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2004 Election

General Election
November 2, 2004
7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

State of Maryland,
Prince George’s County

President and Vice President of the United States

(Vote for one)
George W. Bush
and Dick Cheney – *R*
John F. Kerry
and John Edwards – *D*
David Cobb
and Patricia LaMarche – *G*
Michael Badnarik
and Richard V. Campagna – *L*
Michael Anthony Peroutka
and Chuck Baldwin – *C*
Ralph Nader
and Peter Miguel Camejo – *P*

U.S. Senator

(Vote for one)
E. J. Pipkin – *R*
Barbara A. Mikulski – *D*
Maria Allwine – *G*
Thomas Trump – *C*

Representative in Congress, Congressional District 5

(Vote for one)
Brad Jewitt – *R*
Steny H. Hoyer – *D*
Bob S. Auerbach – *G*
Steve Krukar – *C*

Judge of the Circuit Court, Judicial Circuit 7

(Vote for no more than
three)
Graydon S. McKee, III
William D. Missouri
Cathy H. Serrette

Judge, Court of Special Appeals at Large

(Vote yes or no for
continuance in office)
Joseph F. Murphy, Jr.

*C–Constitution; D–Democrat;
G–Green; L–Libertarian;
P–Populist; R–Republican*

Touchscreen Sample Online

Electronic voting machines will be in use at all Greenbelt voting locations. In order to vote, a voter card is inserted into the touch-activated voting machine. At home, one can log on to www.mdvotes.org to experience an online simulation of voting with the new machine.

This new system offers the advantage of voice guidance technology that allows the visually impaired to cast their votes in privacy. It can be programmed with enlarged text for improved visibility. It also has the capacity to be programmed in multiple languages. For the general election it will be programmed in English and Spanish.

Polling Locations

The four Greenbelt polling locations will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day.

Precinct 3 – Greenbelters from the center of the city will vote at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road.

Precinct 6 – Residents from the North End will vote at Greenbelt Elementary School, 66 Ridge Road.

Precinct 8 – Springhill Lake residents will vote at Springhill Lake Elementary School, 6060 Springhill Drive.

Precinct 13 – Greenbelt East residents will vote at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway.

Absentee ballots are now available. See page 3 for details.

Voter Registrations Show Democrat: Republican, 5:1

by Mary Moien

With voter registration heavy throughout the area, Greenbelt registration has increased by 3.3 percent in just the last month, from August 31 to September 30. As of September 30, slightly more than 10,900 Greenbelters are registered to vote in the November 2 election, according to the Prince George’s County Board of Elections. This figure includes all registered voters, active and inactive. Active voters are defined as those who voted in at least one of the last two presidential elections.

Party Affiliations

In Greenbelt, Democrats outnumber Republicans by 5 to 1 this year, up from 4 to 1 when active voters were counted in 2000. Of Greenbelt’s total registered voters, 67 percent are Democrats, 14 percent are Republicans and 7 percent are registered as belonging to other parties. Only the Green party was tabulated separately by the county, representing 66 of the 10,902 registered voters. Those registered as independents or un-

affiliated with a party represent 13 percent of the city’s registered voters, a similar percentage to those registered as Republicans.

Six Parties

Although eight out of 10 Greenbelters are registered as Democrats or Republicans, this year six parties will be represented on the presidential ballot: George Bush (Republican), John Kerry (Democrat), David Cobb (Green), Michael Badnarik (Libertarian), Michael Peroutka (Constitution) and Ralph Nader (Populist). They will appear in this order on the ballot.

At the Senate levels there are candidates from four parties: E. J. Pipkin (Republican), Barbara Mikulski (Democrat), Maria Allwine (Green) and Thomas Trump (Constitution).

At the Congressional level (Maryland Congressional District 5), the same four parties are represented: Brad Jewitt (Republican), Steny Hoyer (Democrat), Bob Auerbach (Green) and Steve Krukar (Constitution).

10 Questions on the Ballot

by Mary Moien

Voters will be asked to decide 10 ballot questions at the November 2 election besides choosing among candidates for the offices of president, vice president, senator, representative and judges.

Charter Questions

Four questions (Questions F through I) relate to amending the Prince George’s County Charter. They include the council’s enlargement from nine to 11 members by adding two at-large members (H), term limits (F), the manner of electing the council chairman and vice chairman (G) and denying voting rights to those new at-large members (I). The last three issues are all contingent on the approval of the question to add at-large members to the county council. Additional information on these issues will appear in next week’s

Greenbelt News Review.

Bond Issues

Five ballot questions (Questions A through E) relate to the approval of county proposals for bond issues. Authorization to issue bonds is proposed for the following amounts and purposes: public works and transportation facilities (including design, construction, reconstruction, and repair of facilities including roads, bridges, parking lots and maintenance facilities) – \$55,900,000; library facilities – \$14,468,000; public safety facilities – \$9,475,000; county buildings – \$11,780,000; and community college facilities – \$5,290,000.

The last Question (J) seeks to reduce the limitation on the number of hours worked by county personnel in temporary and seasonal jobs from 1,800 to 1,000 hours a year.

Matching Grant Facilitates GHI Bathroom Projects

by Barbara Hopkins

Among the first orders of business for the Greenbelt City Council when it met on October 11 was the announcement by Mayor Judith Davis that the day marked the 120th anniversary of the birth of Eleanor Roosevelt. Before moving on to other facets of city business, the mayor read proclamations naming October 15 as White Cane Safety Day in Greenbelt (as it was throughout the country) and October as Peace Month in the City of Greenbelt.

Ken Silberman received the White Cane Safety Day proclamation on behalf of the Southern Maryland Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind. He was joined at the podium by Deena Lambert and her seeing-eye dog, Denver.

Assistant City Manager David Moran accepted the Peace Month proclamation on behalf of the city.

Community Legacy

The Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) Community Legacy program awarded Green-

belt a \$25,000 matching grant to install first-floor bathrooms in the city’s cooperative housing, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI).

Kristen Ward from the city’s planning and community development department told council that 39 percent of people living in GHI are at least 60 years old and that having a bathroom accessible on the main floor of the house helps them age in place. It improves their quality of life and at the same time raises the property values of their homes.

Ward said seven of the 11 applications to the program had been granted and six bathrooms have been completed. Since GHI homes vary in floor plan, no one model could be used for the construction. People had been very creative, she said, in finding space to locate the additional bathroom.

In partnering with the city to distribute these funds, GHI, Inc. created its own set of criteria, which included physical need, 50 percent matching funds from

See **COUNCIL**, page 6

City Completes Agreement Over Nursing Home Plans

by Barbara Hopkins

At the Greenbelt City Council meeting on October 11, council, in a four-to-one vote, worked out and approved a formal, written agreement and covenants with Baier and Armory Place LLC, the entity which will take title to the former nursing home site on Greenbelt Road. Baier/Armory has contracted to buy the property contingent upon approval of a zoning text amendment introduced to the Prince George’s County Council by Councilmember Douglas Peters.

The amendment would make changes in requirements for bedroom percentages, building height limits and lot coverage enabling Baier to fulfill the proposed design. The agreement guarantees that the written covenants presented would be recorded among county land records by the developer within 40 days of transfer of title to Armory Place LLC.

The draft covenant gives the city considerable authority over the development and, in the opinion of city staff, ensures that the development is of a certain quality and designed for owner occupancy rather than for rental units. It includes authority for review and approval on the detailed site plan; the landscape plan; building height; signage; architectural elevations; and grading, paving and storm drain plans, as well as requiring a noise attenuation plan approved by the city. The city would also be able to review and comment on a traffic study to be approved by the State Highway Administration.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts, however, said he could not support the agreement and covenants because he opposes the type of development proposed,

See **AGREEMENT**, page 8

What Goes On

Saturday, October 23

9 a.m. to noon, Electronic Recycling, Schrom Hills Park

Monday, October 25

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Thursday, October 28

7:30 p.m., Public Hearing, Greenbelt Board of Appeals, Community Center

Friday, October 29

3:45 to 5:15 p.m., Costume Contest and Parade, Youth Center

Sunday, October 31

6 to 8 p.m., Trick or Treating

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Editorial

What Next?

