

# GREENBELT

## News Review

### Beat The Rush

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### Crime Is Up 2.5% in Greenbelt

by James Giese

Crime in Greenbelt increased by 2.5% in 1998 according to the records of the Greenbelt Police Department. The increase of 46 offenses recorded is less than the 11.5% increase in crimes that occurred in 1997, a year that reversed a two-year downward trend in crime for 1995 and 1996. In total, the number of crimes reported set a new record high for the city.

The statistical data relates to a group of more serious offenses, referred to as Class I offenses, which are accounted for uniformly by police jurisdictions throughout the country. These offenses include the crimes against persons of murder, rape, robbery and assaults. Also in-

cluded are the crimes against property of burglary and breaking and entering, theft of property (other than auto) and auto theft. The numbers include attempted crimes as well, except in the case of murder.

One crime category, theft of auto, with 49 additional offenses reported in 1998, more than accounts for the total increase in all offenses. However, drops in other crimes against property somewhat offset that increase, resulting in an increase of 30 crimes (or 2%) in crimes against property in 1998.

Crimes against persons increased by 4.8%. The number of murders remained the same as for 1998, two. Reported rapes increased from 11 to 15. This in-

crease could reflect a greater willingness on the part of victims to report the crime. (In general, most rape victims know the person who committed the offense.) Robberies increased by three, from 64 to 67. The greatest increase in number of bodily crimes committed, nine, occurred in the category of assaults. They numbered 267 in 1998. Police Chief James Craze notes that a year ago, the department had to modify the way in which assault crimes were reported. He felt that change in accounting procedures caused the significant jump in number of crimes reported in 1997.

#### Other Statistics

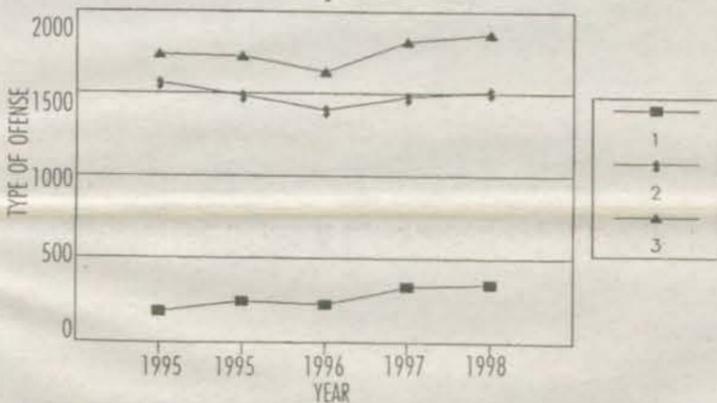
The number of arrests police made dropped by 7.5% for adults and 15% for juveniles. Both figures, however, remain above the numbers that occurred in 1994, 1995, or 1996. Chief Craze reports a high level of clearance (46%) for cases investigated, well above that for the state as a whole or Prince George's County.

Traffic summonses issued also dropped by 28% to the lowest number of summonses issued since 1995, 2,584. The number of parking tickets issued dropped by an even greater 29%, and to well below the numbers issued in the past four years. At 1,882, the number of citations were 1,384 fewer than in 1995.

Although traffic accidents increased by over 5%, 1998 was

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### Greenbelt Police Department Five Year Comparison of Offenses



- 1. Crimes against persons
- 2. Crimes against property
- 3. Total Class I offenses



Michael Lucas at the Greenbelt Post Office with a bouquet of dahlias from his garden.

### Dahlia Explosion at Post Office Calms Customers

by Dorothy Suher

The foliage was dense and strange—pittosporum, maybe?—and the flowers even stranger: hairy, pink-and-silver blossoms like giant artichokes. Surely they were the rare King Protea, which meant I had to be in the Hawaiian rainforest. Or was I?

Actually, no. I was inching along the line at the Greenbelt post office, and my refreshing little fantasy, so much more agreeable than standing there fuming because I was running late, had been brought to me courtesy of Michael Lucas.

This is an experience many Greenbelters have shared during the last two years, ever since

Lucas, a postal window clerk and lover of flowers, began bringing bouquets of his prize-winning dahlias to work and displaying them on the counter for everyone to enjoy. Lately he has branched out into other flowers as well, during the winter months. It was his current arrangement of King Proteas and exotic, almost wax-like green-and-red anthuriums that prompted my Hawaiian daydream.

#### Customers Love Them

How do postal customers react to this departure from standard bureaucratic protocol? They love it. Every day they tell Lucas how much they enjoy the flowers. They say the blossoms "calm them down." They bring

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### Schaffer Keeps Control With "Super-organization"

by Janet Norris

When you first see her, you get the appearance of a squeaky-clean-faced, seemingly quiet and naive teenager sitting at a desk in the main office of the Greenbelt Community Center, much like a summer intern. But then you realize she is not an intern, but is in charge and in full control.

Tracking classes and events, answering calls, delegating work, and helping Greenbelt residents with questions concerning the day's activities are just some of what keeps Sarah Schaffer, recreation coordinator of the Greenbelt Community Center, busy and motivated. She laughingly admits that "I sometimes think my motivation is on the verge of eating me alive," but adds, "I can always see myself doing eight or nine other things."

And that she has. In addition to her work at the Community Center, Schaffer is one of the spokespersons and organizers of the Save the Greenbelt Theater Campaign and Friends of Greenbelt Theater organization, as well as the organizer of the Fes-

tival of Lights (a craft exhibit), and an organizer of the Kreative Kids Camp. Aside from activities relative to her work, Schaffer actively participates in a local band and volunteers at the District of Columbia Animal Shelter.

How does this 22-year-old do it? By being "super-organized," says Schaffer in the confident manner assumed by one who knows what it takes to get the job done.

