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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.

City Council to Change Policy On Fixing Driveway Aprons

by Diane Oberg

The Greenbelt City Council directed staff to prepare a program for the city to assume responsibility for the maintenance and repair of residential driveway aprons located in the city right of way at its November 22 regular meeting. This program would reverse a longstanding city policy that held homeowners responsible for maintaining driveway aprons. Although the vote on the motion by Councilmember Thomas White was unanimous, council was not of one mind on the issue.

Councilmembers Edward Putens, Rodney Roberts, and White all argued that the city should assume the responsibility, although the details of their positions varied somewhat. Councilmember Alan Turnbull felt that the homeowner should be responsible. Mayor Judith Davis raised a number of issues that must be addressed before a final policy decision is made.

White's motion directed staff to make recommendations regarding single and dual width aprons and any other elements needed to make the program fair and equitable. This last phrase was subject to different interpretations, however. Turnbull interpreted it to allow special assessments to

recoup the costs from the homeowners involved, allowing him to vote for the motion. Putens, White and Roberts stated their opposition to any such assessment. Putens opposed limiting the program to single width aprons, noting that the homes in Greenbelt East all have dual width driveways.

According to Director of Planning and Community Development Celia Craze, the city's policy since at least the early 1960's has been that homeowners are responsible for maintaining and repairing the aprons. In a written report, she noted that in accepting streets for public maintenance, the city specifically excludes driveway aprons. She recommended that this policy be continued, since it puts the responsibility for maintenance on the homeowner who directly benefits from the apron. If the city assumes this responsibility, she noted, the costs will ultimately be borne by all city taxpayers.

Other Jurisdictions

The policies of nearby jurisdictions vary considerably. Prince George's County, and the cities of Laurel and Cheverly hold the property owner solely responsible for apron maintenance. College Park and New

Carrollton pay to replace single width aprons, while the property owner is responsible for maintaining oversized aprons. Bowie and Bladensburg pay for all residential aprons while property owners must maintain nonresidential aprons. And, Riverdale Park and Hyattsville pay all maintenance costs for driveway aprons. Putens said that Seat Pleasant and Mt. Rainer also pay all apron maintenance costs. Craze estimated that replacing a single width driveway apron would cost the city roughly \$300. She estimated that an annual allocation of \$10,000 would allow replacement of 30 - 35 driveway aprons per year. In the initial years of a city replacement program, particularly if dual width aprons are included, more funds could be needed.

Putens said that by taking responsibility for repairing the aprons, the city will ensure consistency. Roberts argued that since developers are required to dedicate property to the city (for the right of way), the city does not then have the right to force the homeowner to repair that property. White noted that all municipalities surveyed except Laurel and Cheverly cover at least the cost of maintaining single width driveway aprons and proposed a (See DRIVEWAY, page 8)

City Contributes \$14,000 Towards Y2K Celebration

by Diane Oberg

For much of the past year, businesses, governments and citizens have been working to avoid problems when 1999 gives way to the year 2000. One group of citizens, however, has been working to help Greenbelters welcome the infamous "Y2K" with a bang. At its November 22 regular meeting, the Greenbelt City Council voted to make this year's Greenbelt New Year celebration the largest yet.

On a unanimous vote, council approved an additional \$8,000 appropriation for the Greenbelt New Year celebration, roughly \$1,000 of which will be used for entertainment at the New Deal Café. Along with the \$6,000 appropriated in the budget, this brings the city's contribution to \$14,000. The committee hopes to raise approximately \$10,500 through sales of tickets and t-shirts to at least partially reimburse the city. The Greenbelt New Year 2000 Committee hopes to sell 1500 to 2500 tickets this year, according to Chairman Earl Kepler, who added that the committee's intent is to completely cover the cost of the event through t-shirt and concession sales, sponsorships and ticket sales. City Manager Michael McLaughlin noted that even 1500 tickets would be twice

last year's attendance. If just 1500 tickets were sold, the committee would be unable to cover \$3,600 of the city's funds.

The committee plans to hold events in four locations: the Community Center, the New Deal Café and Greenbelt Arts Center in Roosevelt Center, and the Youth Center. Countdowns to the New Year are planned in the Community Center "ballroom" and in Roosevelt Center.

Councilmember Thomas White repeated his concern that the committee was "over-reaching" with multiple venues, a concern that was supported in his view by "this sort of last minute request." He also expressed concern that the multiple locations would have the effect of segregating the participants by age group, rather than continuing the family oriented approach of previous years' celebrations. Councilmember Edward Putens called the committee's plan "an excellent idea."

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, although sharing White's concerns, called for giving the committee the benefit of the doubt, since they have done a good job in the past. He said that even if the city only recoups half its funds, it will be money well spent, by providing citizens (See Y2K, page 5)

Volunteers Complete 62nd Year Publishing Greenbelt's Newspaper

Small, yes, Amateurish — well that's a matter of opinion. Old-fashioned — sure, if by that is meant dedication to facts, an avoidance of sensationalism and a certain concern for the feelings of our citizens in their times of trouble. Sometimes warmly supported and sometimes vehemently attacked, but always central to the life of the community. We're talking, of course, about the Greenbelt News Review, which is now completing its 62nd year of continuous publication.

The paper is unique — the longest running, all-volunteer, cooperative weekly newspaper in the United States — and has been featured in numerous books and television programs, as well as graduate theses and other student papers on Greenbelt, planned towns, and the cooperative movement. Some of these researchers have focused on the paper's four-year, David-and-Goliath struggle against a \$2,000,000 libel suit in which the paper was finally vindicated by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1970. The News Review decision struck a blow for freedom of the press, and the case is still studied and quoted as a significant legal precedent.

In a town of many co-ops, the News Review is the next to the

oldest.

Originally a letter-sized mimeographed publication consisting of 16 pages, then titled the Greenbelt Cooperative, the paper began publication on November 24, 1937 — six weeks after the first families had occupied their homes.

For those who have wondered how the paper gets out each week, the staff is largely volunteer (or, at least, minimally paid with member dividends) and, in the Greenbelt tradition, organized as a labor co-operative. The paper is unconnected with the city government, the other co-operatives in the city, or with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. The paper gratefully accepts support from any segment of the community — from the city in the form of advertising and in housing for its operation; the Co-op grocery and GHI in corporate ads; and from the citizens when the financial pinch gets too tight. However, it is essentially self-supporting.

