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# Pet Owners and Entrepreneurs Cram into Gym on Rainy Day

#### by Barbara Young

A tiny, calm Norwich terrier named Cranberry was among the large number of well-behaved dogs and other animals attending the second annual Pet Expo held on a rainy Saturday at the Greenbelt Community Center. Someone said Cranberry strongly resembled the Norwich terrier which won Best in Show at the recent national dog show in New York. Regardless, he or she (I forget which) was obviously dearly loved by owner Dale Rogers, who happens to be grooming manager at the Silver Spring PetsMart.

News of who won national Best in Show was just one pet fact among hundreds, if not more, such facts circulating in the jolly environs of the Community Center gymnasium as the soggy day progressed. Because of the weather, the gym was crowded with every manner of table, booth and exhibit and dogs were everywhere underfoot. There were snakes, rabbits and ferrets and worlds of information available about all of them and about birds too. (I didn't see cats anywhere, but I did see a fair number of cat treat offerings.)

To my taste, this fine event would have been even finer if the booming rock music from the stage could have been lowered or dispensed with so attendees could talk without shouting. Famed Dr. Michael Fox (see later paragraph) was seated at a table trying to autograph his books and chat, but it was difficult. Everywhere something was going on. Jean Wilson, mother of Planning and Community Development head Celia Craze, was getting the nails trimmed on her 11year-old dog, Vic. Celia's happy black dog Lucy, a rescue, was present at the Expo for the second year in a row. Many if not most other dogs in the gymnasium came from rescue situations.

#### **Fosterers and Rescuers**

Two friendly volunteer foster mothers for dogs, Susan Mester and Mary Bayless, represented the Prince George's County SPCA. Susan had brought her latest foster dog, an amazingly placid four-year-old male shih tzu named Earl, an amazing fact because Earl had only come to live with her earlier that morning. Mary had brought her own dog, a smooth-coated collie named Shiner.

Mid-Atlantic D.O.G.S., Inc. hosted one of the many booths in the gym. This is the volunteer search and rescue (SAR) group that can quickly provide search dog teams day or night in Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia. Its dogs find children lost in parks or hidden in shrubbery around houses, people who have wandered away from homes or hospitals, lost hikers and hunters, victims of drowning accidents, victims of earthquake, flood, tornadoes and other natural disasters, explosions, fire, plane crashes and the victims of homicide.

SAR dog handlers have been trained in terrain orientation, wilderness survival, search strategy, land navigation and more. They must be physically fit and able to be outdoors in all kinds of weather. Normally it takes one year of intensive work to train dog and handler. For general information, call 301-948-2840 or for search emergencies, 202-917-9399 (pager).

#### Something for All

Unfortunately I somehow missed the police department's K-9 dog demonstration and the exhibition of freestyle dog dancing, which was such a hit last year. I also missed the dog psychic and the massage therapist as well as a talk on emergency preparedness for animals. I did see (twice, actually) an enjoyable little circus presented by dogs of the Coventry School for Dogs Their People, whose and sprightly dogs had even been trained to bow at the conclusion. Sage, an Australian shepherd, was among the bright-eyed Coventry dogs.

#### Introductions

Greenbelter Linda Siadys introduced me to Rhoo, her fine black part-shepherd. Residents

# What GIVES? Volunteers Puzzled by Slow 2003

#### by Virginia Beauchamp

GIVES members pondered the reasons for a perceived drop-off in requests for volunteer services since the start of this year at their annual meeting on June 14. GIVES (Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service) is the coalition founded several years ago primarily for senior citizens to help one another with a variety of needs although, as the name implies, people of any age may join.

According to the group's records, members had requested each other's services at a normal enough pace in 2002, but the first part of 2003 had lower demand levels. Was it the heavy snows of this winter that kept people from traveling and therefore needing rides - even to doctors' offices? Was it the heavy rains of this spring that have interfered with gardening? Perhaps it was due to a drop in membership as people moved away or died.

#### Service Records

Kate Connolly, in charge of membership for GIVES, prepared a report on the kinds of services participants offer to one another. Transportation is the big one. Rides were requested 124 times usually for medical appoint-

ments, but perhaps also to meet a plane or to get to the store. Some folks shop for groceries for others who are homebound.

Some members make minor home repairs. Need new hardware installed on your storm door? Need a newly bought item put together? Need a light bulb replaced in a ceiling fixture? Nothing too complex, but perhaps impossible for some among us.

One member who had to move on short notice got help with packing up. Another who was called away for a few hours got someone else to walk the dog. Someone else did laundry for an incapacitated person. Then there are people who help by making a daily phone call to check on someone else and others who read or write letters to assist someone with limited vision.

Founded in 1993, GIVES is open to all Greenbelters willing to offer hours of service in exchange for equivalent hours of other or similar services provided by others. Hours may also be given away to those whose needs are greatest. There

See GIVES, page 9

# Hubcaps Stand Out, Others Stand Up at USO Benefit

#### by Rick Ransom

The benefit to raise money for the United Services Organization (USO), held at Blob's Park in Jessup on May 9, was by all measures a rousing success. It was a dinner-dance put on jointly by the City of Greenbelt and Greenbelt American Legion Post 136. Kathie Linkenhoker, the legionnaire in charge of ticket sales, stated that 700 persons attended the gala event and more than \$20,000 was raised for the USO. The USO provides books, movies and recordings, phone cards, equipment, facilities and even special shows like Bob Hope for servicemen stationed around the world. Carl Dentinger from the Legion was chairman and emcee of this special event; Recreation Director Hank Irving was city liaison. Councilmember Edward Putens, vice chairman, attended along with Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Rodney Roberts and Thomas White. Linkenhoker related that three major corporate sponsors, Capitol Cadillac, Beltway Plaza and Springhill Lake Apartments, provided seed money without which the event could not have been held.

well. Dozens of donated items were sold by silent auction, helping to increase the total funds collected.

The big draw was the "Hubcaps," an oldies band of local renown with national-level talent. Linkenhoker mentioned that Blob's Park gave the committee a really good deal and the "Hubcaps" played for one-half their regular fee.

Dinner was served from the opening at 6 until about 8:15 p.m. All in attendance stood for the presentation of the colors (flag of the United States and other flags) at 8:15 by a joint unit of the Legion's own color guard and members from the Greenbelt Police Department. The lovely and talented Heather Byers sang our national anthem, as she does at many memorial and other formal functions in the city. Since I am a part of the Legion color guard, I can't say how it all looked, but all my co-presenters looked sharp to me. Honoring the colors means much to a lot of people and not just those at the Legion. No matter what our politics, most people are quick to stand and salute Old Glory when she passes by. Immediately afterward the "Hub-

# Bird Banding Here Helps Smithsonian Researchers

#### by Carolyn Sturtevant

Look closely at the next bird visiting your yard. If it has an aluminum band or colored plastic bands on its legs, it may be the subject of a special study by the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) in Annapolis. If you see a bird with the colored bands on its legs, your report could give valuable information about bird survival to the Smithsonian researchers.

In 2001 and 2002, SERC researchers used nearly invisible "mist nets" to capture birds in a few Greenbelt yards as part of their Neighborhood Nestwatch program. Each native North American bird caught in the nets was examined to determine its size, weight and general condition and a blood sample was taken from it. Before being released, each bird received a numbered aluminum band so that it could be identified if it fell into human hands again either in life or death. Birds among the eight "target species" of the study received two or three additional plastic bands in unique color combinations to enable a casual observer to identify each individual bird without having to capture it and read the number on the aluminum band. By recapturing a bird with an aluminum band or by sighting a bird with a unique set of colored See BANDING, page 9

bands, a scientist has evidence that a particular bird has survived predators, the passing of the seasons and the rigors of migration to and from Central or South America.