Apparently the expensive but attractive new circles on Hanover Parkway have not fully succeeded in their purpose to calm traffic along this busy arterial street. The new Greenbelt East traffic-calming plan calls for the addition of speed humps on Hanover Parkway before entering each of the circles. We are told that cars are entering the circles at too fast a rate of speed, sometimes shortcutting on the curves. If, when installed, the humps fail to slow down traffic to everyone’s satisfaction, we wonder what the city will do next? Meanwhile we pity the accident victim, wracked with pain, who may be bumped and swayed from side to side as the ambulance speeds over and around the road obstacles to reach the hospital.

Four more traffic circles are now proposed for other Greenbelt East streets. Two are on Ora Glen Drive, a less used arterial street running through town home developments. The other two are on Megan Lane, a narrower street through single-family freestanding home developments and used by some Greenbelt East residents to reach Hanover Parkway.

Properly landscaped traffic circles can be attractive additions to a neighborhood. However, as a means for slowing vehicular traffic, they are expensive alternatives and of limited value. Studies have shown that traffic-calming devices such as circles or humps or even the much less expensive stop signs, slow traffic for only a short distance. To us, small circles, such as the ones on Hanover Parkway, are even less effective. The fact that city staff now proposes adding speed humps to these circles verifies their ineffectiveness in calming traffic. While circles may aid crossroad traffic to enter or cross a busy street, as is true of Hanover Parkway, this is not a problem at the four new intersections.

We note that south of Greenbelt Road there are four other intersections of Hanover Parkway with residential streets where speed and difficulties in entering the road are as much a problem as they are at the two current intersections with circles. Several other intersections in Greenbelt East including two on Ora Glen Drive and two on Megan Lane could also be candidates for circles. Then there is the rest of Greenbelt. With further traffic calming studies under way, how many more circles will the city want to build and how many more will neighborhood advocates seek?

Considering their cost, we think that the city council needs to take a harder look at where it is going with traffic circles and other calming measures, carefully evaluate their effectiveness against the costs and whether they are worth the money. Right now, traffic calming is an “in” thing with local governments. However, in our time we have seen many other “in” things come and go.

A New World Adventure:
From France to Greenbelt

My name is Anne Bernstein; I’m just 22 years old. I come from the South of France next to Marseille. Maybe you have already seen me next to the Co-op or walking around the lake. I would like to tell you my little story, how and why I’m here, in our little city, far, far away from my native country.

Last June I finished my master’s in advertising and communications studies and in this kind of job it’s absolutely necessary to have a command of English. So I decided to go away to improve my English.

I started to take all the necessary steps to find a nice family who would like to have a visit by a French girl. And the miracle happened. I received an answer by a lovable family: the Brown-Phillips family. After many mailings were exchanged, the die was cast: Greenbelt would be my new home in the next days. Delighted by this idea to discover the new world, I had my luggage ready one week before my departure.

Thus, on Thursday, September 23, at 7:40 I took off for the first time to Washington Dulles international airport. Ten hours of flight . . . really boring.

The arrival was a big relief and if admittedly, going through customs was tedious, the view of my new little American family, who waved at a distance a little American flag, made me find a smile again. My heart leaped when I saw them. It was a great emotional moment for me.

I was delighted and enthusiastic but I didn’t hide that I was afraid. Indeed, the dream became reality. I was now in a new country, in a new family but above all, now I would speak only in English and try to make myself understood. It is not easy for me. I took my bravery in my two hands and started this adventure: welcome to Greenbelt/Pleasant Ville.

– Anne: une petite française à Greenbelt.

Corrections

Corrections to the “Izzy” Parker obituary include changing fighting fires in Nebraska to Nevada (sage does not grow in Nebraska); great-grandchild Cossette Marie Saull should be added to the list of survivors; Janet Jacobs Parker’s and Lisa Summers’ names were incorrectly spelled; and The Cohen House should also be designated for expressions of sympathy. The News Review appreciates the information received from Janet Parker.

Giant Begins
BonusBucks

Giant Food is encouraging area residents to help provide cash grants to their local public or private schools by participating in Giant’s A+ BonusBucks program for the 2004-2005 academic year. For the past 15 years, Giant has given cash grants and educational equipment valued at over \$69 million to local schools in Maryland, Virginia, New Jersey, Delaware and the District of Columbia.

Giant’s A+ BonusBucks program began October 3 and runs through April 2. Consumers may designate schools by signing up at their local Giant Food store. They may also sign up online at www.giantfood.com. Giant Food shoppers will automatically earn points, which are converted into cash grants, for the selected schools whenever they use their Bonus Card. Customers who designated schools last year must re-designate for the upcoming year.

Fight Breast Cancer
At Safeway Stores

During October Safeway stores throughout the mid-Atlantic region raise funds in a variety of ways to help fight breast cancer.

Employees will host cook-outs, hold carnivals, sell chocolate bars and ask customers to donate a dollar for research and prevention of breast cancer. In the Washington region, all proceeds will go to the George Washington MFA Mammovan and Breast Care Center.

Over the past three years Safeway stores across the country have raised \$6.4 million to fight breast cancer during their annual October fundraising drive. \$180,000 was raised locally by Safeway stores.

Chrysanthemum
Bonsai Exhibit

From October 22 to 31 the National Arboretum will hold a special fall exhibit. As part of a month-long chrysanthemum celebration, this exhibit features the popular autumn flower transformed in just seven months by the ancient art form of bonsai. The hours of the exhibit are 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

BOOK SALE
Sat., 10-23
10 a.m. – Noon
Library

OLD GREENBELT
THEATRE
Week of Oct. 22
I (HEART) HUCKABEES (R)
Friday
*5:10, 7:30, 9:45
Saturday
*3:00, *5:10, 7:30, 9:45
Sunday
*3:00, *5:10, 7:30
Monday-Thursday
*5:10, 7:30
*These shows at \$5.00
301-474-9744 • 301-474-9745
129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

Letters to the Editor

Oh, Poop! Again . . .

I am writing to you about an ongoing problem I have encountered while living in Greenbelt – owners who do not pick up their pets’ feces. I see people walking their dogs on the Greenbelt Elementary School property as well as the numerous public grasslands in our neighborhood. I have found excrement left in numerous places – including some on the sidewalk!

The Prince George’s County Animal Control Ordinance reads as follows: “*Removal of Excrement:* The owner or custodian of any dog or cat is required to remove their pet’s excrement from public or private property unless otherwise allowed to remain on the property by the property owner or occupant thereof.”

Simply put – clean up after your pets.

Julie Magness

Cars and Bikes Both
Fail to Stop at Signs

I was happy to read Sarah Headley’s letter to the editor in the Greenbelt News Review on Sept. 2 titled “Lazy Attitude.” I am happy that someone else has noticed people not stopping at stop signs. I live between Ridge and Hillside Roads. I often witness people rolling through stop signs as well as people who speed down the road and don’t even bother to come to a rolling stop. I was brought up to obey stop signs and rules of the road. Yeah, people, remember those road rules you had to learn to get your driver’s license? I too glare at people but they just look at me like “What are you looking at?” or avoid eye contact altogether.

Yes, some Greenbelters do stop at stop signs but most of them do not. It’s a main concern to me, especially since I walk my small dog on these streets and am some-

times fearful for our lives. But car drivers are not the only ones at fault. I often see bicyclists go through stop signs. According to what I was taught by my local police in my hometown in Florida, bicyclists are supposed to obey the same rules of the road as car drivers. Hopefully, after people read Sarah Headley’s and my letters, they will be more careful driving around Old Town Greenbelt. Let’s not have any fatalities or close calls.
Marsha Bray

Izzy

On behalf of the friends and staff of the Greenbelt Museum, I would like to express our deepest sorrow at the passing of Isadore “Izzy” Parker. Izzy was truly a Greenbelt institution and made us laugh with his on-the-spot observations about life in Greenbelt has tickled our funny bones for decades. The Greenbelt Museum was proud and honored to be able to present the exhibit “Izzy! The Cartoons of Isadore Parker, 1945 to the Present.” Izzy has truly left an impression on the hearts and minds of Greenbelters (even when he made us laugh at ourselves)! Our condolences to Izzy's family. Izzy, you will be missed.
Stephen Oetken
President, FOGM

THANKS

The organizers of the Labor Day Festival Art Show would like to thank all the artists who participated in the show and the many visitors who commented favorably on the artwork. Special thanks go to the Public Works Department, the staff of the Greenbelt Community Center and the Arts and Cultural Heritage Division of the M-NCPPC for their assistance in making the show possible.
Barbara Simon, Chair
Festival Arts Show

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Community Events

Astronomy Club Eclipse Party on Wed.

