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Market Survey Report Paints Picture of Roosevelt Center

by Judy Bell

Approximately 20 merchants and other interested parties attended a Greenbelt City Council worksession on November 6 to hear the results of a Roosevelt Center market study. The survey, using a \$25,000 federal grant, was conducted over the summer by Urban Information Associates, Inc., (UIA) of Baltimore, a community/economic development/consultant firm. City Manager Michael McLaughlin had indicated in an earlier meeting that the purpose of the project was to determine the future of the Center.

Information for the survey was gathered from a wide variety of sources, including a number of community meetings; a combination of in-person and telephone interviews with many of the Roosevelt Center merchants and George Christacos, the principal owner of the Center's real estate; an intercept survey of 100 shoppers and visitors to the Roosevelt Center; a supplemental survey of about 30 moviegoers on their way into or leaving from a screening at the Old Greenbelt Theatre; and a focus group session held with a half dozen employees of the NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center to probe

their familiarity with Roosevelt Center.

The 20-minute, in-person surveys were conducted during weekdays and weekends, both in late morning and early evening hours. Three out of four people surveyed were Old Greenbelt residents, 80 percent of whom reported that they visited the Center more than once weekly and 56 percent who visited "almost daily" or "daily."

The results of the survey included recommendations for store additions, with 50 percent of those surveyed suggesting the addition of shops selling books, flowers, clothing, hardware, arts and crafts, organic foods and budget-priced goods. Twenty-nine percent of those participating would like to see more restaurants and entertainment such as ethnic restaurants, a brewpub and bar, ice cream parlor, pool hall, nightclub and dance hall.

Consultant Janet Goldberg remarked that shoppers are spending \$1 million at restaurants in the Center and \$7.6 million at restaurants outside the Center area. She calculated that three or four restaurants could be added to Roosevelt Center, since indica-

tions using 2000 census figures are that the primary trade area could support this. "The more restaurants you have, the more people will come," she commented. Pleasant Touch's Gwen Vacarro commented that her business is "bringing in a lot of people from outside of Greenbelt who go to the eating places."

As far as services are concerned, 15 percent surveyed would like to add a bank, shoe repair, veterinarian and an alternative healing center. Other responses included maintaining community atmosphere, developing a farmers' market or flea market and keeping the Center's local character and independence intact.

Improvements

In terms of physical improvements, 25 percent surveyed recommended landscaping with more color, fountains, better lighting, better signage, better parking, renovated stores, more gathering and seating areas and more activities such as game tables, arts and crafts and festivals.

Reduce mini-markets to one, focus on mom-and-pop stores

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Trees Are Significant Issue On Proposed Development Plan

by Virginia Beauchamp

As viewed from Greenbelt Road, a commercially-zoned parcel in the northwest quadrant of the Golden Triangle appears behind the two Marriott motel/hotel properties as an appealing forested backdrop. At the northern edge of the property, against the on-ramp from Kenilworth Avenue to the Beltway, is a fringe of city parkland encompassing the Walker family cemetery. A gravesite here marks, among others, a Walker son who fought in the American Revolution.

Plans for development of this parcel, exclusive of the cemetery, were the main order of business at the November 4 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. Representing the developer, the Atlantic Realty Companies of Vienna, Va., were Senior Development Manager Richard Redler, and Attorney Vernell Arrington. Speaking for the city's Department of Planning and Community Development was Community Planner Kristen Ward.

To be called Patriot Business Park, the development will include two four-story buildings with a courtyard between the two, including green space with benches, a bicycle rack and picnic tables. Surrounding this

complex, according to the site plan, will be a surface parking lot with 660 spaces. The property consists of approximately 9.3 acres, of which the two buildings would consume some 176,806 square feet. It is one of two remaining undeveloped parcels in the Golden Triangle.

This design replaces an earlier site plan presented in March 2001, to which the city objected – primarily because of the projected height of its one building. Possibly even as high as 20 stories, this building, with structured parking, would have been located on the highest knoll within the Golden Triangle. Councilmembers expressed pleasure that this earlier plan had been dropped in favor of the two less-intrusive four-story alternatives.

Deforestation

On the other hand, council was distressed at the proposed size of the parking lot and the loss of a substantial stand of trees on the property. According to figures presented by Ward, the on-site forest area currently occupies 7.18 acres. If the Atlantic Realty plan is adopted, 7.03 acres of this forest cover would be removed, leaving only .15 acres of forest still standing. A

40-foot historic preservation setback, however, would remain to protect the Walker cemetery.

On the basis of this amount of deforestation, which it called "unacceptable," the Planning Department recommended denial of the revised site plan. According to Woodland Conservation Policy guidelines, the Planning Department's report states, a minimum of 1.4 acres of on-site preservation would be required, plus an additional 1.45 acres of off-site mitigation.

On the other hand, the report acknowledges that the site plan exceeds the landscape requirements of the county's manual, which designates 75 shade trees and 498 shrubs for a development of this size. Atlantic Realty's proposal shows 84.5 trees and 552 shrubs.

Parking Lot Size

A major issue to council was the proposed size of the parking lot. According to the county's guidelines 445 parking spaces would be required for a development of this scope, of which nine must be handicapped accessible. The site plan, however, calls for 660 spaces, including 12 spaces

See **DEVELOPMENT**, page 5



Mayor Judith Davis (dressed in full clown garb) joined a host of other Greenbelters – young and old – who participated in the city's Halloween festivities at the Community Center. See page 9 for more photos.

Basketball Court Near Mandan Road a Problem

The status of basketball hoops at the Mandan Road ballfields was a major issue at the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) meeting on October 3. Residents living near the ballfields described numerous problems that appear to be associated with the presence of the hoops.

Among these are gangs of youths congregating on the ballfields and on Mandan Road who block the passage of cars, vehicles speeding down Mandan and Ora Glen and the intimidation of residents returning to their homes in Windsor Green. More recently, drug sales activity including increased trash left on the ballfields (especially residue from drug activity) has become a threat. The residents noted that few of the youths congregating in this area are doing so to play basketball. Residents also lodged the complaint that their repeated calls to the Greenbelt police have not mounted a strong enough presence at the ballfields.

