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# **Quilt Brings Variety of Ideas**

by Mary Moien

#### The halls of Greenbelt Elementary School were covered with quilts as the school year ended. All classes had worked on quilts during the year to illustrate the topic "Multiculturalism in the United States: What makes a culture strong?" Some of these quilts are now on display at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning offices at 6611 Kenilworth Avenue. On June 12, at the very end of the school year, all 500 students gathered outside to form their own multicultural quilt, with each class sporting its own special color tee shirts.

#### Lots of Quilts

Anza Manning's and Nicole Elder's kindergarten class produced a quilt called "Hands of the Future." The quilt contained a running-stitch outline of each student's hand. Debbie Kendall's third grade made a patchwork square quilt with pictures that depicted "Settling the Land." Meaghan McConnell's third grade class produced a star pattern



Principal Kathy Curl and her multicultural quilt students at Greenbelt Elementary.

quilt. Each star represented a student and the description of the quilt stated "Each one of us shines like a star."

"The Strength of Maryland's Culture Began with Native Americans" states the quilt that students made in Robert Van Tassell's fourth grade. The squares include depictions of Indians, fish, crabs and flags. In

Katie Knorr's fifth grade homeroom class, students produced a five-country quilt that contained information on Canada, the United States, Brazil, Australia, and South Africa.

#### Sixth Grade Quilt

The sixth grade classes of Melanie McLaughlin and Carol

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### **Craze Explains Operation** Of New Red Light Cameras

#### by James Giese

Will the new red light cameras catch you if you enter an intersection on a yellow light and it then turns red before you clear the intersection? "No," says Greenbelt Police Chief James Craze. This and other questions were posed to the chief. Here is the information he provided.

"Citations are only issued to drivers who enter the intersection when the light is red," according to Craze. Two pictures of a violating vehicle will be

taken - one before the car enters the intersection with the light red and the other when the vehicle is in the intersection. The two pictures will be included with the citation, as well as information on the vehicle's

speed and how long the light had been red before the vehicle passed through the intersection.

Craze also said that a vehicle making a right turn on red will not be cited as a result of the camera photographs. Similarly, a vehicle standing in the intersection to make a left turn will not be ticketed if the opposing traffic does not stop so that the turn can safely be made until after the light has turned red.

The new cameras have been See CAMERAS, page 8

installed and are operating at six locations at five intersections. They are both eastbound and westbound on Greenbelt Road at Mandan Road, eastbound on Greenbelt Road at Hanover Parkway, southbound on Kenilworth Avenue at Cherrywood Lane, and northbound on Kenilworth Avenue at both I-95 ramp exits.

Two more cameras will be in place this summer. They are at westbound Greenbelt Road at



four cameras would be needed. At this time, however, only two are planned. The city has contracted with Trafficpax for this enforcement program. The arrangement piggybacks on a program established by Howard County. Other Prince George's municipalities using this enforcement program include Laurel, Hyattsville, Riverdale Park and Morningside.

### Roosevelt PTSA Concerned about Overcrowding

On May 22, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) Parent, Teacher, Students Association (PTSA) hoped to meet with Dr. Eleanor White, the area supervisor for Greenbelt schools. She had been invited to come and provide a status report on changes that may take place at the school next school year. However, White was unable to attend. In anticipation of her participation, Dr. James Henderson, Greenbelt's school board representative, was present for the meeting and took part in discussions.

The PTSA and the school are concerned about the proposed removal of staff and temporaries from ERHS. Due to a small decrease in students caused by some movement of students from ERHS to Duval, the school system has proposed removing a large number of the temporary classrooms that are currently at Roosevelt. It is possible that they will be used to house Bladensburg High School students next year as their building is being demolished and rebuilt. PTSA president Allen Elliot and other parents are concerned that this shift of classrooms will be the first step in the devaluation of programs at ERHS. The school system has projected 2,995 students for next year with the state rated capacity at 2,291 students. During the 1996-97 school year there were 3,017 students (only 22 more than projected for next year) and 20 temporary classrooms. In fact, there had

#### **PTSA** Protest

by Mary Moien

On June 27, the Eleanor Roosevelt High School PTSA held a protest and press conference at the school to contest the start of the removal of half of the temporary classrooms. Several buildings had already been removed at that point. Allan Elliott, PTSA president, and Sylvester Conyers, ERHS principal, were both present to address the issue of additional overcrowding that will result. Elliott referred to the removal of classrooms as "step one in a deliberate effort to dismantle Eleanor States Association of Colleges and Schools in the past year. A major finding was that the school is too crowded. This was before the proposed decrease in temporary classrooms.

The PTSA argues that ERHS is already making creative use of space by having teachers scheduled to teach more classes per day than in any other county high school and by using a "zero" period before school to maximize science lab and computer use. They feel strongly that the school cannot be further cut. **School Board Meeting** 

Parents then made plans to attend the May 24 school board meeting to make their concerns known to all school board members. Henderson agreed that attendance at this meeting is a good first step to take. He encouraged the parents to lobby each school board member individually. Since students in the Science and Technology Program come from many parts of the county, they are represented by more board members than just Henderson. Although ERHS principal Sylvester Conyers was a little more philosophical about the future than Elliott, Convers hoped that the school system would "just leave us alone. We're working extremely well as we are." He continued, though, that ERHS has had a "very good span of years. We've gotten a lot

## **Redistricting Committee** Hears Public Comment

#### by Judith Ransom Bell

hearings over the last two weeks conducted by the Prince George's County Council Redistricting Commission was held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School on June 7. The purpose of these meetings is to encourage informed

citizen participation in the redis-

tricting process.

The second of four public sion has elected as its chair the member who was appointed by the council. That member is Sam Dean, president of the Lake Arbor Civic Association. The first hearing was held with Democratic appointee David Merkowitz serving as acting chair. At the second hearing the first order of business was to

#### Roosevelt.

been 19 and one more was approved based on the school enrollment. There are currently 22 temporaries and the school system has proposed removing 8-12 of them this summer. Will the removal of the temporary classrooms mean the removal of teachers who may have nowhere to teach?