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Volunteers lay new flagstone path behind 53 Court Ridge.

- photo by Luci Gorman

### Volunteers Beautify Old Greenbelt

The GHI Architecture & Environment Committee (A&E) asked for volunteers to come out and help lay flagstone on Saturday, March 13 — and a beautiful new path now connects 53 Court Ridge to the inner walkway. GHI is funding a project to beautify neglected areas, mud swamps, etc., in different areas of old

Greenbelt. Committee members Julia Eichhorst, Bill Phelan, Kris White, Bob Snyder and Jeff Morissette ask their laborers — volunteers — to bring gloves and shovels. Last Saturday's volunteers included Ed Hickey, Ronnie Scotkin, Pat Heaney, Luci Gorman, Chris Casey and Margaret Hogensen (who loaned a

wheelbarrow).

Volunteers can assist with mulching and planting ground covers and shrubs along the path on Saturday, March 27. A lunch cookout is planned and drinks are on the house. For more information call Bob Snyder at 301-474-0403 or Julia Eichhorst at 301-345-5508.

### What Goes On

**Monday, March 29, 7 p.m.,** Recycling Advisory Committee meeting on Earth Day planning, Community Center.

**Wednesday, March 31, 7 p.m.** Meeting of the Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board, 7 p.m., Community Center.

**Saturday, April 3, 1 p.m.** Children's Easter Party for children up to age 11. Greenbelt American Legion, Post 136, 6900 Greenbelt Road.

## A Good Vote, but... The Silent Majority

The 17.5% turnout in registered voters for the March 9 referendum, in spite of a snowstorm, compared favorably to the 21.5% turnout at the last city council election, an election held under much more favorable weather circumstances and having greater voter interest. It was evident that many voters turned out early this time to make their opinions known before the snow storm reached its peak. We congratulate all those who took the trouble to vote and also thank those who worked to get voters to the polls.

That being said, we must also note that those who voted were a small minority of the city's registered voters. The vast majority, over 80%, remained silent. Some, of course, did not vote because of the weather. But even if it had been sunny and warm, most of this silent majority probably would not have bothered to vote. They haven't voted at other city elections.

Why? Is it because they did not care about the issue? Or do not care about the city? Was it because they did not feel their vote would count for anything? Are they turned off about city government? Or were they just lazy?

We don't know. We don't think anyone else does either. We only know that they are the vast majority of our residents, and that when political decisions are made, it is still necessary to try to determine how they feel, even if they don't speak up. Although some people may think a single vote doesn't matter, in a municipality such as Greenbelt, small groups of citizens often can make a big difference. We remember when the residents of Springhill Lake, an area that seldom casts many votes in city elections (only 33 this time), got upset on an issue and turned out in sufficient numbers to change the political balance in the city.

## Use Proper Names

In the March 11 issue of the Greenbelt News Review, Robert Lewis writes, "Although its official name is 'Buddy' Attick Park, we sometimes call it the Greenbelt Park, which is maintained by the National Park Service." Lewis then goes on to suggest that the name of Greenbelt Park be changed to become Eleanor Roosevelt National Park to stop the confusion.

First, when referring to either park, their given names should always be used. Whenever people, Lewis included, call "Buddy" Attick Park the Greenbelt Park, they are the ones causing the confusion, if indeed confusion exists. Second, anyone who does not correct others who refer to either park incorrectly by name lends credence to the misnomer. Third, when people fail to use the name "Buddy" Attick when referring to this park they foster and perpetuate a disservice to the man for whom the park is named.

I knew Buddy Attick; I did not know Eleanor Roosevelt. "Buddy" Attick was entrenched in the ideals and the lifeblood of Greenbelt in a far greater way than was Mrs. Roosevelt. Yes, Mrs. Roosevelt came to Greenbelt on occasion. Buddy lived here and worked here. Yes, Mrs. Roosevelt was interested in Greenbelt to the degree that it served her and her husband's political interests. Buddy Attick was not in a political arena. Don't misunderstand. Mrs. Roosevelt was a great woman, but no more so than Buddy Attick a great man. A man who lived in and who served the citizens of Greenbelt for many years, day in and day out. Not just a casual visitor.

Is it too much to ask that we continue to respect this man, to keep his memory alive and in a place of honor in Greenbelt? To allow people, as a matter of convenience, to nonchalantly skip over his name when referring to "Buddy" Attick Park as Greenbelt Park is a degrading and insensitive act. Then to suggest that the Greenbelt Park have a name change because of confusion between the two parks is unconscionable.

Although different and distinct, both parks have one common thread, proper names. If people would only take time to remember to use them there would be no room for confusion, real or perceived.

Joan Krob

(Ed. Note: In reviewing the above letter, we discovered that some words had been inadvertently left out of Mr. Lewis' letter when it was published. Mr. Lewis had referred to "Buddy" Attick Park sometimes being called Greenbelt Lake Park. Below is Mr. Lewis' original letter in its entirety (we hope). We regret the misunderstanding.

## Change the Name

Although its official name is "Buddy" Attick Park, we sometimes call it the Greenbelt Lake Park. Therefore, confusion can arise between that park and Greenbelt Park, which is maintained by the National Park Service.

In order to end this confusion, I suggest that we ask the federal government to change the name of Greenbelt Park to the Eleanor Roosevelt National Park. I suggest honoring Eleanor Roosevelt this way because her name is historically linked to the City of Greenbelt, and because there are no national parks named for women. It is true that there is a national historic site in Hyde Park, NY, named in honor of this national heroine, but since Hyde Park is distant from Greenbelt, this would not be cause for confusion.