When local owners advocated that the basketball hoops be removed, Chairman Sheldon Goldberg noted that GEAC had made a request to the city on April 10 to remove them. The request had been referred to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), Goldberg said, and GEAC had subsequently recommended a plan to keep the basketball courts open.

Richard Ransome, a resident of Bird Lane and also a member of PRAB, spoke to the issue of PRAB's opinion that the basketball hoops should stay up. After having confronted congregations of youths himself near his home and hearing about the drug activities, Ransome noted that he had changed his mind and was now recommending that PRAB support the removal of the basketball hoops.

Greenbelt Police Lieutenant Thomas Kemp noted that the police have tried to have more patrols there and have had some success with the bike patrol officers. Kemp commented that unfortunately the department is currently understaffed and that often police patrols in Greenbelt East must be pulled to answer more serious problems in other areas of the city. The police department has not been fully staffed with dispatchers in a decade, Kemp said.

Kemp assured GEAC that the Greenbelt police will increase surveillance in the area, work to improve communication with residents near the ballfields, see that dispatchers are more helpful to callers and continue to respond to complaint calls in a timely fashion.

Attending Councilmembers Thomas White and Rodney Roberts noted that council is still debating how to allocate and manage its police resources.

What Goes On

Saturday, November 16

10 a.m. to noon, ACE Job Fair, Community Center

Monday, November 18

8 p.m., Council Worksession on Policy on Non-classified Positions, Municipal Building

Wednesday, November 20

8 p.m., (tentative) Council Worksession on M-NCPPC Planning and Zoning, Community Center

Thursday, November 21

7:30 p.m., GHI Board Meeting, GHI Board Room

Letters

THANKS

The New Deal Café Cooperative wants to thank everyone for their great support and participation in last Saturday's very successful rummage sale benefit for the Café. It will really "help keep the doors open in these tough times!"

We plan to keep having fundraisers and are open to suggestions for new ideas. We will take orders for homemade pies for Thanksgiving and the holidays. Look for our baked goods table at the December crafts fair at the Community Center.

We hope the Greenbelt community will continue to support the New Deal Café by coming in to eat, drink and socialize, listen to live music, hold meetings in the Café, give parties and do lunch. Thanks again.

Ray Stevens,
President
New Deal Café Co-op

THANKS

I wish to extend my appreciation to all Greenbelt residents that came out to vote in the November 5th General Election, especially those that braved the foul weather. I would also like to thank those of you that supported my candidacy and have allowed me the opportunity to serve you on the county council during the next four years. I look forward to serving in this vital role and to representing the needs of the City at the county level.

Doug Peters
County Councilmember-elect,
4th District

Free Lecture Given At Aviation Museum

On Sunday, November 17, Tom King, author of "Amelia Earhart's Shoe," will lecture at the College Park Aviation Museum on the archaeological expedition searching for evidence of Earhart's final flight. King will also sign copies of his book. The lecture begins at 2 p.m. and is free with the regular museum admission. Seating is limited. Reservations are required. Call 301-864-6029.

Meals on Wheels Needs Volunteers

Meals on Wheels of College Park needs volunteers to help pack daily meals for seniors and those who cannot cook for themselves. Also needed are drivers and runners Monday through Friday. Packers work from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Drivers and runners work from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to work one day a week or once or twice a month or whenever possible. Call Monday through Friday, 301-474-1002 to help and for more information.

Flower Show And Display

Members of District 1 of the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs present their free biannual show of holiday floral designs, horticultural specimens and educational displays at the US National Arboretum on November 22 from 1:30 to 5 p.m. and November 23 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visit www.usna.usda.gov or call 202-245-5898 for more information.

A Review

Quicksilver Dance Ensemble Intrigues, Lures Audience

by Virginia Beauchamp

When I drove into the parking lot behind the Community Center on Sunday, November 3, I could tell that the Artful Afternoon programs that day were especially popular. The lot was close to half-full. Unfortunately I missed the gallery talk and reception for the exhibit of Korean American Art, "Crossing the Road," though I looked in on the display. The works were wonderfully inventive and certainly deserve a closer study.

So many things were going on, for folks of all ages, that one could not possibly sample them all and I was particularly interested in the improvisational dance program put on by the Quicksilver Senior Dance Ensemble in the lower level dance studio. The concept was intriguing and I did not know what to expect. "All ages and abilities are welcome," the flyer said.

The performers were a group of seven or eight elderly women, dressed alike in graceful flowing costumes of forest green – long pants of ample width at the ankle and topped with long tunics with long, full-cut sleeves. Some were barefoot, others wearing shoes. Some wore vivid scarves around their necks.

Seating for the audience was arranged in three rows against the long, mirrored wall of the room, leaving most of the floor space for the dancers. A younger man with a violin and drums seated under the windows obviously would supply the music. We would learn that he was also the choreographer.

What this meant in improvisational work was that he set the scene, or the parameters of the women's movements. He called

first for them to walk, "Just walk back and forth," he said, "filling the space." His music, also improvisational, established the speed of their footsteps. It started slow, but then picked up the pace. The patterning of the walkers, in their matching pacing, was pleasing to watch.

Then he called for each one to pick "a secret partner." She was to walk within ten feet of that partner, then within seven feet, then five, four, and finally to move next to that person. When his bowing stopped, the women were clustered into two groups – apparently an unexpected but desirable conclusion.

This group, according to the violinist, performs around the metropolitan area – frequently at senior centers and assisted living residences. Often they work with Alzheimer's patients, he said, getting them to move about and enjoy physical activity. Then of course he invited all of us to join in. Each of the performers reached out to someone in the audience to share the experience of moving together. It didn't matter how old you were. Several youngsters in the audience – even a toddler – got right into the spirit of the occasion. Everyone can move to some degree, and each of us did our thing!

According to the brochure that listed the events of the day, the arts programs offered by the city are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Prince George's Arts Council, and the P.G. Super Circle. The city's arts coordinator, under the Department of Recreation, is Nicole DeWald.

Grief Workshops

Grief counselors from the Hospices of the National Capital Region's Point of Hope Grief Counseling Center will facilitate several free workshops as the holiday season approaches. The workshops are designed to help participants with coping strategies. They are free; advance

registration by telephone or online is required. The workshop in Prince George's County is on November 16 or December 7, 10 a.m. to noon, Hospice of Prince George's County, 11700 Beltsville Road, Suite 100, Beltsville. Call Jessica Chase, 1-800-255-3042, or visit www.thehospices.org.