The paper lives by its advertising revenues, which cover all formal operations.

History

The early pioneers recognized the immediate need for a news medium to keep people informed of local events and to provide a forum for the exchange of views. They laid down the principles that

still guide the actions of the present News Review — a non-partisan, non-profit cooperative endeavor, whose aims are to print the news accurately and fairly and to respect the Greenbelt "good neighbor" philosophy of life.

Office Space

In January 1938 the federal government (which owned Greenbelt at that time) made space available at the town commercial center, free of cost, and also loaned much-needed furniture, typewriters (we still have some) and office equipment. The (See NEWS REVIEW, page 12)

What Goes On

Friday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m., Holiday Tree Lighting, Municipal Building

Monday, Dec. 6, 5 p.m., ACE Meeting with area school principals, Municipal Building
7 p.m., Recycling & Environment Committee Meeting, Community Center

7 p.m., Assisted Living Task Force, Community Center
Wednesday, Dec. 8, 7:30 p.m., Executive Session of Council, Municipal Building

8 p.m., Y2K Information Meeting, Community Center

Woman Bilked in Scam Here

(Based on information provided by Greenbelt Police)

The Greenbelt Police Department is investigating a confidence game in which the victim was bilked out of \$5,000. The victim advised that on Wednesday, November 24, as she was leaving the Chevy Chase Bank, 7515 Greenbelt Road, she was approached by a man who said that he had just come into the country from Africa and had a large sum of money that he could not bring back to his country. He wanted to give the money to someone who would donate it to a charity, but only if the person would withdraw money from his or her own bank account first, as proof that the person was responsible in handling money.

As the first suspect was speaking, a second suspect approached them, and the first suspect repeated the same story to the second suspect. The second suspect told the first suspect that he would like money to donate to a charity, and would withdraw money from his bank. The first suspect agreed and all three got into the victim's car and drove to another area of the parking lot. The second suspect then left the vehicle and came back a short time later with what he said was \$5,000. After showing the money to the first suspect and the victim, the second suspect again left the vehicle, allegedly to deposit his money back in the bank.

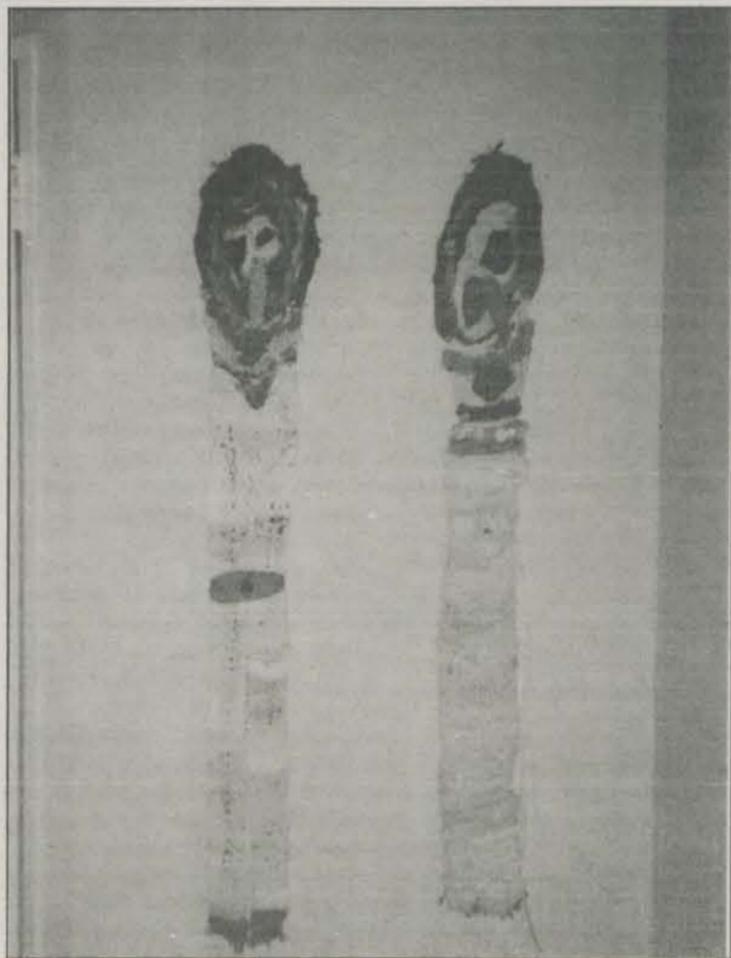
When the second suspect returned, the victim told the first suspect that she, too, would like money to donate to her church, and would also withdraw money from her bank to prove she was responsible with money. The victim and second suspect then returned to the victim's vehicle where the first suspect was waiting. The victim stated that he wanted to say a prayer over the victim's money and the first suspect proceeded to wrap the money in a cloth he said was a prayer cloth. All three subjects then said a prayer and the first suspect returned the money, along with what the first suspect said was additional money for the victim to donate, in the cloth. The victim then drove the suspects to another area of the parking lot and dropped them off. A short time later the victim opened up the cloth, only to cut-up newspaper.

The first suspect is described as a black male, 25-30, 5'6", with a stocky build, light brown eyes and short black hair, wearing a camel-colored coat and light-colored trousers.

The second suspect is described as a black male, 25-30, 6'0", with a slim build, short black hair, yellow eyes and stained teeth, wearing a dark green suit. He walked with a limp.

Anyone with information is urged to call Greenbelt Police, 301-474-7200.

Community Center Art Show Opens Saturday



People Totem Series: "Nicolas Cage as Elvis & 'The Bride.'" Woven Fabric Strips on a Cotton Warp by Elizabeth Morisette.

— photo by Morisette

The Craft Show and Sale is not the only attraction awaiting Greenbelters this weekend at the Community Center. The public is also invited to see the art show "The Figure In Fiber," which will continue through January 12. Everyone is welcome to attend the reception for the show on Sunday at 3 p.m. in the Community Center's Gallery. Those attending can enjoy the refreshments and talk with the two artists who will be present. The show features paintings, costumes, and tapestries by Jan Janas, a silk painter (who will not be able to attend the reception); Charlie Jones, a costume designer; and Elizabeth Lundberg Morisette, a fiber artist, respectively.