Robert Lewis

## Thanks

I would like to extend my appreciation to all during this trying time. First to my dear husband who has been helping me day and night. The priests, eucaristic ministers, and our ladies sodality, all of Saint Hugh's church. All the prayers, get well cards and phone calls. Many thanks to the rescue squad and those who loaned me the walker and wheelchair. I can't thank you all enough. Greenbelt is a great caring community. God bless you all.

Vita Pergola

## Letters

### Support Police Funding

This letter is to help clear up the facts and misunderstandings regarding the manpower of the Greenbelt Police Department. Two letters have been written in past issues of the News Review regarding the shortage of police officers. In one letter Mat Amberg pointed out that there is a need to hire more police officers. Amberg is correct.

The Police Department has three divisions: the Administrative Division, Special Operations Division and the Patrol Division. The division that affects the citizens and merchants the most is Patrol. It is the officers who work in patrol who respond when you call. These are the officers that the citizens depend on the most. Unfortunately, there is a severe shortage of officers.

The Patrol Division is made up of 24 officers currently on duty, each assigned to a squad. There are four squads with six officers on a squad. This is the same manpower allocation as in 1985. Due to the manpower shortage, officers from other units such as Street Crimes, Traffic, and Bike have been assigned to the squads. A squad works an 8.5 hour shift and it is not unusual for only four officers to be working during that shift. This is due to training, vacations, sick leave, stress, injury, and ongoing internal investigations. Therefore, when a major call comes in, such as an armed robbery, a personal injury accident, or any other call that can tie up an officer for many hours, there is no one on patrol. This all boils down to one major concern and that is safety. Safety for the citizens and for the officers.

Every year the calls for police service increase. In 1994 the number of calls for service was 14,966. In 1996 it rose to 21,594 and last year, in 1998, the calls for police service increased to 26,717. The city averages approximately two murders a year. Rape has increased from 11 in 1997 to 15 in 1998. Robberies, assaults and vehicle thefts are other crimes that have increased. Yet the number of officers who work the streets and respond to these calls have remained the same since 1985.

This is not fair to you, the citizens. You pay taxes and expect the best police service available. The business owners expect that when we are needed, we will respond in the quickest time possible. However, with a shortage of officers that response time can become difficult. In addition, the shortage causes an already overburdened officer more stress and results in poor work performance. This can cause safety concerns for citizens and officers.

So what can be done? As the City Council weighs its needs for the upcoming budget, let us spend money where we will all see returns. Returns such as more officers, and more marked patrol cars on the streets. Returns such as having enough officers to respond quickly to a major crime, thereby increasing the potential to apprehend the criminal and protect the citizens.

One way to attract and retain officers is through pay and benefits. Currently the starting pay

for officers in Greenbelt is approximately \$4,000 - \$6,000 less than the surrounding agencies. In addition, most police agencies have a 20-year retirement at 45% or above of the officer's pay. Compare that to this department, with a 25-year retirement at less than 33% of the officer's pay. So why would officers want to stay here if they can go to another agency with better pay and benefits?

There are several items the Greenbelt Fraternal Order of Police will be asking from the City Council this year. The Greenbelt F.O.P. represents the officers of the Greenbelt City Police Department and is trying to improve the pay and benefits in order to attract potential officers, retain current officers, and stay competitive with other agencies. We encourage you to voice your opinions to the City Council. Write to them, call them, and/or attend the worksession. Mat Amberg is right, we need more officers for your safety and ours. Thank you.

Seung Lee, Vice President  
Greenbelt Fraternal  
Order of Police

### Tax Advantage

GHI members will have the opportunity to vote for Historic District designation for GHI at the end of April. Through the years we have seen our co-op fees rise faster than the rate of inflation. A significant part of the monthly fee goes to routine maintenance and the replacement reserve. A portion of these costs can be defrayed by county tax rebates that GHI would be legally entitled to if we became an historic district and essentially followed the rules we already have in the Member Handbook to maintain our community. This would lower monthly fees in the future, thereby ensuring that GHI is competitive in the housing market and able to attract new members.

Ray Stevens

### Correction

In the March 11 issue front page photograph of ACE award recipients, Alla Lake of ACE (shown between city councilmembers Alan Turnbull and Edward Putens) was incorrectly identified as Wendy Wexler. We regret the error.

### Thanks, Coaches

Thank you Coach Hillard and Coach Belt for the examples of fair play and good sportsmanship you set for my son Kerry's fourth grade basketball team at St. Hugh's. Naturally, it was a thrill to see the team have an undefeated season; however, my real gratitude comes from your emphasis on teaching each player to respect themselves, their teammates, the referees, opposing teams, and their parents. Many parents feel challenged attempting to teach our children how to behave under pressure (I know I do). For modeling superb sportsmanship, on and off the courts, I thank you. Hillary Clinton was right (again); it takes a whole village to raise a child. The last thing our world needs is another bad sport with an ego the size of Texas. For teaching our sons how to act with humility and grace as they are winning, I remain grateful.

Sarah Mullaney

### March 31 Deadline For Scholarships

High school seniors have until March 31 to apply for the new Maryland Science and Technology Scholarship, a grant of up to \$3,000 a year for students who plan to major in computer science, engineering, or technology in college.

Students enrolled in a four- or five-year baccalaureate program are eligible for \$3,000 a year. Students attending community college are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship.

For information students should ask their guidance counselor or call the State Scholarship Administration at 410-974-5370 or 800-974-1024, extension 194. The TTY/voice number is 800-735-2258.

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## Saturday Is Slated For Stream Clean-up

A press conference and stream clean-up will be held by CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek) on Saturday, March 27 at 9 a.m. in the parking lot of the courthouse on Cherrywood Lane. Staff members of Georgetown Law Center's Institute for Public Representation (IPR) will be introduced and information about CCRIC will be available. IPR has agreed to advise CCRIC.