In several visits to a few yards in the 58 Court of Crescent Road researchers caught and banded 23 birds from five of the eight target species. Ten Carolina Chickadees, three Carolina Wrens, two House Wrens, three Northern Cardinals and five Gray Catbirds in Greenbelt were given the decorative and scientific ankle bracelets. Three of the target species, American Robin, Northern Mockingbird and Song Sparrow, eluded the nets and bands of the Smithsonian ornithologists. The 21 non-target birds receiving only an aluminum band were from these species: American Goldfinch, Blue Jay, Common Grackle, Downy Woodpecker, Eastern Tufted Titmouse, House Finch, Mourning Dove, and Red-bellied Woodpecker. As host to the Neighborhood Nestwatch project in my court and president of the Prince George's Audubon Society, I have seen 10 of the colorbanded birds and several of the aluminum-only banded birds

Silke Pope of the Legion was in charge of corporate sponsorship. Other smaller but no less important donors contributed as

caps" came on stage.

See USO BENEFIT, page 8

#### See PET EXPO, page 8

#### **Farewell Reception** In Honor of Carol Leventhal

The public is invited to attend a reception in honor of Carol Leventhal, retiring after 27 years of service to Greenbelt CARES.

The reception will be held Friday, June 20 from 6 to 9 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

#### What Goes On

Thursday, June 26 7 p.m., GHI Special Board Meeting and Worksession, GHI Board Room

its

worksession, the Prince George's County Board of Education

voted to align board policy with

the changes in age admission for

pre-kindergarten, kindergarten,

and first grade students as set

forth by the Maryland State De-

regulations in May 2002 based

on results of their Early Child-

hood Division's five year study

on the effects of age of entry and

progress in kindergarten and the

recommendations of the Mary-

land Kindergarten Committee in

have made inquiries about

whether the school system will

waive the age requirement for

admission into kindergarten.

Consequently, for the 2003-2004

school year, children born after

December 1, 1998 will not be

admitted into kindergarten. The

board continues to allow talented

kindergarten students to acceler-

contact the Student Support Pro-

gram Office at 301-408-5513.

At Greenbelt Park

The National Park Service

will celebrate the second annual

"Juneteenth Day Festival" Satur-

day, June 21 from noon until 5

p.m. in the Sweetgum picnic area

at Greenbelt Park. Juneteenth

commemorates the end of sla-

very in America. The festival

will feature family-oriented ac-

tivities with a focus on commu-

nity involvement. There will be

activities for children of all ages

and exhibits by environmental

groups, cultural and historical

displays. Local groups featuring

gospel music will provide musi-

cal entertainment. There will

also be African American story-

tellers, African drumming and

dancing and stories on Native

American culture.

Juneteenth Day

For additional information,

ate into first grade.

Over recent weeks, parents

MSDE adopted the new age

partment of Education (MSDE).

June

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Kindergarten Age

**Policy Changes** 

During

2001.

# An Evening with David Ives

# **Letters to the Editor**

#### THANKS!

Just a line to thank all the people who helped me when my car broke down June 10.

As we all know Greenbelt is the best town in the world.

Thank you all again. Virginia Klem

#### Be on the Alert!

With Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival rapidly approaching, all Greenbelters are asked to be on heightened alert for this year's Outstanding Citizen. The process of identifying that special person in a city of citizen volunteers is difficult and requires input from citizens like you.

Some outstanding citizens are easily spotted because of their creative leadership and their high visibility within organizations. But, generally, these individuals touch others in a quiet way and are characterized by a strong sense of compassion and a burning desire to serve.

While a committee will select 2003's Outstanding Citizen, that selection - the 31st since the award began in 1973 - is made from nominations submitted from the community. Help identify 2003's Outstanding Citizen by completing the nomination form in the News Review. Describe in your own words your nominee's contributions or acts of kindness. Nominations are due by August 4. The opening ceremonies of Greenbelt's Labor Day Festival will include the announcement of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizen for 2003. Besides the recognition and congratulatory proclamations, the honoree serves as the Grand Marshall for the Labor Day parade.

All of us have had the opportunity to be associated with individuals from Greenbelt who have distinguished themselves for their outstanding volunteer service to our community. Rarely do they receive the recognition they deserve. History indicates that many of Greenbelt's Outstanding Citizens have been nominated several times before their selection. The committee encourages nominators to be persistent.

Can we count on you to keep this one of Greenbelt's special events?

> Bob Zugby, chair Outstanding Citizen Selection Committee

#### A Disappointing Police Encounter

Last Friday afternoon (June 6) my husband's car broke down about one and a half miles from Kenilworth Avenue on the Beltway. He did not have a cell phone so decided to walk, as we have friends living on Hedgewood Drive in Greenbelt. I might mention my husband is a senior, 76 years young.

He passed the Greenbelt Police Station on Ivy Lane and went in to see if he could use a phone. The wall phone was broken and the young officer at the desk said he could not use his phone. They do not allow that. He continued on to our friends and was able to contact me to rescue him.

No one who heard this story could believe how uninterested and uncaring the Greenbelt police could be when a citizen asked them for help.

I'm passing this on with the hope this gets to the right people in Greenbelt (mayor, council). Yvonne Smith

#### And an Apology From the Chief

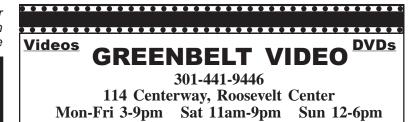
The public phone in the Police Department lobby was removed by Verizon in March of 2002, much to the displeasure of city officials. According to the phone company, the phone was not making a profit so it was removed. An appeal to the company on my part was not accommodated and we were left without public phone service in the building.

Mr. Smith's request for assistance should have been honored by the Police Department employee with whom he spoke. Although security procedures do not permit unescorted visitors within the facility, the employee could have and should have made any and all calls necessary to assist Mr. Smith. For that I offer an apology.

> James R. Craze Chief of Police

#### Correction

The Juneteenth Festival at Greenbelt Park to be held June 21 had an incorrect time listed in last week's News Review. The correct time is noon to 5 p.m. The News Review regrets the error.





Actors in the Greenbelt Arts Center production of An Evening with David Ives are: Meg Yednock (kneeling), Justine Wiesinger (kneeling), cece Richardson (standing), Peter T. Lord (standing with turban), Walter Eckhardt, Ellen Cole (with sword), Phil Brandis (glasses) and Paul Boymel.

#### Summer School Program Announced

The Prince George's County Board of Education has announced summer school opportunities. It is important to note that the second- and sixth-grade mandatory summer school program will not be offered this school year.

mer school opportunities including some tuition-based programs (offered at Eleanor Roosevelt).

Special summer programs will be offered at selected schools, including special education, "challenge" schools, Title I schools and ESOL. For a complete list, visit www.pgcps.org or any local school.

The school system will continue to offer a variety of sum-



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#### Golden Age Club

#### by Bunny Fitzgerald President Ellie Rimar presided at the June 11 meeting. Elsie Forbes and Rosemary Scott were the greeters.

Mat Amberg was welcomed back to the club.

There are openings on the trip to Harrisburg, Pa. on July 24. Lunch is included on this trip to visit the capitol and have a cruise on the river.

The club was pleased to welcome a new member, Harriet Ginsburg.

The 50/50 winners were Elsie Forbes and Don Davis.

Dr. Chatrathi, a cardiologist, gave a very informative talk. He explained heart attack warnings and new procedures for use of stents in blockages.

Thanks to all the people who helped with the "Inside Yard Sale" on June 14. Keep checking - there may be another sale outside later. A big "thank you" to Bill Souser for the hours he spent working on the sale.

#### Woodland Hills **Picnic/Meeting**

The Woodland Hills Community Association will hold its annual picnic and business meeting Sunday, June 22. The picnic will start at 1 p.m. on Parcel A, the community-owned wooded area between Northway and Forestway.

Attendees should bring chairs plus a side dish or dessert for the common table. Other food will be provided. New officers will be elected at the meeting after the picnic, probably around 2:30 p.m.

All Woodland Hills residents are encouraged to join their neighbors at this event.