Jan Janas is a graduate of Northern Illinois University and has been a silk painter for 18 years. She is a nationally recognized artist and author featured in many collections throughout the country. Janas has co-authored three books on silk painting and has appeared on several television shows demonstrating her art form. "I let the first line guide me to the next....A suggestion of an idea but it quickly develops on its own," Janas said.

Charles P. (Charlie) Jones re-

ceived his degree from the University of Maryland at College Park in interior design in 1966. Many years ago, he started out sewing outfits for his marionette troupe with his grandmother's sewing equipment. In the past years, he became interested in historic re-creation groups and began working on designing period costumes. He was the costume designer for the Greenbelt Arts Center's "Comedy of Errors," directed by Steve Cox last winter, and for "Shakespeare on the Green," which he also directed, at this year's Labor Day Festival.

Elizabeth Lundberg Morisette is a graduate of North Carolina State University's School of Design, where she became interested in weaving. Lundberg Morisette moved to the Washington D.C. area in 1997. Currently, she lives in Greenbelt.

Within the community, Lundberg Morisette works as a coordinator for Greenbelt's Creative Kids Summer Camp. Further, she offers weaving classes through the Greenbelt Association of the Visual Arts (GAVA). These classes primarily attract adults, but Morisette envisions instructing children, too. Her next weav-

Letter to the Editor

No Pipe Dream

Jim Giese's beautiful vision (Nov. 11) of a vibrant transit-bike- and pedestrian-friendly community with preservation of Indian Creek for the Metroland property doesn't have to be a pipe dream. We can leverage our impact by creating and together joining an institution fostering smart growth in Maryland. In fact, there already exists such an organization, 1000 Friends of Maryland, which promotes livable communities in areas of existing infrastructure, as described by Giese. 1000 Friends of Maryland is aggressively monitoring, reporting on, and facilitating public involvement in matters of growth, land use, transportation, and development planning and implementation. Many individuals as well as organizations and some businesses are members, including the City of Laurel, the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. Our City Council could join and each one of us could as I have. And by being organized together with other citizens and communities around the county and the state, we can accomplish more than we could individually, not only locally but also on a regional scale even if we do lose some local battles.

For more information or to join, contact 1000 Friends of Maryland, 1209 N. Calvert St., Baltimore MD 21202 and toll-free 1-888-4gro-smart, or on the Internet at <http://www.friendsofd.org/friends2.html> and email friends@friendsofd.org.

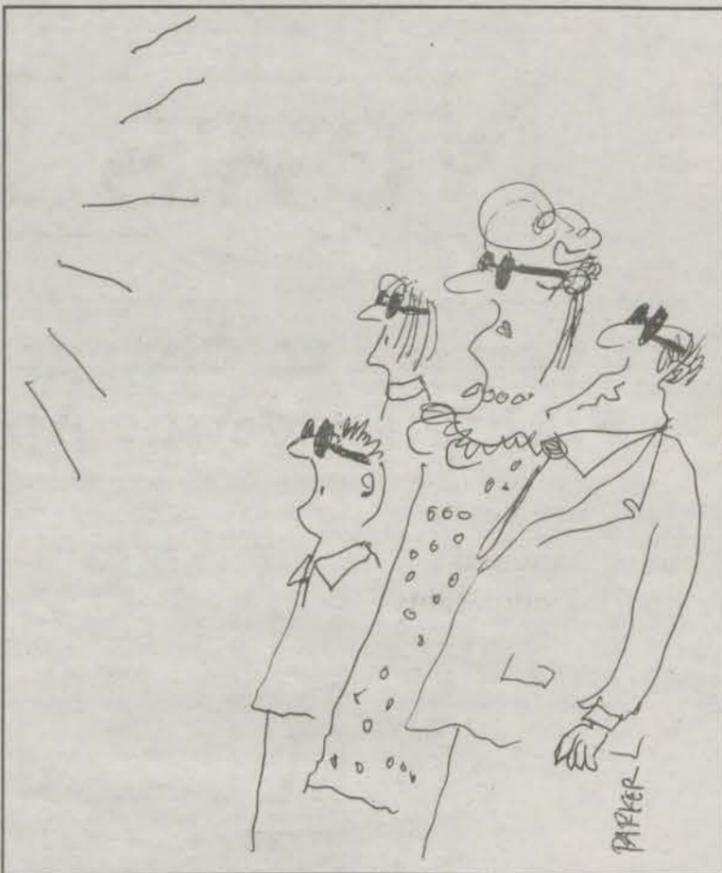
Stephen Jascourt

ing class will be offered during the summer of 2000.

Commenting on her series "People Totems," displayed at the exhibit "The Figure in Fiber," Morisette said, "Placing 20 figures from this series in line with one another makes me think of how diverse we all are. Next time you are waiting in line at the grocery store, stop a minute to notice the subtle differences between 'average' people."

Lundberg Morisette has scheduled weaving technique demonstrations on Saturday from 11 a.m. to noon and on Sunday from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Gallery of the Community Center. These demonstrations, the art show, and the reception are free of charge.

The Old Curmudgeon



M-m-m. Brilliant Festival of Lights!

Co-op Mails Refunds

The annual membership refund was mailed to Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative members this week. Co-op's net income for the fiscal year ending July 31 was \$96,618. Of this amount \$14,309 was distributed to the employees as a bonus, the same amount was paid into the Employee Retirement Plan, and \$68,000 was paid to the members in patronage refund vouchers and additions to the member's capital.

The membership refund amounts to 1.16% of each member's purchases during the fiscal year. Approximately \$55,000 of the refund is in the vouchers, and some \$13,000 in additions to each member's capital.

Total capital of the members now is more than \$497,000. The cooperative's indivisible reserves are more than \$472,000.

Suggested Mailing Dates for Military

To ensure delivery of Christmas cards to military APO/FPO addresses and to international addresses, the Postal Service suggests that mail be entered by the following mailing dates:

APO/FPO AE zips 090-098, APO/FPO AA zips 340 and APO/FPO AP zips 962-966, December 10 for first class letters/cards and priority mail.