#### **Overcrowding Problem**

Elliott referred to problems already caused by overcrowding. In the first example, ERHS has been awarded A Smaller Learning Communities Grant for about \$300,000. But, the grant calls for the addition of computer labs and other specialized programs that will require extra, not less, space. In the second instance, the school was evaluated by the Middle

#### See PTSA, page 5

Once every 10 years a commission is created by the county council following the United States Census to re-establish county council district boundaries. The commission is charged with establishing nine councilmanic districts that are compact, contiguous, and approximately equal in population.

The five-member redistricting commission consists of four members who were selected from lists of candidates submitted to the county council by the central committees of the Democratic (two members) and Republican (two members) parties. The fifth member was selected and appointed by the county council.

According to a June 7 article in the Washington Post, the commission, which was formed in February, was not able to reach a consensus on who would be chair. In the past, the commiselect a chair. Sam Dean was

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### What Goes On

Wednesday, July 11 7:30 p.m. Meeting of Greenbelt East Advisory Committee, Greenbriar Terrace Room

8 p.m. City Council worksession on compensation study, Municipal Building

Thursday, July 12 9 a.m. County Planning Board public hearing on proposed Metroland development, County Administration Building, Upper Marlboro 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

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#### About that Buffer

The possibility of restoring sections of the buffer at Greenbelt Lake has segued into a contest over who has good taste. OK -I'll try again to focus my concern: when a peaceful stroll in a beautiful park was becoming more like visiting Ocean City, I called it visual pollution. It meant the ecosystem was being stripped and swallowed up by bricks and mortar and plastic. Was it too much to ask that a few remaining green sections be kept green? That was the question, and still is. I can tolerate yard junk just fine, but I draw the line when it comes to verifying its existence every time I walk the trail in this public park.

Let the lawyers haggle over what constitutes acceptable plastic space - I'll wager though, it will take real plants and animals in our own yards to repair this fragile ecosystem we all share. Right here. Right now. The Alaskan Wilderness is not what I had in mind when I talked about a simple walk in green space - it was about managing suburban sprawl. And, I wasn't talking about those many homeowners who are obviously sensitive to the natural beauty of our woods. Rather, I admire their efforts and thank them for caring. They, like me, have been intentionally misled about a lot of things.

Jean E. Newcomb

#### THANKS

On June 12 Greenbelt Elementary School students, staff, and parents created a giant human quilt on the back field of the school grounds. The human quilt was a symbol of unity and the culmination of a year long study centered on the theme: Multiculturalism in the United States: What Makes a Culture Strong?

As the coordinator of the Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound (ELOB) program at Greenbelt Elementary School, I would like to thank the community of Greenbelt for their generous donations of both their time and materials as we created sewn quilts. I would also like to thank Hank Irving, Karl Skaggs, and Brian Abbott for their help in preparing the field for our human quilt and Dennis Taylor, parent of sixth grader, Graham Taylor, for designing the quilt grid.

The staff and students at Greenbelt Elementary School look forward to continued partnerships with the community during the 2001-2002 school year. Our school-wide theme will be "Math in the Real World."

#### We Have to Make Participation Matter

Your editorial on Tom Hendershot's efforts to destroy the sector plan was right on target.

On June 18 the County Council sitting as the District Council held a public hearing on the proposed amendments to the Sector Plan. Alan Turnbull, as our mayor pro tem, spoke against the first three amendments. Representatives from CCRIC and about 10 other individuals, including me, spoke against these amendments. Only three people spoke for the amendments; two were representing Beltway Plaza Management Company and one was representing Metroland Developers. Practically every speaker against the amendments pointed out, as your editorial did, that they made a mockery of the good faith efforts and thousands of dollars that went into developing the sector plan.

One would think that such overwhelming testimony would be enough to convince the County Council to vote against the amendments. But don't count on it. The developers are so confident that they will not be bound by the sector plan that they have been airing ads touting the massive development that they are planning.

Don't be fooled. This fight is not about whether or not upscale stores should come to Greenbelt. It's about who controls the political process. If we allow the efforts of thoughtful, concerned citizens, responsible municipal leaders and educated, professional planners to be tossed aside, then we are joining the cynics who believe that everything is fixed and our participation doesn't matter. We have to make our participation matter. Audrey Scott has promised to vote against the first three amendments, even though she introduced the second and third ones. Write to the other county council members, many of whom will probably be running for county-wide or state-wide offices soon. And attend the hearing on the site plan at 9 a.m., July 12 in Upper Marlboro.

Sylvia J. Lewis

Griffin-Walsh collaborated to prepare a quilt as a joint project. This was a good opportunity for a lot of students to work together. Their quilt was titled "Quilt of the Universe." Several of the students who had lead roles in producing the quilt met recently with the News According to Review, Amanda Shupp, the sixth grade science topic for the year was planets, the solar system, and galaxies. She said that helped students decide it was a good topic for the quilt. When asked how the solar system matched the topic of "multiculturalism." Sean Swetnam brought up the topic of aliens and life

on other planets. of the universe that each had selected. Matthew Garton said that he chose Pluto because it is the farthest planet from the sun. Jessica Hall said that she chose the constellation Gemini as she didn't know much about it beforehand. Sean chose Uranus and Alexis Golden chose a spiral galaxy (covered with glitter). Each student had to prepare a paper based on his or her selection.

McLaughlin described how they integrated math and art into the project. The math was used to measure for the quilt and decide how to lay out the different

#### THANKS

The American Red Cross and the Greenbelt Recreation Department are thankful for the large turnout at the blood drive held on June 25 at the Municipal Building. More than 70 people presented themselves to donate their blood. The blood donations are especially appreciated at this time of a critical blood shortage in the area

Thanks again to the volunteers who helped make the blood drive a success. Special thanks are given to the Red Cross personnel who, as usual, provided their courteous and professional services.



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Amanda Shupp, Alexis Golden, Jessica Hall, Matthew Garton and Sean Swetnam in front of the sixth grade "Quilt of the Universe."

