

News Review

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Thursday, March 8, 2001

Growing Up in Greenbelt

by Ray S. Bochert, Jr.

Former Greenbelter Ray S. Bochert, Jr. sent this information about growing up in Greenbelt.

I recently came across your Community Information Guide that I picked up when visiting Greenbelt. I was in Washington, D.C. for the unveiling of the Korean War Memorial in July of 1995. I dropped by Greenbelt to see Donald Wolfe, a long-time friend and classmate of Greenbelt High School. You see, I am one of the many original families that moved into Greenbelt back in October 1937.

My father, Ray S. Bochert, Sr., was a carpenter in the wood-working shop at the Old Post Office Building in Washington, D.C. It was a struggle to commute to work and back but he managed.

When my brother, Wayne and I entered the elementary school, Mrs. Reed was principal there and I went directly into Mrs. Parker's 4th grade class, where I met lots of kids who were also starting out as strangers. As children, it didn't take long before we were all visiting the homes of our playmates. It was a great time and good to be in Greenbelt. Everything was fresh and new.

The people I remember the most were my closest friends: Mahlon Eshbaugh, Paul Strickler, James Carneal, Leonard Lemire,

Ruth Morgan, LeGrand Benefiel, Marilyn Maryn, Donnie Wolfe, Tommy Freeman, Dick Sommers, Carolyn Thompson, Leroy Bowen, Kenny Lyle, Patricia Brown, and a pretty little girl I had a crush on, Shirley Mitchell.

Ice Skating

In the late 1930s we ice skated at the lake, sat by a huge bonfire there, and later rode our sleds down A Block hill to the

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Center after the city blocked it off for us. We were all eyes and ears when the new Greenbelt Theater opened on Wednesday, September 21, 1938 showing Shirley Temple in "Little Miss Broadway." The drugstore next door had a large ice cream cone for 5-cents, sundaes and milkshakes for a dime and a banana split for a quarter ... and they were magnificent works of art. Where have they all gone?

All of the boys in my class had bikes, all with balloon-tires and we all rode them to school. We loved the hills down into the many underpasses but the grownups didn't appreciate seeing us coming. They tried to outlaw bikes on the sidewalks

but our policeman, Buddy Attick, couldn't be everywhere at once, so we pretty much rode where we wanted.

When we graduated from elementary school at the 7th grade level, (there was no middle school) we went directly into freshman year high school. My class entered high school in the Fall of 1941 and were there all during the war years. When I started school in 1934, Franklin D. Roosevelt was president and he died just a few weeks before we graduated in 1945. He was literally the only president that we knew. It was a big blow when he died.

Mrs. Roosevelt came to our elementary school many times and asked the school assembly of children what they would like to see happen in Greenbelt. The consensus was 1) a swimming pool and 2) a large playground below the shopping center. I recall that it didn't take very long to get those and many more things. Life was good then. Everyone knew everybody else.

Since my dad was R.S.B. and Roy Steele Braden (Greenbelt's town manager) and I all had the same initials, we were called 1, 2 and 3 R.S.B.s. It's funny, but my parents always had me take Braden a potted plant annually on his birthday. He was a really nice man and my father and I even

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Third graders at Springhill Lake wait to go on stage.

- photo by Mary Moien

Students at Springhill Lake Celebrate with Program

by Mary Moien

What is the first thing you need when more than 500 Springhill Lake Elementary School students put on a program in honor of African-American History Month? The first thing they need is a much larger auditorium than is available at their school. So, on March 2, parents, grandparents, friends and community filled the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) auditorium to the rafters to see the children and staff perform.

The production, "What about the Children?" was directed by Renee Anderson, artistic director at the school. Anderson, who introduced the acts, wore a flowing white African-style garment with a white headscarf. The auditorium was decorated with red, black and green balloons and painted tapestries hung from the

back of the stage.

Each grade had approximately 100 students on stage and each performed two or three songs, poems and/or dances. The show began with what is called the "Black National Anthem," "Lift Every Voice and Sing," followed by students from kindergartners to fifth graders performing. (Because of overcrowding, the sixth grade from Springhill Lake Elementary was moved to Greenbelt Middle School a few years ago.)

The third grade performed a song in sign language, "My Life Is in Your Hands." Even teachers and other staff were in the show. In a number called "Freedom Is Coming," they wore colorful African costumes and danced barefoot in a circle on the stage with baskets on their

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Council Helps Astronomy Club Get Observatory; GHI Get Grant

by Maria Piazzola

The Greenbelt City Council at its regular meeting on February 26 granted a request to assist the Greenbelt Astronomy Club in transporting and temporarily storing a small observatory building that has been offered free to the club by Montgomery College. Astronomy Club President John Settle assured council that the club will work with local elementary and middle schools to make the facility, which will be fully owned by the club, into an educational center.

Settle said the club already provides free astronomy classes to Greenbelt citizens and plans to offer "public nights" at the new facility. "The observatory will be an educational tool for appreciating the night sky and the environment," Settle said.

NORC/HUD Grant

Council also agreed to work with Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) to seek a \$130,000, two-year grant from the agency for Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the purpose of hiring a "community resource advocate." This person would conduct a needs assessment of the Greenbelt community in terms of assisted living, as recommended by the Assisted Living Task Force. The HUD program is

entitled Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities (NORC).

If GHI receives a NORC/HUD grant, the city would house the new "community resource advocate."

Van Purchase

In other action, council approved the purchase of a 1-ton, natural-gas fueled cargo van for \$21,692. The van will be used by the Public Works facilities maintenance crew. Council asked city staff to research further options for a natural gas-fueled or dual-fueled passenger van for use by the Recreation Department. This would substitute for purchase of a gas-powered vehicle.

State Legislation

At a later point in the meeting, council reviewed a series of issues before the state legislature in the form of Senate or House bills. They agreed to express support for House Bill 588, which would create a fund to help law enforcement agencies purchase public safety equipment such as body armor; House Bill 1187, which would create a special office to serve deaf and hearing-impaired individuals; and House Joint Resolution 14, which would create a task force to study current public lighting standards and policies, as well as light pollution in Maryland.

Council agreed to express support for Senate Bill 79, which would prohibit telephone solicitors from blocking caller ID, and Senate Bill 64, which would require the Public Service Commission to create and maintain a database of telephone subscribers who do not wish to receive telephone solicitations.

Council opposed House Bill 69, which requires a mandatory minimum sentence of 60 days for a person convicted of vehicular manslaughter or homicide while intoxicated, and House Bill 170, which requires a mandatory minimum fine of \$5,000 for the same offense. They felt that both were too lenient in dealing with drunk driving offenses.

Mayor pro tem Alan Turnbull said that both were inappropriate. "A \$5,000 fine for killing someone is offensive," he said.

What Goes On

Mon., Mar. 12, 7:30 p.m.
ACE Reception, Municipal Building

8 p.m. Regular Council Meeting, Municipal Building

Wed., Mar. 14, 8 p.m.
Worksession with Civic Associations, Community Center



P.E. teacher Warren Hook is "The Cat in the Hat" at Magnolia Elementary School.

- photo by Mary Moien

Read Across America Day Celebrated in Greenbelt

by Mary Moien

Tall red and white striped hats abounded at Greenbelt elementary schools on March 2, as schools across the nation celebrated "Read Across America" day. That date is the anniversary of the birth of Dr. Seuss (Theodor Geisel), the renowned children's writer. Read Across America is sponsored by the National Education Association and reaches millions of children and adults each year. Parents, writers, and community leaders are among those who visited schools to read on that day.

County Councilmember Audrey Scott visited Magnolia Elementary. In fact, Scott has been reading to classes at the school for more than a decade, way before this program began. Scott visited Terri Barr's sixth grade class and was greeted by a class filled with children with Cat in the Hat hats on. They also presented Scott with her own hat which she immediately put on. Scott, a former teacher, knew how to handle the class and even these older students listened with rapt attention to Dr.

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Magnolia Elementary School Principal Phyllis Gillens is ready for "Read Across America."

- photo by Wendy Deemer

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Seuss' rhyming text. Physical education teacher Warren Hook surprised the classes by wearing a full Cat in the Hat costume. Jim Henderson, Greenbelt's school board representative, also dropped by to read as did more than 30 other people throughout the day.

Robert Clark, a Treasury Department employee, was asked by his stepdaughter Shea Robinson to come to school to read. He agreed and even brought along his personal copy of Dr. Seuss' "Oh the Places You'll Go," a book that appeals to all ages.

Many readers visited the other schools including Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis who was scheduled to read at Greenbelt Elementary.

Good Luck Road Litter Clean-up

Join a park ranger and neighbors to help clean up the Greenbelt Park boundary on Good Luck Road. Discover the effects of trash on the environment. Please wear appropriate clothing and footwear.

Meet at the ranger station near the campground at 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, March 17.

For more directions or information, please call Greenbelt Park at 301-344-3944.

City's Try for Zoning Powers Fails Again

Legislation that would have allowed municipalities in Prince George's County to exercise full planning and zoning authority received an unfavorable recommendation in the state legislature and will not be enacted this year.

The City of Greenbelt supported this legislation, taking the position that local governments and their residents are in the best position to determine what is appropriate for their communities.

All three delegates representing Greenbelt, Mary Conroy, Joan Pitkin and James Hubbard, supported the legislation giving Greenbelt this authority.

PGTAG to Hold Summer Fair

The Prince George's County Association for Talented and Gifted Education (PGTAG) will sponsor a Summer Fair on Tuesday, March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at Eleanor Roosevelt High School cafeteria, 7601 Hanover Parkway. Presenters from summer centers and camps will be available to answer questions and provide literature. Rain or snow date is March 15. People who have experience with an excellent camp or program and want to suggest it are asked to call 301-207-1003.

E-mail Workshop

Electronic mail (e-mail) is a major feature of the internet. Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) is sponsoring a free one-hour class on e-mail at the Community Center Senior Classroom. Mary Camp will demonstrate features and tips on using Microsoft Outlook and Netscape Messenger. Everyone is welcome. To reserve a copy of the handouts, call GIAC's voicemail 301-419-8044 by March 13.