Air letters and cards and air parcel post to Asia/Pacific Rim, Australia/New Zealand, Caribbean, Europe, and the Middle East, December 9; Canada and Mexico, December 13.

For information on all other times and addresses, please contact the Post Office.

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DEADLINES: Letters, articles and ads—10 p.m. Tuesday. Materials for publication may be mailed to address above, deposited in our box in the Co-op grocery store (by 7 p.m. Tuesday) or brought to our office in the Community Center 15 Crescent Road during office hours. Mail subscriptions—\$32/year.

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



City of Greenbelt COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD

The City of Greenbelt has re-established a Community Mediation Board under the auspices of the Prince George's County Human Relations Commission. This Board is comprised of city residents who have volunteered to receive mediation training and be available to mediate disputes between neighbors.

Mediation consists of a step by step problem solving process that results in the involved parties agreeing on a fair solution. Mediation serves as an alternative to litigation and brings both parties to the table on an equal basis. A mediator does not act as an advocate of either party. He/she reserves judgment and does not voice opinion.

Types of problems mediated may be noisy neighbors, barking dogs, trespassing children, blocked driveways, family feuds, littering, loitering, neighboring property neglect, small claims matters, etc.

Mediation services will be available at the Greenbelt Community Center on the second Tuesday and fourth Wednesday of each month. Any Greenbelt citizen who wishes to make use of this free service should call the Human Resources Officer, City of Greenbelt, 301-345-7203.

Greenbriar to Hold Christmas Party

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks children 12 and under are invited to a Christmas Party on Saturday December 11 from 11:30 a.m. — 1:30 p.m. in the Greenbriar Terrace Room. There will be a special guest appearance by Santa before he heads to the North Pole. Parents can bring a camera to take a picture of their child with Santa. Admission is free, but those planning to attend must RSVP by Thursday December 9. Volunteers are also needed. Please call Tina at 301-441-1096 to register or volunteer.

Hearing Impaired Support Group Meets

Been hospitalized and not able to understand requests of medical staff or follow-up information after a procedure? Now is the time to speak up. The December 9 meeting for Self Help for Hard of Hearing people (SHHH), Prince George's group, will have representatives from Doctors Community Hospital, Prince George's Hospital Center, Laurel Regional Hospital, and Holy Cross Hospital. The program will begin with a short video, "I Only Hear You When I See Your Face," which is part of a hospital information kit developed by SHHH to educate staff in how best to communicate with hearing-impaired persons. People need to share their experiences with hospital staff and learn what the hospitals are doing to improve the communication skills of their medical staff.

People are invited to join in the holiday meeting December 9, 2-4 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Bring finger foods to share.

For further information or directions call 301-474-0345.

Pancakes, Crafts, Art And Santa This Week

The Festival of Lights will begin this Friday, December 3 at 7 p.m. in front of the Greenbelt Municipal Building where all Greenbelters are invited to take part in the annual tree lighting ceremony, which will include music, light refreshments, and a visit from Santa.

All-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage will be served at the Community Breakfast with Santa hosted by Greenbelt Lions, Legion Post 136 and the Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary on Saturday, December 4, from 7 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Fire Hall.

Also on Saturday, the Holiday Craft Show and Sale and Art Exhibition begins at the Community Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This event is free and continues on Sunday, December 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A Children's Craft Room will be held from 1-2 p.m. for ages pre-school and up, also in the Community Center.

On Sunday, December 5, artisans will demonstrate their crafts from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center.

Greenbelt artists-in-residence on the second floor of the Community Center will hold an open house on Sunday, December 5, from noon to 5 p.m.



Community Events

Legion Hosts Christmas Party

Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 will host a children's Christmas party on Saturday, December 18 at 1 p.m. All children 12 and under are welcome. Parents are invited to bring their cameras. Dancing dogs and Santa and his elves will be there. Santa says, "I'll see you at the party." The party is free and open to the public.

GHI Notes

The Woodlands Committee will meet Wednesday, December 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

GHI offices will be closed Friday, December 10 at noon for the annual employee holiday party. For emergency maintenance that day, please call 301-474-6011.

The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors is Thursday, December 16. Members are encouraged to attend.



Cherry trees are in bloom now next to the Co-op Supermarket. —photo by Frederique Schmuelling

A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

Cherry trees are in full bloom next to the Co-op Supermarket and the dry cleaner's. This is not a fluke or an effect of the drought. This variety blooms in the fall and will bloom any time there is a warm spell this time of year. The tree is Prunus subhirtellis variety "Autumnalis." The flowers will be fine until temperatures dip to 23 degrees, at which time the petals will be affected and will look burned.

Another type of plant now in bloom is winter hardy camellia.

Two small bushes are located next to the municipal building near the flag pole area. They will probably bloom into December. In general camellia is a better choice than rhododendron for our area since it stands the winter weather well.

After the first of the year look for the next winter blooming flower. Near the post office is a large flower bed. At the base of each witch hazel shrub are planted hellebore. The varieties are popularly known as Christmas rose and Lenten rose.

Meeting on Separation Of Church and State

The Maryland Chapter of Americans United for Separation of Church & State will have a planning and business meeting in the Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd., on Tuesday, December 7, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information, call 301-474-0403.

Movie of the Month "Roman Holiday"

The movie of the month at the Community Center will be shown on Monday, December 13, at 1 p.m. in the Senior Classroom.

The film "Roman Holiday," with Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck, is a delightful story about a present-day princess who rebels against her royal obligations and explores Rome on her own. Peck plays an American newspaper man in this romantic comedy which was filmed in Rome.

Lions, Beltway Plaza Sponsor Toy Drive

The Greenbelt Lions Club launched its annual toy drive on November 20 with a parade sponsored by Beltway Plaza management.

Families in need of toys for their children should call Joe Wilkinson, chairman of the Toy Drive, at 301-474-6893. It is important that Wilkinson be given the age and sex of the children to receive the toys.

Toys will be collected until December 20 and must be new and unwrapped. They can be dropped off at the following Greenbelt locations: Co-op, Aquatic Center, Recreation Department, Community Center, Greenbelt Police Department, Greenbriar and Windsor Green.

Toys collected are distributed through the American Legion of Greenbelt, the Prince George's Board of Education and three area churches. After all requests for needy children are filled, remaining toys are taken to children's pediatric wards in various hospitals.