#### squares. She mentioned that The students discussed the part working on art is important in the classroom as there is no longer a special art teacher. Although it was crowded, both sixth grades came together to help lay out the quilts in a pattern and enjoyed working together on the project. **Project idea**

In June 2000, the teachers met to make plans for the coming year for an activity called Expeditionary Living Outward Bound. Beth Novick, coordinator for the

Outward Bound activity, indicated that the purpose is to help the children learn through experience, not just through books. This activity was designed to cover a substantial portion of the school year and to encourage the children to make decisions both on their own and together. Early in the school year, the students made paper quilts. These were followed by the material quilts, which were hung for parents at the multicultural dinner in April.

### **Council Opposes Site Plan**

The Greenbelt City Council on July 2 voted unanimously to recommend their opposition to the Conceptual Site Plan and Preliminary Plan of Subdivision for Greenbelt Station. The recommendation, accompanied by about 28 findings, will be presented to the Prince George's County Planning Board on Thursday, July 12 at the County Administration Building in Upper Marlboro. Monday's four hour council meeting attracted an overflow crowd.

**RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT** ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Monday, July 9th 7:00 p.m. Greenbelt Community Center



Elaine Skolnik, President, 1977-1985

**Beth Novick** 

Correction

In last week's Jeannie Smith American Realty ad, 2-H Westway and 13-L Hillside Road homes were incorrectly identified. The ad should have read, "2-H Westway - New Listing" and "13-L Hillside Road - Sold in 10 Days." The News Review regrets the error.

**Masthead Designs** Notice anything new on the front page? We are experimenting with some new masthead designs and would love to hear your comments.

#### SUMMER ADMISSION POLICY

A Greenbelt resident is required to show a valid I.D. to pay daily admission at all times.

On weekends and holidays, entrance is restricted to passholders, residents and their guests. A passholder or Greenbelt resident may bring a maximum of three (3) guests upon payment of the admission fee. They must sign their guests in, remain at the facility and are responsible for them at all times.

The Aquatic and Fitness Center staff realize there may be some extenuating circumstances to the above policy. Give us a call at least 48 hours in advance of your visit and maybe we can help.

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# **Community Events**

#### Pet Adoption Day

The Prince George's County SPCA/Humane Society is sponsoring a pet adoption day on Sunday, July 8, noon to 3 p.m. at PetsMart, Beltway Plaza Mall. The public is invited to come to PetsMart to meet dogs and cats looking for loving, permanent homes. The pets' foster parents will be present to answer questions and accept adoption applications for the homeless animals. Call 301-262-5625 or visit the web site at www.pgspca.org for more information.

#### **GEAC Meets** At Greenbriar

The July meeting of Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) will be held at Greenbriar in the Terrace Room on Wednesday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m. Meetings are normally held on the first Thursday of the month, but due to the holiday, the meeting date was changed.

#### Movie of the Month

by Martha Kaufman

Harvey is the movie of the month at the Community Center. It will be shown at 1 p.m. Monday, July 9 in the senior classroom. .

Harvey stars James Stewart and Josephine Hull. Stewart' plays a good-hearted inebriate whose constant companion is an invisible six-foot rabbit.

Hull, who won an Academy Award for this role, plays his frustrated, put-upon sister who tries to have him put away.

#### GIAC Seeks Ideas For Computer Class

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) will hold a Class Planning Open House on Tuesday, July 10, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, in Dining Room #2. All are welcome to contribute their ideas as GIAC plans computer and Internet classes for September 2001 through May 2002. For information, call GIAC at 301-419-8044.

#### **City Notes**

The special details crew collected supplies for the fireworks display and cleaned the mortars.

The horticulture crew trimmed trees at Buddy Attick Park in preparation for the fireworks and repaired an irrigation line at Roosevelt Center.

#### **Ceramics Tile Class Begins Tuesday**

During July, the Greenbelt Recreation Department is offering a class in ceramic tile-making at the Community Center ceramic studio. Students will learn to make hand-crafted ceramic tiles with bas-relief designs and patterns. Tiles can be made as unique wall hangings or trivets, or can be fashioned for a larger home project such as a back splash for a stove. The teacher, Katie Scott-Childress, studied ceramic tile-making and glaze formulation at the Corcoran School of Art. Students will learn to make plaster molds in order to create numerous handmade tiles. This class is open to beginners and advanced students and the fee includes a full month of open-studio following the last class, 25 pounds of clay, glazes, plaster, and other materials. Class begins this Tuesday, July 10, 7 to 10 p.m. and will run for four weeks. There is a fee. For fiformation call 301-441-3859 evenings.

#### At the Library

Tuesday, July 10, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, July 11, 2 p.m. Special Summer Events for Kids: "Under the Sea" for ages 6 to 12. Thursday, July 12, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

#### Ancient Masks **To Perform Here**

Ghosts, spirits, and magical transformations! On Monday, July 9, at 2 p.m., the Department of Recreation will host a free performance by the Ancient Mask Repertory Theatre at the Community Center. Company members use drama and folktales from around the world to demonstrate the universal nature of masked theater. Traditions from Africa, Japan, Korea, South and Native America as well as commedia dell'arte and clowning are represented. No reservations are required.

#### Mask Workshop

Youth ages 11 to 16 are invited to participate in the Recreation Department's Teen Art Drop-In on Wednesday, July 11. From 1 to 4 p.m. instructor Becky Williams will work with participants to create their own masks using recycled materials. No registration, but small fee.

#### by Leslie Hilliard

To a rollicking musical rendition of "There Was an Old Woman Who Swallowed a Fly," Principal Mary Elizabeth Whelan, and her puppet, entertained the St. Hugh's kindergarten class with the familiar children's folk story. It was the beginning of St. Hugh's first "Reading Is Fun" day.

"Once upon a time there were five Chinese brothers," began Sister Virginia Ann Brooks, president of Elizabeth Seton High School to an eager first grade class. "Years ago when I taught first grade I read 'The Five Chinese Brothers' to my students," she said. "It was wonderful to be part of that experience."

On a more serious note, Robert Murphy read selections from Senator Robert Dole's book, "Leader." Taking a leadership role in St. Hugh's fundraising event for the World War II Memorial, and having met the senator, both Murphy and the students were well acquainted with the subject. Luckily the sixth grade class had never met Beowulf. Father Crowley read a selection to them from "Beowulf and Grendel," the eighth-century epic tale of man against monster.