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club has two events during the week beginning October 25. On Wednesday, October 27, the club will host a lunar eclipse observing party at the Wolfe Field on Northway extended, weather permitting. The following night, Thursday, October 28, the club will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the H.B. Owens Science Center, 9601 Greenbelt Road in Lanham. Both events are free and open to the public.

Because it is the last total lunar eclipse visible from North America until 2008, this Wednesday’s view of the eclipse should not be missed. Lunar eclipses occur when the moon passes through the earth’s shadow. For this eclipse, the most interesting viewing will be between 9:14 p.m. and midnight, with the total phase being from 10:23 p.m. to 11:45 p.m. For particularly hearty observers, the partial phase ends at 1:25 a.m. on Thursday morning. In the event of precipitation or hopelessly cloudy skies at the time of this observing session, it will be cancelled without further notice.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
The meeting on October 6 had a very small attendance as some members were on a cruise led by Phyllis Budin and others were on a trip to Toby’s to see “Miss Saigon.”

An impromptu open mike was suggested and as seniors are always resourceful and like to talk. Several members joined in with interesting aspects of their lives.

The 50/50 was won by Solange Hess and Bud Hinson.

We were sorry to learn that Louvain Townsend had a very unfortunate fall while on the cruise. She broke a bone in her leg and had to be flown home. We wish her a speedy recovery. Let’s send her cards of cheer.

Cadillac Show Sun.

Antique and Classic Cadillacs will be on display at the Annual Fall Cadillac LaSalle Show to be held at Capitol Cadillac, 6500 Capitol Drive, on Sunday, October 24. The show begins at 10 a.m. and awards will be presented at 3 p.m. Approximately 80 cars will be on display inside and out, rain or shine. Admission is free.

For additional information and details call William Sessler of the Potomac Region Cadillac-LaSalle Club at 703-368-2367 .

Dog Testing Held To Benefit GVFD

To benefit the Greenbelt Fire Department and Rescue Squad, AKC Canine Good Citizen Testing will be sponsored by Greenbelt Dog Training on Saturday, October 23 from noon to 4 p.m.

The event is open to all dogs and mixed breeds are welcome. All dogs need proof of rabies shots.

Pet/owner photos are available and also a micro-chip clinic for dogs and cats. The fire department is located at 125 Crescent Road. There is a fee. For further information call 301-345-6999.

Addiction Recovery Aid Is Available

Chemically Dependent Anonymous (CDA) is a fellowship of people recovering from addiction to drugs and/or alcohol. They meet regularly to help each other stay clean and sober.

They are not affiliated with any other organization and charge no fees or dues. CDA holds weekly meetings in Greenbelt and surrounding areas. Meetings are held on Tuesdays at noon, Fridays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 6 p.m. at the Greenbelt Step Club, 155 Centerway (in the basement behind Dominos). There is a meeting on Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. For times and locations of additional meetings call the CDA Hotline at 301-369-6556 or see their web page at www.cdaweb.org.

Remember when looking for a solution to the problem, CDA can help. No one has to do it alone.

Greenbriar Board Holds Meeting

The Greenbriar Community Association Board of Directors will meet on Wednesday, October 27 at 6 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Greenbriar Commons Room.

Explore Epidemics, Climate with Sabol

On Friday, October 29, Explorations Unlimited will host a presentation by Paul Sabol, who will give a brief introduction to epidemics and epidemiology. He will explain how climate can affect epidemics directly and indirectly. Questions will be encouraged during the presentation to assure that the audience understands the basic concepts presented. There will also be a period of open questions on the floor to allow the audience to pursue their own interests.

Sabol is a retired meteorologist with 38 years of federal service. Most of his service was with the Climate Prediction Center of the National Weather Service. He currently studies geography at the University of Maryland, College Park under the State of Maryland Golden ID Program.

Explorations Unlimited is a speaker series held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will begin at 1 p.m. in the Senior Classroom. Everyone is welcome and questions are always encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for information.

Local Greens Hold To Hold Rally Sat.

A “Vote for Peace” rally will be held on Saturday, October 23 at 3 p.m. in Roosevelt Center. Sponsored by the Greenbelt Green party, the rally wil feature Bob Auerbach, Green candidate for Congress from the 5th District. (In case of rain, meet in the New Deal Café.)

Credit Union Shows Local Artist Works

by Judy Bell
Local artist Elizabeth Barber has a number of her oil paintings on display at the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union (GFCU). The exhibit is sponsored by GFCU in conjunction with International Credit Union Week.

Several of the portraits in the exhibit are of Greenbelt residents who are Barber’s neighbors, according to Cindy Comproni, manager of GCFU.

Greenbelt Lake is the subject of a number of landscape paintings. This reporter’s favorite was the skateboarder depicted in one painting. Another outstanding painting is a still life of roses. She has two of her dog, Kokoro. The exhibit will run through October.

GCFU has 3,900 members. Membership is limited to people who live or work in Greenbelt. An ATM will be installed in December, according to Comproni.

At the Library

Tuesday, Oct. 26, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime, newborns to 16 months with caregiver. Limit 15 children.

11:15 a.m., Cuddletime, 17 to 23 months with caregiver. Limit 15 children.

Wednesday, Oct. 27, 10:30 a.m.; Toddler Time, 24 to 36 months with caregiver. Limit 15 children.

Thursday, Oct. 28, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime, ages 3 to 5. Limit, 20.

Eclipse Party At Space Chat

The October space chat at the Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC) will be held on Wednesday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at the NASA GSFC Visitor Center. This will be a lunar eclipse star party.

On the night of October 27 (early morning of October 28 in Europe), a total eclipse of the moon will be visible from North and South America as well as Europe and Africa. The next total lunar eclipse will occur on February 21, 2008. Detailed diagrams, maps and descriptions of this eclipse are available on the web page, <http://sunearth.gsfc.nasa.gov/eclipse/LEmono/TLE2004Oct28/TLE2004Oct28.html>

Register online to attend this free Space Chat event. Take this opportunity to better understand Earth and explore the universe. Call Michelle Jones in the Public Affairs Office at 301-286-8102 if there are questions.

School Budget Forums Held

Fiscal Year 2006 Operating Budget Forums for the Prince George’s County school system will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on Monday November 8 at 7 p.m. and at Oxon Hill Staff Development Center on Tuesday November 9 at 7 p.m. Register to speak by calling 301-952-6382.

On Screen

“Huckabees” Buzzes Into Old Greenbelt

Around and around goes “I (Heart) Huckabees,” at Old Greenbelt Theatre from Oct. 22, and where this comedy comes out is up to the viewer. The protagonist/poet – played by erstwhile rock drummer Jason Schwartzman – heads a spacey environmental outfit that wants to save a big-city wetland. The stew thickens when our hero hires a pair of putatively existential detectives (Lily Tomlin and Dustin Hoffman) to dope out distracting sightings around town of a beanpole Sudanese émigré. Meanwhile, a sly factotum (Jude Law) of the hot-shot Huckabees store is

undercutting the do-gooders while an obsessive fireman (Mark Wahlberg) stokes up the narrative heat. Throw in a mish-mash of other characters – including a far-right figure who declares that oil is “God’s gift” – and you’re smack-dab in a mosh-pit of conflicting concerns that variously beg the question: this laugh’s on who? Philosophy-minded director David O. Russell (late of “Three Kings”) started cooking up the film 15 years ago and wrote it with former assistant Jeff Baena. Nudity, sex scenes and obscenity are included; 104 minutes.