#### **Rockets Baseball**

by Mike Kerdock

The Rockets came from behind twice to beat arch-rival Bowie 8 to 7 on June 11. The Rockets fought back from 5 to 1 and 7 to 5 deficits in the seventh inning to win 8 to 7. The rally was keyed by a beautiful sacrifice bunt by Delonte Horton that scored Nick Nebel the tying run. With two outs Chris Ray hit the game-winning single up the middle, scoring Jon Butler. Mike Kerdock went the distance on the mound getting stronger as the game went on. Delonte Horton made a great catch on a sinking line drive on right in the bottom of the seventh inning to help preserve the victory.

The doubleheader with Annapolis was rained out again by a late shower on Saturday.

The upcoming schedule in-

#### **GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW**

# **Community Events**

#### **Before and After Blood Drive** School Care Offered

Virginia

by David Lange

last day of advance registration

for the Before and After School

Care Program at Greenbelt El-

Walker, the director of the pro-

gram at Springhill Lake Elemen-

tary School, is conducting the

registration for both schools

from 3 to 6 p.m. at her school,

6060 Springhill Drive in

on a first come first served basis.

Applicants should bring a check

or money order, a health inven-

tory, immunization records, and

emergency contact information.

The check or money order

should be made out to "PGCPS/

BASCP@Greenbelt Elementary

School." Registration will re-

ates from 7 a.m. to the start of

the school day. The after school

care operates from the end of the

school day to 6 p.m. It is open

to students in grades K-6 en-

rolled in Greenbelt Elementary

The morning activities in-

volve quiet play and small

group activities. The afternoon

activities include supervised

homework time and enrichment

activities such as art projects,

crafts, music, cooking, drama,

science, math, reading and in-

door/outdoor games. A light nu-

tritious snack is served each day.

Parent involvement is encouraged

through the Parent Advisory

and nonprofit. Parents are per-

mitted to pay by check or

money order the annual charge

in installments every two weeks.

Social service vouchers are ac-

cepted, though parents/guardians

are responsible for full co-pay-

ments and all fees not covered

by the vouchers. Parents wish-

ing to withdraw their child from

the program are required to pro-

vide a written request with at

the State of Maryland Child

Care Administration and adult

supervision is provided by quali-

fied staff of the PGCPS Before &

employment in the Before and

After School Care Program at

Greenbelt Elementary School

should call the Program Office in

Upper Marlboro on 301-408-

Those possibly interested in

After School Care Program.

The programs are licensed by

least two weeks notice.

The program is self-sustaining

The before school care oper-

sume on August 18.

School.

Committee.

Registration is being accepted

ementary School.

Springhill Lake.

Next Monday, June 23, is the

The next blood drive sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the American Red Cross will be held at the Greenbelt Municipal Building council room on Tuesday, June 24, from 2 to 8 p.m.

The continuing need for blood makes it important that there be a large turnout. Those who have not been contacted by the Red Cross should call Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 to make an appointment. As was done at the last blood drive, walk-ins will be accepted at the end of each hour to fill in for appointees who fail to show.

#### **Explore Ancient** Mesopotamia

Explorations Unlimited will be showing the video "Mesopotamia: Return to Eden" on Friday, June 27. This film is a continuation of Time-Life's Lost Civilizations series. It presents the great world traditions of the Christian, Jewish and Muslim faiths, tracing the roots of their civilizations to the river valleys of Mesopotamia's fertile crescent. Here, archaeologists uncover physical clues to the truth behind the Biblical stories of Noah and his ark, the great flood, the tower of Babel and more.

The video explores the Jewish Exodus into Babylon, the reign of the fearsome Assyrians and the dawn of civilization amid the first cities of ancient Sumer. Guided by some of the Western world's earliest written accounts, experience the often surprising, always fascinating, intersection of science and religion on this epic 6,000-year journey.

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 301-397-2008 for more information.

#### **Food Coupons** For Seniors June 27

The Seniors Farmers Market Nutrition Program is back in Prince George's County and coupon books will be distributed to seniors in Greenbelt. On Friday, June 27, the county family services department will distribute 35 coupon books worth \$12 each. Each coupon book has four checks of \$3. Seniors must provide proof of age and show up in person. New income restrictions apply this year. For a one-person household the income must not exceed \$1,386 per month or \$16,613 per year and for a family of two the income must not exceed \$1,869 per month or \$22,422 per year. The coupon books will be distributed from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center Senior Game Room. For further information, call the City of Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2208.

#### **Beltway Plaza Holds Job Fair**

A mall-wide job fair will be held on Saturday, June 21 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Beltway Plaza Mall. Local merchants including Value City Department Store, Burlington Coat Factory, Giant Food, The Sports Authority, Marshall's, AMC Theaters, Jeeper's, PetsMart, Gold's Gym and JoAnn's Fabrics - will be on hand to talk about employment opportunities. The mall is accessible by car, metro and by bus.

#### **Potter's Phoenix** Coming Saturday

The fifth Harry Potter book -Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix - will be released at Books-A-Million at Beltway Plaza on Saturday, June 21. The release will be accompanied by a full day of children's activities, including face painting.

#### Labor Day Festival Fundraising

The Labor Day Festival Committee will hold a bake sale, patriotic T-shirt sale, take orders for pizza, fruitshakes and sweets and sell raffle tickets for Co-op groceries and two Longaberger large picnic baskets this Saturday. June 21 on the Co-op ramp. This is the first of many bake sales that the committee will be having over the next few months. Those who can't make it to the bake sale but are interested in any of the items (T-shirts, raffle tickets, pizzas, fruitshakes or sweet items), should call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312.

#### **GIAC Needs Input On Classes**

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) will hold its 5th Annual Class Planning Open House on Friday, June 27, 7 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in Dining Room #2. Come and give ideas as GIAC plans computer and internet classes for September 2003 through 2004. All are welcome. For information call GIAC's voice mail at 301-419-8044.

#### "Scapino" Auditions **At Arts Center**

The Greenbelt Arts Center will hold auditions for "Scapino," a comedy by Frank Dunlop and Jim Dale. Keith Brown will direct. Auditions will take place on Monday and Tuesday, June 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Auditions will consist of cold readings from the script. Seven to 10 men and four to eight women of various ages are needed for the cast.

Performance dates are weekends from September 5 through September 27. For details call 301-982-4405 or 240-864-4000.

#### At the Library

Thursday, June 26, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5. 11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.



#### **Greenbelt Park Offers Projects**

Greenbelt Park has various service projects available for Boy and Girl Scouts as well as other groups. Cleanup projects and splitting wood are two of many opportunities for groups or companies to help a national park.

Greenbelt Park's entrance is located between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway at 6565 Greenbelt Road. The park boundaries extend from Greenbelt Road to Good Luck Road.

For information call Park Ranger Kevin P. Barry at 301-344-3944.

#### **GHI NOTES**

The Architecture and Environment Committee will meet June 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room.

The Board of Directors scheduled meetings for the summer months are July 10 and August 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The next pre-purchase orientation will be Monday, July 7 at 7:15 p.m. in the Board Room.

#### **Greenbelt Baseball** Major League Final Regular Season Standings as of 6/14/03 American League W-L National League W-L #1 Athletics 11 - 0 #1 Indians 10 - 4 #2 Orioles 10 - 2 #2 Cardinals 6 - 9

cluded a game on Wednesday, June 18 against Clinton and Thursday, June 19 against Lake Shore, followed by a doubleheader Saturday against Broadneck. All games were held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

#### **Vacation Bible** School at Mowatt

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church will hold Vacation Bible School June 23 to 27 for children (toddlers to grade 6) in the Greenbelt area from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The theme for this year is "Light House Kids: Shine God's Light!" There are singing, games, craft works, Bible story and mission project each day. The extended families are invited to picnic on Saturday at 12:30 p.m. Call Karen Smith at 301-474-8690 to register.

5593. Call 301-952-6149 to get an application. The website lists the qualifications and pay levels. Full benefits are provided. The website address for employment and general program information, including costs, is http:// www.pgcps.org/%7Essprogr/ ba\_care\_emp.htm (Note: there is no link from the main Prince George's County Schools website). Information on the Greenbelt programs can be obtained by calling Walker at 301-513-5053.