"There are good things about being President, and there are bad things about being President." said Maryland State Senator Leo Green. "The President never has to take out the garbage." Senator Green invited several fourth grade students to help him read "So You Want to Be President?" There was no shortage of volunteers. Later he guizzed the students, providing details on each president. The students knew them all. "It's a beautiful and refreshing experience to see kids so eager to learn," he said.

Mayor Judith Davis, an educator herself, read selections from "Eleanor Roosevelt: A Life of Discovery." "As a young woman, Eleanor was shy and self-conscious about her height. But people noticed the beauty within her." Mayor Davis told the students. "Because of the President's limitations on getting around, she became his 'eyes and ears.' She worked for social justice and was chairwoman of the United Nations Human Rights Commission. As First Lady she was also associated with the development of Greenbelt, and came to our town."

"In his fist was another Big-Boy Boomeroo! 'I'll blow you,' he yelled, 'into pork and wee beans! I'll butter-side up you to



Dr. Donald N. Langenberg, Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, reads to third graders at St. Hugh's School.

small smithereens!"" County Senator Leo Councilwoman Green with Audrey Scott fourth grader whipped up the Nydia Bryanexcitement among Green. Green the second grade was one of class, then kept eight dignitarthem hanging in ies that came suspense with Dr. to read books Seuss's unresolved to the stuending in "The dents. Butter Battle Book. "Who was right?" she

asked the students, "the Yooks or the Zooks? What do you think they should do?" Like a good politician, she polled her constituency. The majority of the students saw peace as the clear solution.

Dr. Donald N. Langenberg, chancellor of the University System of Maryland, read "Martha Speaks" to a captivated thirdgrade class. Problems arose when Martha, the family dog, learned to speak after eating al-"My parents phabet soup. couldn't read to me when I was a child." he told the students. "They were deaf. But almost everyone in my family was a teacher, and so my aunts and uncles all read to me." He showed the students how words are conveyed using sign language and spoke briefly to them about growing up with deaf parents. 'As a kid, my favorite book was 'One, Two, Three ... Infinity' by George Gemow," he said. "It convinced me that math and science were a lot of fun."

"The outlook wasn't brilliant for the Mudville nine that day; the score stood four to two with

**Greenbelt Library** 



but one inning more to play," began Dr. Daniel McMahon, principal of Dé Matha High School, who read "Casey at the Bat." Many of the students, in the midst of baseball season themselves, could feel the game and understood the lesson in the story. "I love reading out loud, doing the voices," admitted Dr. McMahon. "I teach an 'Honors World Literature' class to juniors at De Matha, and I have my students read aloud too." Last summer my daughter and I took turns reading chapters from all the Harry Potter books. I hope St. Hugh's holds this event next I would love to do it year. again."





Greenbelt Baseball Cal Ripken League Final Regular Season Standings as of Monday, July 2, 2001

> NL #3 Indians defeat NL #4 Cubs AL #3 Athletics defeat AL #4 Tigers NL #2 Lions defeat NL #3 Indians AL #2 Giants defeat AL #3 Athletics

League Championship Series (Best 2 of 3)

NL #2 Lions vs NL #1 Cardinals AL #2 Giant vs AL #1 Orioles

Tues., July 3, 6 p.m. Thurs., July 5, 6 p.m.

Fri., July 6, 6 p.m. Sat., July 7, 10 a.m. Sat., July 7, 1 p.m.

#### **City Championship**

Game 1 Game 2 Game 3\* \* if necessary

Game 6\*

AL champion vs NL champion NL champion vs AL champion AL champion vs NL champion 

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### **Obituaries**

### Patricia Sher, Pioneer Greenbelter

Patricia Hesse Sher, 70, of Silver Spring died of respiratory failure on June 30, 2001 at Holy Cross Hospital. She had chronic pulmonary disease.

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Mrs. Sher was born in Washington and came to Greenbelt man and area coordinator. As an when she was a child as a member of one of the first families to move into Greenbelt. She grew up in Greenbelt and was graduated from Greenbelt High School.

Mrs. Sher enjoyed coming back to Greenbelt's 50th anniversary celebration and participating in the activities.

She and her husband, William Sher, a former member of the Montgomery County Council, were married in 1955. While raising four children Mrs. Sher attended the University of Maryland. She graduated with a degree in art and design six months before her youngest son graduated from college.

In the mid-1960's Mrs. Sher



the Lucille Maurer Award in 2000. The award is given for party service to a former elected official.

Mrs. Sher continued to work as a Democratic precinct chairartist she continued her work in fabric design, soft sculpture and quilting.

She is survived by her husband, William Sher of Silver Spring, a daughter Valerie L. Sher, Los Gatos, Calif.; sons, Mark Sher, San Francisco, Calif., and Hunter and Delegate Tod Sher of Silver Spring; a sister, Laura Carter, St. Alban's, England; brothers Dr. Philip Hesse, Ellicott City and John David Hesse, Clearwater, Fla.; stepmother Mary Hesse, Kitzmiller, Md.; two step-sisters and two step-brothers.

Funeral services were held July 2 at Danzansky-Goldberg Memorial Chapel, Rockville. In-Cemetery, Adelphi.

contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

#### Seniors to Receive **Farm Fresh Food**

Maryland seniors, 60 years of age and older, are eligible to receive coupons this summer for \$30 in fresh fruits and vegetables at farmers' markets throughout the state. The Maryland Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Pilot Program, co-sponsored by the Maryland Departments of Agriculture and of Aging, is modeled after a similar program for low income families who participate in the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Maryland is one of 37 states and tribal nations to participate in the pilot program. Coupon books will be issued through local senior citizen centers throughout Maryland. Participants will be able to use the coupons, which come in \$3 increments, to make purchases of fresh vegetables, fruit and herbs at local farmers' market stands displaying the Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Pilot Program poster. The pilot program will run through October 21, 2001.

For a farmers' market direchttp://www.mda.state.md.us.

### Free Concert at Montpelier

Ashley Marie and Silver Run will present a free concert of contemporary country and pop music

on Friday, July 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Montpelier Mansion grounds, on Route 197 at Montpelier

Drive in Laurel. The show is part of the 23rd Annual Montpelier Summer Concert series.