At the organization's last meeting, attendees from Greenbelt, College Park and Berwyn Heights participated in "visioning" or brainstorming about future use of the site currently proposed by the Metroland group for massive development at Greenbelt Metro. CCRIC Chair Kate Spencer subsequently shared the communities' hopes and ideas with the Greenbelt City Council at its March 22 meeting, during which CCRIC also expressed opposition to construction of another Beltway interchange to serve the Metroland project. CCRIC's Lowell Owens described for the Council anticipated traffic problems which would result, noting that developers apparently anticipate approximately 8,000 additional car trips per day if the project is built.

CCRIC meets at 4 p.m. every Sunday in the senior classroom of the Community Center and urges concerned citizens to attend. For more information, leave a message on 301-441-3844.

# Community Events

## GHI Notes

Regular Board of Directors meetings for April are scheduled for Thursdays, April 8 and 29 at 7:30 p.m. There will be a special board meeting on Thursday, April 22, at 7 p.m.

The Playground Committee will meet Monday, March 29, in the library at 7:30 p.m.

The Nominations & Elections Committee will meet Tuesday, March 30, in the library at 7:30 p.m.

The Architecture and Environment Committee meets Tuesday, March 30, in the board room.

Remember the Work Party for the 51 through 56 courts of Ridge on Saturday, March 27, at 10 a.m. Come along and bring a trowel.

The Historic District Committee Forums will be held on Saturday, April 17, from 1 to 3 p.m. and Thursday, April 22, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

GHI has established a hot-line for members to call with questions about the historic district issue. Call 301-474-4161 ext. 141.

## Donations Needed For Yard Sale

The annual yard sale of Mowatt Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road will be held April 23 and 24. If people have items they would like to donate, please call Maxine Smith, 301-474-7291.

Watch for details.

## Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

A "hat contest" will be held at the Golden Age Club's Wednesday, March 31, meeting. Mary Gardner will serve as chair and there will be three prize categories: prettiest, most creative and funniest. Use your imagination and get in the "spring bonnet mood."

Travel Committee chair, John Taylor, reminded members of the planned trip to the Wilmington, DE Waterfront Museum on Tuesday, April 20. Since the Winterthur trip was cancelled, members should see John at the meeting to determine disposition of their checks. Thanks to John and his committee for all their efforts.

One of the upcoming speakers for April will be a woman who has been working with Nicaraguan storm victims. More later on dates for speakers in April and May.

Since this reporter will be away for the March 24 and 31 meetings, give news items to Ruth Huggins for submission to the News Review. The editors need copy by noon on Tuesdays.

## At the Library

### Children's Programs

Tuesday, March 30, 7-8:30 p.m. Babysitting workshop. Ages 12-19. Last of three sessions. Registration required. Participants who complete all three sessions will receive an official 4-H Babysitting Certificate.

Wednesday, March 31, 7 p.m. P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6.

Thursday, April 1, 10:15 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3-5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

### Genealogy Workshop

Saturday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Get help with research problems from experienced genealogists on a one-to-one basis.

## All Invited to Plan Earth Day Program

The Recycling Advisory Committee will hold a special meeting for Earth Day planning Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center. All interested are invited.

## Dragun, Grab that Donut

by Nelda Young

Raider's Dragun II, built by Eleanor Roosevelt High School's Production Systems II class, successfully competed with 60 other teams in the 1999 FIRST Robotics Competition in Philadelphia, PA, on March 11 - 13. Dragun II is a radio-controlled, battery-operated aluminum robot that stands 48" tall, 30" wide, 36" long, and weighs 129 pounds.

The challenge requires two pairs of robots to race to pick up a maximum of ten floppies, satin 28" donuts trimmed in velcro, and put them into their own carrying basket. Extra points are given for having the basket and floppies eight feet off the floor when time is called. There is more; the robot earns more points if it is on top of an eight-sided rolling stool puck at the end of the playing period. And if all goes really well, the robot is rewarded with still more points by ending the two-minute game on the puck in the opposition's

territory.

The Raiders won four of six qualifying rounds at the regional practice session. Since then Dragun II received minor repairs in the two days allotted between competitions. It was later shipped to Epcot Center in Orlando, FL, where 22 ERHS students will participate in the national competition April 21 - 23. Thirteen thousand competitors are expected to attend this year.

Junior and senior students in Doug Pruett's Production Systems II class at ERHS worked six weeks to build Dragun II. To meet the shipping deadline, 25 dedicated aspiring engineers worked more than 100 hours each.

ERHS' team is assisted by a grant from NASA and sponsored by Southern Management, ProObject, the Clark Construction Group Inc., and Robotics International. Technical help was provided by Mike Gager, an ERHS alumnus, currently a Catholic University of America freshman, and Mike Wade, a Goddard aerospace technician.

If Dragun II gets back from Florida in time, the robot will be on display at NASA's open house in Greenbelt this spring. More information about the competition is available on the internet at <<http://www.USFIRST.org>>.

## Easter Egg Hunt At Greenbriar

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt at Greenbriar on Saturday, April 3, for Greenbriar/Glen Oaks children from 11 a.m. - noon. Children toddler to age 12 will have the traditional egg hunt. There will be prizes for special eggs as well as prizes for the most eggs found. In case of inclement weather, the hunt will be held in the Terrace Room. Children should bring a basket and parents may bring a camera. Refreshments will be served after the egg hunt. This is a free event, but parents must register their child by Wednesday, March 31, by calling 301-441-1096.

## Our Neighbors

Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of pioneer Mary Jean McCarl Bonham, daughter of original Greenbelt dentist James W. McCarl.

Congratulations to three year old Destiny Marie Leonard, second runner up in the Sunburst Pageant for two to three year olds at Beltway Plaza March 13. Sponsored in the pageant by the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, Destiny is the daughter of Lori and D'Angelo Leonard of Laurel and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Byrd of Greenbelt.