– *Eli Flam*

“Life and Debt” Depicts Jamaica as Victim of Policies

by Lucy Duff

On Tuesday, October 26, the Peace and Justice Coalition of Prince George’s County will show “Life and Debt,” a film depicting how the everyday lives of Jamaican people are impacted by international economic policies. In observance of Greenbelt’s annual Peace Month, Coalition members invite the community to this video viewing at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. It begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Classroom and will end with a discussion period.

In showing “Life and Debt” the Peace and Justice Coalition joins the campaign of Jubilee USA for total cancellation of the debt overwhelming impoverished countries. Little has been heard about this issue during the 2004

presidential race, yet many thoughtful people consider economic justice for the “have-not” nations to be not only a moral obligation but a crucial foundation for the security of all nations against international terrorism.

Stephanie Black, director of the film, merges vignettes of individual Jamaicans’ lives with analysis of the economic forces that cause them much suffering. She includes excerpts from Jamaica Kincaid’s award-winning book “A Small Place.” The documentary makes this island nation, so near the doorstep of the United States, serve as an example of the worldwide need for reform of international lending policies.

Absentee Ballots Now Available

Full-time students attending a college outside their voting precinct but within the county, those attending an out-of-the-county college or a voter who may be unable to get to the polls on election day for other reasons including age or long-term illness may vote by absentee ballot.

Obtaining Ballot

There is time to request an application for an absentee ballot. Send a letter stating name and address as it appears on voter registration records, reason for requesting an absentee ballot and an address where the ballot is to be sent. A request or application to mail an absentee ballot cannot be accepted by the election office later than seven days before an election. The voted ballots must be received in the election office not later than 8 p.m. on election day.

Web Applications

Absentee ballot applications are available from the county website, www.co.pg.md.us; click on ballot information, print and complete the application and mail to the Board of Elections, 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, L-205, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772 or fax to that office at 301-952-4889.

Free Online Tutoring

Live Homework Help is available online to students in 4th - 12th grades via the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System’s website at <http://www.pgcmcls.info>. Students can connect to tutors for one-to-one homework help sessions in math, science, social studies and English. The service is free for all students. When logging in from home, a PGCMLS library card is required to access the service. The tutors are certified teachers, university professors and graduate school students who have undergone a background check.

Help is available every day from 2 p.m. to midnight. Spanish-speaking tutors in math and science are available Sunday through Thursday from 2 to 10 p.m.

Students and parents are invited to join the library for demonstrations with Live Homework Help representatives Chris Kearney and Avy Gonzalez. Stop in, ask questions and share a slice of pizza: Wed., September 29 at 3p.m. at Largo-Kettering Branch, 9601 Capital Lane, 301-336-4044; Wed., September 29 at 7 p.m. in Spanish and English at Laurel Branch, 507 7th St., 301-776-6790; and Thurs., September 30 at 3 p.m. at Spauldings Branch, 5811 Old Silver Hill Road, 301-817-3750.

Greenbelt News Review Annual Meeting

will take place on Sunday, October 31 at 4 p.m. in the NR Office

Obituaries

Eli Crupain

Eli Crupain, long-time resident of Greenbelt, died on August 22, 2004, after a brief illness. He was 90 years old.

Mr. Crupain was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. Due to the early death of his father he had to leave high school at the age of 16. He enrolled in night school and later attended and graduated from Brooklyn College with a B.A. degree. After serving in the U.S. Army in World War II he received an M.A. degree from George Washington University in geography and urban planning.

Upon graduation he worked for the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission as a research analyst until retirement. He designed the Wedges and Corridors Plan, which is still in effect.

Mr. Crupain moved into an apartment in Greenbelt in the early 1940s, while the government still owned it. When the government first sold homes to the cooperative he and his wife Paula purchased one at 6-K Ridge Road. He was dedicated to cooperatives and was a participating member of every cooperative in Greenbelt except for the nursery school.

For many years Mr. Crupain pursued his interest in geography. He was an enthusiastic traveler and visited places like the Gobi Desert and Antarctica.

While in retirement, Mr. Crupain broke his hip and was forced to move to Rexford Place, an assisted living facility on Greenbelt Road. After his 90th birthday he declined rapidly due to congestive heart failure.

He is survived by his sister Ura Uscott, her husband, two nieces and four grand-nephews. He is buried at the Greenbelt Cemetery, adjoining the graves of his wife Paula and mother Anne.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, October 28, 2004 at 3 p.m. at the Mishkan Torah Synagogue, 10 Ridge Road. Memorial donations may be made to the Mishkan Torah Synagogue.

Paul A. Evans, Sr.

Paul Evans, age 43, died October 10, 2004 in a tragic accident while fishing in the Chesapeake Bay near his home in Lusby, Md.

Mr. Evans was born and raised in Greenbelt. He attended St. Hugh's School, where he was an altar boy, and graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1979. After high school he apprenticed as an electrician, working first for Chipman Electric Co. and later joining his brother Donald in their own company, Bolt Electric.

Mr. Evans was an avid fisherman and hunter. He was friendly and outgoing, a man who enjoyed life. When his own children attended St. Hugh's, he coached CYO girls' softball teams and served on the school board.

He is survived by his wife Karla, daughter Holly, son Paul Jr. and stepson Marty Cooper-smith; his parents, Shirley and Lawrence Palmer of Fayette Place; his sisters Mary Jo Jones of Nashville and Laura Reed of Charleston, SC; and brothers Steve Palmer of Chevy Chase, Donald Evans of Berwyn Heights and Martin Evans of Bowie. He is also survived by his former wife Michelle Falcon, the mother of his children. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Evans, Sr., and his brother Wayne Palmer.

A large number of his many friends attended the wake and funeral service held at the Lee funeral home in Owings Mills, Md., on October 15 and 16. The family is also planning a memorial service to be held at St. Hugh's at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a trust fund being set up for the children, c/o Donald Evans, 5614 Berwyn Road, Berwyn Heights, MD 20740.



Paul Evans, Sr., with a niece

Lions/Hospital Hold Blood Drive

Doctors Community Hospital and the Greenbelt Lions' Club in partnership with American Red Cross will hold a blood drive on Monday, October 25 at the hospital, 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The American Red Cross has issued an urgent appeal for blood donations. During the last two weeks, Red Cross national blood inventories have dropped by more than 50 percent and are currently at less than a two-day supply. A seven-day supply is considered adequate. Every two seconds, someone in the country needs a blood transfusion. A single donation can help save up to three lives.

It only takes 20 minutes to donate; it is a simple, safe, life-saving and selfless gift that millions of Americans can give. Call 301-552-8060 to make an appointment.

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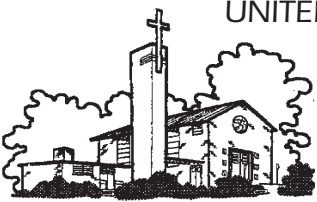


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MUNICIPAL BUILDING
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Sunday, October 31, 2004

Meet at St. Hugh's School
Parking Lot, 6:00 AM

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Saturday 9 a.m., 5 p.m.

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Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd

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Our sympathy to News Review staffer Sue Krofchik on the death of her father. Michael Krofchik, Sr., Maj. USA (Ret.), age 88, died on October 17, 2004, from cancer. Sue has been assisting in the care of her mother Martha Krofchik and her father over the past several years as their health declined.

Condolences to Shirley and Lawrence Palmer and family on the death of their son Paul Evans, Sr.

Congratulations to the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club football team on their Homecoming game victories.

Get well wishes are extended to Louvain Townsend, who is recuperating from a broken leg suffered while on the recent Golden Age cruise. Townsend left the group and was flown back home to Greenbelt for treatment.

Greenbelters are invited to make announcements of their own family news for the "Our Neighbors" column. Share births, graduations, special accomplishments, honors and deaths with the rest of us. If it is important to you it's important to us, too!