Recreation Review

Registration for spring Recreation classes will begin March 12 for Greenbelt residents, and March 19 for non-residents. Walk-in registration will begin March 26 for everyone. Pick up a spring brochure from any of the recreation centers to find out more about the programs.

On Tuesday, March 13 from 4:15 to 5:15 p.m., the Youth Center will offer a Kids' Quickie entitled Bird Feeder Bonanza. In the program children ages 5 to 11 can make and take several styles of bird feeders for their fine feathered friends to enjoy during the winter months. There is a nominal fee associated with this program, and registration prior to the day of the event is required. To register, or for more information, please call 301-397-2200.

The Old Curmudgeon



"What do you mean..... 'It's not going to snow!'"

Labor Day Festival Committee to Meet

The 2001 Labor Day Festival Committee will hold its first meeting on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Senior Classroom at the Community Center. Plans are beginning for this year's Festival, which it is hoped will be a sunny weekend this year instead of 2000's rainy festival. Volunteers are still needed to help organize and run this one-of-a-kind Greenbelt tradition. For

Concert Band Plays

On Monday, March 12 at 8 p.m., the University of Maryland Concert Band will provide a free concert in the Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. Dr. L. Richmond Sparks will be conducting.

more information call Patti Brothers at 301-982-2312 or just come to the meeting on March 13.



County Councilwoman Audrey Scott reads to Terri Barr's sixth grade at Magnolia Elementary.

- photo by Mary Moien

Crafts Classes Are Postponed

The Beginners Silk Painting Workshop originally scheduled for March 7 and 8 will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Join Diane Tuckman and explore an exciting medium that produces beautiful art work to wear or display. All materials are provided. (The silk painting workshop originally scheduled for March 13 and 14 has been canceled.)

Pottery

The Introduction to Clay class originally scheduled to begin March 5 will instead begin on March 12 and run to April 2, 1 to 3:30 p.m. (four Mondays). Join Diana Manchak and learn both handbuilding techniques and the use of the pottery wheel. All materials will be provided.

Call 301-474-2192 for more information.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

Prince George's County has established a permanent collection site for Household Hazardous Waste disposal at the Brown Station Road Sanitary Landfill in Upper Marlboro. This site is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. every Sunday. For further information contact the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308 or P.G. County Hazardous Waste Info Line at 301-883-5045.

EXAMPLES OF HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

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|-----------------|--------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| ● Ammonia | ● Shoe Polish | ● Old Medicine | ● Car Wash |
| ● Bleach | ● Windshield Wiper Fluid | ● Pool Chemicals | ● Furniture Polish |
| ● Disinfectants | ● Antifreeze | ● Turpentine | ● House Cleaners |
| ● Gasoline | ● Bug Spray | ● Paint | ● Motor Oil |
| ● Lighter Fluid | ● Fertilizers | ● Varnish | ● Glue |
| ● Nail Polish | ● Moth Balls | ● Batteries | |
| ● Pesticides | | | |

Proposals Requested

The City of Greenbelt requests proposals for the purchase of July 4, 2001 fireworks display. Proposals are due March 30, 2001. Bid #2001-3. For complete specifications contact Gene Diest, Public Works 301-345-9334.

The City of Greenbelt requests proposals for Street Improvements for Lakewood Subdivision, City of Greenbelt. Bids are due by 11am, March 22, 2001. Bid #2001-1. Pre-bid meeting is Friday, March 9, 2001 11am at 555 Crescent Rd, Greenbelt, MD. For a bid packet and more information contact Kenny Hall, Public Works 301-474-8004.

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

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

Oral History Projects At Greenbelt Museum

The Greenbelt Museum is collecting childhood memories from people who grew up in Greenbelt during the period of 1936 to 1946. Curators Katie Scott-Childress and Jill Parsons-St. John sent letters to 114 people seeking to learn more about their childhood experiences during those early days in Greenbelt's History. The curators are conducting oral interviews by appointment at the Greenbelt Community Center. The project is linked to the museum's current exhibition, "Planned Play: Childhood in the Ideal Community," now at the Community Center, open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Any pioneer who has not been contacted, or knows someone who has not received a letter recently from the Greenbelt Museum, is urged to call the museum office at 301-507-6582 or send an e-mail to greenbel@museum@starpower.net. Each interview lasts approximately one hour.

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

President Bill Souser presided over the February 28 meeting. Florence Holly read a poem, "Torch of Love" by Dolores Dahl.

Souser announced that the nursery school children have asked seniors to join them on March 9 or March 14 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. in making decorations for the ice cream social. If interested, contact Karen Haseley at 301-397-2208.

Betty Down, Sunshine chair, sent a note of cheer to Lael Carriere and wedding congratulations to Roger and Janet C. Brown.

Phyllis Budin, Anniversary Luncheon chair, announced she is accepting checks for the April 18 luncheon.

John Taylor, Travel chair, announced the March 22 Timonium dinner theater trip has been filled. An April 3 trip to see the cherry blossoms, lunch at Union Station, and tour of Tudor House is being finalized. More details later.

The speaker on February 28 was Golden Ager, Tom Moran, who gave an update on 2000 federal and Maryland income tax filing. He answered questions from the floor and said seniors can receive tax counseling by calling 301-918-8855 or 301-918-9595.

Ernie Varda, Program chair, announced the March 7 board business meeting; March 14 Morningside House of Laurel — topic, Medication Overview and Drug Interactions; March 21, March birthday party; and March 28, speaker Julie McCullough — topic "Your Story."

Writers Group Meets

The Greenbelt Writers Group will meet on March 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

Poetry Plus Meets

Because of conflicts, the Poetry Plus discussion group will meet this month on the third Saturday, March 17, from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Greenbelt Library. Latin American members of the group will again join to talk about poems from Latin America in English and Spanish. The discussion is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry.

Community Events

Garden Club Holds Its Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Garden Club will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, March 14 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Police Station. It is located at Crescent and Ridge Roads, near the Kenilworth Avenue intersection with Crescent Road.

Club business will be discussed and sign-up will be available for garden plots. Returning members have first pick for the plot they used last year and then plots will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

The club divides three fields into plots. Some are plowed and some are not. The plots range from about 25 feet by 50 feet to 50 feet by 50 feet in size. The fields are in the central part of the city off of Gardenway next to the overpass, next to Hamilton Place (across from the GHI building), and off of Hamilton Place (next to the boat and trailer storage yard.) There are no water sources on the fields.

The Greenbelt Garden Club has been open to those who want to garden since the early years of the city.

At the Library

Tuesday, March 13, 7 p.m. — Cliffhangers, for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, March 14, 4 p.m. — BookKids discussion group, ages 8 to 12.

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

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

In the display case for March is work by the Laurel Art Guild.

Donation Drop-Off

The city's March Donation Drop-Off, which it cosponsors with the American Rescue Workers, will be held this Saturday, March 10 behind the Municipal Building from 9 a.m. until noon.

Bring clean, usable clothing, small household items, curtains, towels, bedding, sheets, toys, puzzles and books. Donations will be used by needy people in Prince George's County and are tax-deductible. Donation Drop-Off is held the second Saturday of every month.

Open House Planned By Nursery School

On Sunday, March 11 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mishkan Torah Nursery School, 10 Ridge Road, will hold an open house. The school's curriculum encourages emotional, social, cognitive and physical development, creativity and positive self-esteem.

Art, music, stories, dance, drama, science and nature, food experience and nutritious snacks are part of the school program. Jewish holidays are celebrated with song, food and dance. Children of all backgrounds are welcome and their diversity respected. Lunch Bunch is available. Mishkan Torah Nursery School is accredited by the Maryland State Board of Education.

Families are invited to the March 11 open house for fun and refreshments. Also, interested parents may call and drop by with their child on a school day. Registration for fall 2001 is now in progress for two, three and four year olds.

For information call Bonnie Korr, director, at 301-474-4224 or 301-277-8615.

Ah, Sweet Mystery

by Martha Kaufman

In the Community Center at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 12 in the senior classroom the movie of the month will be "Naughty Marietta" with Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy. Elsa Lanchester and Frank Morgan are also in the cast. In this first-time teaming of Eddy and MacDonald, she is a French princess running off to America and falling in love with Indian Scout Eddy.

One of the beautiful tunes sung by the duo is "Ah, Sweet Mystery Of Life."

Greens Meeting

The Greenbelt Greens will hold their monthly meeting Monday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room of the Greenbelt Police Station. On the agenda are local environmental and social justice issues and upcoming spring events. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served.

For more information call Anja or John at 301-486-0744.

Senior Center Hosts Ice Cream Social

The Greenbelt Senior Center is hosting its fifth annual Ice Cream Social for senior citizens on Friday, March 16. This free program will begin at 1 p.m. in the gym at the Community Center where the singing ensemble, "Cantanti," will be performing. Seniors will be able to dance, socialize and listen to a variety of music, then enjoy making their own ice cream sundaes. The ice cream will be available beginning at 1:45 p.m. in the dining room. At 2:15 p.m., Jim Waas, a contra dance caller from Riverdale, will teach a few basic contra dances. People who enjoy line dancing and/or square dancing won't want to miss this opportunity to contra dance. All senior citizens are encouraged to attend.

Free Piano Recital At U of Maryland

Faculty member Larissa Dedova will perform an all-Chopin program of solo works for piano on Friday, March 16 at 8 p.m. The free recital will be held at Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland. For more information call 301-405-7847.

Spaghetti Dinner

All you can eat

March 17, 2001

4-7 p.m.

Mowatt Memorial United

Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road

Greenbelt, MD 20770

Adults \$6.00 • Youths 6-12 yrs. - \$3.00

Children 5 and under Free.

CHURCH FUND RAISER

Mishkan Torah Nursery School

OPEN HOUSE

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD

Openings available for 2, 3, & 4 year old

Sunday, March 11

11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fun and Refreshments

Registration for fall 2001 is now in progress for 2, 3 & 4 yr. olds

We welcome children of all backgrounds.