Army Private Tron C. Scipio, son of Bernetha Scipio of Lakeside Drive and a 1998 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at Fort Knox, KY.

Greenbelter Robert Conroy and his team "Cutters," a Maryland team, will compete in the



Destiny Marie Leonard - photo by Peggy Byrd

Pert Plus NFL AIR-IT-OUT, the National Football League's official four-on-four non-contact flag football tournament in Orlando this weekend.

## Explore Fire Safety

On Friday, April 9, Explorations Unlimited presents "Fire Safety — Don't Make an Ash Out of Yourself." The presenter will be Jim Robinson, who is the manager of Life Safety Systems at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Robinson served as chair of the Fire & Safety Committee of the Campus Safety Health, and Environmental Management Association (CSHEMA) from 1994-95 and is the chair Elect for 1999-2000. He also serves on the Executive Committee of CSHEMA, a division of the National Safety Council that advocates safety at more than 500 colleges and universities on five continents. He is also a member of the Fire Sprinkler Technology Committee of the Maryland State Fireman's Association. He has been a volunteer firefighter in Maryland for 33 years.

Of the industrialized nations in the world, the United States has the worst fire safety record. Young children and senior citizens are the most affected populations. People's homes, the places where they spend most of their time and feel the most secure, are the most dangerous places, where most fire injuries and deaths occur.

The key to good fire safety is prevention; come learn about the small things that people often overlook, how to avoid becoming one of the nation's fire statistics.

"Explorations Unlimited" is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt 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.

## New Deal Cafe

Open Fri & Sat, 7-11 pm



Music 8:30 pm No cover

Friday, March 26 OPEN MIKE

Saturday, March 27 Rachel and Jimena of El Niño

Donations for Musicians Encouraged Sunday Brunch 10 to 2 Greenbelt Community Center (301) 474-5642

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WINNER GRAND JURY PRIZE CANALS FILM FESTIVAL

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**WEEK OF MARCH 26**  
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 Best Foreign Film & Best Actor

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 Sat. (2:30, 5:00 @ \$3.00) 7:30, 9:45  
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**Greenbelt Arts Center presents**

**Friday, March 26 • One Night Only!**  
**Person to Person**  
 Gospel rock from the band's first and second CDs with opening Band **Guys in Ties** playing blues favorites.  
 At the Greenbelt Arts Center

**Off-Duty**  
 Saturday, March 27 • One Night Only!  
 Come dance to music so good it ought to be against the law. Get a ticket to see your local "Off-Duty" police officers!  
 At the Greenbelt Community Center

**Tickets \$5.00**

**The Greenbelt Arts Center**  
 123 Centerway, Greenbelt  
 (next to the Post Office)  
 For reservations and more information call (301) 441-8770

**OBITUARY**

**Mary Jean McCarl Bonham**

Greenbelt pioneer Mary Jean McCarl Bonham, 74, died March 24 of a stroke while in Calvert Memorial Hospital in Prince Frederick, Md.

Mrs. Bonham was born in Baltimore. Her family moved, when her father was appointed community dentist in the new Federal City of Greenbelt.

She was voted "Queen of all Greenbelt Night" in 1939 and was selected to present Eleanor Roosevelt with flowers during her visit to the community. Mrs. Bonham graduated from the University of Maryland and married her high school sweetheart, Robert T. Bonham in 1946.

Mrs. Bonham worked as a dental chairside assistant for her father, Dr. James W. McCarl and later for her brother, Dr. Clayton McCarl, Sr. She was involved in numerous church and community activities as well as substitute teaching. She was voted homemaker of the Year for the Washington Metropolitan Area in 1957.

Survivors include her husband, Robert T. Bonham and four children: Daryl B. Leach, of Silver Spring; Jan B. Gauvain of Wimberley, Texas; Dr. Robert T. Bonham of Honolulu, Hawaii; and James Bonham, of Silver Spring, as well as her brother, Dr. Clayton McCarl Sr., retired, in Annapolis. She also had six grandchildren.

Viewing will be on Sunday, March 28 from 6-8 p.m. at Gasch's Funeral Home in Hyattsville. The funeral services will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. at Gasch's, followed by interment at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery.

**Schaffer**

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**In Overdrive**

Who would know Schaffer better than those who work with her like Greg Varda, Recreation coordinator. "We do a lot of everything," he says, describing the daily upkeep of class activities, special events and meetings for which he and Schaffer are responsible. "She's organized and does things right away," says Varda, unlike his own procrastination. "We meet right in the middle," he adds.

While others may find that Schaffer brings a sense of balance to things, she does not hesitate to admit that she is "in overdrive all the time." Even high gear could be another way to describe her eagerness about her abilities and accomplishments.

Such abilities and demonstrated responsibilities have caught the eye of many, including that of the City of Greenbelt, which assigned Schaffer the task of co-spokesperson to coordinate special events and film festivals for the troubled Greenbelt Theater, an effort now referred to as the "Save the Greenbelt Theater Campaign."

**Creative**

Working on the campaign with the City's Senior Management Analyst, Bo Ferguson, who speaks of Schaffer as "very creative" and "very mature," has given her an opportunity to display her interest in marketing and

publicity, says Schaffer. "It's a challenge for me to market something [and] get it out there to the media. I really like working with the news and print media, trying to get their attention."

Attention is no stranger to Schaffer, who has gotten plenty of that during her short lifetime. From being the only girl at eight



Sara Schaffer

to play the saxophone in her school in Cheverly, to graduating from the University of Maryland in May, 1998, with a double major in art history, to producing a record label, a CD and managing a band. "My biggest passion, though, is with the band and playing music," says Schaffer, whose current band, Sidewinders, features a genre of music called "Jamaican SKA," a mixture of

reggae, dance hall, rock, jazz and R&B. The band has toured extensively in D.C., Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania.