2003 13 "AAA" Greenbelt Raiders Revised Schedule					
Date Sat., June 21 Tues., June 24 Sat., June 28	6:15 p.n	<u>Location</u> Sports Park #2 n.Melwood Park Sports Park #2	Game KLM #1 at Greenbelt Greenbelt @ Marlboro #1 Greenbelt @ South Bowie		
		441-4861 Coach ellations: 301-927-0	John White, 301-806-1256 822, option #1		

#3 Giants	5 - 7	#3 Cubs	4 - 8
#4 Tigers	4 - 8	#4 Lions	1 - 13

#### Machine Pitch Final Regular Season Standings as of 6/14/03

Astros	8 - 4
Rockies	7 - 5
Yankees	5 - 7

#### Major League Playoff Schedule

Game	Date	Time	Game
#5	F., 6/20	6 p.m.	Winner Game #3NL @ NL #1 Indians
#6	Sa., 6/21	10 a.m.	Winner Game #4NL @ AL #1 Athletics
#7	Sa., 6/21	1 p.m.	Loser Game #1NL @ Loser Game #3NL
#8	Sa., 6/21	3 p.m.	Loser Game #2AL @ Loser Game #4AL
#9	M., 6/23	6 p.m.	Winner Game #7NL @ Loser Game #3NL
#10	Tu., 6/24	6 p.m.	Winner Game #8AL @ Loser Game #4AL
#11	W., 6/25	6 p.m.	Winner Game #5NL @ Winner Game #9NL
#12	Th., 6/26	6 p.m.	Winner Game #6AL @ Winner Game #10AL
#13	F., 6/27	6 p.m.	Winner Game #11NL @ Loser Game #11NL
			(if first loss)
#14	S., 6/28	6 p.m.	Winner Game #12AL @ Loser Game #12AL
			(if first loss)

All games are played at McDonald Field.

## In Memoriam Elsie Doris Nickolson

Former longtime Greenbelter Elsie Doris Nickolson died on Sunday, June 15, 2003 following a battle with Alzheimer's disease and other complications. She was 83 years old. She is survived by her two sons, Kenneth of Pueblo,

Colo. and Donald of Greenbelt and her daughter Kim Nickolson Miller of Grasonville, Md. Six grandchildren and one greatgrandchild also remain, as well as a sister, Thelma Bocosky of Annapolis.

Elsie was born in Montgomery County and raised on a farm. She graduated from Montgomery Blair High School. She moved with her husband David to Greenbelt in 1952. David died of cancer in 1961, leaving Elsie alone to raise the kids, who were 13, 10 and 4 years old at that time. She lived on Ridge Road, Westway and Crescent Road during her years in Greenbelt and later moved to Annapolis. Elsie related to my wife Barbara about two years ago that she had grown up with horses and loved to ride. That was on one of her better recent days at a Fourth of July celebration at the Greenbelt Legion in which she also danced a time or two with her son Donald. He had taken her there from the nursing home in Crofton where she resided the last four years of her life. Donald later noted that Elsie's father trained horses, thus she had them around her all the time in her youth. He said she also loved to dance.

Kenny was one of my first childhood friends. We later played music together in what was the first band for both of us. Donald was younger, but we became friends as young adults. Donald, John McBride and I play music today in "The Good Guys Band." Kenny joins us when he's in town, so our ties continue. Kenny and I laugh now when we remember that first band. Kenny got this big, double-speaker amplifier, thanks to Elsie, and we all wanted to plug into it, of course. She spent many of her weekend

#### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666) Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community June 22, 10 a.m.



nights then driving Kenny and several other band members to jobs at youth centers and teen dances.

Elsie worked for the Navy Department during World War II and once christened a ship, no doubt asked to do so because of her beauty

and grace. She passed these traits on to her daughter Kim who was Miss Greenbelt in her youth. She later worked for 15 years for the University of Maryland Police Force as its first female officer.

Elsie always stood up for her kids and made sure they had what they needed. We all liked Elsie, perhaps because she took an interest in us while she was shepherding her own kids. She liked a good time and wanted us all to have them, but she did not care much for "foolishness." I remember seeing her in her uniform when I was at Kenny's house. She always looked great. She always referred to her children by their formal names, which I guess is why they never really had nicknames, although some of us still call Kenny by his formal middle name.

Elsie loved her children and certainly spent most of her time on them in their youth. The children returned her love, particularly during these difficult last few years when she got them confused or didn't know them. The truth is, those are moments of the greatest tenderness even though they come with a painful sorrow. For Elsie, the slow descent into lost memory is now over. She will be missed by her loving family, but also by that extended family of Greenbelt's kids who knew her as Kenny, Donald or Kim's Mom.

– Rick Ransom

#### Greenbelt.com Elects President by Doug Love

Doug Love was finally elected president at the seventh annual meeting of the Greenbelt Internet Access Coop (GIAC). Ed James and Neil McLeod rejoined the board along with incumbents Peggy Bates and Alexander Barnes, Sr. Ed is going to spearhead "Wi-Fi" wireless connection to the internet throughout Greenbelt.

Member Jessie Britton volunteered to help develop sales of clothing with the GIAC logo.

At the board meeting immediately after, all the officers were re-elected except Gil Lee, who asked to not be president for a fifth straight year. Doug Love volunteered to fill the job for the coming year, promising to not declare war on other internet services and be sure that agendas of monthly board meetings are posted on the internet.

Lee volunteered to be SYSMAN and will negotiate with BooNet for better webmail and anti-spam services. Doug said of all this, "it's crackers to slip a rozzer the dropsy in snide."

#### ACE Reading Club Holds Reception

On Friday, May 30, the ACE Reading Club hosted its annual end-of-year reception. The ACE Reading Club is a program of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Liz Murray, coordinator of the club, hosted the event, which was well attended by participating students and teachers from Greenbelt Middle and Greenbelt Elementary schools, city council members, parents, ACE members, Greenbelt librarian Ellen Utley and citizens. Displayed around the room were examples of artwork, book reviews, books written by the students and videotapes of their televised book reviews. Awards were given to the classrooms with the most participation and to the students with the most individual participation.

# 50th Anniversary For the Dambrauskas

Congratulations to Dan and Lillian Dambrauskas on their 50th wedding anniversary. They were married June 20, 1953 and have since made Greenbelt their home.

Dan

was

born in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He

moved to Laurel as an ado-

lescent and graduated from

Greenbelt High School (now

Greenbelt Middle School) in

1947. He later earned a

bachelor's degree from Strayer

College in Washington, D.C.,

and spent most of his career

as a certified internal auditor

for the D.C. Government Of-

fice of the Inspector General.

Lillian Mae Dennis and

graduated from Elkridge High

School in 1948. She worked

for the National Children's

Center, then as a full-time

mother and homemaker. She

Lil grew up in Elkridge as



also worked temporarily for several years at the University of Maryland in College Park.

The couple has three children: Raymond Dambrauskas, Donna Iriarte and Susan Sagusti. They

have one grandchild, Mikhail Iriarte. They have been active in their children's and grandchild's lives and in their community through volunteer work, most notably for St. Hugh's church and school. They continue to host delicious and loving Sunday dinners for their family.

To celebrate the golden anniversary, the family is enjoying a fine dining experience in an area restaurant. Dan and Lil are then returning to Bryce Mountain in the Shenandoah Valley – the site of their "first" honeymoon – for a brief holiday.

#### West Virginia Choir Performs June 25

"The West Virginians," a nationally recognized choir from Alderson-Broaddus College in Philippi, W. Va., will perform at Greenbelt Baptist Church on Wednesday, June 25 at 7 p.m.