The Old Curmudgeon



"Next year I'm planting evergreen trees . . ."

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School Board Holds Forums, Meeting

The Prince George's County School Board is hosting two separate events designed to involve citizens in planning for the future and to inform them about the budget process.

One is the first of three public forums to give parents and the community the chance to express their views on educational needs and priorities. It will be held November 19 at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of High Point High School in Beltsville. For information or to register to speak, call 301-952-6099.

The other is a meeting of the Policy and Planning Committee of the School Board to be held in the Sasscer Administration Building in Upper Marlboro on No-

vember 21 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting will continue the process of reviewing and proposing updates to Board of Education policies, standing resolutions of the board, and board bylaws. Although the meeting will be open to the public, there will be no public participation. For more information, call 301-952-6118.

NARFE Meets

NARFE Chapter 2146 will have its November meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway. Frank Chase, state legislative chairman of NARFE, will be the guest speaker. Members are urged to attend and the public is invited.

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Thursday, November 21, 2002
GHI Board Room – 7:30 p.m.

Key Agenda Items

- 2003 Budget – 2nd Reading
- Garage Rental Rate for Storage (Finance Committee Recommendation)
- Engagement of Auditor
- Set 2003 Annual Meeting Date
- Request for Permission to Plant Memorial Tree
- Request for an Exception for Deer Fence Use – 4S Laurel Hill Road
- Request for Exception for Construction of Sunroom at 5A Laurel Hill

Regular board meetings are open to members.

Monthly Movie Is "Lost Horizon"

Monday, November 18 at 1 p.m. "Lost Horizon" will be shown in the Senior Classroom at the Community Center. Ronald Colman, Jane Wyatt, a sterling cast and director Frank Capra collaborated to create one of the most memorable films of the '30s. The plot is about a group of strangers who stumble across the isolated valley of Shangri-la in the Tibetan Himalayas. The inhabitants of this utopian community have lived there in happiness and peace for hundreds of years. What happens when these strangers intrude into their lives? Nominated for six Academy Awards, the movie was a winner of two.

Greenbriar Collects New/Used Coats

The Greenbriar/Glen Oaks Community is encouraged to keep someone warm this winter by bringing new or cleaned used coats to the Greenbriar Management Office at 7600 Hanover Parkway #101. The drive is in conjunction with Mission of Love, a non-profit organization that distributes coats to Prince George's County residents who are in need. Coats will be collected until November 22. For information call Tina Murphy at 301-441-1096.

Explore Adventures In Color and Design

On Friday, November 22 at 1 p.m. come explore how color and design work together at Explorations Unlimited. Sarah Garcia will give a brief summary of what students can expect out of the Acrylic Painting class for seniors she will teach beginning in January. Participants will also learn how to handle the paint through various techniques and will learn by looking at many great paintings and experimenting for themselves with a small take-home project.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 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. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

State Grant Monies

Mayor Judith Davis announced at the November 4 council meeting that the city will receive \$90,000 from the State of Maryland's Community Legacy Program for the following purposes: \$50,000 for renovation of the historic Greenbelt Theatre; \$15,000 for a commercial loan fund available to Roosevelt Center merchants to improve their properties; and \$25,000 for the rehabilitation of residential properties in the assisted-living program. It is expected that the last amount will be used primarily for installation of ground-floor bathrooms in GHI houses.

At the Library

Children's Programs

Tuesday, November 19, 7 p.m., Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, November 20, 10:15 and 11 a.m., Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver.

Thursday, November 21, 10:15 a.m., Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m., Toddlertime for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Adult Programs

Wednesday, November 20, 2 p.m., Book Discussion of Joseph Ellis's "Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation."

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The business meeting on November 6 was presided over by President Ima Davis. New Members Lesia Carrion, Aubrey Francis, Venkata Kowtha, Fran Ritter, Doris Roberts, Rosemary Scott and Laurita Pranger were greeted. It's nice to have our new members attending meetings.

We were sorry to learn that Hilda Orleans and June Rouseau are having heart problems.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Betty Maher and Lesia Carrion. A surprise door prize was donated by the president and won by Bill Souser for wearing his name tag and signing the attendance book.

Program Chair Ernie Varda stated that the December 11 meeting will be a Chinese auction.

The slate of officers for 2003 was presented by Nominating Committee Chair Ellie Rimar: president, Ellie Rimar (past president 1987); first vice president, Micki Weidenfeld; second vice president, Ima Davis; treasurer, Robert Terrell and recording secretary, Bunny Fitzgerald. Many thanks to the Nominating Committee, Ellie Rimar, Bud Hinson and Ruth Huggins for all their hard work.

It's great to be in Greenbelt and enjoy all the fall colors.

Help Clean Up The Woodlands

The GHI Woodlands Committee will be removing invasive plant species in Parcel W at a work party Sunday, November 17 from 10 a.m. until noon. Meet at the corner of Hillside and Research Roads. The group will focus on English ivy, multiflora rose and barberry. Come out to help improve the health of the wooded areas. Instruction will be provided, but please bring gloves, clippers and any good digging tools. Be prepared for cool weather and poison ivy. If there is moderate or heavy rain, the work party will be cancelled. For more information contact Leslie Brothers, 301-474-7421.

Community Events

Singing Class At New Deal Café

The Greenbelt Arts Center's Advanced Beginner Singing Class will be holding its free class recital at the New Deal Café on Wednesday, November 20 at 7 p.m. The students in the class, taught by local performer/instructor Izolda, have been studying further aspects of vocal technique and have been learning how to use these techniques in their own singing. The class also learned songs from different cultures to highlight how different singing styles are used for different types of music and they will be singing in Swahili, German, English and Seneca. Two of Izolda's private students will perform solo pieces as well. Come and listen to songs, chants and rounds from around the world and support these artists in their endeavors. For more information contact Izolda Trakhtenberg at 301-441-3005.



Decision Making At SHL Elementary

Four decision-making groups have been established at Springhill Lake Elementary School this fall under the leadership of Jimmy Harbin. Harbin, a University of Maryland counseling psychology graduate student and a CARES family volunteer counselor, was hired for the task by CARES Director Carol Leventhal.