What is next for her? She says a tour of Europe within the next year, specifically Italy and Florence, where she can learn more about her study of 15th Century Italian Renaissance art.

**Heritage**

Schaffer says her art is very personal and has a lot to do with her "heritage and life." "Art is something that I do that is almost like therapeutic; some people garden, I do art," she says. In coordinating events at the Community Center, campaigning for a worthy cause, lending her artistic talents to the band, and in her passion for the visual arts, clearly Sarah Schaffer is living a full life.

**Church Coffee House Presents Musicales**

"Gifts From Broadway: A Musical Salute" will be presented at Riverdale Presbyterian Church's Side Door Coffee House on Saturday, March 27 with complete shows at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Admission is free with donations encouraged and refreshments available. The church is located at 6513 Queens Chapel Road, University Park. For information call 301-927-0477.



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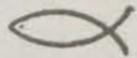
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# Dahlias

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standing next to his displays, and send copies to him at the post office. They walk away with a smile, and maybe a better attitude. They write letters to him and his supervisors.

"I think it brightens the whole situation," says Sandra Morris, the interim postmaster and officer in charge of the Greenbelt station. "It adds value to our customers' experience here, takes them away from the long lines at least for a moment. I'm just overjoyed to have Michael do this."

Lucas has been working at the Greenbelt post office for 23 years. For the first half of that time he was a mail carrier, and at 43 he is as trim and fit as if he still walked miles every day. Now his duties include responsibility for the merchandise displays and the stamp machines, as well as direct customer service. At one time or other he's done just about every job there is to do at the post office.

### Nature as Therapy

"It's not a bad job," says Lucas, "but it can be tense. Flowers are my therapy, growing them and arranging them. Nature puts on the best show in town. It's not just the physical labor. I feel a part of nature, year after year. It warms my soul. It's a lot of work, but the effort is well worthwhile."

Lucas, who grew up in Olney and now lives in Annandale, has lived in the Washington area all his life. There were no real gardeners in his family, but his parents would plant a few dahlia bulbs every year. Also the parents of some of his high school friends had gardens, and Lucas helped out.

"I found I really loved it. I started planting dahlias. People commented on them, how big they

were. Then seven years ago I bought a house in Annandale. It was old and run down, but it had over an acre of land. We fixed it up, and I bought a rototiller and planted a garden."

Now the gardens are beautifully landscaped, and last year Lucas grew 150 dahlia plants of about 130 different varieties, all massed in a bed that measures 2000 square feet.

A member of the National Capital Dahlia Society, Lucas enters his blooms in competitions and sometimes serves as a judge. Last September his dahlia Purple Joy won the "Best in Section"



King Protea blossoms in an exotic arrangement by Michael Lucas.

award at the society's annual show.

### A Second Career

Many people have suggested that Lucas sell his arrangements, and last year he began to do so, using flowers from his garden. The demand was there, and now he has obtained a business license and started using flowers of all types. He recently did his first wedding, and says he has as much work as he can handle. Arranging flowers, he says, is "a new passion that has renewed my zest for life."

# Area Music Students Featured at Concert

Over 500 of Prince George's County schools' best music students will highlight the 23rd Annual Kennedy Center Combined Honors Choruses, the All County Senior Youth Orchestra and Band in a concert set for Friday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in the Concert Hall. This diverse music program will feature student instrumentalists and singers from over 120 Prince George's County schools. All schools were invited to participate.

Greenbelt Middle School is represented by Geniece Albritton, Justin Bellamy, Chela Matthews, Tiffany Smith, and Kimberly Robinette.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School is represented by Marlon Guinn, Marlon Jennings, Ning Ji, Camilla Johannessen, Alexander Johnson, Cara Kirchoefer, Samantha Kling, Brigitte Lipert, Akida Matthews,

Erin Meyer, Romana Miller, Maria Paoletti, Katie Riegel, Candace Smith, Kelly Vaden, and Sonika Wright.

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The All County High School Band members from Eleanor Roosevelt High School are: Sarah Secules, Tara Boyle, Nhi Dahn, Emily Rose, Lisette Werbowetzki, Mary Anne Heath, Lisa Spears, Rebecca Waterworth, Harold Tagunitar, Betsy Secules, Matthew Webb,

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These talented students will perform classical and contemporary music from a variety of cultures, musical styles and genres. Tickets for the 7 p.m. concert at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts Concert Hall in Washington, D.C. are available directly from the Kennedy Center Box office. There is a fee. For information call 202-416-8378.

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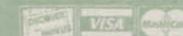
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Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

9100 block Edmonston Road, Mar. 17, 10 p.m. Damani Jamar Williams, 25, of Edmonston Road, was arrested and taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing. After responding to a call for a domestic assault, police officers saw the suspect hitting his victim, banging her head against a window sill. Investigation turned up two loaded hand guns and drugs packaged for sale.

Hanover Parkway and Mandan Road, Mar. 12, 8 p.m. an assault occurred. A man approached several youths to question them about an incident involving his daughter. The youths became confrontational, and pushed him down. One youth then pointed a small hand gun at him. The seven or eight youths fled when a marked police car appeared. The suspect with the gun was black, 16 to 18 years of age, 6'2", thin build and wearing a hat, turquoise sports jacket with two white stripes on the sleeves. A second suspect was also black, 16 to 18 years of age, 5'5" and wearing a black mid thigh leather jacket and a faded blue tee shirt with a decal on the front. The others were also of high school age.

