a formal meeting with the United States Corps of Engineers and Maryland Department of the Environment (and set a serious tone by having the city attorney present), and hire a traffic consultant to look at the traffic situation. But, he cautioned, he believed that unless the city could find a viable alternative to the proposed wetland mitigation that they will go ahead with it.

Council concurred with Kelly's suggestions and asked city attorney Robert Manzi to send a letter requesting a meeting with the state Water Management Administration.

#### **Medical Building**

A combined medical office building and ambulatory surgery center will be built near the Holiday Inn. In June a detailed site plan for the two story building was approved by the Prince George's County Planning Board. Now the developer wants to add a third floor. This would increase the building size from 28,200 to 42,300 square feet.

The developer sought council approval of the new plans and approval to waive the requirement of 68 parking spaces that would be required with the increased square footage. The developer argued that parking spaces could be used in the Holiday Inn parking lot next door since the two businesses have different peak hours. City staff visited the site and found this was the case - the hotel has low usage rates during the day, which is when the new medical building would be used the most.

# **News at Greenbelt Community Center**

by Dorothy Sucher

It looks like Windows 98 for the Greenbelt Community Center-or maybe 99. Not the Microsoft kind, but the kind that lets in the sunshine, as well as the draughts. Two and a half years after the newly-remodeled Community Center opened, the decrepit old windows are due to be renovated. Funded by a state grant of \$200,000 and an equal amount from the city, the window project will soon be put out for bids, and renovation will begin in either the fourth quarter of this year or the first quarter of next year.

According to Joe McNeal, coordinator of the center, the windows will probably be refurbished, not replaced. Speaking at a meeting of the Community Center tenants on October 6, he explained that the windows will most likely be lifted out, frames and all, and taken away to be renovated. One room will be done at a time, and in the meanwhile the window openings will be boarded up. He estimated that the work on each room will probably be completed in about a week.

The possibility of using en-

The city council approved the waiver of parking spaces and the revised site plan. Various minor conditions were part of the approval of the latter.

The council unanimously voted to repeal and reenact the part of the city code that deals with zoning. Earlier this year the city received limited zoning authority from the county. As part of this the city had to make changes in the part of the code that deals with zoning.

ergy-conserving "low-E" glass was discussed, and all the artists who were in attendance expressed concerns regarding their need for natural light in their studios. According to McNeal, this issue will be "thoroughly reviewed and considered when deciding on the kind of glass that is installed."

#### **New Control Counter**

A new reception desk and counter will be installed in the lobby, opposite the main office, using a design consistent with the decor of the building. It is to be staffed all day and evening, and should help improve customer service and security.

#### **Other Items**

The ongoing need for improved interior and exterior signs was discussed, and McNeal stated that additional funding to cover the costs has been requested in fiscal year 1998/99. In the meantime, temporary signs will be installed to help alleviate problems

The Community Center staff is developing a "welcome book" for visitors to the building, and occupants of the building are asked to forward information and photographs for the book to Sarah Schaffer.

The Community Center newsletter is to be revived, and information should be submitted to Malia Murray in the main office. The deadline is the 25th of each month.

## New Staff

New staff members include office assistant Malia Murray, recreation coordinators Sarah Schaffer and Greg Varda, and maintenance worker John Baluch.



## **Medical Equipment** Available on Loan

Area residents with a confirmed diagnosis of multiple sclerosis (MS) may be eligible to receive the free loan of therapeutic medical equipment such as wheelchairs, portable ramps, canes, walkers, and other items according to the Multiple Sclerosis Association of America. MSAA, now heading into its 29th year of service, provides the free loan of such equipment to qualified members who cannot secure assistive devices either on their own or through private insurance or government programs. To learn more about this program, call the MS Association at 1-800-833-4672 or access www.msaa.com.

In addition to standard pieces of therapeutic equipment, the program offers limited supply of custom equipment as well as the loan of "cool suits." Utilizing NASA spinoff technology, the cool suit (vest and cooling unit) lowers the wearer's body temperature by one degree. Studies have shown this lowering of body temperature offers temporary symptom relief for MS suffers.



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The display will include samples of cup plates, sewing birds, invalid feeders, match safes, bone dishes, and more. Exhibit hours are from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Thursdays and Fridays and from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Surratt House has a rich Civil War history with a special focus on the story of the Lincoln assassination. House tours with costumed guides are included in the admission. There is a fee.