At the Library

Children's Programs
 Tuesday, December 7, 7 p.m., PJ Storytime for ages 4-6.
 Wednesday, December 8, 3:30 p.m., Bookids discussion group, ages 8-12, in the library.
 Thursday, December 9, 10:15 a.m., Drop-in Storytime, ages 3-5. 11:15 a.m., Toddler Time, two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

The Writers Group Holds Holiday Dinner

The Greenbelt Writers Group invites writers and their spouses/guests to their annual holiday dinner. The dinner will be Friday December 10 at 6:30 p.m. at Royal Jade Restaurant located at Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway. (Note that this is the second Friday of December.) There will be readings for those who wish to participate.

RSVP to Mary Moien at 301-474-4713.



Miss Greenbelt Jessamyn Goshorn helps Little Miss Greenbelt Shaine Siegel reach the giant toy box placed at Beltway Plaza Mall so that she can make a donation as Junior Miss Greenbelt Stephanie Holland looks on.

— photo by P. J. Siegel



Greenbelt Arts Center
presents

Holiday Music at the Arts Center

Featuring

The Chromatics

Saturday, December 4, 1999 8 PM

&

Person-to-Person

Saturday, December 11, 1999 8PM



Reservations, (301) 441-8770;
\$10/\$8 for seniors and students



Greenbelt Police Criminal Justice Youth Academy

Attention: High School Students 14-18 yrs old

Have you ever wanted to know what it is like to be a police officer? Are you interested in other areas of the criminal justice system?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

Learn about traffic laws, DWI, K-9 officers, narcotics investigation, search and seizure, forensics and more...
 Participate in traffic stops, arrest situations, self defense tactics and building searches.

Apply now to the Greenbelt Police Department's first Criminal Justice Youth Academy. Classes will start January 19, 2000 from 4:30pm -6:30pm and will run every Wednesday for 16 weeks.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 13

Applications can be picked up at the Greenbelt Police Station or the main office of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.



Ed Crowley Featured In a Christmas Play

Greenbelt resident Ed Crowley will be featured in the Prince George's Little Theatre performances of the holiday classic "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," to be offered in early December. The play is a comical but touching story about a group of rowdy kids who take over their town's Christmas Pageant. As they rehearse the show, both the kids and the townspeople come to learn the true meaning of the holiday.

Crowley plays Mr. Bradley, reluctantly recruited by his wife to help organize the pageant, and his real-life son Lucas plays one of the rowdy Herdman kids. Ed's real-life wife (and Lucas' real-life mother) Abbey is coordinating props for the production. Tera Ford and Devin Fendlay, also of Greenbelt, are in the "Angel Choir."

Performances are December 9, 10, and 11 at 8 p.m. and December 11 and 12 at 2 p.m. at the Prince George's Publick Playhouse in Cheverly. Call 301-277-1710 or 301-277-0312 (TTY) to reserve tickets.

Our Neighbors

Condolences to Opal Spratt of Ridge Road on the death of her husband, Dillard.

Our sympathy to Louvain Townsend and family upon the death of her husband, their father and grandfather, George Melvin Townsend.

Get well wishes to Prospero Zevallos, one of our News Review photographers, who is recovering from two recent surgeries.

Susie's Snowflake At Planetarium

The planetarium at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham, will present the show "Susie's Snowflake" on Friday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Susie has a problem. She needs to find something to take to school to share during science class, but she can't think of a single thing. In "Susie's Snowflake," find out how she solves her problem with help from her parents and friends. This show introduces children to the easily recognized constellations of the winter sky, and includes a sing-along. The show is for families with children of all ages. The show will be followed by a live star and constellation show.

There is a modest fee. For information, call 301-918-8750.

The Humane Society Seeks Foster Homes

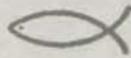
The Humane Society of Southern Maryland is seeking foster homes for dogs and cats, and adoption day helpers. For more information, call Jane Heller at 301-630-6110.

Marietta House Candlelight Tour

Marietta House Museum, 5626 Bell Station Road, Glenn Dale, is hosting its annual candlelight tour program on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 3, 4, and 5 from 6 - 8:30 p.m.

This special holiday program will feature Christmas traditions of the Federal, Civil War, and late Victorian eras, including a Civil War Santa, live music, storyteller for children, re-enactor escorts, and light refreshments. There is a fee.

For further information, call 301-464-5291; TTY 301-699-2544; www.pgiparks.com



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Municipal Building Sundays
10 A.M.

Baha'i Faith

"The deepest wisdom which the sages have uttered, the profoundest learning which any mind hath unfolded, the arts which the ablest hands have produced, the influence exerted by the most potent of rulers, are but manifestations of the quickening power released by His transcendent, His all-pervasive and resplendent Spirit."

-Baha'i Sacred Writings

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
P.O. Box 245
Greenbelt, MD 20770
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Tune in Baha'i Radio every Saturday at 11 a.m. on WUST 1120 on the AM dial

Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at <http://www.bahai.org/>

FAITH MINISTRIES

40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt (301) 441-4935

Saturday 7:30 - 9:00 P.M.: Prayer Meeting
Sunday 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.: Worship Service

1. TOPIC: SIGNS OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY
2. DELIVERANCE SERVICE 3. HEALING SERVICE

YOU ARE WELCOME

Pastor Francis Gyemfi

Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

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OBITUARIES



George Townsend

On November 28, 1999, George Melvin Townsend of Ridge Road died, at the age of 71 years of a long standing illness. He was a long time resident of Greenbelt and always considered it a wonderful place to live and raise a family.

He began preparing for his first career at the age of seven. His father taught him to play flute by playing the piccolo first. He progressed to the flute, which led to a six-year career in the Army Field Band.

Not wanting to be away from his family, he then chose to work for the Post Office in Greenbelt. He was affectionately known as the "whistling postman" for many years. Before retiring he received training in electronics and computers and maintained the newer, more sophisticated systems at the main facility which at that time was located in Riverdale.

He is best remembered by family and friends for his great sense of humor and his love of music. He faithfully ministered to the hearts of many through his flute playing and long time participation in church choirs.

He loved his family and worked hard for them. He was always enthusiastic about life. He taught them to be honest, to trust in God, to always think about what was important in life, and to always be willing to learn something new.