Crescent Road and Gardenway, Mar. 17, 5:30 p.m., two male juveniles, one a resident, 15 and 16 years of age, were arrested after committing a strong armed robbery. During the robbery, the youths punched the victim several times, causing him to suffer a broken tooth and a cut lip. Both suspects were caught a short distance away. Both were charged with resisting arrest and assault. One was also charged with possession of marijuana. Both suspects were released to the juvenile detention center at Cheltenham.

**Drug Violations/Arrests**  
Roosevelt Center, Mar. 16, 3 a.m., a 21-year-old man was arrested after being found to have marijuana pipes in his possession. The suspect was released on

criminal citation.  
Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Mar. 12, a student who had been expelled from the school was arrested for trespassing on school property. In another incident a 14-year-old boy was arrested for making a false 911 call.

**Burglaries**  
Four burglaries or attempts were reported last week. 8100 block Lakecrest Drive, Mar. 12, 2 p.m. No signs of forced entry were found. A television, computer system and jewelry were taken.

6400 block Golden Triangle Drive, Mar. 17, 4 p.m. A door was damaged in an attempt to gain entry. In a separate incident, entry was forced into an office suite, and cash was taken from a cash box inside a desk.

6100 block Breezewood Court, Mar. 18, 11 p.m., an attempt to force entry was made to a bedroom window of the victim's apartment while the victim was away.

**Stolen Vehicles**  
6000 block Greenbelt Road, Mar. 13, a green 1996 Honda Accord with Maryland tags CYB 273.

6200 block Springhill Court, Mar. 14, a green 1993 Chrysler mini-van with Maryland tags M166205.

6900 block Hanover Parkway, Mar. 15, a gray 1997 Honda Accord with Maryland tags EFD 021.

7700 block Hanover Parkway, Mar. 18, a blue and white 1999 Yamaha motorcycle with Maryland tag 331D41.

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## CRIME

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the second best year for this statistic in the last five years. There were two accidents involving fatalities in 1998, not an unusual number for Greenbelt, but worse than it was in 1997 when there were no fatalities.

**New Officers**

In adopting the current year's budget, the City Council approved the addition of four officers to the force. These officers

have not yet been employed, according to Chief Craze. The problem has been the unavailability of a police basic training academy. Until the new employees receive state approved training, they cannot be put out on the streets, and it makes little sense to hire people before training is available.

A police academy is now scheduled by Howard County in July to which Greenbelt can send its new officers. Craze expects the four new officers will be em-

ployed by the end of June, but they will not be on the street for some time. However, the chief notes that there are some applicants who already are police officers in other departments and have the required academy training. Should any of these applicants succeed in passing the city's rigid examination and screening procedures, they would not have to be sent to an academy and could be placed on the street in a relatively short time.

**GREENBELT POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Five Year Statistical Report**

	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<b>OFFENSES</b>					
Crimes Against Persons	178	239	224	335	351
% Increase		34.3	-6.3	49.6	4.8
Property Crimes	1562	1489	1404	1481	1511
% Increase		-4.7	-5.7	5.5	2.0
Total Offenses	1740	1728	1628	1816	1862
% Increase		-0.7	-5.8	11.5	2.5
<b>ARRESTS</b>					
Adults	864	790	779	1,138	1,053
% Increase		-8.6	-1.4	46.1	-7.5
Juveniles	292	355	389	526	447
% Increase		21.6	9.6	35.2	-15.0
Traffic Summonses	2,456	2,836	3,106	3,568	2,584
% Increases		15.5	9.5	14.9	-27.6
Parking Tickets	3,160	3,166	3,240	2,667	1,882
% Increase		0.2	2.3	-17.7	-29.4
<b>TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS</b>					
Property Damage	987	998	1,053	913	961
% Increase		1.1	5.5	-13.3	5.3
Personal Injury	140	140	143	148	155
% Increase		0.0	2.1	3.5	4.7
Fatal	3	1	2	0	2
Total Traffic Accidents	1,130	1,139	1,198	1,061	1,118
% Increase		0.8	5.2	-11.4	5.4

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**Pharmacy Topics**

By Sajida Qayumi, Rph.



New blood test measures "sticky molecules" that cause white cells to stick to artery walls. In a study in *Circulation*, researchers posit that they may signal future heart disease or stroke.

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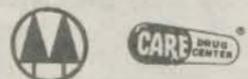
In-depth blood pressure tracking may help spot late-pregnancy problems long before symptoms appear. In Spain, pregnant women were tested over a 48-hour period every four weeks.

It takes both exercise and a low-fat diet to lower elevated cholesterol, a Stanford University study says. Two groups improved on diet-only and exercise-only regimens, but the group that combined diet and exercise got the best results.

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The villain here is dental plaque. The dangerous accumulation cle-

erly hides between your teeth, especially down deep where the gums and teeth meet. This dangerous plaque especially likes the areas behind your lower front teeth and between your rear teeth where we usually don't brush or floss effectively. If gingivitis isn't treated, it will frequently lead to a more severe form of gum disease.

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# Terps and Wizards Win In Basketball Play-off

by Coach Doug

As the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Intramural Basketball Program's Play-Off Tournament continues, the excitement builds. This week's play-off games had the top two seeds vying for a victory, which would place the winner in the championship game on Saturday. The game, the third meeting of the year between the (9-0) Wizards and the (7-2) Terps, was filled with hype previously unseen in intramural basketball.

Coach Doug (Terps) attempting to motivate his players, as well as snap his personal losing streak to Coach Dan (Wizards) at five games, instructed his team that he would let his players shave his head if they could put together their best game and defeat the Wizards. In seven seasons of coaching intramural basketball Coach Doug had never made it to the championship game. Coach Dan and his Wizards had done it last year in their inaugural season.