For further information, call 301-868-1121 (voice and TTY).

#### City Notes

Two new signs were installed at Roosevelt Center. Parking lines, stop lines, and a crosswalk were installed on Northway, as was a double yellow center line. Stop lines and crosswalks were also installed on Research Road. Campaign signs were removed around the city.





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# **POLICE BLOTTER**

## Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

#### Assault

7100 block of Ora Glen Drive, Nov. 2, 5:45 p.m., a 45-year-old male nonresident was arrested after threatening another man with a shotgun. The victim had been called to the residence of the suspect's estranged wife to change the locks on the home. The husband showed up unexpectedly and demanded that the worker leave. The victim was told to continue working. The man retrieved a shotgun from his vehicle, returned to the residence, pointed the weapon at the victim, and told him, "You'll leave now." The wife was able to leave the residence and call the police. Contact was made after the residence was surrounded, and the husband was apprehended without incident. No one was injured. The husband was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

7900 block of Mandan Road, Nov. 4, 6 p.m., a juvenile reported being struck by another juvenile while talking with several friends. The victim was not injured. However, approximately half an hour later, the victim reported that as he was entering his building, two youths approached him and began taunting him about the assault. One hit the victim in the face; the second threw a football which struck the victim, eausing a minor bruise to his face. A detailed description of the second suspect was unavailable.

#### **Burglary and Theft**

On Oct. 31, a 14-year-old male resident was charged for the residential burglary reported in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive on Oct. 28. The youth was charged on petition and released to

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the Juvenile Services facility in Cheltenham.

7900 block of Mandan Road, Oct. 31, several fur coats were stolen from a person in the process of moving

Willy K's Restaurant in the 7200 block of Hanover Drive, Nov. 2, 5:57 a.m., a safe was removed from the office on a handcart but was left outside the restaurant unopened. A liquor cabinet was forced open, but it is unknown if anything was taken.

Greenbelt Nursing Center, Nov. 5, 1:41 p.m., a safe was damaged after someone attempted to force the lock. In addition, cash was taken from unattended purses in two offices.

#### Vandalism

6200 block of Springhill Drive, Oct. 30, 11:47 p.m., a rock was thrown through a sliding glass door.

#### **Vehicle Crimes**

7600 block of Greenbelt Road, Oct. 30, a black 1996 Mercury Cougar with Maryland tags ZVK495 was stolen.

8 court of Ridge Road, Oct. 31, a dark green Toyota Corolla with Maryland tags 89662HD was sto-

Greenway Shopping Center, Nov. 4, a 1987 Oldsmobile Cutlass with Maryland tags CZX762 was stolen.

Vandalisms to and thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block of Breezewood Court, Beltway Plaza Mall, 6200 block of Springhill Court, 9100 block of Springhill Lane, 9300 block of Edmonston Road, 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt Metro station,

## Sunday Birdwalks From Bird Center

The Wild Bird Center conducts a birdwalk the third Sunday of every month. Meet at the new store, in Historic Old Bowie, 8700A Chestnut Avenue, at 7 a.m. on Sunday, November 15. There will be a visit to one of the local "hot spots" and return to the Wild Bird Center by 11:45 a.m. Although the walks are free, people are asked to make reservations so they may be contacted in case of cancellation due to inclement weather. Call 301-805-4858

6700 block of Ora Glen Drive, and 7600 block of Mandan Road.

## Preservation Award Nominations Due

The Maryland Historical Trust will accept nominations beginning November 1 for the annual Maryland Preservation Awards. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, January 15, 1999.

Once the nominations are evaluated, the annual Maryland Preservation Awards will be presented at a special ceremony on April 30. Awards will be presented for the Calvert Prize. Preservation Project Awards, Preservation Service Awards, Heritage Book Awards, Educational Excellence Awards and

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## Ambassador to Speak At UMUC Nov. 18

The Ambassador of Singapore to the United States will speak about "Singapore's Curious Role in Helping the Competition" on Wednesday, November 18, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the University of Maryland University College (UMUC).

As part of UMUC's Embassy Series of colloquia, Ambassador Chan Heng Chee will discuss the role that her nation, one of Asia's four "little dragons," plays in the economy of Southeast Asia.