Harbin is currently co-leading (together with the guidance staff) four decision-making groups at Springhill Lake Elementary School with fifth and sixth graders identified by their teachers as needing help in this area. Each of the groups has six participants with a total of 24 students attending. Each of the groups will last approximately six weeks.

In the five weeks groups have been underway, Harbin has seen much improvement in the children's decision-making skills. Overall, they show a clear understanding of the process of making good decisions using a decision-making model that they did not use initially.

Additionally, the students are very excited to come to the group each week. In the words of one student, "I look forward to sharing and talking about how I can make good decisions."

New High School Subject of Hearings

The Prince George's County Board of Education Capital Improvement Committee has scheduled two public hearings to receive community feedback on the proposed sites selected for the new regional high school. The location of the new school could have ramifications for Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

A meeting on the second proposed site, Canby (Brooke Lane west of Brown Station Road in the Upper Marlboro area), will be Tuesday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room, Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro.

Public participation is encouraged. All persons interested in speaking must register with the Office of the Board of Education by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting by calling 301-952-6308. All registered speakers will be given two minutes to make their statement.

For additional information, contact Cheryl Landis, board executive officer, at 301-952-6117.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of November 4, Judge Hering gave a presentation at the University of Maryland on the recruiting of college students as volunteers. The orientation purpose was to define community service and service learning, including a discussion about resources and recruitment strategies.

Hering also attended a meeting of the Prince George's Volunteer Coordinator's Association where the guest speaker from the Points of Light Foundation discussed the importance of the organization and volunteerism.

There were 68 students who received tutoring in October.

Teresa Smithson and social work student Elissa Levine met with Dr. Michele Littlefield, faculty field liaison from the University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Social Work.

Career Connections Two Days at ERHS

Fifty-eight government, business and labor union leaders will celebrate American Education Week on Wednesday, November 20 by participating in the 2002-2003 Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Career Connections Series. The event is scheduled 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school and is the first of two career days designed to help students understand how classroom instruction is linked with success in the 21st century workplace.

The series features a new twist to the traditional career day. Each Career Connections Day is hosted by an academic department and has a theme. The English department will host the event November 20 based on the theme of Oral and Written Communication in the Workplace.

Professionals from a wide range of career fields have volunteered to share their experiences with students in grades 9 through 12. Government agencies supporting the event include the Central Intelligence Agency, Department of Commerce, Department of Treasury, US General Accounting Office, Food and Drug Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, City of Greenbelt, Prince George's Community College, George Washington University and NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center. Many businesses will be represented, including the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce; CTV Channel 76 Television; Maignan & Associates, LLC; Laurel Leader newspaper; Allfirst Bank; Verizon; Northrop Grumman IT; Close Up Productions; Lockheed Martin, Konkurst and Associates; McMillan and Company Photography; Nurture Flex; Doctors Community Hospital; and the National Association of Minority Auto Dealers. The Metropolitan Washington Central Labor Council and Communication Workers of America will also participate.

For more information, contact Laura Grace at 301-513-5400, ext. 263 or Loretta Statham at 301-490-4569.

Thankful Thoughts

Last year the News Review received a number of responses to our request that readers tell us what they are thankful for. This year it again seems appropriate to ask the same question. Responses will be published in the November 28 issue.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of November 14
Bowling for Columbine (R)

Friday
*5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday
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In Memoriam Thomas Sharp

by Rick Ransom

Thomas Sharp slipped into his final rest on Monday, November 4, 2002, after a long and spirited fight with cancer. He was 55 years old and was a Greenbelt boy, having been raised in the 71 Court of Ridge Road. Thomas was the youngest of five boys, and is survived by his mother Sue Sharp and his brothers James and Ronald. Two other brothers, John and Richard, died before him. A daughter, Ruby was killed at the age of 16 in an auto accident 10 years ago, not three miles from the hospital where Thomas died. His marriage to Judy Chermom ended in divorce. His companion of the past 23 years, Kay Fritter, remains in their home in Hedgesville, W.Va., where they resided since 1995.

I went to school with Thomas at Greenbelt Junior High School and we graduated in the same class of 1965 from High Point High School. We played football together and shared a love for rhythm and blues. Thomas also loved to watch the NASCAR races on TV each week. We did not run in the same circles, but we kept in touch through the family of Greenbelt. More recently we had talked at his famous "Veterans' Day Chicken Fry and Barbecues" and other outings he held. Often my wife and I spent the night. Kay and he were the perfect hosts. Kay decided to continue the tradition this year and use it to celebrate Thomas's life. About two dozen of the old Greenbelt crowd attended, some from as far away as Delaware. An even larger contingent of his newer friends from West Virginia also came. Thomas made that kind of impression everywhere he went.

Although he may have been called Tommy in his youth, it was always "Thomas" in adulthood. I don't recall any other nicknames, but he certainly had one for you and a story to tell about you as well. His tales are legendary. As a common friend remarked, he would tell the same story in ever-growing versions to five different friends. You never knew which version you were getting, but they were always humorous. His true genius was his philosophical and alternative way of looking at life. Extremely well-read, he challenged assumptions and lived to prod and debate, whether in a quick tease or in a



Thomas Sharp

more extended "discussion."

The student body during our time at High Point consisted of some 2,300 students, of whom exactly 11 were African-Americans (referred to as Negroes at the time). Court-ordered busing would later end this defacto segregation in Prince George's County. Thomas, always a fair person as well as one to go against the social order (if one could call it that) befriended a dark-skinned boy named Gus, and brought him to Greenbelt on several occasions. It was Thomas's quiet way of leading us to new and higher ground. On at least one occasion, Gus was confronted by a Greenbelt Police officer wanting to know what his business was in town and how soon he would be leaving. Thomas was incensed and extremely embarrassed for his friend.

His brother Ronnie related to me that Thomas's daughter was killed as a passenger with another teenage girlfriend. The girl was a new driver. She crossed the center line and struck a tree on Route 9, a winding road on which Ronnie said there are accidents weekly. Thomas went to the house of his daughter's friend to console her, telling her he knew it was just an accident,

Helen E. Supple

Former longtime Greenbelter Helen (Honey) E. Supple, 89, who lived at 18 Crescent Road, died on November 8, 2002, in Hattiesburg, Miss. Mrs. Supple had lived in Greenbelt for 51 years. She and her daughter-in-law Wanda Randall moved to Mississippi three years ago.