Festival of Lights Seeks Volunteers

Celebrate the holidays by volunteering at the Festival of Lights sponsored by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The Festival of Lights drive through Watkins Regional Park, 301 Watkins Park Road in Upper Marlboro, runs from November 24 through January 2.

Volunteers ages 16 and over are needed to help greet cars and distribute information at the entrance from 5 to 9:30 p.m. for this drive-through event.

For more information contact 301-218-6700, TTY 301-218-6768.

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Barbara Wells ten Hove,
Jacob B. ten Hove,
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Beulah Land Singers

at Mowatt Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Rd.

Oct. 30 Potluck 6 p.m., Service 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 31 Service 11 a.m., Lunch provided

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

301-474-9410 www.gbmg-umc.org/mowatt



Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45 am Worship Service 11:00 am

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Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm

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The Interfaith Conference of Metropolitan Washington will hold its 25th InterFaith Concert "A Celebration of the Sacred in Song, Dance and Chant" on Tues., Nov. 9

7:30pm at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. This year's special anniversary concert exclusively features the music of youth and young adults including "Baha'i Voices of Unity" directed by Greenbelter Roya Bauman. Ticket info at www.ifcmw.org

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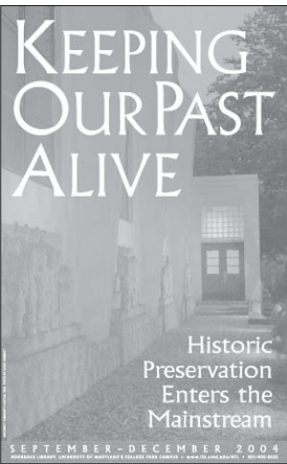
Community Center Featured In Exhibit at University

by Sandra Lange

The renovation of the Greenbelt Community Center is featured in a new exhibit put on by the National Trust for Historic Preservation Library Collection at the University of Maryland's Hornbake Library. The exhibit, "Keeping our Past Alive: Historic Preservation Enters the Mainstream," examines past accomplishments as well as current trends and future directions in historic preservation. Through photographs and text, the exhibit shows how the historic preservation movement over the past 50 years has saved endangered structures and entered the mainstream of the American consciousness.

Greenbelt's historic Community Center building is highlighted in the exhibit's section on "Broadening the Definition of Historic Preservation: Rehabilitation and Reuse."

Photographs of the original building with its friezes and buttresses are shown together with a 1938 photo depicting the building as an elementary school. The school was later purchased by the City of Greenbelt following a citizen-led campaign to convert it into a multipurpose community facility. The conversion, completed in 1996, resulted



in the successful re-use of the historic building into an active multigenerational community center.

Other parts of the exhibit denote recent smart growth policies in Maryland demonstrating the connection between sprawl and historic preservation. The exhibit explains how fostering public and private investment in older communities can curtail sprawl. The National Trust is especially pleased with its role in the 10 year battle waged by tiny Chestertown when it forced the goliath Wal-Mart to abandon its effort to build a big box store on the edge of town. Many people viewed the coming of Wal-Mart as tantamount to the destruction of their small-town way of life.

The exhibit highlights heritage tourism, the National Trust's Main Street project and historic sites that preserve America's diversity. The exhibit focuses on the future of preservation and the role of government in preservation. It is open to the public through December 20 in the first floor Maryland Room Gallery at Hornbake Library, U. of Md., from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays; 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesdays and noon to 5 p.m. Saturdays.

Susan Cockill, Greenbelt Pioneer Rides across USA

by Michael Cockill

Susan (Cockill) and Dick Rogers, ages 65 and 67, completed a 58-day, 3,143 mile ride on their tandem bicycle, from Seattle, Wash., to West Point, N.Y., in time for Dick's 45th reunion of his class of 1959, U.S. Military Academy. Susan, the daughter of Greenbelt pioneers Clifton and Blonde Cockill (deceased), was born in their bedroom at 33-S Ridge Road, unable to wait for her mother to make it to the Gardenway Medical Clinic.

Susan and Dick trained for distance riding beginning in March 2004. Their mission was two-fold, to attend Dick's reunion at West Point and as a fundraiser for Mustard Seed Tutorial Center, Redlands, Calif., where the

Rogers are both tutoring elementary and middle school students in reading, writing and mathematics. In the latest count nearly \$10,000 was pledged to the Mustard Seed center.

The Cockills left Greenbelt in 1952 when the city was sold. Susan attended Greenbelt Jr. High and Bladensburg High School and was named queen of "All Bladensburg Night" in 1957. She attended Frostburg State until 1959 when she dropped out to "join the Army" and marry Dick who was at Ft. Belvoir, Va., attending the Engineer Officers' basic course. Since Dick retired from the Army in 1982 they have lived at 245 Eucalyptus Dr., Redlands, CA 92373.

Writing Contest for Kids' Letters

Students are asked to write a letter to a favorite author and they might win an expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the National Book Festival for themselves, their parents and teacher.

The writing contest is for readers in grades 4 through 12 sponsored by the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress in partnership with Target Stores. To enter, readers write a personal letter to an author, explaining how his or her work changed their view of the world or themselves. Young readers can select authors from any genre - fiction or nonfiction - contemporary or classic.

The Maryland Center for the Book will select the top essayists in the state on each of the three

competition levels: Level I for children in grades 4 through 6; Level II for grades 7 and 8 and Level III, grades 9 through 12. State winners advance to national competition and receive cash prizes plus a \$50 Target gift card. Six national winners will receive the trip and \$500 Target gift cards.

Deadline for entries is December 4. To obtain the required entry coupon, call the Maryland Center for the Book at 410-313-7766 or visit the Center for the Book website at loc.gov/letters.

Teachers, librarians or parents interested in obtaining copies of the contest guidelines, lesson plans and writing samples should visit the Center for the Book website at www.loc.gov/letters.



City Information

CITY COUNCIL-REGULAR MEETING
Municipal Building Council Room
October 25, 2004 - 8 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Recognition of Philip Brandis - Community Mediation Board

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

***Committee Reports** (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

- Advisory Committee on Education, Report #05-2004 (GMS Renovation)

LEGISLATION

A Resolution for Negotiated Purchase for the Design and Construction of the Greenbelt Skateboard Park by California Landscape and Design, Inc. (2nd Reading, Adoption)

A Resolution for Negotiated Purchase for Civil Design Services for the Greenbelt Skateboard Park by Bradley Site Design, Inc., of Greenbelt, Maryland (2nd Reading, Adoption)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Greenbelt Theatre - Contract with Architect
- Letter to Transportation Planning Board - Intercounty Connector

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@ci.greenbelt.md.us to reach the City Clerk.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Greenbelt Board of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Greenbelt Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **October 28, 2004 at 7:30 pm** in the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Room 112, Greenbelt MD on the following Variance application:

I. An application filed by Charles H. Medley for consideration of a request for a variance on premises located at 130 Hedgewood Drive, Greenbelt, MD. The applicant is requesting a variance from side yard setback requirements for the purpose of enclosing an existing carport to create a garage, as well as for a variance from side yard setback requirements for the purpose of addressing setback violations as they relate to the existing house.

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OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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Vacancies exist on the:

Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee
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GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPAL ACCESS 301-474-8000: Monday, October 25 at 8pm: City Council Meeting "live" Tuesday & Thursday, October 26 & 28: 10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Managing Your Blood Pressure," 6:30pm Museum Lecture "More is Better, or Less is More," 7:30pm "Replay of Council," 9:00pm "Peter Tork & Shoe Suede Blues."

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, October 27 & 28: 7:00pm "Future View," 7:30pm "Democratic Club."

Costume Contest & Parade



You must register to be eligible to win! Parade begins promptly at 4:00pm.
Everyone is encouraged to attend dressed in their Halloween best! Judges will award a prize pack to the "Best Costume" in each of the following categories: 1½ - 3 years / 4 - 5 years / 6 - 7 years / 8 - 9 years / 10 - 12 years.

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FREE PAPER YARD WASTE BAGS

To promote the proposed yard waste collection plan which takes effect March 1, 2005, the City will be giving each residential refuse customer 10 free paper yard bags at Electronics Recycling this Saturday.