301-474-4224 • 301-277-8615



GREENBELT
ARTS CENTER
PRESENTS

A CELTIC WEEKEND

Friday, March 16 — Skye Gathering

8 pm Circle of Friends

Saturday, March 17 — MacTallah

8 pm Ceilidh Homespun Band

A VOCAL RECITAL

Saturday, March 31 — Ingrid Cowan &

8 pm Ole Hass

Reservations: (301) 441-8770

Tickets: \$10, \$8 for students & seniors

GREENBELT BASEBALL

(FORMERLY KNOWN AS GREENBELT LITTLE LEAGUE)

REGISTRATION FOR:

ALL NEW PLAYERS

(Born between 8-1-88 and 7-31-92)

ALL TEE-BALL PLAYERS

(Born between 8-1-94 and 7-31-96)

COACH PITCH PLAYERS

(Born between 8-1-92 and 7-31-94)

Applicants wanted for Commissioner and/or Equipment Manager of the coach pitch/machine pitch division

Greenbelt Youth Center

Mar. 10th 10 am to 12 noon

Fees:

Greenbelt Baseball

Resident \$25 Siblings \$15

Non-Resident \$60 Siblings \$30

St. Hugh's CYO (Sponsors)

Tee Ball \$20

For Tee-Ball information contact: Brad Davidson (410) 451-1415

FOR ALL OTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dave Hunt
(301)474-4775

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(301) 441-8689

John White
(301) 577-1257

Rain Date Mar 24th

CLINIC FOR ALL NEW PLAYERS BORN 8-1-88 to 7-31-92

March 17th 10 am to 12 noon at McDonald Field



OBITUARY

Jack Edwin Lewis

Jack E. Lewis, 78, of Raleigh, North Carolina, died February 25, 2001. Mr. Lewis resided in the Lakewood section of Greenbelt for 38 years while he was employed by the Army Signal Corps as an electronics engineer and later for the General Services Administration.

He was a member of Birmingham Lodge #188 of Beltsville and a member of Birmingham Chapter #26, Order of the Eastern Star in Beltsville.

He is survived by his wife, Carol Lewis; son, Mark Lewis and his wife Virginia Ann, of Fairfax, Va.; daughter, Jo Ellen Young and her husband Michael, of Raleigh; grandchildren Daniel and Sarah Lewis of Fairfax and Brian, Wesley, Erin and David Young, of Raleigh.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery.

Philharmonia to Hold Concert at U. of Md.

The Philharmonia Ensemble, an independent, student-led chamber orchestra from the nationally-ranked University of Maryland School of Music will perform 8 p.m. Monday, March 12, at the Gildenhorn Recital Hall, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland. For more information call 301-226-2166 or e-mail dcbarl@wam.umd.edu.

Friendly Visitors, Helpers Needed

The Senior Adult Center in the Greenbelt Community Center needs volunteers to lead arts and crafts groups, to be friendly visitors and to assist staff with activities and serving lunch. To volunteer, call Daryl Pennington at 202-626-5782.

One World Baha'i Youth Workshop

An evening of spiritual drama, music, dance and drumming

Saturday March 10 at 8 PM
Greenbelt Community Center
Multi-purpose room

—Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM—
—The public is welcome—
—No donations accepted—

Baha'i Faith

Greenbelt Baha'i Community
301-345-2918 301-220-3160

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



You're
Welcome
Here

St. George's Episcopal Church

Episcopal/Anglican
Corner of Lanham-Severn Road
(MD 564) and Glenn Dale
Road, just south of
Greenbelt Rd (MD 193), Glenn Dale

301-262-3285

Sunday Services

9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the
Deaf/Hard of Hearing)
10 am Education for all ages
11 am Sung Service

Mowatt Memorial Holds Lenten Services

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church, 40 Ridge Road, invites people to Lenten Services each Wednesday evening through April 11 at 7 p.m.

Lenten Study Series in Fellowship Hall will be led by DaeHwa Park.

March 14, "Truly This Man Was God's Son": The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark.

March 21, "His Blood on Us and on Our Children": The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew.

March 28, "He Saved Others; Let Him Save Himself": The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke.

April 4, "When I am Lifted Up from the Earth": The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of John.

April 11, The Death of Jesus and the Meaning of Discipleship.

For more information call 301-474-9410 or 301-474-7291.

Baha'i Youth Perform Drama, Dance, Music

The One World Baha'i Youth Workshop will perform Saturday, March 10 at 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in the multi-purpose room. The workshop is a diverse group of youth ages 11 to 21 who devote their free time to promoting the oneness of humanity to their peers and communities. Through drama, dance, music, and drumming the workshop promotes principles essential for the cohesive functioning of society, such as the equality of men and women, the need for harmony among the races, and the importance of leading a spiritual and ethical life.

The program will be preceded at 6:30 p.m. by a potluck dinner. The public is cordially invited. This program is sponsored by the Baha'i's Greenbelt. No donations accepted. Call 301-345-3903 for more information.

Our Neighbors

It's a boy for former Greenbelter John Wilding and his wife Sally. Eric Anthony Wilding was born on February 5, 2001,

weighing 6 lbs., 12.5 oz. Proud grandmother Louise Wilding, who lives on Ridge Road, is overjoyed to have welcomed two baby grandsons in five months.



**Catholic
Community
of Greenbelt
MASS**

Municipal Building
10 A.M.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road,
Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)

Welcomes you to our open,
nurturing community

March 11, 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.

"Stone Soup"

Jennifer Brooks,
intern minister and friends

Barbara Wells and
Jaco B. tenHove,
co-ministers



Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Hillside & Crescent Roads

Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings

Sunday Worship

10:15 a.m.

Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

"A church of the open mind, the warm heart,
the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

301-474-9410

SUNDAY

Children and Adults

Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship Service 11:00 am



Handicapped accessible

Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor

All persons from all races and cultural backgrounds are
welcome. Together we learn to serve Christ.

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A warm, comfortable and involved congregation
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Family, 7:30 first Friday of the month



GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

101 GREENHILL ROAD

301-474-4212

Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



Sun. Worship

8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm

Wed. Praise and Prayer

7:00 pm

Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event

7:00 pm

"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"

WEDNESDAY LENTEN BIBLE STUDY MOWATT MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

40 Ridge Road

PASTOR DAEHWA PARK IN FELLOWSHIP HALL 7:00 PM

March 7	Recent Study about The Death of Christ Introduction
March 14	"Truly This Man was God's Son" The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of Mark
March 21	"His Blood on Us and on Our Children" The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew
March 28	"He Saved Others; Let Him Save Himself" The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of Luke
April 4	"When I am Lifted Up from the Earth" The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of John
April 11	The Death of Jesus and the Meaning of Discipleship
April 15	EASTER Sunrise Service 6:00 at Park Worship at Mowatt 11:00 AM

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.

Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor

Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate

Part Time Ministry

ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

A Stephen Ministry Congregation
African Immigration Ministry (AIM)

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class

9:30 - 10:00 a.m. Fellowship and Refreshments

10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Worship Service

11:15 - noon. Fellowship and Refreshments

7:30 p.m. Wednesday Worship Service

3:00 p.m. Sunday Freedom Christian Fellowship



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Participatory Worship Experience

Using Scripture, messages, sharing our life experiences,
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Christ within our lives and the world.

SATURDAYS 3:30-5:00

March 3 through March 31, 2001

Greenbelt Community Center
15 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, MD

Friends in Christ

Friends in Christ is a small community of spiritual travelers who follow Jesus.
We seek a living experience of God — through the Bible and in our daily lives.
Heeding Jesus, we find God in love, compassion, justice and service. We meet
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Call (301) 773-8007

Web: <http://www.friendsinchrist.net/>



Teachers and staff perform at Springhill Lake Elementary School's Black History Month production. - photo by Mary Moien

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arms or heads.

The fourth graders, dressed in red accents with black berets, performed "Do You Want Freedom" and "We Shall Overcome."

ERHS students and staff also assisted; ERHS dancers performed and the auditorium technical crew assisted the Springhill Lake students.

Anderson spoke glowingly of Principal Linda Sherwood, calling her "the best principal there is in Prince George's County." "She has open-mindedness for the cultural arts," Anderson said. She indicated that the children are benefiting from that open-mindedness and are "getting ready for real life."

Transit Users to Rally For Transit Funding

Transit users and supporters will rally in Annapolis on Monday, March 12, at 7 p.m. to urge support for full funding of the Governor's six-year, \$750 million transit package. The rally will take place at Asbury United Methodist Church, 87 West Street, one block from Church Circle. Bus service to Annapolis will be offered at reduced cost from locations around Maryland, courtesy of the Maryland Motor Coach Association. For information about bus service to the rally, call Jamie Kendrick at 410-539-1369, ext. 225 or 443-286-4751 or by email: jamick@cphabaltimore.org.

This statewide package includes the following elements: Implementation of technologies like "Smart Cards" allowing riders to use one card for transit trips in Md. and D.C.; reduction of fares by 25 percent for riders enrolled in welfare-to-work programs; new Metro buses and expanded bus routes in the D.C. region including expanded services to Waldorf, and new bus service from Greenbelt to BWI and Columbia to Bethesda; infrastructure improvements for Metro; and improved Metro parking and shuttle to satellite parking areas.

Arts Center Offers Auditions for Youth

Young actors and singers ages 10 - 12 are invited to audition and register for the Greenbelt Arts Center's upcoming production of Secret Circus, an original musical written and directed by Chris Cherry. Secret Circus will be presented on May 5 and 6 as part of Acme Clown Month, when noted flea circus impresario and clown Adam Gertsacov will be serving as clown in residence.

Performers may audition and register on Saturday, March 10, at 10 a.m. or on Thursday, March 15, at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. There is no need to prepare for the audition; songs will be taught at the beginning of the session. It is important to be on time. The director will try to include everyone who auditions in the production, but this cannot be guaranteed. There is a nominal fee to enroll each young actor as a member of the Greenbelt Arts Center. Kids who are already members through May 2001 may participate for free. For information, call the Arts Center at 301-441-8770.

Drumming Concert Thursday, March 15

Diali Djimo Kouyate and the popular University of Maryland African Drum Ensemble bring African drumming music to the grand Concert Hall in the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland. This free event, at 8 p.m. on Thursday, March 15, is sponsored by the School of Music's Ethnomusicology Program. For more information, call 301-405-7847.