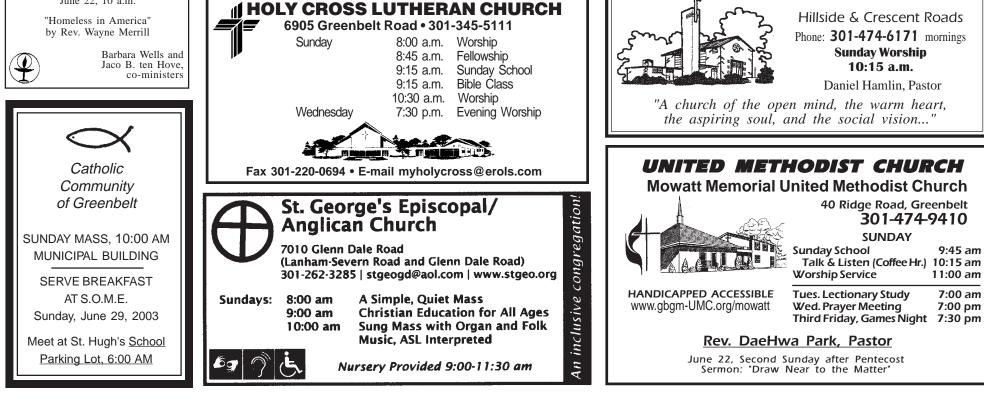
During their 25-year history the West Virginians have given nearly 3,200 performances throughout the United States, Canada and Puerto Rico. In 1997 they performed in India and Thailand as part of a tour to the American Baptist mission fields.

The choir presents a variety of sacred and secular music appealing to all age groups in a variety of settings. They perform Christian contemporary, rock, country, jazz and Broadway styles. The ensemble also doubles as a chamber choir, specializing in a capella sacred choral repertoire. The program is open to the public.











Our sympathy to Greenbelter Donald Nickolson and his brother Kenny and sister Kim on the death of their mother, former Greenbelter Elsie Doris Nickolson.

Thursday night's evening storm left Greenbelt Middle School partially in the dark. Although they were able to provide regular services to students, they were unable to operate the air conditioning.

Georgia Marie Briggs was born May 14, 2003 at St. Ives, Cambridgeshire, U.K. to parents Julia and Richard Briggs, who have taken a leave from their home on Plateau Place. Georgia weighed 8 lbs. Muriel Balzer of Research Road is the baby's aunt. Maternal grandmother is former News Review staffer Carolyn Price of 6 Court Crescent. Congratulations and best wishes to all.

Congratulations also to Janet Elaine Brown, Mandan Road and Andrea Ebanks of Edmonston Road who were named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Ill.

Congratulations to Kaine A. Colon who pitched a no-hitter for the Greenbelt Tigers against the Greenbelt Cubs. Kaine, 9, had 15 strike-outs on his way to an 11 - 0 win and batted 4 for 4. Way to go, Kaine! Kaine also plays for the Greenbelt Raiders.

Jessica Pray of Lakeside graduated from UMBC with a degree in biology on May 22. She is currently working in medical research for the University of Maryland Medical Center in Baltimore. Jessica has been working in research ever since she was a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School doing a research project which has turned into a future career. She hopes to pursue a graduate degree in either micro or cellular biology.

Jessica is the daughter of Sally and Steven Bond of Lakeside and Daniel Pray of Wiscasset, Maine. She is also the granddaughter of Ed and Shirley Pray of Lakewood. Jessica is a graduate of St. Hugh's Catholic School and Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

Congratulations to Tiffany Dovel who has been recognized for academic achievement as a National Honor Roll winner by the United States Achievement Academy. Dovel is the daughter of Kerry and Tammy Dovel of Pasadena and the granddaughter of Greenbelters Jon and Judy Bell.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Jade Wexler, daughter of Wendy Wexler of CARES and Larry Wexler. Jade was hospitalized recently and is now recuperating at home.

Congratulations to Laura Anne Hanyok, who received an M.D. degree from the University of Chicago Pritzer

School of Medicine in ceremonies on June 13 in Chicago. Laura is the daughter of Joseph M. and Betty Hanyok of Dunkirk, Md. and the granddaughter of Joseph and Cecilia Hanyok of Lakeside Drive. In 1999 Dr. Hanvok received a BA, magna cum laude, in biological sciences with a minor in philosophy from UMBC. She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. She graduated from Northern High School in Owings in 1995 and was class salutatorian.

While a medical student Dr. Hanyok participated in an Alzheimer's research project, presenting her findings to an American Geriatrics Society meeting and at a University of Chicago Research symposium on Personhood and Dementia. Laura served as co-director of an adolescent substance abuse prevention program. She also played first chair clarinet for four years in the University of Chicago Symphony Orchestra, receiving the Ellis Bonoff Kohs Award for Musical Excellence.

After graduation Dr. Hanyok will begin her internal medicine residency at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center in Baltimore. She plans to practice medicine in Maryland. Her sister Dr. Teresa Hanyok, is a family practice physician in Westminster, Md.

#### **Restoration of 1935 Fire Engine Funded** by Shirl Hayes

During the April 28 Greenbelt for the funds, spokesmen for the City Council meeting, the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Sqad asked for amount back before requesting a \$50,000 advance from the Fire any additional monies. The de-Department Fund to be used for partment has also begun equipment purchases for a down payment on restoration of the department's original fire truck, a 1935 Ford-Howe. The funds requested would go to Delmarva Fire Apparatus, a company that reconditions fire engines, to make the antique vehicle completely restored and functional. The total price of the restoration quoted by Delmarva is \$125,000. In asking

fire department said the department intends to pay the entire



**Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center** CHILDREN'S SWIM LESSONS **Registration-Session 1** June 24-27 & July 1-3 Passholders and Residents register Saturday, June 21 9am-12pm Non-Residents register Monday, June 23 9am-2pm Class schedule listed at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us ATTENTION ALL RESIDENTS As part of the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities, fireworks will be set off in Buddy Attick Park at 9:00p.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2003. In the event of inclement weather on July 4th, fireworks will be set off at 9:00PM on July 5th. Please inform all members of your household about this scheduled event. We do not want anyone to be alarmed by the explosions and flashes of light from the fireworks. **GREENBELT CARES BABYSITTING COURSE** Wednesday, June 25th from 10am-1pm following dates. **Municipal Building-1st Floor Conference Room** This free course is targeted toward students completing grades 5-8. Students will learn responsibility and health and safety issues for taking care of children, as well as learning about poison control and fire prevention. Students completing the course will receive a certificate and be eligible to participate in the Greenbelt CARES ODD JOBS/JOB BANK program. Info/Enrollment: 301-345-6660, ext 144 The Recycling Bin manner. Dear Recycling Bin: I use only a few cans every week so I don't bother to recycle them. My son tells me I waste money and energy each time I throw a can in the trash. Is this true? Mrs. Y. Bother Dear Mrs. Bother: Yes, it is true. You and many other Americans don't think the few cans you discard as trash make a difference -

but it really does. The aluminum can recycling rate has dropped over the past few years. Last year alone, Americans wasted approximately \$800 million by discarding nearly 50 billion aluminum cans into landfills.

Recycling new metal from used aluminum can save up to 95 percent of the energy required to make primary aluminum. In 2001, the energy lost from unrecycled cans was equal to approximately 16 million barrels of crude oil or enough power to supply electricity to 2.7 million homes for a year. Recycling a single can saves enough energy to power a TV for three hours.



Senior Survey **Respondents Needed Greenbelt Residents ages** 60+ and/or their caregivers are needed for a City of Greenbelt Senior **Needs Assessment** Survey. Interviews will be conducted in June and July, 2003 in the residents' homes or a community location. Please call **Gwen Worley at** 301-474-8000 to

volunteer as a respondent.

#### PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING

The Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) will be accepting used pesticide containers for recycling at the USDA Research Center, Bldg. 302, Visitor Center on Powder Mill Road, from 9am-3pm on the

Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup> Thursday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

Only triple rinsed, clean pesticide containers will be accepted. MDA personnel will inspect each individual container. Any container that is not clean will be returned to the owner and it will be their responsibility to dispose of the container in a legal

For further information, contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Regulation Section at (410) 841-5710.

#### **CITY OF GREENBELT 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONAT BUDDY ATTICK PARK**

Featuring the Caribbean Sounds of "Jambulay" in the early evening followed by the "Greenbelt Concert Band" at 7pm. Fireworks at

fundraising to make up the difference in costs.