Those interested in attending this free event should call 301-985-7179 for additional information or to register.

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## America Recycles Day Is Sunday

One of Governor Parris Glendening's first environmental actions since his reelection is to declare November 15 as America Recycles Day in Maryland. This second annual America Recycles Day is a national event that promotes recycling, source reduction and buying products made from recycled materials as means to achieving a more sustainable society.

As an incentive to draw people into the messages of reduce, reuse and recycle, participants will use pledge cards as contest entry forms for a random national drawing for the "American Green Dream House" whose value is \$250,000, including property costs. The house to be constructed will be a

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In Maryland the state's nonprofit recycling organization, the Maryland Recyclers Coalition (MRC), will again spearhead the state's ARD efforts. MRC will promote and coordinate a range of activities across the state; check their website for details: www.marylandrecyclers.org.

For further information contact Richard Keller, chief of Recycling, Maryland Environmental Service, 410-974-7254.

## Don't Be a "Turkey" Share Thanksgiving

Don't be a "turkey" this Share a tradi-Thanksgiving. tional Thanksgiving basket with a family in need this holiday. The Prince George's County Department of Social Services is seeking donations of food baskets to include a Thanksgiving meal with trimmings. For more information, contact Maria Carrasquillo at 301-209-5018.

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Generally we at the repair facility replace both headlamps as a pair. This extends the service life and voltage loads.

Till next time: Think "PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE"

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# **Actors Offer Convincing Performances in "Algernon"**

#### by Altoria Bell Ross

The Greenbelt Arts Center rendered a riveting performance of "Flowers for Algernon" on opening night, Friday, November 6, a drama by David Rogers based on Daniel Keyes' novella. The drama originally was released as a motion picture in 1962, also based on the novella; in 1992 it was renamed "Charly" and made into a new film which starred Cliff Robertson, Claire Bloom, Lilia Skala, Leon Janney, and Ruth White.

Charlie Gordon, the main character, is a 32-year-old mentally retarded man who wants to become smart. He is given the same experimental medical procedure as Algernon, a lab mouse whose mental abilities escalate. The play follows both the mouse's and Charlie's development after the operation and focuses on how Charlie handles his past, present, and future.

In the Greenbelt production, Chuck Dluby as Charlie and Sheilah Crossley-Cox as Charlie's mother were remarkable in portraying their roles with emotion and complexity. Dluby was charming and lovable as the retarded young man, whose halting speech and simple language drew in the audience. As his character matured, Dluby convincingly changed his body language, speech, and attitude. Crossley-Cox was captivating as Charlie's mother. She impressively pulled off being rational, volatile, and not so sane. Crossley-Cox and Phil Brandis, Charlie's father, artfully exchanged heated dialogue that built tension in several of the dream scenes.

The other supporting actors also contributed to an intensifying performance. Callie Hunter was sensitive and pensive as Charlie's teacher, Alice Kinnian. Fourthgrader Jacob Snider as Little Charlie and sixth-grader Will Snider as Teenage Charlie did excellent jobs shadowing the adult Charlie in the dream scenes.



Michaela Haber, who is in the fourth grade, spoke loud, clear, and expressively as Little Norma.

Among adult performers Judy Holland struck a couple of funny bones as Mrs. Money, Charlie's landlord. Phyllis Kay epitomized Mrs. New York with her nasal accent and grand gestures as Mrs. Donner, the baker. Michael Gilmore was effective as the uptight, hard-line Professor Harold Nemur, as was Jean Roth-Hawkins as the kind Dr. Janet Strauss.

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In the novella and the play, Dr. Strauss was male but Director Norma Ozur said she decided to cast a woman instead. "Dr. Strauss was more sympathetic, warmer, and more of a contrast to Dr. Nemur, who was much colder," she said.

In the novella, Charlie wrote in diary form. Rogers transformed these diary entries into insightful monologues. One of the blocking problems that occurs when the Greenbelt Arts Center is broken into three sections is invariably that an actor's back is turned to the audience. Director Ozur solved this problem by having Dluby face each section of

the audience and address them during two of his monologues. The blocking also worked well in Algernon's "escape" during the convention scene and the tripping of Charlie during the dance.

Ozur's use of masks during the dream scenes also heightened the effect of Charlie's initial in-

ability to remember his parents' faces.

Thursday, November 12, 1998

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