Jill Romanoke's Work At Community Center

Jill Romanoke's work will be featured in an exhibition at the Community Center from March 14 to April 25. This artist, whose work is included in the collections of two United States embassies and Discovery TV, has been a working artist and curator for over 20 years. Completed sculptures made by participants in Romanoke's youth workshop series will be featured at the reception for the artist's exhibition on April 1 as part of the Artful Afternoon.



Acme Clown Month

with Greenbelt's Clown Laureate, Adam Gertsacov

CLASSES FOR KIDS

TUESDAYS 3:00-5:00—Parade Theatre—Ages 9-12

We'll work on precision routines, comic parade formations, large-scale puppets and mask work. The class will work toward performing a piece in the Street Festival Parade on May 6 as part of Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon. \$90

WEDNESDAYS 3:00-5:00—Clowning and Physical Comedy—Ages 10-14

Come and learn the ancient and honorable art of the clown. Learn staps, trips, falls, and other clown skills, and then learn to create your own clown routine. The class will culminate with a performance for friends and family on the last day of class. \$90

THURSDAYS 4:30-6:30—Teen Street Theatre — Ages 13-18

This class will focus on theatrical improvisation and comedy skills. We'll work toward creating a 10 minute performance piece that will be performed several times as part of the Street Festival on May 6 as part of Greenbelt's Artful Afternoon. \$90

CLASSES FOR ADULTS:

MASTER CLASS FOR ACTORS—CLOWN INTENSIVE. Maximum 8 students MAY 7 - MAY 11 10 AM - 1 PM EACH DAY

A special master class for actors, clowns, and professional entertainers. This class will consist of group exercises, individual exercises, and individual coaching on new material that you bring in to work on. We will accept only 8 students for maximum individual work. \$200

All classes start the week of April 1 and end the week of May 6 unless otherwise noted. Each class is 2 hours long. All classes are approximately 10 hours of instruction. All classes are conducted by a trained professional in a safe and supportive atmosphere.

For more information and a registration form, see our website at www.greenbelt.com/artscenter, or call 301-441-8770.

Sign Up Today!



Young Quilters Will Need Fabric, Thread

Anyone have surplus fabric? Greenbelt Elementary School has announced a project to design cloth quilts to illustrate the theme for the year, "Multiculturalism within the United States." Each class will make its own, so a lot of fabric will be needed; any donations of fabric, thread, and other supplies would be welcome.

Visitors and volunteers at the school are familiar with the hallways hung with paper quilts that were done last fall. Donations may be taken to the school at 66 Ridge Road, for fifth grade teacher Beth Novick. Transportation for large amounts may be arranged by calling David Lange at 301-577-3686.



GREENBELT NEEDS A FEW MORE GOOD PEOPLE

To volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the following:

- Advisory Planning Board
- Arts Advisory Board
- Community Relations Advisory Board
- Recycling & Environment Advisory Committee
- Senior Citizens Advisory Committee
- Youth Advisory Committee (youth & adult positions)

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

GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Municipal Building Council Room

March 12, 2001

Reception for ACE Educators - 7:30 p.m.

Regular Meeting - 8:00 p.m.

- I. ORGANIZATION
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
 4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations
(The consent agenda comprises those items marked by an asterisk [*], subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval.)
 5. Approval of Agenda and Additions
- II. COMMUNICATIONS
 6. Presentations
 - ACE Educator Awards Ceremony
 - COMCAST - Upcoming Cable Rebuild
 7. Petitions and Requests
(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council.)
 8. Minutes of Meetings
 9. Administrative Reports
 - * 10. Committee Reports
- III. LEGISLATION
 11. A Resolution for Negotiated Purchase with Tate Engineering of Baltimore, Maryland, for a Petro-Vend K-800 Fuel Management System, in the Sum of \$12,530 (2nd Reading, Adoption)
- IV. OTHER BUSINESS
 12. Award of Purchase - Purchase of Passenger Van
 13. Update on USDA Lawsuit
 14. State Legislation
 - * 15. Resignation from Advisory Group
 - * 16. Reappointment to Advisory Group
- V. 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. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

Kathleen Gallagher
City Clerk

Underground Railroad Offer Historical Play

In celebration of Women's History Month, Underground Railroad: Your Safe Passage — To Freedom From Addiction is bringing a special contribution to the dialogue on race in Prince George's County.

Grammy-nominated local musicians and playwrights Greg Artzner and Terry Leonino (also known as Magpie) have written a play using the actual text of letters written between John and Mary Brown while they awaited his execution for leading the Harper's Ferry insurrection. The performance of "Sword of the Spirit" will be held at University of Maryland's Tawes Theatre on March 22, 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The play promises to educate and inspire young people and their parents on the historic role women played in the abolitionist movement and continue to play in today's movement for civil rights and social justice. Two special matinees will be held for students attending local schools (see ad on page 7 for ticket prices).

Underground Railroad: Your Safe Passage — To Freedom

Volunteer Hotline Counselors Needed

The Prince George's County Hotline & Suicide Prevention Center is seeking volunteer hotline counselors. A new training class will begin on March 20. Volunteer crisis counselors provide telephone counseling for callers experiencing personal crises including suicide, child abuse, domestic violence, mental health issues and homelessness. The 36-hour training class takes three weeks to complete. Retirees or students who are interested in providing direct counseling to troubled callers are urged to apply. For more information or an application, contact Andrea Morris or Tim Jansen at 301-864-7095.

From Addiction is a comprehensive, acupuncture-based substance abuse treatment program for people who struggle with addictions. It is a non-profit organization based in Prince George's county. Proceeds from the play will support the ongoing efforts of Underground Railroad. For more information call Alaine Duncan or Sonia Mathis at 301-899-8009.



Greenbelt Recreation Department

SPRING REGISTRATION

GENERAL CLASS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Mail-In Registration Begins March 12

Mail-In Registration will be accepted at the Community Center and the Youth Center. In-Person registration is required for Aquatic and Fitness Center classes. For mail in registration, complete the form on page 4 of the Spring programs guide and mail with payment to:

Greenbelt Recreation Department; 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD, 20770. MasterCard/Visa and checks are accepted. If paying by credit card, please include the card type (MC/Visa), the expiration date, and the credit card number. Checks should be made payable to the 'City of Greenbelt.'

Mail-In Registrations

Greenbelt Residents	March 12
Non-Residents	March 19
Walk-In (for all)	March 26

Walk-In Registration Locations:

Greenbelt Youth Center, Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm

Greenbelt Community Center, Monday-Friday, 9am to 9:30pm

A 'DROP BOX' will be located at the Community Center Main Office, as well as the Youth Center, where registrations may be 'DROPPED' at any time during the registration period.

Inclusion

Individuals who are physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged are encouraged to participate in any of the Recreation Department's programs. If you need any special assistance, please call Karen Haseley at 301-397-2208 or TTY 301-474-2046.

Class Schedule

Except where noted, classes will begin the week of April 1, 2001. Saturday classes will begin April 7, 2001. Please see class description for specific dates and times. If class is cancelled, make-ups will be held at the end of the regular class schedule when possible. PLEASE NOTE. Children's classes at the Youth Center and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center will not be held during the week of April 9-13.

P.G. County School Holidays

Pre-school and children's classes that begin at or before 4:30pm will not meet on P.G. County School holidays. Adult classes will be held as scheduled, except where noted in class description.

PRE-SCHOOL CLASSES

Mom's Morning Out 3-4 yrs 227503-1	Tu/Th 9-12 noon/YC-A&C 8-weeks: 3/27 - 5/4 R:\$112.50 NR:\$135	This traditional preschool program focuses on providing activities which encourage social development, gross motor skills, and listening to and following instructions. Children must be fully potty trained before they are eligible to register. Program will not be offered on PG County scheduled school holidays or when schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather. Instructor: Gay Houchens
Mom's Morning Out 4-5 YRS 227503-3	M/W/F 9-1pm/YC-A&C 8-weeks: 3/26-5/25 R:\$220; NR:\$264	
Payment 1 due at registration. Payment 2 due 05/02/01		
Pre-Gymnastics 3-5 yrs 222502-1	Th 3:30-4:15pm/YC-Gym 8-weeks: 4/5-5/31 No class 4/12 R: \$34; NR: \$42.50	Gymnastic fundamentals, safe tumbling, and creative movement. Parents are not allowed in gym. ABC Jamboree.
Pre-School Art & Crafts 3-5 yrs 223407-1	Th 3:30-4:15pm/SHL 6-weeks: 4/5-5/10 FREE; Registration required.	Make and take projects for the youngest of artists. Instructor: Janet Goldberg
Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs 222401-1	Tu 3:30-4:15pm/SHL 6-weeks: 4/3-5/8 FREE; Registration required.	Songs, games and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills. Instructor: Janet Goldberg
Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs 222503-1	Tu 4:15-5pm/YC-A&C 6-weeks: 4/3-5/15 No class 4/10 FREE; Pre-registration required	Songs, games and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills. Instructor: Cathy Pracht
Pre-school Playtime 3-5 yrs 222503-2	Th 4:15-5pm/YC-A&C 6-weeks: 4/5-5/17 No class 4/12 FREE; Pre-registration required	Songs, games and projects for your pre schooler to enjoy while developing social skills. Instructor: Cathy Pracht
Tiny Tots Drop-In 9-18 mos 217502-2	Tu 9:30-10:30 am/YC-MPR 8-weeks 4/3-5/29 No class 4/10 R: \$15; NR: \$18.75; Drop-in \$3/cl	Unstructured, quality playtime for child and their adult caregiver. Parent Supervised
Tiny Tots Drop-In 9-18 mos 217505-1	Th 9:30-10:30am/YC-MPR 8-weeks: 4/5-5/31 No class 4/12 R: \$15; NR: \$18.75; Drop-in: \$3/cl	Unstructured, quality playtime for child and their adult caregiver. Parent Supervised
Toddler Gym I 1 1/2-2 1/2 yrs 212501-1	W 9:30-10:30am/YC-Gym 8-weeks: 4/4-5/30 No Class 4/12 R:\$20; NR:\$25; Drop-in; \$3/class	Parent and child will enjoy games, songs, and a gym full of play toys. A maximum of 2 children per caregiver may attend the class. Parent Supervised.
Toddler Gym II 2 1/2-3 1/2 yrs 212501-2	F 9:30-10:30am/YC-Gym 8-weeks: 4/6-6/1 No class 4/13 R: \$20; NR: \$25; Drop-in: \$3/class	Parent and child will enjoy games, songs, and a gym full of play toys. A maximum of 2 children per caregiver may attend the class. Parent Supervised.