Bring a friend, picnic, blanket and/or chair to enjoy this free outdoor concert. Admission and parking are free. No reservations or tickets are necessary. Free public and handicapped parking are available.

In the event of heavy, prolonged rain at the time of the performance, the concert will be cancelled. For verification after 5 p.m. the day of the concert call 301-953-7882.

For further information call the South Laurel Recreation Council at 301-776-2805.

GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH

#### **Free Flute Recital** Is Saturday, July 7

The University of Maryland School of Music will present a 25th free silver anniversary flute

recital on Saturday, July 7 at 8 p.m. in the Kay Theatre at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

William Montgomery, flutist, and Roy Hakes, pianist, are the featured artists. The program will include works by Schubert/ Boehm, Roussel, Copeland, Beethoven and Bartok.

#### Greenbelt CARES

The week of June 25 Judye Hering held the summer session of CARES' free babysitting course. The course taught safety issues and responsibilities of babysitting. Janet Goldberg provided an additional CPR minicourse. Seven students attended.



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elected by a 3-2 vote, with Democratic appointee Janice Hagey and Republican David Cahn voting against.

When Dean took over as chair, he stated that citizens were invited to submit a plan for the commission to consider. The limitations that the commission is mandated to work with are that there will be nine councilmanic districts, that there should be a population of 89,100 in each district (allowing for a five percent variation), that precincts cannot be split, and that gerrymandering will not be allowed.

Commission member Thomas Kennedy remarked that the redistricting is for councilmanic districts only and that the goal, if possible, is not to split communities.

#### **Public Comment**

Three citizens requested to speak at the hearing. Greenbelt resident Kelby Brick raised three issues that he would like the commission to address. He encouraged the council to make more information available to the public, such as voting records, voting patterns and projected growth. Brick said that he was aware that the City of Greenbelt and others had sent letters asking that all municipalities be kept together. He supported that notion, he said. He also mentioned that projected growth over the next 10 years hadn't been much discussed; he would like to see it balanced between slow and fast growth.

Kennedy stated that the focus of the task is to have the makeup of each district include 89,100 people. Dean followed, pointing out that the redistricting is done every 10 years because the districts "get out of whack." As to projected growth, Merkowitz stated that presently the largest district has approximately 105,000 people.

Brick responded that he didn't want to focus on growth; he wanted to focus on information.

Merkowitz replied that a website is being developed which will be accessed on the county website at www.to.pg.md.us.

A second speaker, from Auth Village in Camp Springs, addressed the issue of zip codes in her area. She said the area around her has deteriorated. Dean stated that the post office controls zip codes. Hagey commented that the speaker had identified a key feature of the redistricting, the quality of life, and that "what we're doing here does impact the quality of life in the community." The last speaker was Fred Munford from Clinton, who expressed a concern about the small window of time to disseminate information. He asked if there was a mechanism for written responses. Dean responded that there is time and that the commission would like to have responses by August. A

draft redistricing plan will be submitted by the commission to the county council on or before September 11, in order to allow time for a hearing before approving a final plan by the time the council adjourns in November.

Following the public hearing adjournment, the commission reconvened to address the matters involving commission members and staff. Hagey made a motion to request bringing in an expert to discuss voting rights. After discussion it was unanimously decided to work with staff to bring in such an expert.

of things. There comes a price" for having all those things.

**Character Education** 

ERHS has been selected as a semifinalist in the National School of Character Program. They were one of 22 schools throughout the country. Finalists will be announced in the fall. Over the last three years, the students have discussed topics such as sexual harassment, academic honesty, and student responsibility.

Laird to Leave leader for the past decade, will be leaving ERHS at the end of the school year. Conyers stated that Laird is a "contributing factor to this school receiving outstanding awards. What he has done with the orchestras merits recognition." His new position will be at the North Carolina School for Math and Science, the school which retired ERHS Principal Gerald Boarman is now affiliated with.

#### **Student Board Member**

Bernard Holloway, an ERHS Scott Laird, the orchestra student, will become the student member of the School Board.

#### Help Is Available For Drug Addiction

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#### **GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER**

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In-person registration, first-come, first-served basis. All classes have a limit on enrollment. Early registration improves your chances of getting the class you want!! All registrants must sign up at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center for aquatic & fitness classes.

REFUNDS: The Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center reserves the right to cancel classes due to insufficient registrants or causes beyond its control. Refunds will be made if classes are canceled by the Center. Other refunds will be made according to the provisions in the City of Greenbelt Resolution No. 65, which also requires that refund requests, for valid reasons, are to be submitted immediately in writing to the GAFC.

CITY RESIDENCY: Greenbelt residents are those who pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt AND are eligible to vote in City elections. That is as it should be, as our residents pay taxes to support the Recreation Centers and the Aquatic & Fitness Center in our community. However, just because someone has a Greenbelt address, does not necessarily mean they pay taxes to the City of Greenbelt and are able to vote in City elections. We want to be fair to the people whose tax money supports our programs. If you are not sure that you have a Greenbelt address, are able to vote in City elections, and pay City taxes, call 301-397-2204.

All registrants registering as a resident non-passholder must show proof to receive Greenbelt resident status. Acceptable Proof: Valid license or current lease.

#### **NEW POLICY:**

Cash or credit cards accepted as payment for lessons. Checks not accepted.

MAINSTREAMING: Anyone who is physically, mentally, and/or emotionally challenged is encouraged to participate in any of the Aquatic & Fitness Center's programs. If you need any special assistance, please call 301-397-2208 or TTY 301-474-1811 and ask for Karen Haseley.

#### GAFC Class & Registration Dates

Summer Session II: July 10-13, July 17-20, 2001 Passholders & Residents register: Saturday, July 7 Non-Residents register: Monday, July 9

Register in person at the GAFC between 9:00am and 12:00pm for all dates noted above. Class rates do not include use of fitness wing or pool, before or after class times.