"[The engine] is a piece of our history that people will be able to look at for many years to come," said Tick Magnum, one of the firefighters present. He added that the goal is to have the engine refurbished in two years' time for the 50th anniversary of the fire department. Council granted the request.

#### Health Department Access Center

Helath Department has opened a Regional Access Center in Capital Plaza Mall, across from the food court. The Center is open only on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The access center focuses on pregnant women, mothers and children. Applications can be made in person for health insur-

The Prince George's County ance for children under 19 and for pregnant women. Pregnant women are also encouraged to call the Healthline at 1-888-561-4049 to make an appointment to apply for the Maryland Children's Health Program, WIC (women, infants, and children), to see a social worker or nurse and to be assisted in selecting a doctor.

Also, energy saved from recycling helps the environment because it reduces production related emissions, such as greenhouse gases.\*

Please start recycling your aluminum cans, as well as glass and plastics #1 and #2. If you need a bin, please contact the Recycling Office at 301-474-8308. The Recycling Bin

\* Waste Age Magazine, "Buried Treasure," May 2003



Dusk. Please see www.ci.greenbelt.md.us for safety and parking information

#### JUNE IS PEDESTRIAN **SAFETY MONTH**

Safety Tips Information is available at the Greenbelt Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road.

#### **GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71**

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, June 24 & 26, 6pm "SHL DARE Graduation" 6:45pm "Greenbelt Elementary DARE Graduation" 7:30pm "Greenbelt Concert Band" 8:30pm "COG-Homeland Security-Segment 5" 9:00pm Pedestrian Safety Programming

Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, June 25 & 27, 7pm "Love Foundation-Divine Healing" 7:30pm "Greenbelt Arts Center present Alexandria Kleztet" 9:00pm "Deathtrap" Sunday, June 21 at 9am & 6pm 'Love Foundation"

Greenbelt Consumer Co-op Ad

# **POLICE BLOTTER**

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

#### Robberv

Beltway Plaza, June 7, 2:48 p.m., a woman was loading groceries into her vehicle in the parking lot when a man approached her and forcibly removed her purse from her shoulder. He then fled on foot. The victim was not injured. The thief is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'5", 140 lbs., wearing a black sweatshirt, black shoes and a black hat.

#### Theft

20 Court Southway, June 8, 3:40 a.m., a 20-year-old female nonresident was arrested and charged with two counts of theft and related charges after a computer check revealed that the vehicle she was driving was stolen. She was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

9100 block Springhill Lane, June 10, 3:56 a.m., a 22-year-old nonresident man was arrested and charged with two counts of theft and related charges after a computer check revealed that the vehicle he was driving was stolen. Two other occupants fled on foot. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

#### Burglary

June 6, 1:29 p.m., 7500 block Greenway Center Drive, a commercial burglary with no further details supplied.

June 7, 1:15 p.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane, a commercial burglary with no further details supplied.

#### **False Statement**

6200 block Breezewood Drive, June 8, 1:50 a.m., a 36year-old female resident was arrested and charged with false statement, driving without a license and several other violations. She gave the police officer a false name. An investigation revealed that she had an open warrant with county police and a suspended and revoked license. The woman was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrant.

#### Assault

66 Ridge Road, June 5, 9 a.m., a juvenile was arrested for allegedly striking another student in the face at Greenbelt Middle School. The suspect was released to school administrators pending action by the juvenile justice system.

#### **Prescription Fraud**

Giant Pharmacy, Beltway Plaza, a nonresident man 32, was arrested and charged with prescription fraud and carrying a handgun. The suspect tried to pass a forged prescription at the pharmacy and was found to be in possession of a handgun after his gun permit had been revoked. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

#### **Vehicle Crime**

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1996 Dodge Intrepid four-door, June 5 from the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, which was recovered June 8 by county police in Hyattsville; a white 1993 Toyota Supra two-door, Md. tags 310BDV, June 8, from the 7800 block Greenbrook Drive; a 1987 Buick Grand National two-door, June 8, from the 100 block Lastner Lane, which was recovered June 11 by Montgomery County police in Silver Spring; a 1998 Plymouth Neon four-door, June 10, from the 6000 block Springhill Drive, which was recovered the same day by Metropolitan police in Southeast Washington; a silver 1999 Honda Civic four-door, Md. tags JFW775, June 10, from the 6000 block Springhill Drive.

Three stolen vehicles were recovered; no arrests were involved.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: area of Breezewood Drive and Edmonston Road; 9100 block Springhill Lane; 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; 7300 block Morrison Drive; 9300 block Edmonston Road; Beltway Plaza (two incidents); 6200 block Breezewood Drive; 7300 block Hanover Parkway; 6100 block Springhill Terrace; 100 block Westway; 6100 block Breezewood Court (two incidents); 6900 block Hanover Parkway; 4900 block Cherrywood Terrace.

#### **Comcast Launches** Amnesty Program

Comcast and local prosecutors in Prince George's County announced that they will implement a cable amnesty program until June 30.

Anyone using cable illicitly will have the opportunity to turn themselves in with no questions asked by calling Comcast at 1-888-Comcast or by reporting theft at www.cabletheft.com. Residents currently receiving unauthorized cable services may choose to either become paying customers over the phone or have the unauthorized service disconnected without facing legal action. In addition, residents receiving cable television through unauthorized cable boxes will have the opportunity to turn their boxes into Comcast in exchange for a new, legal box.

Following the amnesty program, Comcast officials will conduct a house-by-house electronic audit of its cable systems to identify cable thieves. As these homes and businesses continue to be identified, the information will be turned over to the appropriate authorities for possible prosecution, which upon conviction could include fines and jail time. Comcast and law enforcement authorities will aggressively pursue and prosecute any cable theives who do not take the opportunity to turn themselves in during the amnesty period.

#### Fence Cutting Puts **Citizens at Risk**

Authorities at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) have issued a warning about fence-cutting that has occurred along the residential line between GHI homes and two large forage fields east of Research Rd. and several other smaller open areas near the B-W Parkway. Members of the public who wander could be in danger from scheduled occasional gunfire to control the deer population. BARC spokeswoman Kim Kaplan also warned of the possibility of arrest for trespassing on federal property.

The intact fence is necessary to keep the deer away from the homes in Greenbelt. Deer are carriers of Lyme disease and also cause great damage to gardens and decorative foliage.

#### PG Plaza Seeking Local Jazz Artists

Prince George's Plaza is searching for local jazz artists to perform during its summer concert series each Saturday in July. Nearly 10,000 people from the area attend the events each year. Slots will be filled on a firstcome, first-served basis. Interested artists should call Jeannette Neal at 301-559-8844, ext. 116.

## PET EXPO continued from page 1

Arlie and James Dobbin introduced me to Diamond Queen and Christy Joy, both pleasant Jack Russells, and Jewell Blue, a sweet sheltie. Bill McGann was with a fine Jack Russell mixed dog he had gotten from a shelter. Greenbelter Dean Feldman had brought Belfield, a handsome, fiercely alert but friendly minischnauzer.

Linda Savage seemed happy selling Greenbelt Dog Park permits and a New Carrollton Veterinary Hospital (Lanham) representative was pleased to chat, as was, really, everyone in the crowded room. The Dog Park Association people sold popcorn and others sold other foods across the hall in the dining room. Greenbelter Susan Johnson gave me a card about her business, which provides consultation and natural herbal remedies for cats and dogs.

#### M. Fox Speaks

A substantial number of us overflowed the senior classroom to hear The Washington Post's famed columnist, animal doctor and author, Dr. Michael Fox, the wiry, energetic former head of the Humane Society of the United States and a powerful advocate of compassion for all living things. Fox showed slides illustrating animals' great capacity for empathy and their experience of emotions including even grief and depression.

He deplored modern-day thinking about animals, particularly cows, as "production machines" and also deplored the production of genetic mutants. Fox runs a three-acre animal refuge in southern India which takes care of sick animals and stops the spread of contagious disease. The refuge also takes care of animals too old or ill to survive any longer in the wild. It is funded entirely by the public, he said. During a question and answer time at the end of the slide show, Fox made a point of advocating feeding dogs and cats plenty of high-quality human food, not dry food from the supermarket.