CLASSES FOR AGES 6 to 11

Ballet for Beginners I 234201-1	Sa 9:30am-10:45am/CC-Dan. Stud. 6 weeks: 4/7-5/12 R:\$48; NR:\$56; Drop-in: \$10	Provides solid foundation in technique of classical ballet. Instructor Wendy Emanuel
Ballet for Beginners I 234201-2	Sa 9:30am-10:45am/CC-Dan. Stud. 6 weeks: 5/19-6/23 R:\$48; NR:\$56; Drop-in: \$10	Provides solid foundation in technique of classical ballet. Instructor: Wendy Emanuel
Gymnastics 6-10 yrs 232502-1	Th 4:30-5:15pm/YC-Gym 8-weeks: 04/05-05/31 no class 04/12 R: \$34; NR: \$42.50	Concentration on tumbling, apparatus, creative movement and safety. No parents allowed in class. ABC Jamboree



Acme Clown Month AUDITIONS

Secret Circus

by Chris Cherry

Young Anya must flee her village when the sinister Paper Doll Police arrive to enforce their credo that everyone should be the same. She escapes with a travelling circus, whose prodigies and misfits show her the meaning of courage and the power to forgive.

Young actors and singers ages 10-12 may audition and register for the production on

Saturday, March 10 at 10:00 a.m. or Thursday, March 15th at 7:00 p.m. Greenbelt Community Center

No audition piece necessary; songs will be taught at the beginning of the session. Please be prompt. We will try to include everyone in the production, but cannot guarantee it.

Rehearsals/performance Saturdays and Sundays March 31-May 6, with additional rehearsals TBA April 9-13 during P.G. Schools spring break.

Cost: \$15, which enrolls each actor as a member of the Greenbelt Arts Center. No charge for kids who are already GAC members through May 2001.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF March 9

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Sun (5:00 @ \$4.00) 7:30
Mon-Thurs. 7:30

March 23: Crouching Tiger Hidden Dragon

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129 Centerway
www.pgtheatres.com

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took a vacation together with him to Ohio one summer.

The Statue

Also about this time, the center's statue was dedicated. We never could see why anyone would like that monstrosity so we decided to improve its looks. A few of us boys gathered paint and decorated it in rainbow colors. It was beautiful. However, city officials took a dim view of our artwork and made us do community cleanup for five whole Saturdays to pay for the sandblasting to remove the paint. The statue still remains one of the squarest pieces of artwork ever conceived and probably the forerunner of Pop Art. The only thing good about the statue was the drinking fountains on either side during hot days in the summer.

During the war years, those of us too young to enlist joined Sgt. Stacey's Maryland Minutemen, and we drilled in the school gym every Wednesday night. We were issued winter green uniforms from captured German soldiers that had the Maryland emblem patch added on the left shoulder. We marched with dummy rifles and did a lot of close-order drill. At the end of high school on June 7, 1945, a bunch of us boys raced to the enlistment offices.

I chose the U.S. Navy and left immediately for Camp Peary, Virginia, just a few miles outside of Williamsburg. Just after getting out of "Boot Camp" I was assigned to a ship, the CVE Block Island, but before we could set sail, the atomic bombs were dropped on Japan and the war ended. I was reassigned as Cadre at the Camp Peary base until discharged in late 1946. I went to Maryland University under the G.I. Bill, eventually bought a spanking new home with a 5 1/4 per cent G.I. Home loan and went to work for the Associated Press (AP). Because I was commissioned in the ROTC in 1949 at Maryland U., I was activated into the U.S. Army when the Korean "Police Action" began and went straight to Korea. I was wounded twice but managed to come home in one piece. I resumed my job at the AP and stayed with them until I retired in 1976.

I attended many reunions of the Class of 1945 but I think we had to wear name tags because we had all changed so much. It

never will be the same... and shouldn't be. Life goes on and we all change. Many of the people that I mentioned earlier are gone now. We'll all meet again one sweet day. The one thing that impressed all of us in the early years in Greenbelt was the respect we all had for the police, the law and our parents. Crime in Greenbelt during the years that I lived there, from 1937 until 1952, was non-existent. The police that I remember, Buddy Attick and Officer Belton (can't remember his first name), were gentlemen. Occasionally, one of our veterans would leave the American Legion a little tipsy and they would ask them to park their cars and they would take them home. We took care of our own then. The mere threat of punishment from parents was enough to keep us roughnecks in line. Urban Sprawl has all but wiped out the uniqueness of living "way out in the sticks" but it's nice to know that Greenbelt is still on the map.

Thanks for letting me reminisce about my life there. I think about Greenbelt and my old friends often. I'm also enclosing my E-Mail address. Perhaps someone will contact me. That would truly be a blessing.

Ray S. Bochert, Jr.
870 Industrial Park Road
Dawson Springs, KY 42408
E-mail: rbochert@VC

(Editor's Note: When AP moved into the electronic age Bochert took early retirement. He lives now in the house where he was born and is working to put his town on the map as a health spa. He has served nine years as county zoning commissioner and is in his twelfth year as a city councilman. Bochert is involved with the local Chamber of Commerce and writes a weekly column, Doings in Dawson Springs for the local daily, Madisonville Messenger.)

Dr. Hatfield Speaks To County Alliance

Dr. Agnes Hatfield will address a free workshop of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Prince George's County on Thursday, March 15. The workshop will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. at the P.G. County Police Community Resource Center in Landover Mall.

The center, next to Hecht's, is located off Exit 17B from the Beltway. For more information, call 301-322-1900.

Recollections of Ray Bochert

by Barbara Likowski

After receiving Ray Bochert's story, the News Review called Donnie Wolfe to clarify some information and he added some recollections.

Donnie Wolfe, Lakewood, recalls a funny story concerning his friend Ray Bochert. According to Wolfe, the boys swam in Greenbelt Lake even after swimming there became illegal. Bochert told Donnie and another friend that he knew a much bet-

ter place to swim and took them to the water tower in Beltsville Agriculture Research Center. At that time there was no fence around the tower. A ladder went up the tower, and when a door at the top was removed, they found another ladder which went down to the water.

The boys had a great time swimming. After awhile they discovered they could no longer reach the ladder. Although Bochert assured them the water would fill

again, the other two panicked. They tried again and again to jump up and reach the ladder. But eventually, the water filled and they were able to climb out.

The boys went immediately to where the barbershop is now but was then the police station and told Chief George Panagoulis what they had done.

In no time WSSC was there to put a fence around the tank, a lock on it and a ladder that was hinged.



Greenbelt Recreation Department SPRING REGISTRATION GENERAL CLASS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION (cont'd)

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Kids' Cooking 237201-1	F 6:00pm-8:00pm/CC-Dining Hall 4 classes: 4/13, 4/27, 5/11, 5/25 R:\$25; NR:\$29	Kids will enjoy an evening of cooking, games, crafts and fun. Instructor: Janice Bistany
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CLASSES FOR AGES 12 to 1

Ballet for Teen Beginners I 244201-1	Sa 11:00am-12:15pm/CC-D. Studio 6 weeks: 4/7-5/12 R:\$48; NR:\$56; Drop-in: \$10	Classical ballet technique basics for teen beginners. Instructor: Wendy Emanuel
Ballet for Teen Beginners I 244201-2	Sa 11:00am-12:15pm/CC-D. Studio 6 weeks: 5/19-6/23 R:\$48; NR:\$56; Drop-in: \$10	Classical ballet technique basics for teen beginners. Instructor: Wendy Emanuel
Befriend Your Camera 253201-1	Th 7:00-9:00pm/CC-Gallery 4 weeks: 5/3-5/24 R: \$55; NR: \$60	Demystify photography and move your pictures beyond the snapshot level. Instructor: Tim Edberg
Caribbean Folk Dance 254203-1	M 6:00pm-7:00pm/CC-Dan. Stud. 6 weeks: 4/2-5/7 R: \$45; NR: \$55; Drop-in: \$8	Enjoy distinctive Caribbean movement and tropical music. Instructor: Wendy Emanuel
Caribbean Folk Dance 254203-2	M 6:00pm-7:00pm/CC-Dan. Stud. 6 weeks: 5/14-6/18 R: \$45; NR: \$55; Drop-in: \$8	Enjoy distinctive Caribbean movement and tropical music. Instructor: Wendy Emanuel
Fit 'n' Fun Aerobics 252203-1	M/W/F 9:30am-10:45am/CC-Gym 10 weeks: 4/2-6/8 3 days/wk R:\$47; NR:\$56 2 days/wk R:\$31; NR:\$37 Drop-in: R:\$2, NR:\$3	High/low aerobics; kickboxing, toning and weights. Bring mats and weights. Free Babysitting! Instructor: Judy Cocciaro
Greek Folk Dancing 254201-1	Su 4:30pm-6:30pm/CC-Dan. Stud. 8 weeks: 4/8-5/27 Fee: \$32	Remember Zorba and wonderful Greek music? Have fun and keep fit. Instructor: Chris Tennant
Hatha Yoga 252205-1	Sa 11am-12:10pm/CC-Rehears. Rm. 8 weeks: 4/7-5/26 R:\$40; NR:\$48	Learn postures (asanas) as preparation for meditation. All abilities. Bring mat or bath towel. Instructor: Claudia Baldwin
Health Fitness 252202-1	Tu 7pm-8pm/CC-Rehearsal Room 12 weeks: 4/3-6/19 R:\$42; NR: \$52; Drop-in: \$5	Movements from many disciplines for flexibility, toning, and strength. Bring a mat. Instructor: Amy Derin
Health Fitness 252202-2	Th 7pm-8pm/CC-Rehearsal Room 12 weeks: 4/5-6/21 R:\$42; NR:\$52; Drop-in \$5	Movements from many disciplines for flexibility, toning, and strength. Bring a mat. Instructor: Amy Derin
International Folk Dancing 16+ 254501-1	F 8pm-10pm/YC-Multi Purpose 8 weeks: 4/6-6/1 (No class 4/13) Fee: \$32	Free Open House on 3/30 at 7:40pm. Variety of dances for all skill levels. Instructor: Roland Forbes
Jacki Sorensen's Aerobics	Tu-Th 6pm-7pm/SHL Sa 9am-10am Fee: \$3.50 per class	Register with class instructor at the first class. Info: 301-439-3866 Instructor: Janet Anderson
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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.