**Saturday,
October 23, 2004
9am-12noon at
Schrom Hills Park**

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the homeowner and no outstanding debts to GHI. In addition, homeowners had to show they were able to maintain their homes as outlined in the GHI Handbook.

Councilmembers were aware that this grant would not be repeated because staff at the state DHCD office had belatedly found that the money was not available to cooperatives. However, since the grant had already been awarded, Greenbelt was allowed to proceed in distributing the funds.

Councilmember Leta Mach asked Ward to find out what the objections were to cooperatives. She said the city needs to educate people on the positive aspects of cooperatives. Ward said the community legacy program is being completely restructured and changed into more of a loan program in order to fund more comprehensive projects.

ACE Reading Club

Liz Murray gave council an annual report for the last school year for the Reading Club of the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). She described the year as “really successful” with increases in participation by both teachers and students. A survey showed that the number of books read for pleasure every two months had also increased and that parents reported an increase in children’s reading skills.

Plans for this year, Murray said, include adding book discussions in Greenbelt Elementary School and, hopefully, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. ACE is also trying to facilitate an international pen pal program with schools in Great Britain to inspire writing as well as reading.

Murray said ACE members have spent an inordinate amount of time seeking funding to keep the program going and have decided to become more selective in grant applications. Lack of non-profit status limits their funding base. Davis offered some suggestions on effectively achieving this status.

Skateboard Park

Council introduced for first reading two resolutions concerning the skateboard park. One would enable the negotiated purchase for design and construction of the skateboard park by California Landscape and Design, Inc. The contract for design and construction as submitted by this firm was approved at council’s meeting on September 27. The resolution authorizes the \$180,000 expenditure.

The second resolution authorizes an expenditure for the contract for design of site prepara-

tion and permits in the amount of \$13,770 to Bradley Site Design, Inc. This contract was also approved at the September 27 meeting.

Both resolutions will be on council’s agenda at the October 25 meeting for second reading and adoption.

Old Greenbelt Theatre

Council reviewed schematic designs for renovation of the theater, specifically to select a design for the new restrooms. The Advisory Planning Board (APB) had reviewed the plans since council’s worksession on the subject in August. In its review, the APB had considered possible future uses of the theater in selecting a restroom design. The selections expand the restrooms, increasing the stalls in the women’s room from the current two to four, one of which will be handicapped accessible.

Council concurred with the selections of the APB. After a unanimous vote for the designs, Davis asked council, “Are we all flush with success with this?”

Approval of the contract for Phase II design of the theater renovation was pulled from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting by City Manager Michael McLaughlin.

Sidewalk Request

The city received requests from two residents of Parkway for a sidewalk along Crescent Road from Hillside to Gardenway. The residents say the curvature of Crescent Road in that area, the limited parking and the need to traipse along a muddy path during bad weather contribute to the need for a sidewalk. Putens suggested that the city should look into whether or not adequate parking is being provided for residents of the nearby apartments and determine the level of responsibility for the owners of private property in the area.

Council voiced concerns that a sidewalk would undermine the city’s pathway system and also might encourage people to attempt a hazardous crossing of Crescent Road in that area instead of using the safety of the underpass. Difficulties in creating a sidewalk over the underpasses at Hillside and Gardenway were considered problematic. Still, there was agreement that the safety of the current situation should be investigated and improved if warranted.

After much discussion, council agreed to have staff look into the matter and Putens’ suggestion to have a stakeholders’ meeting of those impacted would be a part of the process.

Fantasy Art at UM

The Art Gallery of the University of Maryland will present “Magical Adventures: Fantasy Art from the Frank Collection” from October 25 through December 18. The exhibit includes 62 original paintings, drawings, mixed media and sculptures by the most significant American and British fantasy artists. The hours of the exhibit are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday; on Thursday the hours extend to 7 p.m. The exhibit will be closed November 25 - 27 for Thanksgiving. An opening reception will take place on Monday, October 25, 5 to 7 p.m. The exhibit is free and open to the public.

See World Premiere At Clarice Smith

The dance work of “Deconstructing English” will be presented on Thursday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the International Piano Archives Room of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Doug Varone’s new dance work is inspired by the prismatic keyboard construction of J. S. Bach’s “English Suites.” Providing context for the world premiere of the work – performed by Varone and dancers on October 29 and 31 at the center – this free event explores the music that serves as the basis of it all. It features university faculty and the Michelle Smith Performing Arts Library.

Greenbelt CARES

Christal Batey and CARES staff, in conjunction with Community Crisis Services, Inc., participated in National Depression Screening Day October 7. It is the home of the Prince George’s County Hotline and Suicide Prevention Center. Depression information and screenings were offered at the Giant Pharmacy, Safeway, Co-op grocery store and Green Ridge House. One hundred thirty-three people received information and 43 were screened for depression.

Judye Hering held the first of

three tutor’s workshops on campus at the University of Maryland on October 12. Four tutors attended the workshop designed to teach tutors “learning strategies” to help students who are having difficulty in school.

On October 13 Wendy Wexler interviewed students at Eleanor Roosevelt High School for participation in her eight-week Teen Discussion Group. The group began this past week and addresses issues such as communication skills, school achievement, family interactions and decision making.

City Notes

Code Enforcement

Staff conducted re-inspections at Beltway Plaza, Smith Ewing properties and Greenway Medical Center.

Animal Control

All three cats currently being held were scheduled for viewing and possible adoptions over the weekend.

Planning

Staff prepared and submitted to the county building permit revisions for the animal control facility and worked on the theater contract Phase II.

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HYATTSVILLE Friday, October 29 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM (Breakfast Refreshments) <i>The Hyattsville Library</i> 6530 Adelphi Road	COLLEGE PARK Wednesday, November 3 7:00-9:00 PM (Refreshments) <i>The Holiday Inn</i> 10000 Baltimore Boulevard

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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.

Carjacking

October 9, 11:24 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a man flagged down an officer and reported that he was attempting to back out of a parking space when he was blocked in by another vehicle described as a green Nissan Altima, which pulled in behind his vehicle. Two men exited the car and approached his vehicle, one armed with a rifle. The man with the gun told the victim to walk away. The men then got into the victim's vehicle, described as a brown 2001 Toyota Camry 4-door with Maryland temporary tags, and drove away. The suspects are described as two black males, 16 to 19 years of age, one 5'10" with a thin build wearing all black including a hooded sweatshirt. The other is 5'6" to 5'8" with short black hair, wearing a white T-shirt and a multi-colored baseball cap. The suspect vehicle was driven by a third unknown suspect.

Robbery

October 9, 9:04 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a taxi driver reported that he picked up a man at the Greenbelt Metro Station. When he dropped the man off, the suspect produced a handgun and announced a robbery. After obtaining money from the taxi driver, the suspect fled the scene on foot. He is described as a black male in his twenties, 5'11", 170 pounds, with black hair in cornrows and a thin beard, wearing a white long-sleeved shirt and camouflage pants.

October 13, 5:06 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, a food delivery person reported that he was attempting to make a delivery and as he approached the apartment building he observed a man sitting outside the building entrance. The man advised that he had ordered the food and as the deliveryman handed the food to the suspect, the suspect grabbed him and knocked him to the ground. A second man arrived on the scene and, along with the first man, removed money and car keys from the deliveryman's pockets. Both then fled the scene in the victim's vehicle, described as a black 1996 Toyota Corolla 4-door, New Jersey tag MXV33P.

Assault

October 9, 9:50 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was arrested for three counts of assault, concealed deadly weapon, trespass and disruption of school activities after he refused to leave a dance at the school. The youth, who had allegedly been drinking, assaulted two police officers and a school administrator after he was arrested for trespassing. As he was being taken into custody a knife that he had in his possession fell to the ground. The youth was released to a parent pending action by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

October 11, 9:42 p.m., 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, a cab driver reported that a resident youth threatened him with a knife during a fare dispute. The

youth was located at his residence and a knife was recovered. A petition will be filed for carrying a deadly weapon with intent to injure.