In her many years in Greenbelt, Mrs. Supple took care of over 300 children. She provided daycare in her home, where she took care of as many children as she could.

In her apartment building she took care of the elderly, making sure that they made it to church,

and not to blame herself. Thomas understood losses and the pains of life well. He served in Vietnam at the height of hostilities there. I am sure it was a harsh experience for a guy who internalized his life experiences. He may have talked about the misery to Kay or closer friends than me, but I only heard him joke about it and tell stories, as he did with everything else.

Thomas would balk if I characterized him as a "good" man. He would want to define the term and he would question who made the determination. I'm certain he would also point out that many people were unfairly overlooked in this category, and that

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doctors, shopping or just to go out to dinner.

The Co-op was a place she went daily, taking the children she babysat with her no matter the weather. She was a friend of Maria and visited her beauty shop in Roosevelt Center. She was well-loved in her community.

In May 1995 Mrs. Supple won a raffle from the Fraternal Order of Police. Although she bought a ticket because she thought the police do good work, she was skeptical when told she won, fearing it was a scam. It wasn't until police brought her the tickets for a seven-day vaca-

tion to St. Maartens that she accepted the fact that she had won.

A retired nurse, Mrs. Supple had traveled across the U.S. eight times and visited Ireland, England, Spain, Germany and France.

She is survived by her son Leonard Randall; his wife Carol; daughter-in-law Wanda Randall and grandchildren Leonard, Jr., Richard, Eddie and Wanda Randall, all from Mississippi.

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I will always speak your name
And keep a special place within
My heart where you will always remain
I love you and I miss you
- Sandra*

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others selected were later determined to be real "low-lives." (I can hear him!) So I'll just note that to the extent that a man's value is marked by his friends, then he must have been top-rate. Those who attended the reception this Veterans' Day came to celebrate, as Thomas would have wanted it. But each came out of respect, foremost. I know. I was there. And as Kay said, so was his energy.

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A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

The leaves finally turned colors in a big way during the week leading up to Halloween. This is late for the leaves to turn colors, but every autumn is different. This year it seems as if trees that usually turn color at different times are turning all at once. Black gum trees can turn as early as late September. Their intense scarlet or orange leaves can be seen now.

Poison ivy and Virginia Creeper vines turn beautiful yellows, oranges and reds. Intensely beautiful leaves hugging a tree trunk and branches are these vines, not the tree. Most years they turn earlier than the tree they are on giving the curious effect of the leaves next to the trunk and branches turning color before the rest of the tree. This year with early turners and mid-season turners coloring up at once beautiful combinations can be seen that can't be seen in an average year. The vine and tree can be in two different colors at once. A beautiful example of this is next to the Greenbelt Metro station platform. The tree is orange and the Virginia Creeper vine on the truck is a brilliant scarlet. This is the year that two neighboring trees could do what they seldom do and turn color at once.

The color the tree turns can give an idea of what variety of tree it is. Black gums are intense red and orange. Maples are usually orange and red. Yellow leaves can be found on maples, hickories, tulip trees or sweet gums. Sweet gum trees are particularly interesting in that different branches can be different



colors though yellowish is the usual color. Curiously, they also have purple or reddish purple leaves, one of the few plants that does. There is a grove of sweet gum trees next to the swimming pool.

The plants used for landscaping also turn beautiful colors. Bear this in mind when buying plants. A colorful fall foliage gives a plant another season of interest in the garden. Small trees and shrubs can give one last pretty show in the garden. Dogwood, for example, can turn beautiful red or orange. And azaleas can turn yellow. Some trees are planted mostly for their beautiful autumn foliage, such as the intensely red Japanese maple.

Perennial flowering plants sometimes can turn pretty in the autumn. One clump of hostas in my yard is a solid buttery yellow. Perennials generally do not color well every year but they do provide some autumn color.

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for handicapped parking.

"This seems like overkill," Mayor Judith Davis commented. She deplored the amount of impervious asphalt that would be required for an extra 200-plus spaces. She worried that much of this parking area would lie unused and suggested more attention to alternate means of transportation such as buses and Metro. Redler's reply was that this amount of parking was "at the low end of the market. Brokers tell us what is required by the demands of the market," he said. Councilmember Edward Putens wondered who would need these extra 215 spaces. "Who would be the employees?" he asked. Redler replied that they were looking at telemarketing firms and law firms with many paralegals where much of the office space might be in cubicles. "Brokers require this much parking to meet the competition," Redler repeated. Councilmember Rodney Roberts urged protecting the forest. "It's a more pleasant environment for people to be in," he said, pointing to Capital Office Park as a good example. "You need to change your mindset," he added. Councilmember Alan Turnbull added that trees are important for air quality; he stressed their value in particular in a swath along the Kenilworth ramp to the Beltway.

Council Action

"We are not against commercial development of the property," Davis stressed. "We appreciate the court and the amenities" in

this new site-plan, she added. "But we're stuck on the trees. We hope there's some attempt to save some trees."

Roberts said he hoped the applicant would work with the city staff and council to save more acreage in trees. "One-point-five acres is not very much," he said. "It's not a gigantic requirement."

In the end, council voted unanimously (Councilmember Thomas White being absent) to approve the recommendation of the Planning Department to deny the application until the issue of deforestation can be resolved and subject to fulfillment of specific conditions concerning signage, landscaping, architectural review, preservation of greenspace, the use of decorative pavers and stormwater management.

This action will be forwarded to the Prince George's County Planning Board, scheduled to review the applicants' plan on November 21. Future progress on this matter will be reported in the News Review.



Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former long-time Greenbelter Helen (Honey) Supple in Hattiesburg, Miss.

Our sympathy to Sue Sharp and family on the death of her son Thomas.

PFC John Manning recently completed entrance processing at the Military Entrance Processing Station, Baltimore and became a member of the Maryland Army National Guard. PFC Manning is assigned to Company D 629th MI.

As a member of the Maryland Army National Guard, Manning can attend college, tuition free. This can be done by combining a tuition waiver of up to 50 percent of college tuition at institutions of the University System of Maryland, state tuition assistance and more than \$9,000 in federal benefits under Chapter 106 of the Montgomery GI Bill.