Trespassing

Shell Food Mart in the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane, February 23, 4:40 p.m., a 48-year-old male of no fixed address was arrested and charged with trespassing and possession of an open alcoholic beverage. Officers responded to a report of a man inside the store who had been banned from the store by the management. The man was located in the parking lot, blocking patrons from using the fuel pumps. He was also found to be in possession of a bottle of vodka. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

7500 block of Mandan Road, February 27, 8 p.m., a 34-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with trespassing/peeping tom. A man left his residence and observed the man looking into his 11-year-old's bedroom window. When the resident approached the stranger, the latter fled. He was located nearby and was positively identified by the witness. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct

Denny's at Greenway Center, February 24, 2:51 a.m., a 19-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct. Officers responded to a report of a disorderly man at the restaurant. The man refused to leave the lobby area, blocking patrons from leaving or entering the restaurant. He was released on citation pending trial.

Shell Mart in the 5700 block of Cherrywood Lane, February 26, 8 a.m., a 51-year-old male of no fixed address was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and trespassing. Officers responded to a report of a disorderly man in the parking lot. The man was asked to leave and did so. He returned a short time later and began yelling at customers and blocking the entrance

to the store. He was then arrested and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglary and Theft

7500 block of Hanover Parkway, February 23, 11:59 a.m., a prescription pad was taken from a doctor's office.

Roosevelt Center, February 23, 4:44 p.m., an article of clothing hanging out to dry was taken.

100 block of Westway, February 23, 7:40 p.m., a video game player, video games, paper shredder, money, and other household items were taken.

Holiday Inn in the 7200 block of Hanover Drive, February 23, 7:45 p.m., airline tickets were taken from a room.

Greenway Center, February 25, 8:19 p.m., an unattended wallet left at an ATM was taken.

7400 block of Greenway Center Drive, February 27, 12:08 p.m., a wallet was taken from a desk in an unsecured office.

Three Brothers Restaurant in Beltway Plaza, February 28, 1:56 p.m., an unattended wallet was taken from a restroom.



Vehicle Crimes

9100 block of Springhill Lane, February 26, a 17-year-old resident was arrested for two counts of theft and resisting arrest. An officer observed two suspicious people in a parking lot. The people got into a 1999 Honda Civic and began to drive away. A computer check revealed that the vehicle had been reported stolen to the Prince George's County police department. The officer attempted to initiate a traffic stop. Both occupants exited the vehicle and fled the scene on foot. The youth was apprehended a short time later with the assistance of a

Hotline on Drugs

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K-9 unit and was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

6700 block of Springshire Way, February 26, a person left a 1997 silver 4-door BMW 528 with Maryland tags GZS 325 running and unlocked in the driveway. A witness observed a person enter the vehicle and drive away. The suspect is described as a black male 5'6" to 5'8", 160 to 170 lbs., light complexioned, with a moustache; he was wearing a

black knit cap and a dark jacket. A burgundy 4-door 1992 Chevrolet Caprice with Maryland tags GEG 911 was stolen February 25 from the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive.

Vandalisms to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall, 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, 9100 and 9300 blocks of Edmonston Road, and 7800 block of Hanover Parkway.

Depression Seminar

Symptoms of depression are commonly found among people who have been victimized. Washington Adventist Hospital is offering a free program, which will provide some practical ways to start the process of healing and recovery. The class will be held on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 1-800-542-5096. Advance registration is required.



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"Life Is a Dream" Playing at U.Md.

by Nelda Young

What is reality? "Life is a Dream" by Calderon de la Barca, a production at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center and University Theatre, University of Maryland, grapples with that question. "Dream" is a work from the Golden Age of Spanish drama that examines the connection between reality and dreams and the philosophical problems that surround free will and determinism.

The story revolves around Segismundo, locked away by his father, the king of Poland, because of a prophecy that he would defeat his father for the throne in a civil war. Given a chance to be free, Segismundo instead revolts and is imprisoned once again, unsure whether what he experienced was a dream or reality.

Though the script is cerebral, it does get exciting. This wild man, Segismundo, aptly played by Gordon Parks III, lacks civility. When given the opportunity to join society, in a fit of temper he throws a servant out the window to his death. Then overwhelmed with lust, he attempts to rape a fair-haired maiden.

Clarín, a servant girl, played by Erika Michelle Rose, charmed the audience with her humor. She bridged the time gap to the 21st century with her play on words and engaged the audience with a twinkle in her eye.

The cast of 13 also includes Anne Gullidge as Rosaura; Dave Fontaine and Maria Policastri play Astolpho and Estrella, respectively.

The design team includes three MFA students: scenic designer Scott Hengen, lighting

Live Wax Black Museum At Greenbelt Elementary

by Pauline Santorelli

The Expeditionary Learning, Outward Bound (ELOB) theme at Greenbelt Elementary School for the 2000/01 school year is "Multiculturalism in the United States." This theme is evident to anyone entering the front doors of the school. Visitors can see that the students and staff have wholeheartedly embraced this slogan. Every event is turned into a celebration of learning.

An example of this celebration was proudly executed on February 27, when the gymnasium at Greenbelt Elementary was transformed into a live children's wax museum to honor Black History Month. The third grade classes taught by Ms. Lappi, Mrs. Santorelli, and Mr. Lenhart began their mini expedition in late January, shortly after Lappi's and Santorelli's class celebrated the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. with a freedom tea, another mini expedition.

The students began by choosing an African American man or woman whom they were interested in learning more about. The research for the written segment of this project was found on the Internet and in the school's library. Each student was required to write at least four paragraphs telling many interesting, and to some,

designer Robert L. Scharff III, and costume designer LeVonne Lindsey. Sound design is by Tim Thompson, house sound designer at Arena Stage.

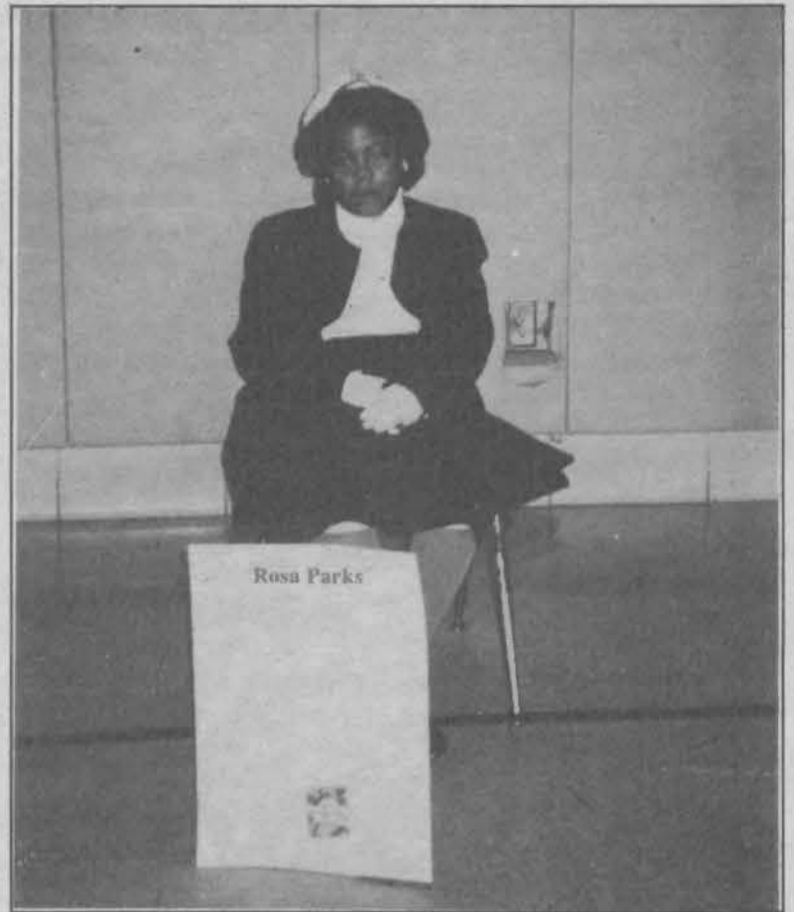
The last two performances will take place on Friday, March 9, and Saturday, March 10.

surprising facts about their African American person. Backboards were also created displaying the written report along with some pictures of the person they were portraying. The children were so excited about this project that on February 27, they not only dressed the part, they also took on the attitude and personality of their character.

As a visual aid and backdrop to the wax museum, a Black History time line was designed to help the students and guests see where the African Americans who were being represented, were placed in history. The students were placed in the wax museum according to the historical significance of their African American character. For 60 minutes, each student stood or sat as if frozen in time. One kindergarten student on the tour even reached out and touched to see if Rosa Parks was real or wax. Another student was overheard saying, as he looked at a portrayal of Jackie Robinson, "I know that baseball player!"

Family, friends, and the entire school population visited the live children's wax museum. Anyone who came was impressed by what they saw and left with a feeling of amazement.

There will be one more opportunity for Greenbelters to enjoy this performance. On Thursday, April 26, Greenbelt Elementary will hold its Annual Multicultural Dinner. As usual, there will be food, music and performances from every culture imaginable and the students are already practicing to show off their talents. More information will be forthcoming.



Rosa Parks sitting here is really third grader April Hunter, who sat so still as part of the third grade Black Wax Museum.