Concealed Weapon

October 12, 9:42 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a petition for concealed deadly weapon on school grounds was filed for a resident youth after she was found to be in possession of a knife when attempting to enter a dance at the school on October 9. She was released to a parent pending action by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Drugs

October 9, 12:50 a.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation. A computer check revealed that the driver had a suspended license and located in the vehicle was a quantity of suspected marijuana and paraphernalia commonly used to store marijuana. The man was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct

October 8, 10:50 a.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident youth was arrested for disorderly conduct/failure to obey a lawful order, disruption of school activities and resisting arrest after she refused to stop using her cellular telephone inside the school in violation of school policy and began yelling. She was released to a guardian pending action by the school board and the Juvenile Justice System.

October 9, 8:20 p.m., 7200 Hanover Parkway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. He was asked to leave the Holiday Inn after he was observed shouting obscenities at patrons. He was arrested after refusing to leave the property. The man was released on citation pending trial.

Trespass

October 9, 3:39 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a resident man was arrested and charged with trespass when he was observed on school grounds after he had been barred from the property by school administrators. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism

October 11, 12:50 p.m., 1 court Southway, unknown person(s) sprayed graffiti on a sidewalk.

October 11, 12:50 p.m., 17 and 19 courts of Ridge Road, unknown person(s) sprayed graffiti on two garages.

October 12, 4:27 p.m., Crescent Road and Hillside, unknown person(s) sprayed graffiti on the walls of a pedestrian underpass.

Burglary

October 8, 8:17 a.m., 13 court Hillside, a woman of no fixed address was arrested and charged with burglary after she allegedly forced her way into a man's residence and threatened to injure him if he called police. She was arrested on the scene and was re-

leased to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

October 8, 9:17 p.m., 100 block Westway, unknown person(s) used unknown means to enter a residence. Money and credit cards were taken.

Vehicle Crimes

October 9, Kenilworth Avenue and Route 495, a resident woman was arrested and charged with theft after police stopped her vehicle for registration violation. A computer check revealed that the tag on the vehicle had been reported stolen. She was released on citation pending trial.

Ten vehicles were reported as stolen: a 2001 Jeep Cherokee Sport and a black 1993 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, Maryland tags MVB024 from Beltway Plaza Mall; a 2001 Chrysler LHS 4-door from the 5700 block Cherrywood Lane; a red 2002 Toyota Camry 4-door, Maryland tags LMH309 from the 6200 block Springhill Drive; a 2001 Dodge Intrepid 4-door from the 9300 block Edmonston Road; a 1992 Ford Crown Victoria 4-door from the 7200 block Hanover Drive; a gray 2002 BMW 745 4-door, Maryland tags MCT920 from the 6500 block Lake Park Drive; a gold 2002 Mitsubishi Diamante 4-door, North Carolina tags RPP9198 from the 6200 block Breezewood Court; a 1990 Honda Accord 4-door from the 6100 block Breezewood Court; and a 1993 Ford Escort 4-door from the 7200 block South Ora Court.

Ten vehicles were recovered, five by Greenbelt police with no arrests and five by other police departments with one juvenile arrest in one recovery.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7900 block Mandan Road, 8000 block Mandan Road, 7800 block Hanover Parkway, 7100 block Ora Glen Court, 6100 block Breezewood Drive, 6200 block Breezewood Court, 5900 block Cherrywood Lane, 6000 block Springhill Drive (two incidents) and Beltway Plaza Mall.

Bonsai Lecture At Arboretum

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nor does he support the proposed zoning amendment. He said he would like to see some type of senior housing built at the site.

Roberts argued that the special legislation sets a bad precedent because the city has been on record as opposing zoning by text amendment because it imposes such changes on other parts of the county.

Mayor Judith Davis agreed about the city's historic stance but said the covenants give the city the authority and control to ensure a quality development. She said if there is opposition throughout the county to these zoning changes, the county council will hear about it and consider the impact in their decision.

Roberts Alone

Though other councilmembers seemed to share Roberts' interest in senior housing, none were willing to join him in his dissent. Ideas that seniors would self-select for the project because it would meet many of their needs and that the covenants presented would allow the city a great deal of input in the project seemed to override objections to the type of project or the means of achieving it. Most councilmembers expressed favorable impressions of the developer's willingness to work with the city.

Roberts also expressed the idea that a quality development could be built within existing zoning regulations, saying he thought the addition of one more floor than currently allowed was designed for the developer to make more money.

Thomas Haller, attorney for

the developer, countered Roberts' argument. He described the additional floor as required because of the proposed architectural elevation and because people nowadays want higher ceilings. Roberts did not consider this argument valid.

Haller also addressed council's concerns about noise abatement, offering to consult an acoustical expert known by the city to ensure that materials used would enable the building to receive a noise abatement certification by an acoustical engineer.

Councilmember Leta Mach expressed hope that a market study being done would indicate cooperative ownership of the units is feasible.

The motion to approve the agreement and covenants was passed four to one, with Roberts providing the sole dissenting vote.

Amendment

After approving the agreement and covenants with the developer, council then considered its support for the zoning text amendment now before the county council, Roberts again was the sole dissenter in a four-to-one vote.

Citizen Barry Schlesinger spoke in support of Roberts, saying the original county charter provided that text amendments would be brought to referendum, adding that changing the zoning text was meant to be "very serious." He said such a change indicated that something was wrong with the text as it applies throughout the county. He questioned whether a change to affect one instance was good public policy.

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Greenbelt Boys Shut Out Bowie in Homecoming

by Edith Beauchamp

At a morning away game the 95 lb. Greenbelt boys' football team shut out the Bowie Bulldogs 20 to 0. It was a good omen for the rest of the day's homecoming activities on Saturday, October 16 for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club.

Even a two-hour delay of game for lightning and rain during the afternoon couldn't dampen the spirits of the Greenbelt teams or the many spectators, family and friends who turned out to watch. The cheerleaders decorated the fences surrounding the field, chairs and tents were loaned by the Greenbelt Armory and several barbecue grills and other portable stoves were kept busy making hamburgers, hot dogs, french fries, fried chicken and fish to feed the crowd. A magnificent rainbow signaled the end of the storm late in the day and the teams played on.

Coaches

The four football teams are coached by a volunteer group of committed dads and the cheerleaders are coached by similarly dedicated moms, who spend two to three hours with the kids three to five nights a week at the Greenbelt Youth Center and then all day for the games on Saturday or Sundays. Other team parents volunteer help with fundraising, food preparation and other support activities but so far this season the kids far outnumber the adults who are actively helping. Approximately 450 children ranging in age from

five to 15 currently participate in the various sports activities sponsored by the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, while about 60 parents form the core of the regularly active volunteers who coach or act as "team parents." The enthusiasm of the kids is evidenced by even the youngest children who get their homework done early in order to be ready for practice, care for their uniforms and are dressed and ready and urging their parents to drive them to practice an hour in advance. Team pride was certainly in abundance on homecoming.

95 lb.

Under the direction of head coach James Green (also club president) the 95 lb. team has a 4-0 record for the season, tied for first place in the AA leagues with Riverdale. The 20 to 0 rout of the Bowie team began at the outset of the game with team quarterback Denny Long executing a perfect offensive drive to move his squad 60 yards down field, capped off with a one yard touchdown run. The MVP for defense went to Michael Williams, who played three different positions during the game. With the Bowie team gaining some momentum Williams was switched to the right defensive end position where he made a crucial sack. His sack resulted in a fumble which he recovered and ran for a 45 yard touchdown to put the game out of reach in the fourth quarter.

85 lb.

The 85 lb. team also had a 20 to 0 shut out of their opponents, the Lanham Boys and Girls Club.

Quarterback Daniel Wright sparked the Greenbelt Raiders to exceptional performances with an early play by stripping the ball from a Lanham running back and racing 60 yards for a touchdown, which was later called back on a penalty. He scored in the fourth quarter on a quarterback keeper. Marcus Jackson, a running back, shared the MVP prize for offense. His first touchdown also was called back but he scored a TD in the fourth quarter with a 40 yard sweep. Marquise Brooking also raised the level of play with hard hits and big plays. In the second quarter following a "bone crushing" block by Dominique Daniels, Brooking trotted 40 yards up the sidelines returning a punt for a TD. Brooking also had an interception and returned it for 30 yards.