Bluegrass Concert

The U.S. Navy Band's "Country Current" bluegrass quartet will perform at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8 in Building 003 of the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center, 10300 Baltimore Ave. There is no charge. For more information, call 202-433-2525.

Dillard Spratt

Seventeen-year resident Dillard Spratt, age 77, of Ridge Road, died on Sunday, November 28, at Mt. Vernon Hospital in Alexandria, VA. Mr. Dillard is survived by his wife, Opal Doss Spratt, daughters Sandra Pearson, McLean, VA; Selma Brown, Lorton, VA; and Becky Smith, Tucumcari, NM.

Memorial services were held at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville, on Thursday, December 2, with Reverend Mark Johnson officiating.

His survivors include his wife Louvain, daughters Belinda Cohan and husband Michael, Montana; and Donna Halpern and husband Steve, Greenbelt; sons Shawn Townsend and wife Sharon; and Brian Townsend and wife Melissa, Greenbelt; grandchildren Mehmet and Remzi Yilmaz, Brendan Cohan, Ryan Cohan, Mark and Anna Halpern, and Kevin, Daniel, John, Ashley and Nicolas Townsend; and sister, Elaine Taggart.

A funeral service was held on Thursday, December 2 at Borgwardt Funeral Home, Beltsville. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery, Clinton.

Y2K

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with a safe, drug- and alcohol - free night. White agreed with Roberts' assessment, as did all their colleagues. Council unanimously approved the additional funding.

Automation

The company with which the city contracted to provide new computer hardware and software for the police department has not complied with the terms of the contract. City Solicitor Robert Manzi reported that he has informed Streetguard, Inc., that the city is terminating the contract due to nonperformance. When the company first began straying from expectations, the city withheld about 25% of the contract funds, which Police Chief James Craze is confident is sufficient to complete the specified work. However, the company's problems mean that the city cannot use the firm to purchase additional equipment using Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funds. The grant was issued in 1997 and the funds must be spent by the end of 1999. In order to not lose the grant funds, council approved a resolution authorizing the negotiated purchase of equipment from the firms from which Streetguard would have purchased it.

Staff Changes

City Manager Michael McLaughlin announced the resignations of Senior Management Analyst W. Bowman Ferguson, who will be leaving in mid-December to take a job in Rockville, and Priscilla Bozeman who is taking a job closer to her family.

Other Actions

Richard Castaldi, director of intergovernmental relations for the state, presented a citation from Governor Parris Glendening to Aquatics Supervisor George Rogala and Aquatics Coordinator Kenny Gray for their work in saving over 200,000 gallons of water by developing an alternative procedure for cleaning the indoor pool during last summer's drought. Mayor Judith Davis then presented them with Greenbelt watches on behalf of the council.

Mayor Davis presented the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams. This is the 16th year that

Spiritual Life Is Panel Topic

As the finale to a discussion series presented by the CAFH Foundation on spirituality in everyday life, a panel discussion will be held on "Exploring Spiritual Life in the New Millennium." The program will take place on Saturday, December 4, at 10 a.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center. The program is free and open to the public. For further information call 301-486-4595.

Greenbelt has received this recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association.

IN MEMORIAM

George Melvin Townsend

"George", "Melvin", "Dad", "Pop Pop". We hand you over to your heavenly Father. We will miss you so much! But we must remind ourselves, that we will see you again! There, in that wonderful place, where there is no more pain, no more crying; where Christ Himself will wipe away your tears,and ours.

Until Then,

Your loving wife Louvain C. Townsend; your children Belinda L. Cohan, husband Michael; Donna L. Halpern, husband Steve; Shawn E. Townsend, wife Sharon; and Brian D. Townsend, wife Melissa; your adoring grandchildren Mehmet Yilmaz, Remzi Yilmaz, Brendan Cohan, Ryan Cohan, Mark Halpern, Anna Halpern, Kevin Townsend, Daniel Townsend, John Townsend, Ashley Townsend, Nicholas Townsend; your extended family and friends.

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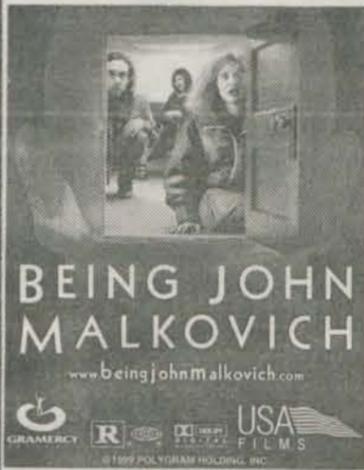
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Oscar Mayer Combo Pack-or-White Turkey Breast 16 oz. \$1⁹⁹	Mealtime Solutions Mortimer's Chicken-Beef-Shepherd's Pie 32 oz. \$4⁹⁹
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Sunlight Ultra Liquid Dish Detergent 14.7 oz. 79¢	General Mills Honey Nut Cheerios 14 oz. \$1⁷⁹	Best Yet Real Chocolate Chips 12 oz. 89¢
Best Yet Paper Towels 85 sheet roll 59¢	Mueller's Elbow Macaroni 16 oz. 49¢	Beechnut All Purpose Ground Coffee 10.5 oz. can \$1²⁹
Reynold's Plastic Food Wrap 50 ft. 99¢	Apple & Eve Fruit Juice Blends Selected Varieties 64 oz. \$2²⁹	Furman's Whole Peeled Tomatoes 14.5 oz. 39¢
Reese's Peanut Butter 18 oz. \$1⁶⁹	General Mills Lucky Charms Cereal 14 oz. \$1⁷⁹	Kleenex Family Size Facial Tissues 250 pk. \$1⁴⁹
	Polaner All Fruit Preserves 10 oz. \$1³⁹	
4-C Bread Crumbs 15 oz. 99¢	Best Yet Flaked Coconut 7 oz. 79¢	Wisk Ultra Value Size Powdered Laundry Detergent 83 oz. \$4⁸⁹
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DRIVEWAY

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policy for city maintenance and repair (not construction) of single width residential driveway aprons, similar to how it now maintains curbs and sidewalks.

Turnbull argued that citizens pay taxes for items of community benefit. Although the aprons are located on the right of way, he said, only the property owner benefits. He argued against establishing a policy that "the city will furnish any property owner who wants one with a piece of road maintained at public expense."