The Pet Expo was sponsored by the Greenbelt Dog Park Association, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. pet subcommittee with Cam MacQueen in charge and the City of Greenbelt.

## USO BENEFIT continued from page 1

#### **The Performers**

Although the members have aged (as have we all, including some other local musicians) the talent of the "Hubcaps" continues to shine in everything they do. I think all the members sang at least a few lead songs and all added harmony and doo-wops throughout. If I counted right, there were five guys and one female on stage, playing 10 or more instruments, including guitars, saxophones, piano and organ, drums and even a jazzy harmonica in some places. They regularly traded instruments, with at least three different people playing bass guitar at various times. Many folks left their chairs during the two sets of dance music.

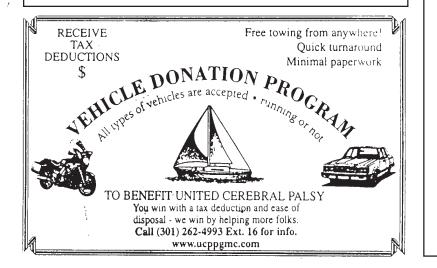
To give an idea of how deep the band's repertoire goes, they played "What Time Is It" (by the Tymes, perhaps?), a song which I haven't heard in probably 15 years and have never personally heard performed by another local group. It was perfect! I don't think the original artists could have done it better after all these years. The same lead singer also performed terrific renditions of "These Arms of Mine" and "I've Been Loving You Too Long," by Otis Redding (one of my favorites).

For the "Show" set, a sizeable portion of the crowd sat on the floor concert-style. We were treated to Little Richard, Jerry Lee Lewis, Tina Turner, the Rebels, the Ventures, Floyd Cramer and the King himself, Elvis. Though the costumes begged a little imagination, the performances were rock-solid. I was particularly impressed by the piano player, who got the sounds of each piece and the rhythms just right again and again. The other players were equally adept. In short, this group is great! And they were very congenial, encouraging the crowd to sing and gather nearby during various vocal parts.

Perhaps the highlight for some, though, came with the last song of the night. The "Hubcaps" graciously gave the microphone to Wayne Miller (a very classy thing for the band to do, in itself) to sing "God Bless the USA," while the piano player and drummer played in the background. As he sang his song and stood from his wheelchair to dramatize defending the flag, the Legion color guard's Kerry Severn marched out in full dress uniform to present the flag again.

All of us were standing and many were obviously affected by this very powerful end to a generous evening. When Wayne finished, folks lined up 10 and 12 deep at times to thank him and embrace him. Many were crying. Wayne was overwhelmed by the response. It was a fitting end for a tribute to today's soldiers from a crowd that included many veterans. Information on the USO can be gathered from their website at <www.uso.org>. Wayne and Heather sing at Roosevelt Center regularly for Memorial Day and Veteran's Day observances.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.



## Did you Buy a New Car in 2002?



You can refinance it and get A new car loan rate of **4.5%**apr Up to 60 months at Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Roosevelt Center, 112 Centerway For more information call: 301-474-5900. Loan applications accepted online at www.erols.com/gfcrun

apr = annual percentage rate. Rate subject to change without notice.

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Center garage, worked with an

electrician to repair the broken

lines to the Braden Field lights,

removed the dishwasher from the

Greenbelt Co-op Nursery School

and delivered it to the New Deal

Café and repaired three showers

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City Notes

after hours.

# A Review World-class Musicians Play at Community Center

#### by Judy Bell

"To have world-class musicians right here in Greenbelt is such a privilege," effused Dan Hamlin, pastor of Greenbelt Community Church, referring to the newly named Octtava Piano Duo, who performed for an audience of over 60 people at the church March 30.

The duo, Wei-Der Huang and Hsien-Ann Meng, did not disappoint, treating the concert-goers to a very diverse program including a U.S. premiere by Mei-Chun Sally Chen.

The concert began with a rousing rendition of Gershwin's Cuban Overture, followed by Chen's Once Upon a Spider, played with vigor and alacrity. Meng composed a poem for this piece, which appeared on the back of the program. Beethoven's Variations in C Major followed, executed with masterful precision.

Composed of 12 descriptive pieces inspired by the poetic scenes from childhood, Jeux d' Enfants by Bizet was my favorite. Every tempo and tone was in evidence, from the lilting Swing piece, graceful Blindman's Bluff, playful Leapfrog and fast-paced Ball - reminiscent of the game dodgeball - all beautifully interpreted by Octtava.

After a brief intermission the duo returned to play a lovely version of Bach's Sheep May Safely Graze, with Huang on the organ and Meng on the piano. The concluding piece was Liebeslieder Waltzes by Brahms, featuring an accomplished quartet with Judy Dean soprano, Lisa Velapoldi alto, Adam Hall tenor and Ben Wallis bass, accompa-

nied by the piano duo. The English translation of this German piece was provided in the program. Romantic verses, as well as amusing ones, such as "Oh women, women, how they distill rapture! I'd have become a monk long ago except for women!" were included.

"It was stunning," exclaimed audience member Rick Ransom.

Since forming the Octtava Piano Duo in October 2001, Huang and Meng have performed together in Strathmore Hall and Rep Stage at Howard Community College, as well as other venues in the Washington metropolitan area. Having obtained their doctorates in musical arts from the University of Maryland at College Park, they are presently on the piano faculty at Howard Community College and Washington Conservatory of Music. Huang also serves as music director for the Community Church.

For information, contact octtavapianoduo@yahoo.com.

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#### BANDING The week of June 9, the fa-

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throughout Greenbelt. One champion bird, a female Carolina Chickadee, is at least three years old, having been an adult mother bird when she and three of her babies were banded in the summer of 2001. She appeared most recently gathering food among the trees near a playground on Ridge Road on Sunday, May 11. It's likely that she was celebrating Mother's Day by

to take up territo-

ries and to feed elsewhere, so the birds banded in one section of Greenbelt may show up in yards some distance away.

To report sighting of a bird with colored bands, contact me, Carolyn Sturtevant, at crstur@aol.com or 301-513-0006 and I will include your data in my report to the Smithsonian researchers. The site at www.nestwatch.si.edu carries more details about Neighborhood are no fees. The organization operates wholly as a "care credit" bank with exchanges handled through a central telephone number - 301-507-6580 where other kinds of information concerning the organization can also be obtained. It operates from an office in the Community Center.

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GIVES

#### **Meeting Agenda**

A laminated card created for a driver to place behind the windshield when parking temporarily to help a shut-in was introduced at this year's meeting. Board members are also hoping to develop a tutoring service, possibly through cooperation with ACE.

Chair Ernie Varda and Secretary Ruth Huggins were reelected at the meeting. Both will serve two-year terms. Vice-Chair Judith Davis and Financial Officer Robert Terrell have completed the first year of their twoyear terms.

Nestwatch. For information about the Prince George's Audubon Society visit the web site at www.pgaudubon.org.

#### **CARES Requests Tutoring Volunteers**

Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau will have a special program this summer that could provide a com-

munity service/service learning experience for a high school student and earn students their service-learning hours.

CARES will be hosting a "tutorig camp" this summer. The program will be held on Wednesday mornings in July from 9 a.m. to noon in the Municipal Building.

The high schoolservice-learner would assist as a teacher's helper and tutor the "campers." The program is directed, coor-

dinated, supervised and taught by Judith Hering, M.S., vocational/educational counselor for the City of Greenbelt.

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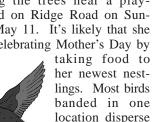
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## Greenbelt Students Win Top State Prizes

#### by Rusty Beeg

In ceremonies held in Severn, Md. on April 27, local students were awarded prizes for essays submitted for judging in the American Legion Auxiliary's contest. This year's topic was "What America's Future Means to Me." First place winners in each group were forwarded to compete with those submitted by the other 42 units in the Southern Maryland District with Rosa Leath of Springhill Lake Elementary taking first place, Eric Meyer of St. Hugh's placing first and brother, Greg Meyer, placing second. Essays by Rosa and Eric were then submitted for further judging among the winners from the other six Districts in Maryland with Rosa taking a second place prize and Eric placing first. Eric's essay has been sent for further judging in the Eastern Division where he will compete with winners from eleven other states and the District of Columbia. Success at that level will result in the final competition for national honors from among the five divisional entries.