- photo by Pauline Santorelli

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Schoolgirl samplers, an old school bell, writing slates and school photos are among the items featured at the Laurel Museum in their exhibit "A Laurel School House Sampler."

photo courtesy of Laurel Museum

Laurel Museum Chronicles Education

Visitors to the Laurel Museum will take a step back in time to experience formal education as students at the turn of the century knew it. Within the museum a space evoking a schoolroom from Laurel Elementary School #3 has been recreated. The school room is part of "A Laurel School House Sampler," a new exhibition examining the history of education and the methods of learning and the primary education curriculum of turn-of-the-century Laurel.

Augmenting a display of needlepoint exercise books and photographs, the exhibition also includes materials from the Rockland School for Girls, a school attended by the daughters of prosperous Laurel residents, which are on loan from the Sandy Spring Museum. There is also a re-creation of a late 19th century parlor, complete with pump organ.

Educational History

Laurel in many ways was at the forefront of the movement to extend education beyond the very wealthy in Prince George's County. The earliest known school in the community, established by Horace Capron and the owners of the Patuxent Manufacturing Company in the 1840s, provided free education to the children of mill workers. Private academies attended by prosperous families and girls' finishing schools also thrived.

The state established free public education after the Civil War, and records show that in 1868 Prince George's County's largest public school was in Laurel. By the late 19th century, Laurel became the site of the county's first public high school.

The museum exhibition also addresses the issue of African-American education in the community, with special emphasis on Laurel Elementary #2, the community's public school for African-American students during segregation.

For more information on the exhibit or to learn about volunteer opportunities at the Laurel Museum or with the Laurel Historical Society call 301-725-7975.

Audubon Society Presents "Nestwatch"

Was the robin nesting in the front yard there last year? Is the chickadee that nested in the bird box the same bird that nested there the year before? Join members of the Prince George's Audubon Society at 7:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 13 at the College Park Airport Annex for a slide presentation by Dr. Peter Marra of the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center (SERC) in Edgewater about a new citizen/scientist backyard bird research project that will help answer these and many other questions.

The Smithsonian Neighborhood Nestwatch can provide people with a unique scientific learning opportunity while gathering important scientific data on the biology of migratory birds in urban and suburban landscapes. Smithsonian Observers monitor the reproductive success and survival of a nesting pair of migratory or resident birds. After selecting a bird species nesting in the neighborhood, a SERC scientist, with the observer's help, will catch two birds, measure them, band them with a unique color band and then release them. Observers receive training to enable them to observe the birds, find their nests and record important scientific data. The following year, observers will search their neighborhoods to see if the color-banded birds survived the long migration to and from their winter homes. This experience will be like taking a course in field ornithology in one's own backyard.

The program is free to all who are interested. For more information, call Maureen Blades at 301-262-5148.

Mieko Ishikawa Art

The U.S. National Arboretum presents the first American exhibition of original cherry blossom and nature paintings by the renowned Japanese botanical illustrator and artist Mieko Ishikawa. The free exhibition will be held in the lobby of the Administration building.

Patuxent Research Programs Offered

Patuxent Research Refuge is offering a variety of nature programs that are free but require advance reservations. To make reservations, or to request accommodations for special needs, call 301-497-5887. Program information is also available on the web: patuxent.fws.gov.

The following programs will be held at the North Tract, located on Rt. 198 between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 32:

Owl Prowl — Discover the nighttime world of owls and look and listen for great horned, screech and barn owls on a guided walk — 6:30 to 8 p.m., Saturday, March 17. Ages 8 and older with adult.

Animal Actions — Discover how animals get from place to place, 1 to 2 p.m., Sunday, March 18. Ages 5 to 7.

Programs held at the National Wildlife Visitor Center, located on Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197:

Nature Tots: Tweet, Tweet



Magnolia Students Are Learning Black History

by Mary Moien

The students at Magnolia Elementary School were challenged every day during February, which was African-American History Month. Each morning over the public address system, a student would relate information about a famous black American from a biography that he or she had read. The student would describe some of the person's life and achievements. But, the identity of the person would not be divulged.

Afterward, in each classroom, the children tried to identify the person. In some of the higher

classes, students used reference books and discussions to assist their exploration. In the younger classes, the teacher gave more assistance. Then each classroom would send a ballot to the office with their answer.

At the end of each day, the identity of the person was announced and each classroom with the correct answer received a certificate on their door. A large calendar had been placed near the cafeteria, and the picture of the day's historical figure was pasted on the date.

Terry Dolan, chair of the Multicultural Committee at Magnolia and a teacher in the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) program spoke of the excitement in the school and the extra learning that went on. Dolan said that the students often stopped by the calendar to look at the pictures and she could hear them say, "I remember this person."

"The visuals always help," she commented.

Although "every class did well," Robert Allen's sixth grade class was the only one to identify each of the famous figures correctly.

— Introduces preschoolers to birds with stories, activities, and hands-on fun, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 14. Ages 3 and 4, with adult.

Raptors — Discover the special adaptations of birds of prey, 4 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 14; 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 2 p.m., Saturday, March 17. Ages 8 to 12.

GAVA Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts



GAVA's programs take place at the Greenbelt Community Center. A Registration & Membership form for GAVA classes is available at the Community Center's main office. GAVA members receive a discount on programs. For more information about other GAVA programs call Barbara Simon at 301-474-2192.

Programs for Children Ages Pre-School to 16

Class	Day/Time/Location/ Fee	Description
Painting & Printmaking, for Ages 4-8	Sa/10-11:00am/ Children's Art Rm R: \$38; NR: \$48	4/21-6/2/6 wks. Explore a variety of materials and techniques. Instructor: Barbara Simon
Cartooning & Comic Book I, for Ages 8-11	T/4:30-5:30pm/Children's Art Rm R: \$57; NR: \$67	4/17-6/5/8 wks. Create comic books & strips, trading cards, TV storyboards with George Kochell.
Cartooning & Comic Book II, for Ages 11-16	T/6-7:00pm/Children's Art Rm R: \$57; NR: \$67	4/17-6/5/8 wks. Create comic books & strips, trading cards, TV storyboards with George Kochell.
Beginning Animation, for Ages 10-16	M/5-7:00pm/Children's Art Rm R: \$109; NR: \$119	4/16-6/18/9 wks. (No class 5/28) Create an animated video using computer animation with George Kochell & GATE (Greenbelt Access TV.)
Intermediate Animation, for Ages 10-16	F/5-7:00pm/Children's Art Rm R: \$109; NR: \$119	4/20-6/15/9 wks. (No class 5/28) For students that have taken at least 1 animation class with GAVA. Create an animated video using computer animation with George Kochell & GATE (Greenbelt Access TV)
Saturday Ceramics 1, for ages 8-10	Sa/10-11:00am/Children's Ceramics Studio R: \$60; NR \$70	4/21-6/9/8 wks. Children learn handbuilding & decorative techniques for creating clay pottery & sculpture. Instructors: Pat Jackson & Pamela Larsen
Saturday Ceramics 2, for ages 5-8	Sa/11:15-12:15pm/Children's Ceramics Studio R: \$60; NR \$70	4/21-6/9/8 wks. Children learn handbuilding & decorative techniques for creating clay pottery & sculpture. Instructors: Pat Jackson & Pamela Larsen
Pottery for Ages 11+	Sa/2:30-5:00pm/Adult Ceramics Studio R: \$81 NR: \$91	4/21-6/9/8 wks. Introductory course in using the potter's wheel/building. Students with previous experience will be encouraged to master their skills. Includes open studio time on Fridays, 4-6:30pm. Instructor: Katherine Kane
Homeschoolers Art Class, for Ages 5-16	Th/1-3:15pm/Children's Art Rm & Cer.Studio R: \$110; NR: \$120; Siblings: R: \$70; NR: \$80	4/20-6/14/9 wks. Explore a variety of techniques using clay, paint and printmaking materials. Instructor: Barbara Simon & Katherine Kane
After-School Drop-In Art, for Ages 5-12	T/3-6:00pm/Children's Ceramics Studio & W/3-6:00pm/Children's Art Room \$1.50 per hour	4/17-6/13 Open studio for kids in ceramics & painting, drawing & crafts. No pre-registration required. Runs every week during public school year except when school is closed.
Pre-School Drop-In Art, for Ages 3-5	W/9am-12 noon/Children's Art Rm \$1.50 per hour	4/17-6/13. Drop-in for pre-schoolers accompanied by parents/caregivers.No pre-registration required. Runs every week during public school year except when school is closed.
Teen Arts Drop-In, for Ages 11-16	Th/4-7:00pm/Children's Art Rm/ Drop-in fee: \$4 per day or \$30 for 9 week session.	4/19-6/14. Open studio for teens in painting, drawing, crafts. No pre-registration required.
Ceramic Open Studio, for ages 11-16	F/4-6:30pm/Adult Ceramics Studio/Drop-in fee: \$4 per day or \$30 for 9 week session, free for current students in Pottery for Ages 11+	4/20-6/15 Open studio for teens who have previous experience in a ceramics studio or are currently enrolled in Pottery for Ages 11+. Participants work independently. Adult supervisor is present.

Important note to Teens: Teens 14 & up are welcome in Silk Painting and Sewing Classes under Adult Listings next page

Wetland Education Center Coming to Greenbelt Lake

by Dorothy Sucher

The ecology of Greenbelt Lake may be explained in a permanent wetland education facility, to be constructed on the north shore of the lake. The Chesapeake Bay Trust has approved a grant to the City of Greenbelt for construction and planting materials, although plans have yet to be finalized or approved by the Greenbelt City Council.

The idea of a wetland education facility emerged from a brainstorming session between Superintendent of Operations Bill Phelan and Community Planner Terry Hruby. Conceived as a conservation and education project, the facility was designed by Phelan, who modeled his plan after the original plans from the 1930s for a boat dock and boathouse that were never built. An eight-foot boardwalk would run along the shoreline for about 100 feet, terminating in a circle at one end and a diamond-shaped platform at the other, with a handrail on the water side. The top board of the railing would be set at a 45 degree angle, and panels would be placed on it at intervals giving environmental information.