Greenbelt Arts Center participant Keith Brown will play Marley in the Prince George's Little Theatre presentation of A Christmas Carol based on the story by Charles Dickens. Performances are December 5, 6 and 7 at 8 p.m. and December 7 and 8 at 2 p.m. at the Prince George's Publick Playhouse on Route 202 in Cheverly.

Proud grandparents Barry and Sharon Miller and Aunt Danielle of Lakewood, are happy to announce the birth of grandson and nephew Jackson Presley Walker on October 11, 2002, at 12:05 p.m., weighing in at 7 lbs. 10 oz. He joins his older brother Jake who is 2-1/2 years old. Parents Greg and Mandy Walker live in Baton Rouge, La.

Hayward Narrates InterFaith Concert

For the 23rd consecutive year, the InterFaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington will have its Annual InterFaith Concert, "A Celebration of the Sacred in Song, Dance and Chant," narrated by JC Hayward, WUSA-TV news anchor and presented in honor of R. Robert Linowes. The concert will be held on Tuesday, November 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Washington Hebrew Congregation, Massachusetts Ave. and Macomb St. in Washington, D. C. (Metro Red Line to Dupont Circle, bus N6).

Nine faith traditions - Baha'i, Hindu/Jain, Islamic, Jewish, Latter-day Saints (Mormon), Protestant, Roman Catholic, Sikh and Zoroastrian - will each contribute a special musical piece from the spiritual depths of its unique religion. Opening and closing anthems will be sung by a combined choir of more than 200 voices, under the direction of Dr. Laddie Bell. Greenbelters Roya Bauman and George Branyan are singing in the Metropolitan Washington Baha'i Chorale.

Reserved seating is available. For more information, call 202-234-6300 or www.ifcmw.org.

Holiday Blues Topic Of NAMI Workshop

Attend a free workshop "Impact of the Holiday Season on Persons with Mental Illness" with Dr. Agnes Hatfield, author and lecturer. The National Alliance of the Mentally Ill (NAMI) sponsors this workshop on Thursday, November 21 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, in New Carrollton. To learn more, call 301-577-6026.

Service to Honor Native Americans

The Sunday service at Mowatt Methodist Church will commemorate and honor Native Americans and their heritage through the use of their prayers and songs. The service will pay homage to the role of Native Americans in today's society and their contribution to the traditions of Thanksgiving. The congregation will celebrate the oneness of all people. For information call 301-474-9410.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR NOVEMBER 18-22

Monday, November 18, 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION, Policy on Non-Classified Positions, City Council Room.

Wednesday, November 20, 8:00pm, (tentative) COUNCIL WORK SESSION, M-NCPPC Planning and Zoning, Community Center.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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For more information, please call 301-474-8000.

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- November 25-27:** Lakewood
- December 2-6:** Lakeside
- December 9-13:** Boxwood
- December 16-20:** Woodland Hills/Greenbrook Village and Estates
- December 23-27:** Lakewood and Greenspring 1 and 2
- December 30-Jan. 3:** Lakeside and Windsor Green
- Jan. 6-Jan. 15th:** All Areas

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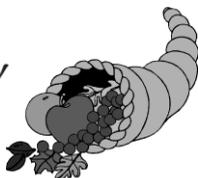
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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department. Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Robbery

Beltway Plaza, November 4, 6:44 p.m., a cashier at FuncoLand told police that two suspects entered the store, one armed with a sawed-off shotgun and the other with a black semi-automatic handgun, and announced a robbery. After obtaining money, they left the store and fled in a vehicle described as a large dark-colored four-door sedan, possibly a Mercury Grand Marquis or a Buick Park Avenue. The suspects are described as (1) a black male, 16 to 30, 6', 160 lbs., wearing a black jacket with a hood and a black face mask and (2) a black male, 16 to 30, 5'10", 150 lbs., wearing a brown jacket, blue jeans and a face mask.

9300 block Edmonston Road, November 4, 7:11 p.m., a food delivery person was attempting to make a delivery to an apartment when he was approached in the hallway by several suspects. They dragged him into a laundry room, where they struck him several times with sticks and took money from him before fleeing on foot. The victim was treated and released on the scene by ambulance personnel. The suspects are described as (1) a black male, twenties, 6', 170 lbs., wearing a green jacket and dark-colored pants; (2) a black male, twenties, 6', 170 lbs., wearing dark clothing and (3) a black male, twenties, 6', 170 lbs., wearing dark clothing.

Assault

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, November 1, 3:28 p.m., a 14-year-old Greenbelt resident was arrested for assault after he became involved in an altercation with another student in the cafeteria. Allegedly he punched the victim and kicked him in the head. The juvenile was released to the school pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Burglary

7900 block Lakecrest Drive, November 3, 12:01 p.m., someone broke into a storage room and took four car tires and rims.

9100 block Springhill Lane, November 5, 2:56 p.m., someone forced open a residence door and took DVDs, compact disks and a video game player.

Theft

Woody's Mobil Station, Centerway, November 1, 9:05 p.m., someone pumped gas into his vehicle and left without paying. The suspect is described as a black male, twenties, 5'10", medium build, wearing dark clothing. The vehicle is described as a blue 1980's Toyota four-door, possible D.C. tag of BN083.

Beltway Plaza, November 2, 4:54 p.m., someone took an unattended purse, location within the mall not specified.

Beltway Plaza, November 2, 8:10 p.m., someone took a secured blue 26" women's 10-speed bicycle from a bicycle rack.

7700 block Greenbelt Road, November 4, 8:39 a.m., someone took a laptop computer from an unsecured office suite.

Safeway store, November 6,

4:50 p.m., someone took a cellular telephone from an unattended shopping cart.

Trespassing

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, October 25, 11:22 p.m., a 25-year-old male from Upper Marlboro was arrested after refusing to leave after being told to by the restaurant manager. He was released on citation pending trial.

Giant Food store, November 4, 3:42 p.m., a 31-year-old male resident of Washington was arrested after refusing to leave the store on request and allegedly assaulted security officers who attempted to escort him from the premises. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

6100 block Breezewood Court, November 2, 8:40 p.m., someone used a rock to break out a residence window.

7400 block Frankfort Drive, November 7, 10:47 a.m., someone vandalized two light poles, causing them to fall to the ground.

Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a blue 1996 Plymouth Neon two-door, Md. tags DXW778, November 2, from Beltway Plaza; a 1996 Ford Thunderbird two-door, November 3, from Beltway Plaza, which was recovered November 6 by Metropolitan Police in southeast Washington; a 1997 Ford Taurus four-door, November 5, from the 6000 block Springhill Drive, which was recovered the same day at the Southern Avenue Metro Station and which involved three arrests; a 1991 Dodge Dynasty four-door, November 5, from the 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, which was recovered November 8 by Metropolitan Police in southeast Washington; a 1989 Cadillac DeVille four-door, November 5, place of theft not given, the vehicle being recovered November 6 by Metropolitan Police in southeast Washington; a white 1995 Dodge Neon four-door, Md. tags KLX362, November 6, from the 100 block Westway; a gold 2002 Toyota Camry four-door (year not given), Md. tags KBN168, November 7 from the 7200 block Mandan Road; a beige and rust 1994 Ford 150 truck, Md. tags 69B931, November 8, from the 100 block Lastner Lane.

Officers responding to the Capitol Cadillac dealership on November 7 saw two male suspects in a fenced-off section, kneeling down next to a vehicle. Seeing the officers, they tried to flee on foot. One of the suspects was located and arrested on the scene. He was in possession of several lug nuts and the vehicle he knelt next to had been vandalized, with all four rims damaged in an apparent attempt to remove them. The second suspect was not located. The arrested man, 20, of Bowie, was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Seven vehicles previously stolen were recovered; three arrests

Trial Starts Monday In Cycling Death

The driver of a car involved in the head-on collision on Sligo Creek Parkway last January that took the life of bicyclist Walter Penney goes on trial starting Monday, November 18.

Washington area cyclists were appalled by the crash and the tragedy galvanized efforts among park users and advocates, cyclists and area residents to calm traffic on the Parkway. Walt Penney, the son of Leonie Penney, grew up in Greenbelt.

Background

On January 10, 2002, at approximately 11:30 a.m., Penney was cycling westbound on Sligo Creek Parkway just east of Dallas Avenue. Penney was an experienced cyclist and was wearing a helmet. Scott Ashley Davis, 25, of Silver Spring was driving eastbound on the road at an allegedly excessive speed and lost control of his car in a curve. Davis' car spun around, crossed the double yellow center line and struck Penney before hitting a tree. Penney died shortly thereafter. Witnesses told police that Davis had been driving as fast as 60 to 70 miles per hour on a road posted at 25 miles per hour.

The Case

Davis faces charges including Manslaughter by Automobile, Reckless Driving, Failure to Control Speed to Avoid a Collision, Failure to Keep Right of Center and Passing in a No Passing Zone. If convicted, Davis faces a maximum possible sentence of 10 years incarceration for the manslaughter charge. The penalties for the remaining traffic charges are fines and points and do not carry any jail time.

Trial Details

The trial is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. on Monday, November 18 before Judge Ann S. Harrington, in courtroom #9 on the 8th floor of the Circuit Court for Montgomery County in Rockville. Assistant State's Attorney David Boynton has been assigned as prosecutor in the case. The trial will typically run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with the State's Attorney's office indicating that it could take up to one week to conclude; the first morning will be devoted to jury selection.

Court proceedings are open to the public. After the trial, letters can be sent to the judge regarding the sentence to be imposed. For more information call Leonie Penney at 301-441-8943.

were involved.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6400 block Ivy Lane; 7600 block Mandan Road; 6100 block Breezewood Drive; 6100 block Breezewood Court; 6200 block Springhill Court; 7500 block Greenway Center Drive; 7300 block Morrison Drive; 5900 block Greenbelt Road; 7000 block Mathew Street.



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Halloween Scenes Around the Town



Families with costumed children Trick or Treat throughout the Community Center hallways on Halloween night

PHOTO BY PAM LAMBERT



This Halloween outdoor decoration featuring a homemade scarecrow and pumpkins graces a home in the 6 court of Hillside Road.

PHOTO BY BARRY MOIEN



Banjo player entertains children at the Halloween Haven celebration at the Community Center.



PHOTO BY BARRY MOIEN

Pitkin and Beauchamp Honored in New Book

The publication of "Women of Achievement in Maryland History," the second in a series of historical reference projects undertaken by former Maryland First Lady Frances Hughes Glendening, was celebrated on October 21 with a gala publication party at Saks Fifth Avenue in Chevy Chase.

The book recounts women's history through the life narratives of women whose spirit, accomplishments and determination have created the fabric of today's Maryland and who, according to Glendening, "have contributed

significantly to the rich history of our beloved state." Virginia Beauchamp of Greenbelt is one of those featured in the book. So is District 23 legislator Delegate Joan B. Pitkin, who currently represents Greenbelt. These are two dynamic women who were selected through a statewide nomination process beginning in 1996.

Pitkin said of the honor, "It is both deeply satisfying to be recognized in this way for all of my years of effort and humbling to be included with these impressive and storied Maryland women."



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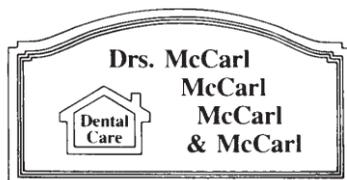
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and avoid chain stores were ideas recommended by 18 percent of those surveyed. Concerns about loitering were addressed by 17 percent, with visitors interested in some visible police presence. Public safety in general was addressed, with concerns regarding groups of young people, drug dealing and skateboarding.

In interviews with merchants, the overriding asset of Roosevelt Center is the sense of community and friendliness of the patrons. The major concerns are vagrancy, loitering and drug dealing.

Theater

In addressing the theater's viability, consultant Pete Carney reported that an analysis of a three-year performance in the marketplace shows that the Old Greenbelt Theatre captures about four percent of the market, bringing in \$158,000 compared to AMC Academy complex's \$4.1 million. A UIA written report distributed at the meeting summarizes that "The economic viability of the motion picture theater relies heavily on the ability of the theater operator to book feature films" based on high demand in the marketplace, on the release being limited or offered exclusively in the marketplace, or on the featured film having specific viewing appeal on a large screen with high-quality sound capabilities.