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#### Weekday Children's Swim Lessons (1 Yr+)

				Holders	Holders
Aqua Tots I	TU-FR 10:30am-11	:00am 1-2 years - Parent participation	\$35	\$40	\$45
Aqua Tots II	TU-FR 9:45am-10:	15am 2-4 years - Parent participation	35	40	45
Beginner for 4's	TU-FR 9:00am-9:3	Dam	35	40	45
Beginner I	TU-FR 9:00am-9:3			40	45
	TU-FR 9:45am-10:	15am put face in water or does not floa	t. 35	40	45
	TU-FR 10:30am-11	:00am	35	40	45
	TU-FR 11:15am-11	:45am	35	40	45
Beginner II	TU-FR 9:00am-9:3		35	40	45
	TU-FR 9:45am-10:	15am on front and put face in water.	35	40	45
	TU-FR 10:30am-11	:00am	35	40	45
	TU-FR 11:15am-11	:45am	35	40	45
Advanced Beginner	TU-FR 9:45am-10	15am Child can swim freestyle for 20	35	40	45
	TU-FR 11:15am-11	:45am yards.	35	40	45
Intermediate	TU-FR 10:30am-11:00am	:00am Child can swim freestyle and	35	40	45
		backstroke for 1 length of the pool.	35	40	45
Swimmer	TU-FR 9:00am-9:3	Oam Child has completed all other classes.	35	40	45

#### **Reunion for ERHS** Class of 1991

There will be a reunion of Eleanor Roosevelt High School's class of 1991 on August 4 at the Sheraton in College Park. Call 1-888-327-1984 or contact www.fcreunions.com for more information.

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Thursday, July 5, 2001



# **POLICE BLOTTER**

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

#### **Armed Robbery**

9200 block Springhill Lane, June 23, 1:16 a.m., having just left their car in the parking lot, residents were walking to their building when they were apmen. One displayed a handgun and demanded money. After receiving money from the residents, the two fled on foot. The suspects are a black male, 6'3", heavy build, bald, wearing a black shirt and brown pants, and a black male, 6', with hair braids, wearing a black shirt.

#### Sex Offense

5500 block Cherrywood Lane, June 25, 6:12 p.m., a woman was waiting at a bus stop when she was approached by a man who attempted to kiss her. He then fondled her and tried to pull off her shirt. A citizen intervened, and the man walked away. He is described as a Hispanic male, 20 years old, 5'5", 130 lbs, black hair and eyes, wearing a red shirt, black pants and brown shoes.

#### Assaults

7401 Greenbelt Road, June 26, 4:41 p.m., a waitress at Jasper's restaurant was pushed up against a wall by a man she was waiting on. The man then left the restaurant. He is described as a black male, 5'11", 30 to 35 years old, bald, with brown eyes, wearing a white tee shirt, light blue jeans and tan boots. He left the area in a grey Chevrolet sedan with Md. tags JFB237.

7200 Hanover Parkway, June 29, 2 a.m., a nonresident man was asked to leave Willy

K's Bar and Restaurant after an employee saw him vandalize property. The man then assaulted the employee, striking her in the head. He was located and arrested outside the restaurant and proached from behind by two then released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner. The woman required no medical treatment.

#### Child Abuse

Concerning an alleged child abuse reported June 19 in the 6100 block of Breezewood Drive, an arrest warrant was obtained June 21 charging a resident with three counts of assault. Thefts

#### 101 Centerway, June 25, 1:12 p.m., a wallet was taken from an unattended gym bag at the

Aquatic/Fitness Center. American Legion, 6900 Greenbelt Road, June 28, 2:52 p.m., cash was taken from an office. Beltway Plaza, June 22, 2:18 p.m., an unattended, unsecured black Dino bicycle was taken.

Greenway Center, June 29, 12:40 p.m., an unattended wallet was taken from a checkout stand at the Safeway.

#### Burglary

Marriott Hotel, Ivy Lane, June 26, 5:30 p.m., someone removed a laptop computer from a room at the hotel.

#### Counterfeit

7405 Greenbelt Road, June 24, 11:45 a.m., a counterfeit ten dollar bill was passed by someone at the Denny's restaurant.

**Alcohol Arrests** Roosevelt Center, June 23, 6:08 p.m., a resident was arrested and released on citation pending trial.

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, June 23, 9:03 p.m., a resident was observed in a playground area with an open bottle of beer. He was arrested and released on citation on pending trial.

#### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen:

A grey 1988 Acura Legend two-door with Md. tags DRV997, June 23, from the 6500 block of Lake Park Drive. A maroon 1995 Jeep Chero-

kee truck, Md. tags 747646M, June 24, from the 7400 block of Greenway Center Drive. A black 1997 Honda CVR

F3 motorcycle, Md. tags 746D93, June 25, from the 7300 block of Mandan Road.

A champagne 1996 Honda Accord four-door, Va. tags YJM2255, June 28, from Beltway Plaza.

Two stolen tag arrests were made, one of a resident and one of a nonresident. Both persons were released on citation pending trial.

Vandalisms to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9100 block Springhill Lane; 10 block of Crescent Road; 100 block Northway; 10 court Ridge Road (three incidents); 13 court Hillside; 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; Beltway Plaza (two incidents); 7600 block Ora Glen Drive; 7800 block Hanover Parkway; 5800 block Cherrywood Lane.

Five stolen vehicles were recovered, resulting in one arrest.

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

#### **IMPORTANT POLICE** TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Non-emergency, General Records

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301-507-6530 301-507-6515 301-507-6522 301-507-6510

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Trafficpax is paid by the city on a sliding scale depending on the number of citations issued. according to Craze. The fee ranges from \$9.96 per citation for less than 4,000 citations to \$4.11 for 12,000 or more citations. There is an additional monthly fee of \$200 and a minimum monthly fee of \$2,500 per camега.

The citation will be processed and issued within 14 days of the violation. The penalty is \$75. Failure to pay will result in the vehicle registration's being tagged or suspended. But 105 days will be allowed for payment to be received before that happens. The citation can be appealed to the courts by requesting a date to be scheduled to appear before a traffic court judge, but motorists will need a pretty good story to dispute the evidence provided by the two photos of their vehicle.