The ecology of the lake; the plant life along the shore, and the animal life in the lake environment would be explained. Several benches would be included for the use of fishermen and others.

"It should be a really nice facility," said Phelan. "I'm sure we'll get fishermen there. I hope we can also get them to read the panels and become involved with the preservation of the lake. Fishermen are a group that haven't normally been pulled into Earth Day events, but they would be natural participants."

Native Aquatic Plants

A range of aquatic and marshland plants native to the mid-Atlantic region are to be planted along the boardwalk. There will be aquatic "emergents," like pickeral weed, blue water iris, and sagitaria or duck potatoes (so called because ducks like their tuberous roots). The sagitaria will need to be roped off until they are well established, to keep the ducks away. Lobelia, swamp milkweed, and water lilies are also planned.

Young People

One objective of the Chesapeake Bay Trust grant program,

in addition to protecting wetland ecology, is to increase volunteerism. According to Hruby, the planners are hoping to involve school children, who may help with the planting. In addition, the ecology club at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, which has worked with the city on a previous project, may even help draft the educational panels. These will explain the function of the lake itself and its vegetation, which are more than simply recreational and decorative. The plants serve as filtering devices that clean the water which eventually ends up in the Chesapeake Bay. The plants also prevent soil erosion.

Hruby stressed that the grant has not yet been accepted by the city council. Also, the council will be reviewing and perhaps revising the original plans. However, it is likely that the grant will be accepted soon, since the project must be completed by June 1, 2002. It is hoped that the facility can be formally opened in April 2002, on Earth Day.



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GAVA Art Programs for Adults and Teens 16 & Over

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Water Color Weekend Workshops	Sa/9:30am-3:30pm/Adult Art Rm	April-June Three workshops are planned, each with a different instructor. Call 301-474-2192 for details.
Silk Painting	M/7-9:00 pm/Children's Art Rm R: \$45; NR: \$55, plus \$20 materials fee	4/9-4/30/4 wks. Younger teens welcome! You will be enchanted by the brilliant colors and dramatic textures! Anyone can create a masterpiece! Instructor: Diane Tuckman
Beginners Silk Painting Workshop	T & W/10am-4:00pm/Adult Art Rm R: \$150; NR: \$160	3/13 & 14 See description for Silk Painting above. Price includes all materials. Instructor: Diane Tuckman
Floral Arrangements with Flair!	M/3-5:00pm/Children's Art Rm R: \$45; NR: \$55, plus \$20 materials fee	4/9-4/30/4 wks. Learn exciting ways to make exquisite & simple arrangements you can live with! All fresh flowers provided. Bring 2 or 3 small vases/containers you like to first class & sharp knife/garden shears.
Appalachian Basketweaving Workshops	Sa/10:30-3:30pm/Adult Art Rm Each workshop: R: \$60; NR: \$70, plus \$15 material fee for each workshop	4/21, 4/28, & 5/5 For beginning & intermediate students. A basket will be completed in each workshop. Call instructor Teddy Primack for details 301-441-8462
Introductory Sewing	Su/3-6:00pm/Children's Art Rm R: \$130; NR: \$140	4/22-6/17/8 wks. (No class 5/27) Hand/machine sewing, pattern & fabric layout. Students produce one outfit during session. Supply list available at Comm. Cen. Office. Instructor: Folonda Nix
Intermediate Sewing	Su/1-3:00pm/Children's Art Rm R: \$88; NR: \$98	4/22-6/3/6 wks Learn the components of fit using darts, seam finishes, zippers/buttons. Students produce 1 skirt in class. Supply list available at Comm. Cen. Office. Instructor: Folonda Nix
Stained Glass, for Beginners-Advanced Students	Sa/4-7:00pm/Adult Art Rm R: \$83; NR: \$93. \$15 studio fee should be included with payment.	4/21-6/2/7 wks. Learn to cut glass and assemble pieces into stained glass windows using copper foil and traditional lead cane methods. Instructor: Rick McMullin.
Stained Glass Open Studio	Sa/3-6:00pm/Adult Art Rm	3/3-4/7/6 wks. For students who have been in previous classes. Call Rick McMullin for details at 301-530-4534
Introduction to Clay	M/1-3:30pm/Adult Ceramics Studio R: \$60; NR: \$65	3/12-4/2/4 wks. Hands-on experience with clay, including handbuilding, pottery wheel.
Beginning Wheel/Pottery	M/6:30-9:30pm/Adult Ceramics Studio R: \$135; NR: \$145	4/16-6/25/10 wks. (No class 5/28) Introduction to clay using the pottery wheel. Class emphasizes learning basic clay handling techniques, explores surface decoration, glazing & finishing work. Tools/supplies list available before class begins. Instructor: Diana Manchak
Intermediate Wheel/Pottery	T/6:30-9:30pm/Adult Ceramics Studio R: \$135; NR: \$145	4/17-6-19/10 wks. Experienced students will improve throwing skills & learn advanced techniques. Clay terminology, surface decoration & finishing emphasized, firing processes discussed. Tools/supplies list available before class begins. Instructor: Diana Manchak
Explore Handbuilding	S/2-5:00pm/Children's Ceramics Studio R: \$135; NR: \$145	4/22-7/1/10 wks. (No class 5/27) Learn a variety of handbuilding styles & techniques. Finch, coil, slab, drape & extruded forms will be explored. Attention to surface detail, glazing, handling & firing. Tools/supplies list available before class begins. Instructor: Diana Manchak

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is located in Room 083B of the Prince George's County Courthouse at 14735 Main Street in Upper Marlboro. Call 301-952-2810.

People need to bring along a completed copy of their federal return and all W-2 statements.

Taxpayers can email their state tax questions to the comptroller's taxpayer service at taxhelp@comp.state.md.us 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Taxpayers can also download state tax forms, a Form ST-118A is included in the Maryland tax booklet for the first time this year. This is the form taxpayers can use to pay any Maryland sales and use tax due on taxable purchases made over the Internet or through mail order catalogs. The form was added to the

state tax booklet based on a recommendation from Del. John R. Leopold (R), District 31-Anne Arundel County.

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Maryland taxpayers who paid for child or dependent care last year can claim a new tax credit, equal to the care expenses they paid in 2000 or 25% of the federal tax credit for child and dependent care, whichever is less. "The new tax credit is in addition to the state tax subtraction that has long been available on the Maryland return, which allows you to subtract up to \$2,400 in care expenses for one child or \$4,800 for two or more," said Comptroller William Donald Schaefer.

Schaefer added that Maryland's earned income credit could eliminate the state tax liability for eligible taxpayers and even generate a tax refund for some individuals. "Generally, if you're eligible for the

federal earned income credit, you can qualify for Maryland's earned income credit," said Schaefer.

"Some folks are eligible to get the benefit even if their income isn't high enough to require them to file a tax return," said Schaefer. "However, you do need to file a tax form to get the benefit."

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Signs of spring. The witch hazel shrubs are in full bloom between the post office and the professional building in Roosevelt Center. This variety of Hamamelis — Arnold's promise — sports short, fringe-like yellow blooms during February and March, long before the forsythia begins. Beneath each witch hazel are Helleborus — Lenten Rose — also early bloomers.

- photo by Frederique Schmuelling

Arts Center Features "Clown Laureate"

For the six weeks starting April 1, the Greenbelt Arts Center will have a rather unusual resident walking its halls and bumping into its walls. That's because Adam Gertsacov, boss clown, chief bottlewasher, and big cheese of the Acme Clown Company in Providence, Rhode Island, will be bringing his big shoes and shiny red nose for an extended stay in Greenbelt.



The Arts Center is hosting Gertsacov as part of a six-week Acme Clown Month in which Gertsacov will teach workshops, perform shows, curate an art exhibit, host informal talks, show films, act in an official capacity as "Clown Laureate" of Greenbelt, and in general, make a fool of himself.

Gertsacov is a graduate of numerous theater and clown schools, including the Ringling Brother Clown College, the Dell'Arte School of Physical Theatre and master classes with many international clown luminaries. His bio states that "he is the most educated clown in America (barring certain elected officials)." He has performed and taught all over the country and in Canada, Chile, and Brazil. Among the shows he'll perform in Greenbelt is his award-winning Acme Miniature Circus, which is one of only a few authentic Victorian-style flea circuses in existence. "Details" magazine called this show one of the top ten alternative circuses in the country.

To find out more about the variety of clown activities taking place or for ticket information, call the Arts Center at 301-441-8770, or visit their website at <http://www.greenbelt.com/artscenter>.

St. Patrick's Day Walk

Everyone is welcome to attend the Freestate Happy Wanderers walking event on Saturday, March 17, at the Historic Savage Mill in Savage.

Start anytime between 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and finish the walks by 4 p.m. The trails for this walk event are a series of loops, forming a shamrock on a combination of natural surface paths and paved streets and sidewalks. A Pokemon card will be awarded to young walkers completing the walk accompanied by an adult.

For a free brochure and information call 301-776-6112 or 410-437-2164 before 8 p.m. Check out <http://www.ava.org/clubs/freestate> or email wahasse@lx.netcom.com.

Metro Access Online for Handicapped

An online forum has been scheduled for Wednesday, March 14, 7 to 9 p.m. on the use of Metro Access for riders with disabilities. Metro Access is the Washington Metropolitan Area para-transit system for individuals whose disabilities prevent them from using the regular transit system.

To participate, visit www.netaccess.org. Go to "on-line forum." The online forum will be moderated by Robert Watson, M.A. and Charles McNelly, Ph.D., both of United Cerebral Palsy of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. Users are encouraged to share experiences.

In advance of the scheduled online forum, visitors can post questions or make comments. The intent of the forum is to enable those who use Metro Access to share information as to how they make the system work for them.

Visit the UCP main website www.ucppgmc.com or call 301-262-4992 for additional information.

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Greenbelt will celebrate Earth Day with a Stream Clean-up and Tree Planting event in Springhill Lake. T-Shirt designs should focus on this project. The T-shirts will be given out to all who participate in the Earth Day Event. This contest is open to all whether you are 5 years old or 100 years young. Winning design will be selected by the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee (REAC).

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