<u>A Review</u>

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dance were told to keep on competing and improving their writing skills. It was pointed out that Rockville native, Diana Sugg, recently awarded the Pulitzer prize for Journalism, cited the auxiliary's Americanism essay contest as her first prizewinning experience.

#### **Students Honored**

Students honored at the Unit awards banquet on April 9 were:

Group I (Grades 3 & 4): 1st Place - Rosa Leath (Springhill Lake Elem), 2nd Place – Nicolete Wilson (Springhill Lake Elem), 3rd Place - Humaira Wahid (Springhill Lake Elem), 3rd Place - Duvell Burton (Springhill Lake Elem) and Honorable Mention - Ashley Johnson (Springhill Lake Elem). Group II (Grades 5 & 6): 1st Place - Eric T. Meyer (6th-St. Hugh's), 2nd Place - Matt Beaver (6th- St. Hugh's), 3rd Place -Maria Solari, (6th-St. Hugh's), 3rd Place - Justin Tallman, (6th-St. Hugh's).

Group III (Grades 7 & 8): 1st Place - Gregory W. Meyer, (7th -The eight students in atten- St. Hugh's), 2nd Place -

Laurence W. Fitzgerald IV (7th -St. Hugh's); 2nd Place - Nicholas C. Whelan (7th - St. Hugh's), 3rd Place - Christopher Beaver (8th - St. Hugh's), 3rd Place -Andrew V. Feliciotti, (7th - St. Hugh's), 3rd Place - Justin Walker, (8th - Greenbelt Middle School).

The essay contest was started by the American Legion Auxiliary to encourage students to sharpen their writing skills and focus on American traditions and values. In addition to the ability to articulate their views, students are judged on neatness, spelling, punctuation and grammar. Many students compete for several years and, in fact, this was Greg Meyer's second trip to the winner's circle in the Greenbelt competition.

#### ERHS 4.0+ Seniors **Receive Awards**

Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) recognized 118 seniors at the awards ceremony held on May 15. Fifty-nine of those seniors, recognized for obtaining four-year grade point averages of 4.0 or higher, were seated in the Graduation Row of Honor at the Commencement on May 27. Twenty-one of the awardees were from Greenbelt.

Greenbelt students obtaining a 4.0 average or higher included Sarah Bates, Megan Gregory, Maggie Li, Jennifer Munoz and Joanna Yu. Sarah Bates and David Lemus were also recipients of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education ACE Award. In addition Bates was the Science Fair Grand Prize Winner and recipient of a National Honor Society award and scholarship. Maggie Li was a National Merit Finalist. Malik Woods, a National Achievement Finalist, also won a drama award.

award from the business department and Meredith Dupree an award from the art department. Patrick Fox and Ari Goldberg-Strasser each won Smaller Learning Communities Leadership awards. Sharmane Grady won an award from the family and consumer sciences department.

## GES Jumps, Hoops, Shoots Raises Funds, Awareness



Students, parents, and staff of Greenbelt Elementary School raised over \$5,000 for the American Heart Association (AHA) during a "Jump Rope and Hoops for Heart" event held on May 17. Students collected donations and then jumped rope, hula hooped and scored basketball hoops continuously for one hour. Not only did they help AHA, they emphasized the importance of exercise to maintain a healthy heart. As the photo demonstrates, children and adults alike had a great time. Below, Danielle Sheperd (in foreground) and Emily Scites jump for AHA.

#### **Redskins Sponsor** Youth Projects

To encourage youth between 5 and 18 to get involved in community service and help promote neighborhood improvement and volunteerism, the Washington Redskins Leadership Council has launched its fourth All-Stars program, which will run from June 24 through December 31. The program is designed to recognize and encourage community service, education and teamwork among area youth ages 5 to 18.

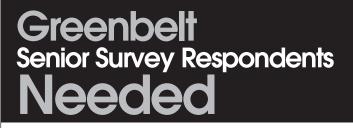
Examples of potential projects include complete clean up of a rundown neighborhood park or creation of a mural or garden to beautify the community.

The Leadership Council will provide each qualified and registered group with a \$100 Home Depot voucher to help defray the costs of project related expenses such as paint, trash bags and building supplies. Prizes will be



awarded to the winning organizations whose projects leave a lasting impression upon the community and best convey the spirit of community service and team building. The top prize is \$15,000.

For more information call the hotline at 703-726-7111 or log onto www.redskins.com for more information.



Greenbelt residents ages 60-years or older and those who care for them are needed to participate in interviews conducted by City volunteers and senior service providers.

*Survey results will help determine services* 

by Cynthia Cummings On May 17, the Prince George's Choral Society ended its 40th season with two and works, Gabriel Fauré's "Requiem" and Ralph Vaughan Williams' Mystical Songs." The choir,

Society Ends 40th Season

Prince George's Choral

Philip R. Hale Director

joined by the Prince George's Choral Society Chamber Orchestra, organist Erik Meyer and soloists Ryan de

Ryke and Laurie Hays. Baritone Ryan de Ryke had last performed for the Prince George's Choral Society just two weeks before, singing a medley of popular show tunes. Saturday's concert was different. The "Requiem" is a traditional Catholic liturgy and, although the theme is death, Fauré's rendering is peaceful and uplifting. De Ryke particularly shone as he sang two of the seven parts of



Youth Chorus as well as the middle school choral director and upper school assistant at Severn School in Severna Park. Organist Erik Meyer accompanied

the choir and the chamber orchestra in the first half of the program, for Fauré's "Requiem." Just 23 years old, he is director of music at Holy

Lutheran Church, where he directs the singing and bell choirs. Meyer, like de Ryke, is a young and gifted performer who is continuing his musical studies at the Peabody Institute.

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The second half of the program consisted of the choir and chamber orchestra performing Vaughan Williams' "Five Mystical Songs." The first and the fourth songs, "Easter" and "The Call," were beautiful solos by de Ryke. The fifth song, "Antiphon," provided an excellent finale, with the choir, the orchestra and de Ryke pulling out all the stops in this rousing and joyous number. The Prince George's Choral Society has been directed for the past three years by Philip R. Hale. Founded 40 years ago, the choir continues its original mission of promoting musical life in the greater Prince George's County community through a variety of concerts, recitals, and other musical activities. The group hopes to recruit new members before the next concert season, which will kick off with Carl Orff's choral masterpiece, "Carmina Burana," performed with the Annapolis Chorale. Those interested in learning more about the Prince George's Choral Society can go online to check out their website at www.pgchoral.org.

LeShandra Curtis received an

Sterling Matthews won a work study program award. Matthew McLaughlin received an award from the Rhode Island School of Design. Jessica Mealey won an award for sign language. Danielle Miller won the Skolnik award, a character award and an award from the family and consumer sciences department. Nicholas Miller received a work study program award. Domonick Robles received an award from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mohammed Sayyad received a most-improved student award. Tiffany Smith was named outstanding senior athlete. Joanna Yu won a foreign language award for proficiency in Japanese.

the "Requiem": the "Offertoire" and "Libera Me." His "Libera Me" was powerful and evoked the message of deliverance.

The young and talented de Ryke has studied music both here and abroad, including the National Conservatory in Luxembourg and the Royal Academy of Music in London. Currently he lives in Baltimore, where he continues his studies at the Peabody Conservatory of Johns Hopkins University, where he earned his master's degree.

Soprano Laurie Hays sang the middle section of the "Requiem," the "Pie Jesu." Her clear belllike voice and seemingly effortless volume control rendered the words, "Merciful Lord Jesus, grant them rest, rest everlasting," particularly poignant. Hays, also a Maryland resident, has performed all over the country. She is director of the Annapolis

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