Davis raised several issues that will need to be addressed if the city assumes responsibility for apron maintenance. These included whether homeowners who have already replaced their aprons would be reimbursed, whether the city or the homeowner would determine whether an apron needs to be replaced (and whether council would ultimately become the referee in case of disputes), and whether entrances to townhouse/condominium courts would be covered.

Homeowners Notified

The issue arose after Planning

NARFE Holds Lunch And White Elephant

The next meeting of NARFE Chapter 2146 will be the annual Christmas luncheon and white elephant sale on Wednesday, December 15, at 11:30 a.m. It will be a buffet luncheon at the 94th Aero Squadron restaurant in College Park. Please call 301-577-1174 by December 13.

and Community Development staff notified homeowners in Lakewood that their driveway aprons did not meet city code. Craze said that staff recognized that it is difficult for homeowners to arrange for apron repairs. For that reason the cited homeowners were informed that the contractor doing the stormwater repairs could also do the apron repairs, at the homeowner's expense.

Charles Kendall, one of the homeowners cited, said that the apron had been damaged 22 years ago when a fire truck drove over it to fight a fire in the woods. Now that the city has decreed his apron defective, the city should repair it, he argued, adding that the city should help its citizens, not hurt them.

Intramural Basketball Coaches Needed

by Coach Doug

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club Intramural Basketball Program is now underway and is in need of additional volunteers for the upcoming season.

The season runs through Saturday, March 18. Games are played Wednesday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Friday nights from 6:45-8:45 p.m. and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m.-noon. All games and practices take place at

the Youth Center in historic Greenbelt.

The intramurals staff encourages parents of the participants in the program to volunteer and experience the joy of teaching a sport and see its impact on the growth and development of their children as well as other children in the community.

The program will provide training and support to those wishing to teach individual skills,

team work, and good sportsmanship in an instructional league setting. The program's priorities are fun, learning, fairness, athletic development, and self discipline.

Anyone who is interested in taking advantage of this opportunity to coach should either drop by at the end of the practice schedules and talk to Coach Doug or phone 301-474-1508, the intramural Hot Line, and speak with Doug Mangum.



ATTENTION GHI MEMBERS

Fall Gutter Cleaning Program

The Fall Gutter Cleaning Program is underway. The following buildings will be cleaned during the week of December 6th through December 10th.

- 1 through 6 courts & 8 through 10 courts of Crescent Road
- 1 through 9 courts and 11, 13, 38, 42, 44, 46 courts & 48 through 62 courts of Ridge Road.
- 1 & 2 courts of Westway

All buildings in the community will be cleaned this fall. We hope to complete the program by the end of December, weather permitting.

The Physical Plant Operations will continue to post notifications each week in the News Review listing the buildings that are scheduled to be cleaned the following week. Please be aware that workers will be placing ladders in your yard and appearing outside your windows at times. It is our intention to complete this project in an orderly and professional manner. If there are any questions or concerns, please contact the maintenance office at (301) 474-6011 or (301) 474-4161 ext. 129. Thank you for your cooperation.



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6:00 p.m. Beltway Plaza Toys for Needy Children Parade

6:15 p.m. M-NCPPC: Your Open Road,
"Census 2000: Partnership in Prince George's County"

7:00 p.m. Nighthawks at Greenbelt Labor Day Festivities

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Wednesday & Friday, December 8 & December 10

7:00 p.m. Woman's Work V

7:30 p.m. Christmas Parade

8:00 p.m. Public Safety Video



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ELECTRIC DEREGULATION IS COMING...

GHI is looking for volunteers to join its newly formed Ad Hoc Electric Utility Deregulation Committee

Key Committee Goals:

- Educate members about what deregulation means for them
- Lobby the Md. Legislature on issues affecting housing co-ops
- Explore ways members and the community can participate
- Explore master metering and bulk purchasing of electricity
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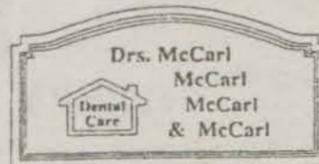
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ACE Sets Meetings

by Mary Moien

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) met on November 23 to finalize plans for an impressive number of meetings and topics for the coming months. On December 6, the committee will convene a "Principals Night" meeting to which all Greenbelt area school principals will be invited. In addition, Dr. Eleanor White, the newly-appointed director of Region II, which includes the Greenbelt schools, is expected to be present. The next week, on December 13, school superintendent Dr. Iris T. Metts will be welcomed by the Greenbelt City Council at its regular meeting. A reception for Dr. Metts will precede the meeting.

In January, ACE will participate in a second meeting of local education advisory groups to compare notes, goals, and progress. Greenbelt hosted the initial meeting, and Bowie plans to host the January 31 meeting.

On March 14, ACE will sponsor a citizen's forum with Dr. Metts. This will be the main occasion for Greenbelters to hear her plans and question her in more detail.

Greenbelt Elementary

The committee discussed a rumor that the student shift at Greenbelt Elementary that is scheduled for next September may not occur until 2002. Several committee members had heard the same information. The committee will request the city council to investigate as this change may not be in the best interest of Greenbelt students.

Other issues

City Manager Mike McLaughlin, had written to the committee asking for recommendations on ways that the city might be able to support aspects of city schools as they become more localized. It was brought out that Bowie provides grants to teachers for additional training. The committee will discuss this issue and respond.

The committee is concerned that the city council has not moved forward on its agreement to contact local businesses regarding obtaining donations for ACE scholarships for Greenbelt students. The end of the tax year is an excellent time to solicit donations, but the city council has not responded to ACE committee reminders.

Census Jobs Opening

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.

Assault

9100 block of Edmonston Road, Nov. 21, 9:08 p.m., a woman stated that she was in her residence and heard a knock at her door. She opened the door, and a man standing outside her door produced a handgun, pointing it at her. She began to scream and pushed the door shut. The man ran out of the building and was observed running along with another person to a waiting white Cadillac parked in the 9100 block of Springhill Court. The vehicle fled the scene.