The game began with a depleted Wizards squad, as two of their top scorers were absent. The Terps were able to dominate the rebounds, getting numerous close shots each time they passed the ball, but with no points to show for it. The Terps failure to cash in on a golden opportunity, paired with terrific defense from Charlae Thompson kept the game knotted-up at zero to zero as the first quarter ended.

When the second quarter began the absent Wizards had arrived. The quarter also included the arrival of some Terps offense (6 points) and a defense coupled with missed foul shots

by the Wizards to end the first half Terps 6, Wizards zero. The Wiz put four points on the board while the Terps managed three, to end three periods with the Terps holding a 9-4 edge. A quick inside basket by Mychael Edwards made it 9-6 Terps, as the Wizards began closing in. A basket by J. D. Flanagan, his fourth and final bucket of the game, upped the score to 11-6. Then Evan Washington connected on a three point heave and the Wizards again crept closer, 11-9. The Terps caught fire as Sean Swetnam scored on back to back 12 foot shots. The teams exchanged one free throw each by John McDonald and Alex Mihalovic to complete the scoring and the game. Terps 18, Wizards 10, and the Terps were able to make their final run because of the rest provided by Patrick Gleason, Sean Flanagan, and Vin and Vig Sachadanada. They seldom score but always give superior efforts on defense rebounding and jubilant encouragement. The head shaving commenced, thanks to Dan Flanagan and John McDonald.

### Second Game

The second game of the night (a rubber match) was an elimination game between the

Raptors and the Heels. The two had split their season series one game each, 14-11 and 14-7, respectively. In this game the winner would move on to meet the Wizards, and the loser would end their 1998-99 season.

The game began slowly with both clubs scoring a basket to end the first stage tied 2-2. As the rivalry progressed through the middle quarters, the Tarheels got major offensive boosts from their two top guns, Donovan Bailey (11 points) and Sherad Tucker (9 points), to outscore the Raptors, 20-6, to take a commanding lead into the final period, 22-8! With the Raptors offense out of synch and their patented chaos-causing defense ineffective, Coach Schutz played his younger players throughout the final quarter. Playing their less experienced athletes, with the outcome decided, the teams continued playing hard to a scoreless fourth quarter to finish the contest 22-8 in favor of the Heels. With the win, the Tarheels advanced to the loser's bracket final for a third and final encounter with the Wizards.

The intramural season had opened and closed with these two squads facing off. The Wizards had gone undefeated through that season and had just lost their first game to the Tarheels only to rebound in the following game against their counterparts. Coach Dan was

definitely feeling a little *deja vu*. I'm sure Coach Mike's disappointment with last year's results weighed in as well.

The Tarheels started strong, winning the tip and scoring on two of their first four possessions. The Wizards posted a few baskets also, ending the first quarter 7-6, Tarheels. After trading baskets, the half ended 9-8 with the Tarheels still holding onto a slim lead. This would make the fourth consecutive game the Wizards entered the second half without the lead. The Wizards clamped down on the Heels and in the fourth quarter with a slim two point lead of their own, started firing on all (offensive) cylinders to blow the game wide open and pull off their tenth

win of the year, with an 11 point quarter and a 25-14 triumph.

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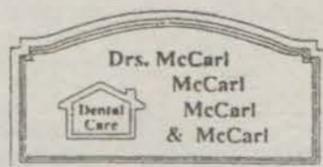
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# A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

The days are longer, the sun is higher in the sky, the light is brighter, so it seems like gardening season should be here. In our area, April is the month of flowers and green leaves coming out, so soon it will happen. For now, however, the soil is warming up from the winter cold and most plants won't jump out into spring mode until it does.

A few early season daffodils, such as "February Gold," can be seen around the city. There are several hedgerows of forsythia around the city, including next to the Giant grocery store along Cherrywood Lane. This bright yellow shrub seems like the classic sign of early spring.

Work can be done in the garden and if done now, it will mean less to do during the height of the busy spring season. Garden beds can be cleaned off and soil prepared for planting.

It is still too cold to plant the summer garden flowers. We will still have the chance of frost for weeks to come. For a splash of color, pansies are now being sold at garden stores. Pansies can survive a frosty night but will die off in the summer.

This is one of the best times of year to plant or transplant perennial flowers and herbs. Perennials come back year after year so they can be seen as a mainstay of the garden. Hardy perennials that have a good chance of surviving in the shady garden, even if you forget to water them, are: hosta, liriopse, and lily of the valley. Survivors in the sunny

garden include: black-eyed susan, purple coneflower, sedum (variety "Autumn Joy"), coreopsis, and day lily.

If you have a big clump of perennial flowers, it can be divided into several plants. The first thing to do is to prepare the new planting sites so the plants can be planted right away after they are divided. Dig the old plant up. You can divide it into several plants, but make sure each new small plant has healthy roots and healthy-looking foliage, or growing bud.

### Spring Vegetables

The cool weather loving vegetables can be planted any time now. As I mentioned in an earlier garden column, it is always a gamble planting a spring vegetable garden since unexpected cold weather, like the election day snowstorm, can play havoc with the garden. The rewards,

# Commission Holds Public Forums

Prince George's County COMMISSION 2000 has announced the first two public forums to obtain citizen comments on countywide growth management. The one nearest Greenbelt will be held on Tuesday, March 30, at the Prince George's County Department of Parks and Recreation Building, 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale.

At the beginning of the public forum, from 5 to 7 p.m. citizens may view exhibits and displays that present the issues, options

however, are great since it means having fresh vegetables from the garden as early as April. Lettuce, spinach, peas, radish, and leafy green vegetables such as kale can be planted from seed. Broccoli and cabbage can be purchased as small plants.

and challenges facing the county's growth and development over the next 10 to 20 years. Then at 7 p.m. they will be able to state their concerns and issues during the second half of the forum.

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