Carney commented that "Greenbelt is leaning toward art," which is a "pretty viable" market. Marketing is needed to "get the word out" to "capture a bigger percentage of the market."

Recommendations

"We believe that the future viability of the Roosevelt Center is closely tied to its added role as a center for arts, entertainment and community celebrations," declares UIA in its report. It is further noted, however, that Roosevelt Center has a limited market. "The primary market area . . . is not growing . . . Roosevelt Center is hard to find" because there are "few highway markers" and they are "not very prominent or optimally located." Another observation was that having seven owners "is a negative in terms of coordinating revitalization efforts."

Among draft recommendations made by UIA were the institution of a regular cleaning and maintenance program, including power cleaning sidewalks; establishing guidelines for window signage and maintaining street furniture. Other recommendations were to improve signage on approach roadways and to develop signage within Roosevelt Center directing

shoppers to stores.

Some of the new or augmented activities recommended were to program more of Greenbelt's arts and entertainment activities in the Center, link shopping promotions to special events or performances and vend seasonal merchandising in temporary stands or pushcarts.

Addressing public safety and security issues, Josef Nathanson, UIA's president, spoke to his firm's recommendation for a "visible, sustained police presence" that could "be augmented with private security services." He also recommended posting a code of behavior. "The city has some responsibilities, the merchants clearly have some responsibilities," as does the "general community," toward the viability of the center, Nathanson concluded.

"Maybe we need a gardener" in the Center, suggested Councilmember Alan Turnbull, "planting and cleaning," as well as keeping an eye on activities in the Center. Audience member Eileen Peterson commented that she didn't think a gardener would help much because problem activity is occurring at night.

Concerning marketing and promotional activities, mention was made of preparing welcome packets for new residents and having special days targeted to employment centers, such as Capital Office Park Day, highlighting the historic Roosevelt Center with discount offers. Nathanson remarked that a functioning merchants association is "essential." A voluntary effort or establishment of a Business Improvement District would be a "key decision," according to UIA's report. His final recommendation was to consider the goal that by the "75th anniversary of Greenbelt, permanent community ownership" of the Center by a non-profit organization could take place.

Return Appearance

Turnbull suggested that the UIA consultant team return for a cablecast and videotaping in order to make their findings available to the Greenbelt community. McLaughlin recommended that UIA give their final report on a Monday night, making cable access available. Goldberg praised Greenbelt, citing it as a "very valuable piece of history, a living example of how cooperation works."

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A Review

Animation Videos by Kids Showcase Their Creativity

by Virginia Beauchamp

When I was a kid in an Ann Arbor elementary school we used to walk up on Saturday mornings to the Michigan Theater to watch the weekly nickel movie. Besides the main attraction there was always a comedy or two – often an early Mickey Mouse production in black and white. When I was in college more than a decade later, two of my friends who majored in art left for Hollywood to work for Disney in painting the multiple still drawings from which his cartoons were put together. Never in my wildest dreams did I imagine that kids themselves could create their own movable shows for the screen.

But that's what a small audience was able to see at a special showing on November 2 at the Old Greenbelt Theatre. The program, which was put on by Greenbelt Access Television, Inc., ASIFA Washington and GAVA/GATE Animation, was the second-anniversary showing of the Student Animation Showcase. (ASIFA is the acronym of an international association of film animation whose name is French.) Featured were winning films from

the 33rd Annual ASIFA East Animation Festival, works by Washington, D.C. area animation instructors and students, and videos produced right here in Greenbelt by students in the GAVA/GATE animation program under the direction of George Kochell, who calls himself Mister Geo.

It's not easy to review individual works, one as short as 39 seconds and none longer than nine minutes, eight seconds. One memorable work by Corrie Francis, which was a first-place winner by a student in the ASIFA group, showed a black line drawing of a woman against a white background on the left hand side and a great, wonderful swirl of orange paint on the right. After a lot of movement on both sides the orange swirl eventually formed into a human figure that then became a fire that burned up the piece of paper on which the drawing had been sketched. This took all of five minutes and 24 seconds.

Another video, half as long, was a winner for Excellence in Education. It showed an actual boy demonstrating different col-

ors and how if they are mixed, they become new colors – yellow and blue turning to green, or red with blue turning to magenta. It would serve wonderfully with classes for beginning painters.

Many of the drawings done by students were exceedingly minimal, even scribbly. But that wasn't the point. What this was all about was the action – the fading out or fading in or merging from one figure to another (as from an eye drawn in a side view that became a fish, for instance). Mister Geo's group was notable in introducing each of the student artists in turn in an actual video appearance, usually horsing around or mugging for the camera. It was delightful to get to know the creators, even if in a small way.

The Greenbelt student animators were Peter Enns, Alexandria S. Faulks, Edward LeRoy Fenwick II, Aaron Holland, Galen Muhammad, Kerry Mullaney, Jamal Rollins, Nora Simon, Travis Smith, Nickolas Sneed, Adrianna Terrell, Ryan Thompson, Eve A. Walker, Bryan Whyte, Jack Zackowitz, Manaar Zuhurdeen and Muneer Zuhurdeen.

University Presents Vocal Performance

The University of Maryland's School of Music will present the University Chorale and Chamber Singers under Music Director Edward Maclary in the Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Sunday, November 17 at 3 p.m. This free performance will include masterworks by Mozart, Britten, Vaughan Williams, Brahms and Orlando di Lasso.

Deaf Dance Theatre To Perform

The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland will present the next episode in the Take Five series. The Wild Zappers are a deaf dance theater group. They will perform free of charge on Tuesday, November 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Laboratory Theatre. Call 301-405-2787 for more information.

Brass Ensemble In Free Concert

The School of Music at the University of Maryland will present a free concert by the University of Maryland Brass Ensemble in the Dekelboun Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Wednesday, November 20 at 8 p.m. Under the direction of conductor Milton Stevens (principal trombone of the National Symphony Orchestra), the ensemble will perform music of the Renaissance and the 20th century, including big band jazz. The performance will also feature guest percussionists.

Djembe Drums Featured in Concert

The School of Music at the University of Maryland will present a free concert by the University of Maryland African Drum Orchestra in Dekelboun Concert Hall in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on Thursday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. Diali Djimo Kouyate leads the ensemble of the School of Music's ethnomusicology program, showcasing the popular West African djembe drum.

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