Strong-Armed Robbery

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Nov. 19, 3:30 p.m., a 15-year-old resident was charged on petition with strong-arm robbery. The victim advised that the youth had asked for some change in a hall-

way. After the victim gave the boy money, he reached into the victim's pants pocket, took out a key, and refused to give it back. He then demanded more money and balled up his fist. The victim dropped more money on the ground, grabbed the key, and ran from the scene. The suspect was later identified by the victim inside the school. He was apprehended and later released to his parents pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Shell food mart in the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane, Nov. 19, 10:35 p.m., a man was sitting inside a vehicle in the parking lot when another vehicle pulled up next to his. One of the two occupants of that vehicle got out and approached the man, demanding

money from him; when he refused, the would-be robber opened the victim's car door and punched the victim in the face. The assailant got back in his vehicle and fled the scene. The suspect is described as a white male in his 20's, 5'11", and 170 lb., with brown hair cut in a flattop style; he was wearing blue jeans and a white long-sleeve shirt.

Burglary and Theft

Beltway Super Cleaners, Nov. 19, 4:55 p.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from the counter.

Parade of Shoes in Greenway Shopping Center, Nov. 19, 6:13 p.m., the store manager reported that two women entered the store and one attempted to take store merchandise without paying for it. The manager confronted the woman and told her to give back the merchandise, picked up the phone to call police; the woman grabbed the manager by the arm and pulled the phone out of the wall. She then gave back the merchandise and fled the store with the second woman.

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Nov. 19, 6:38 p.m., jewelry, clothes, CDs and watches were taken. Entry was gained by forcing open the front door.

6100 block of Breezewood Court, Nov. 21, 5:14 p.m., jewelry, food, and other miscellaneous items were taken. Entry was gained through the balcony door.

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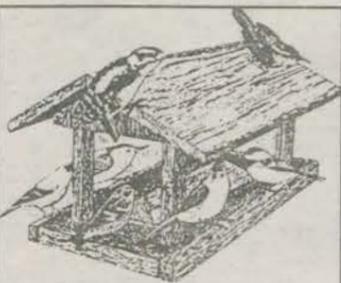
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New Look

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There have been 39 changes in editorship during the paper's 62 years. For the last 27 years, the position has been held by Mary Lou Williamson. There are now 75 staff members, most of whom have joined the paper as their contribution to their community. Some, like Williamson, have been volunteering with the paper for over 30 years.

An innovation begun 17 years ago, augmenting the staff through an agreement with the Departments of English and Journalism of the University of Maryland to accept placement of student interns, is being continued to the News Review's advantage. Students have participated in the regular work of writing and editing copy for this paper. The program is sponsored by the Alfred M. Skolnik Memorial Fund. This fund also provides for a yearly \$100 Savings Bond to be awarded to an outstanding Eleanor Roosevelt High School graduate who lives in Greenbelt and is interested in the field of writing.

Missy Dodd's Teapots Win First Prize

by Altoria Bell Ross

Tom Thumb would appreciate Missy Dodd's tiny teapots. The staff at "Good Housekeeping" sure did. The Greenbelt resident this year won the magazine's ornament contest, and her first-prize handiwork is featured in its December issue.

Dodd, who is an interior housepainter living on Ridge Road, has sold her teapots at the Greenbelt Holiday Craft Show and Sale for the last two years after making one for her sister instead of buying a similar teapot at a gift shop for \$15. The teapots are two-inch glass ornaments with the handles, spouts, and lids made from twisted polymer clay. After molding these pieces, Dodd bakes them. When the clay cools, she glues the parts onto the ornaments. Dodd says she can make several dozen in about an hour.

"I like doing crafts," said the 45-year-old, who also weaves baskets, knits, and crochets. "They are very relaxing."

Not only does Dodd enjoy crafts, but they course through her blood. Dodd's mother, Marjorie Dodd, who died this fall, was an oil painter and porcelain artist who painted on china. She also taught the skill to an international organization for porcelain art teachers. Missy's father, Lewis Dodd, runs an upholstery business in Bowie.

The creativity of crafting also extends to her sister and neighbor, Dee Sand, who makes pine cone people and has written several Christian books. This year, Dodd says she will not be participating in the craft



Tiny teapots made by Greenbelt resident Missy Dodd win first place in the "Good Housekeeping" Christmas ornament contest. - photo by Miriam Dodd, courtesy of Good Housekeeping

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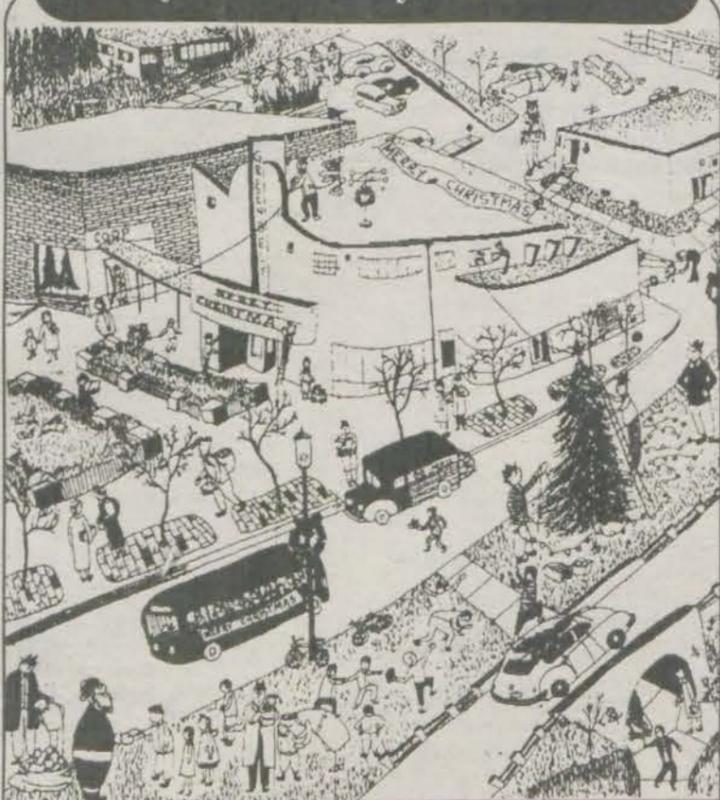
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Featuring buttermilk pancakes, sausages, milk, juice, and coffee.

Santa will be there to share a special photo moment with the kids.

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