City Council Meetings & Work Sessions - July 2001

Meeting	Date		Time
No Meeting Work Session - Compensation Study Interview for Advisory Group Regular Meeting Work Session - Capital Projects & Bond Referendum (CC) Work Session - Policy on Driveway Aprons & Trails Map Plan NASA Public Meeting - Facilities Masterplan Work Session - Response to Senior Citizens Open Forum (CC) Work Session - New Deal Cafe/Quarterly CAR Update	Mon. Wed. Mon. Wed. Mon. Tues. Wed. Mon.	7/09 7/11 7/16 7/16 7/18 7/23 7/24 7/25 7/30	8:00 p.m. 7:45 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation, call 301-474-8000. Regular meetings and work sessions are open to the public. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) before 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held in the Council Room of the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Rd. Meetings marked "CC" will be held in the Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.

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### Puppet Tragedies Plays at the Arts Center

#### by Sabine Hentrich

"This is a work in progress," warned ACME Clown, Adam G. Gertsacov, before his one-manshow on Friday, May 11. As the last piece in a performance series by Gertsacov during the ACME Clown month at the Greenbelt Arts Center, "Puppet Tragedies" was the most experimental, including work the artist was still developing.

The evening consisted of eight different pieces that varied in length and prominence. During the second show of "Puppet Tragedies," Gertsacov began with a blackout. He moved a flashlight across the stage to emphasize the important items for his show, ending with the title of the first part, "Vegetable Macbeth."

Gertsacov clearly put his heart into "Vegetable Macbeth." He performed scenes from William Shakespeare's famous tragedy, using nothing but vegetables to represent the characters. For instance, he used three stalks of celery to represent the three witches, a russet potato for Macbeth, and an artichoke for Lady Macbeth. The result was both funny and interesting.

Next came a five-minute parody of Eugene O'Neill's "Long Day's Journey into Night,"retitled "Short Day's Journey into Night." Gertsacov did not explain the essence of O'Neill's work. Instead, he played a recorded scene while lighting a doll house. Unfortunately, it was hard to understand the recording, except for Mary Tyrone's last words, which Gertsacov changed to: "I am an addict." For anyone not familiar with O'Neill's play, this was a meaningless performance.

Gertsacov continued with a much more innovative and exciting play, "The Poisson Tragique," incorporating a goldfish presenting a highly altered Martin Luther King "I have a Dream" speech. In a stereotypical round tank in front of a microphone, the fish "spoke" about the injustices it had encountered. Looking at this fish, which swam back and forth in front of the microphone, was rather funny, in spite of the seriousness of King's original speech.

The next piece was once again perplexing. "The Daily News," a wordless play with a classical music background, had Gertsacov sitting on a park bench looking at the newspaper. During the course of this short play, the volume of the music gradually increased while his character became more emotional. Apparently the news terrified him. The play ended when he pulled some kind of puppet out of the paper.

Volunteers Jessica Mealey and Ward (no last name was given), members of the audience randomly picked by Gertsacov, performed the least serious piece during the evening, incorporating a water gun duel. Mealey's staged death, which brought out much-needed tears of laughter, was one of the evening's highlights.

Gertsacov's shortest piece was a parody of Tennessee William's "The Glass Menagerie." He took a glass plate with plastic animals glued to it in one hand, and a mallet in the other. Of the plate he announced, "This is Laura," and of the mallet, "and this is the Gentleman Caller." Then he pretended to smash the plate. This clever play was one of the audience's favorites.

"Humpty Dumpty," Gertsacov's other silent play, came next. The egg sat on a wall and dropped to the ground with colorful, plastic Easter eggs splattering across the stage. Gertsacov explained during the discussion that he used to read the nursery rhyme with it but abandoned that practice following the previous night's audience's advice.

The last piece, "The Barbie Oedipus," was Gertsacov's second most important work. He set up a tiny stage and played scenes from Sophocles' Oedipus, using Barbie and Ken dolls. He ended this much too lengthy and rigid piece with Barbie (as the Chorus) exclaiming: "Tragedies, like math, are hard."

In general, Gertsacov's evening of "Puppet Tragedies" lacked flow and continuity. Aside from a few clever and interesting moments, it remained clear that the performance still needs more work.

In a later discussion of the performance, Gertsacov told the audience: "I don't have a director. The audience is my director in this case," he said.

### Greenbelt Seniors Honor Popular Professor

The 44 mature Greenbelters taking Prince George's Community College's popular course "Exploring Values Through Literature" have written a reference for their professor, Dr. William Fry, who is retiring.

"Six years ago Bill came and gave a talk at a Friday afternoon open mike type program called 'Explorations Unlimited' at our Community Center," his students wrote. "The talk was about the life and works of Emily Dickinson. We enjoyed it so much we suggested a full semester course." That was five years ago. PGCC then "allowed and encouraged him to do part of his academic load teaching this noncredit, off campus course for seniors" at the Community Center. Last year he took the group on a bus tour around New England to visit the historic houses of authors.

Reflecting on his 32 years of teaching at the college, Fry told the Prince George's Community College News, "My most satisfying moments have been running literary tours...for 25 years and teaching a literature course for 40

The 44 mature Greenbelters seniors...for the last six years."

The reference continues, "Bill is retiring... and is planning to move to the Tucson area next fall. We will miss him. We also think he would be interested in doing a similar program with senior citizens in the Tucson area. We're encouraging you [the people of Tucson] to look into that possibility ... the point is we've enjoyed the get-togethers we've had over the past five years and want you to know of this potential opportunity. Good luck." The letter was signed by most of the students.

#### Mental Health Group Seeks Puppeteers

The Mental Health Association of Prince George's County seeks volunteer puppeteers for The Kids On The Block Program. Training will be provided. The educational program uses puppets to teach children issues such as problem solving and dealing with feelings. To apply for training or for more information, call Barbara McKay at 301-699-2737.

#### City of Greenbelt COMMUNITY MEDIATION BOARD

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

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

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

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

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### Sixth Graders Bid Adieu To Greenbelt Elementary

by Barbara Likowski

On June 14, 80 sixth graders said goodbye to Greenbelt Elementary School at a special awards assembly. The sixth graders participated in many parts of the program from Mark Manley's lead of the flag salute and Kamal Doswell's welcome to the parents, through music by all.