Daniels had a great day with game-saving tackles and the hardest hit of the game. Brookings and Daniels shared the defensive MVP title. Extra points were scored by Trevante Long and Daniel Wright. The Greenbelt Raiders 85 lb. AA Team is presently 2-2.

75 lb.

Issa Thompson scored the first touchdown for the 75 lb. Greenbelt team with a seven yard reception. Anthony "Smurf" Murray, a tailback, scored on two runs from 54 and 26 yards out. Thompson capped the game off in the fourth quarter with a nine yard run to put the game out of reach for College Park with a final score of 25 to 12. Malachi Alexander, a middle linebacker, kept College Park off

balance the majority of the game with his dominating blitz play. He was the leading tackler on Saturday. Donte Scales, the quarterback, scored the only extra point in the game with a quarterback roll out or "keeper" in the second quarter. Jaliyl Abraham had the hardest hit of the game. This game was significantly delayed in the second quarter due to thunderstorms but the kids soldiered on when the refs signaled the "all clear."

65 lb.

After a tough two weeks with only one touchdown, the 65 lb. team bounced back for Homecoming in grand fashion with four touchdowns to defeat New Carrollton 25 to 0. The offense was led by Naphtali Wooten with 180 yards rushing and two touchdowns and backfielder Bakari Mapp with 57 yards and two touchdowns. Offensive linemen Deandre Jones, Micah Alexander, PJ McMillian, Donovan Hall, Keanu Lowndes, Elisha Victor and Edward Andrews of Greenbelt displayed strong blocking performances and helped the offense rush for a total of 285 yards for the day. The defense, giving up just one first down for the game, was led by Wooten with five tackles, Malik Faison with three tackles and Victor with two tackles and two fumble recoveries. Also for the defense, Antony Parker made one tackle, Victor Wainwright III made one tackle, Hall forced a fumble and the hard hitting Deandre Jones, two tackles.

Repertoire Orchestra

The University of Maryland Repertoire Orchestra with Maurice Boyer as conductor will perform on Monday, October 25 at 8 p.m. in the Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This is a free presentation by UM's all-campus orchestra.



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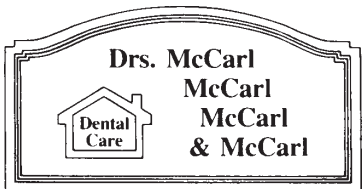


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Local Woman Finds Second Career in Writing Novels

by Jim Lara

When Cecelia Dowdy was attending the University of Maryland to study finance little did she realize that writing books would become another passion. Dowdy, 38, has become an accomplished romance author who has contributed short stories for women’s magazines and will have a second book set for release next February.

The Greenbelt resident is also an accountant for the American Center for Physics in College Park in addition to her work as a part-time writer. Growing up Dowdy enjoyed picking up a book and reading different titles from “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” and “Gone with the Wind” to the Nancy Drew detective stories. When she was 14 Dowdy began to read more romance novels because she was a fan of the hero and heroine struggling to live happily ever after.

When she was a freshman in college working to earn her finance degree, her English professor suggested that she change her major to English but Dowdy balked at the idea. She had written many compare and contrast papers and that teacher must have felt she had the skills to be a great writer. After school she worked as an accountant for a travel agency from 1988 to 1998.

It was during the early 1990s that Dowdy began to do some writing on the side for fun. Her work with the travel agency allowed her the opportunity to go to different places around the world by plane or cruise ship and she would write about the experience. Some of her first stories were set in Mexico with a love theme. “I’ve been an avid reader of romance novels since I was young and there are a lot of ideas for stories so I felt I could pursue a career in writing romance,” said Dowdy. Her concentration is called Christian Romance where the subject is a little cleaner, no sex occurs and characters learn to have faith in God. Dowdy stresses that her characters are not flawless and each individual has hurdles to overcome whether it’s divorce or a friend’s death.

Such issues are central to Dowdy’s second book, “First Mates,” which will be released under the publisher Harlequin/ Steeple Hill. It takes place on a cruise ship and then later in Miami. It involves a reformed alcoholic named Rainy Jackson, whose sister has died and a woman called Winston Michales, whose engagement to her fiancé ends because he was seeing another woman. They both go on a cruise as sort of a healing process and end up meeting each other. The focus will be on their relationship with one another despite their personal tragedies.

Rejection

Dowdy wrote “First Mates” as a short story in the late 1990s and later rewrote it as a book which took three to four months. After one rejection by another publisher Dowdy sent her novel to Harlequin and got a call three weeks later that they were interested in having the book be part of their Christian romance line.

She explains that when she begins the process of writing there isn’t an entire story in her head at first. She decides who

the characters will be and then revolves plot lines around them. “I’ll find a picture in a magazine or catalog and it’ll resemble the way that the character should be in my head,” said Dowdy. She’ll give names to those people from a baby name book. She then fleshes out each person’s background through a character questionnaire where she gives answers on what a person’s upbringing will be like and their relationships with relatives and friends.

Conflict

According to Dowdy she emphasizes having a conflict where the man and woman have a hard time getting together as a theme in her book. “She learns of his alcoholism and wonders if he can resist temptation. She also is reluctant to have feelings for him because of her previous failed relationship,” Dowdy said. In terms of where she gets the inspiration to create these characters, Dowdy not only looks at her relatives but also the people she has encountered over the years traveling the globe.

Even though she’ll always enjoy writing, Dowdy admits it can be tough for authors trying to get their work published. Usually they have to wait three months to over a year if a publisher decides they want to set a book for release. Dowdy tries to attend a writers conference once a year where she can meet editors of various publishing houses and establish contacts.

When asked what she expects readers can take from her upcoming book, Dowdy hopes that they’ll be entertained. “I hope that it’s an enjoyable read and people can learn some lessons about relationships and having faith,” Dowdy says. “First Mates” will be found at stores like Books-A-Million and the website Amazon by the middle of February 2005. For more information on Dowdy check her website at www.ceceliadowdy.com.

Shayna Skolnik Shows Her New Paintings

A person is sitting at a café or restaurant casually observing the other patrons, stirring a cup of coffee, reading the morning paper or chatting with the waiters. Painter Shayna Skolnik explores this aspect of everyday life in her new series of paintings in watercolor and watercolor with ink. The series is the culmination of three years’ work; most of the paintings are based on actual places in southern Spain where the artist resides for part of the year. The series is exhibited in a solo show at the Willow Gallery in Annapolis, October 27 through November 9.

A waiter wiping down the bar, old men complaining about the weather, a person stepping in for a cool drink and being instantly recognized by neighborhood buddies – these are all found in Skolnik’s figurative paintings. The artist completes each painting after doing pencil sketches on location; several of these sketches are also exhibited in this solo show.

Skolnik is interested in the enduring tradition of family-run shops that characterize the neighborhoods in Seville, shops where centuries-old tiles, intricate woodwork and beautiful wrought iron demonstrate the pride and caring of the owners. These are places where customers are neighbors and are often greeted warmly and waited on by the owner, where making a sale is often not as important as catching up on the neighborhood gossip. These shops and bars are truly community centers but they are slowly disappearing as the pressures of national and multinational chain merchants



Shayna Skolnik poses next to one of her watercolor and ink paintings that explores aspects of everyday life.

come to bear and as younger generations demand quicker service, cheaper products and

longer shopping hours. In fact, several of the locales Skolnik has sketched for her work have since closed their doors forever. The City of Seville has taken special note of Skolnik’s painting series as historical documentation of a way of life that is disappearing and will not return.

See the Skolnik exhibit at the Willow Gallery, Quiet Waters Park, Annapolis. Gallery hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. An open reception for the artist will be held on Sunday, October 31 from 2 to 4 p.m.

(Shayna Skolnik grew up in Greenbelt and recently bought a home here.)



This painting, titled "Tienda," demonstrates both Skolnik's skill and attention to detail.

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