American Legion winners and staff - l. to rt., Principal Kathy Curl, Saba Gyemfi, Graham Taylor, Assistant Principal Paulette Watkins, Jennah Younger, Commander Thomas Dean, Post 136 American Legion; and Raman Budhani.

The program cover was designed by Arturo Oliva.

Special awards were presented: Outstanding Academic Achievement certificates were given to those children whose final average on the report card meets the standard normally used for Honor Roll - A and/or B in social skills and work habits, no D's or E's, B average or better. They are: from Melanie McLaughlin's class -Amy Foster, Matthew Garton, Jessica Hall, Nikkita Jackson, Courtney Jones, Simone Kasina, Andrew Strahl, Sean Swetnam, Jade Washington, Shaina Wisler and Jennah Yunger; from James Benko's class - Raman Budhani, George Burton, Emily Dean, J.D. Flanagan, Saba Gyemfi, Gregory Hood, Samantha Ingraham, Nicole Jones, Susan Lahr, Kerry Mullaney, Douglas Nalls, Diana Omoyeni, Natasha Reed, Daniel Rehner, Shannon Rippeon, Karen Sankar, Steven Stores, Tiffany Swope, Graham Taylor, Jamel Walker and Sara Witter; and from Carol Griffin-Walsh's class Janee Acevero, Ricardo Andrews, Sana Bukhari, Joseph Lau, Rebecca Myers, Megan O'Connell, April Pitts, Amanda Shupp and Phoenix Smith.

Outstanding Academic Improvement awards were earned Amy Foster from by McLaughlin's class, Samantha Ingraham from Benko's class, Rebecca Myers from Griffin-Walsh's class and Rodney Martin from Alex Kish's class.

Outstanding Citizenship certificates were given to (McLaughlin) Heather Hughes, Nikkita Jackson, Damone Lewis, Kendra McCullough, Ashley Mines and Arturo Oliva; (Benko) John D. Flanagan, Samantha Ingraham, Jarren Long, Daniel Rehner, Karen Sankar and Sara Witter: and (Griffin-Walsh) Cheri Bailey, Deondre Jeter, Timothy Joseph, Arnaldo Quintanilla, Amanda Shupp and Kassandra Winfrey. The prestigious Presidential Awards for Outstanding Academic Achievement went to Raman Budhani, Saba Gyemfi, Gregory Hood, Nicole Jones, Daniel Rehner, Karen Sankar and Graham Taylor. These children maintained a 3.5 grade point average for 4th, 5th and 6th grades and scored 80 percentile or above for total test for the Comprehensive Tests of Basic Skills (CTBS) at the spring testing. The John Van Schoonhoven Excellence in Writing Award was presented to Nicole Jones by Letty Bryce, former counselor at Greenbelt Elementary. Graham Taylor won the Carolyn Goff Excellence-in-Math Award. The Lillie Z. Goldberg

Memorial Fund Awards were

The American Legion Awards for leadership, scholarship and citizenship were presented by Commander Thomas Dean of American Legion Post 136 to Saba Gyemfi and Graham Taylor. Runners up were Jennah Yunger and Raman Budhani.

Jennah Yunger was also given the G.O.L.D. Award, a county student government award.

(student government) Awards went to Samantha Ingraham, Jennah Yunger, Brittany Thomas, Arnaldo Quintanilla, Matthew Garton and Jessica Hall.

Greenbelt, a spirit of working together for their community.

given to Joseph Lau and Jessica Hall.

from there, favoring the Greenbelt Labor Day 15-K races. When he decided to train for the Marine Corps Marathon in 1996, he hooked up with Greenbelter Bob Anderson, who was in his yoga class at the

Community Center, beginning a partnership that continues to this day. Together they trained on Greenbelt's race courses for the Marine Corps Marathon. Ander-

son finished that race but Comis The Greenbelt Advisory Board was too injured to do more than show up for support. The next year, both went to the New York Marathon and both finished. After that it was Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minnesota.

The ACE (Advisory Committee on Education) awards had been given earlier to Daniel Rehner and Phoenix Smith. These awards are given to students who exemplify the spirit of

team, in January 1999. They haven't looked back since.

Greenbelter in Distance Swim for AIDS/HI

On schedule, they did their first open water swim (1-mile) in the Chester River's eighth annual swim in July 1999. Last year Anderson did the 1-mile swim in the Bay and Comis supported him. They also competed in five triathlons last year, including the Blackwater Eagleman Half Ironman, a qualifier for the Hawaii Ironman. This year, Anderson made three miles in the Bay and was featured on the front page of the Washington Post. Comis swam the 1 mile. The Chester River Swim this year is Comis' training for the full bay attempt with Anderson next year.

To do the swim, Comis must collect at least \$100 in pledges. He is seeking donations in any amount, no matter how small, Contributions are tax deductible.



which may be sent payable to "Swim For Life," c/o Don Comis, 3-G Laurel Hill Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Swim for Life is a special project of the People with AIDS/ HIV Coalition of Baltimore, Inc.



#### **Cheerleading, Football, and Soccer Registration For Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club**

Saturday - July 14th from 10 am to 12 noon at **Greenbelt Youth Center** 

Monday - July 16th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm at Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Thursday - July 19th from 6:30 pm to 8 pm at **Greenbelt Youth Center** 

Saturday - July 21st from 10 am to 12 noon at Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Call the Boys and Girls Club Sports Line for questions (301) 7940100



On Saturday, July 14,

Greenbelter Don Comis (pictured

at right), 52, will swim four

miles on the Chester River in

Chestertown as part of the tenth

annual Maryland swim for life to

training at the Greenbelt pool as

a repeat student of aquatic coor-

dinator Kenny Gray's intermedi-

ate lap swimming course. A

swimmer he met in one of those

classes got him thinking about

joining the University of Mary-

land Masters swim team program

for some "graduate" swim training.

developed from his running, for which he also had Greenbelt

training. Comis' first run since

college was a 1-mile Labor Day

fun run around Greenbelt Lake,

when he was about 45 years old.

He went on to many area races

Next, both men decided to be-

come triathletes, with a long-term

goal of doing the Hawaii

Ironman. First, they would have

to improve their swimming. That

is when they joined the Univer-

Comis' interest in swimming

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