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Midland Company Presents Proposal For Twin Commerce Center Building

by Mavis Fletcher

The entire board of directors of the Windsor Green Homeowners Association attended the January 4 city council worksession on plans for Smith-Ewing Lot 2. The board came with two purposes: to hear the discussion for developing Smith-Ewing Lot 2 and to let the council know that they and many of the homeowners they represent are not in support of the city's spending large sums of money to acquire Parcel 1 in the central city. (See separate story.)

Since an appearance before city council on November 16, the prospective developer of Smith-Ewing Lot 2 - the Midland Company - had presented its plan to several homeowners associations in Greenbelt East. The plans call for a six-story, 128,-000 square foot office building with exterior materials matching Commerce Center I (the new red building with green glass at Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road). Commerce Center I and a planned low-rise building of similar materials on Smith-Ewing Lot 3 are being built by the Midland Company in partnership with the Rubin Company. Only the Midland Company is proposing to build on Lot 2.

Lot 2, which is zoned CS-C, is restricted by convenant to development as a corporate suite hotel, a type of low-rise hotel designed to house travelers for short stays. According to Celia Wilson, the city's Planning and Development Coordinator, the present owner of Lot 2 has decided against building such a hotel and intends to sell the site.

Gary Modjeska of the Midland Company was present at the worksession, as was Richard Reed of the law firm Fossett & Brugger, attorneys for the Midland Company. Reed listed the advantages of a commercial office building over a hotel: increased taxes for the city, since the assessment (at about 16 million) would be higher than for a hotel; uniform appearance for the three buildings occupying the three lots (see diagram) which make up the 21-acre Smith-

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Windsor Green Board

Edward L. Schilling III, president of the Windsor Green homeowners association, stated at a city council worksession on January 4 that he could gather 900 signatures opposing the purchase of Parcel 1 by the city. This statement was in reference to the petition signed by more than 800 citizens urging the city council to purchase the tract which lies between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, Greenbelt Homes, Inc. and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center.

Schilling said that it appears that a large sum of money will be spent to maintain "some historical value of the greenbelt." He said that citizens of Greenbelt East feel that they have been given little protection from development and that the council is ready to spend a great deal of money to protect old Greenbelt from any development at all.

Schilling also made what he later called a somewhat "facetious" request: that the council purchase the Smith-Ewing Lot 2 for green space. (Development of this property was the subject of the worksession.)

Councilmember Antoinette Bram, taking issue with Schilling's position, supported the concept that each part of the city should look at the total community. She pointed out that because the city is small, what benefits one part benefits everyone. "We should all look for the greater good," she said.

Councilmember Thomas White said he could understand how the citizens of Greenbelt East could get the perception Schill-ing had described. He called the acquisition of Parcel 1 a longstanding goal calling it "a targeted object" in the campaign to get the bond issue passed. He also gave a summary of the history of the community's efforts to preserve this property from development. White also pointed out that the city is spending money in Greenbelt East to prevent development by buying up the tracts of land (the Schimmel and Staiger properties) which abut Schrom Hills Park.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld pointed out that the zoning in Greenbelt East was done years ago and that the percels zoned for commercial development are so expensive as to be impossible to buy. City Manager James K. Giese agreed, saying that the land in Greenbelt East was rezoned prior to adoption of the Master Plan of 1970.

Mayor pro tem Joseph Isaacs See WINDSOR GREEN, p.3, c.4

Pizza Express for Crescent Road Stimulates Lively Discussion

by Sandra Barnes

"We don't want you" was the consensus of the 25 community members who confronted Domino's Pizza franchise owner, Jim Duignan at the city council work session, Tuesday, January 5. Mayor Gil Weidenfeld summed up the problems with Duignan's intent to move his franchise into the space being vacated by Nyman Realty at 151 Centerway. Weidenfeld stated that the great concern of the citizens was the traffic—pedestrian and vehicular—that already exists at the intersection of Gardenway and Crescent Road. Since Domino's is strictly a delivery service with a promise to deliver pizza within 30 minutes of placing an order, the increased traffic and the potential for speeding can make the area extremely hazardous, he said.

At peak hours - 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. - between 10 and 20 drivers would be delivering pizzas, Duignan said. He further stated, each driver - who must use his or her personal car to deliver pizzas - can be delivering up to two pizzas per run. "The goal is to deliver the pizza within two to four minutes from when the driver leaves the store. If the pizza is late, the purchaser is entitled to a \$3 refund," Duignan commented on the company's policy. However, when queried by Weidenfeld, Duignan denied that any pressure was put on the driver. "Drivers are not penalized for arriving late," he affirmed. Duignan stated that orders are marked late by the manager if they leave the store more than 23 minutes after the order is placed.

Councilman Tom White disputed Domino's ability to deliver pizza from Roosevelt Center to Greenbelt East within the allotted time if the driver is driving at the speed limit. White explained that he has timed trips to Windsor Green and Glen Oaks and found that each took between eight and nine minutes. "Two to four minutes will not work in this area," White maintained.

Councilman Ed Putens asked why Duignan had chosen to locate this franchise on a secondary road such as Crescent. Duignan replied that he preferred to be on secondary roads "so as not to get tied up in traffic." Each store has a defined delivery area, and this Greenbelt store would deliver within the core city and Greenbelt East. The would not include territory Springhill Lake, which is covered by the Beltsville store, Duignan commented.

Councilwoman Antoinette (Toni) Bram wanted to know how Duignan determined that the cars being driven by his employees were safe. Duignan explained that his company periodically checks a driver's insurance and holds paychecks if the insurance is not acceptable. But he has no control over car maintenance, he said.

Concern was also voiced over liability if a car should be involved in an accident while delivering pizzas. Duignan stated that "drivers were covered through their normal insurance," but that he also carried umbrella insurance. Weidenfeld asked "to see something in writing that your insurance will cover an accident."

When asked the average age of his drivers, Duignan stated that he did not know. Jody Johnston, a Greenbelt resident and former employee who had worked in Duignan's Beltsville store, said her informal survey of the age of drivers indicated they were males between 18 and 25 years old — the highest risk group as established by insurance companies.

From the audience Linda Callahan presented council with a petition signed by 500 persons protesting the location of the business. She also noted the two elementary schools, Greenbelt Center and St. Hugh's, had students who would be using the crosswalks at Centerway and Gardenway during Domino's lunchtime peak hours. Callahan commented on the large number of handicapped and elderly who already find the crosswalk a hazard because of the proximity of the gas station. "The community has worked for 50 years to protect pedestrian and vehicular traffic," Callahan noted. This business would have a "negative impact" on the city, she said.

Duignan's attorney, Diane Leasure of Fossett and Brugger law firm, stated that Duignan has a signed lease and intends to move into the space some time this fall. However, he has not yet filed with Prince George's County for the necessary permits.

According to the County Zoning office, one parking space is required for every 500 square feet of commercial space used by the business. Duignan reported that he had apporximately 2,000 square feet — thus, requiring them to have only four parking spaces. Duignan stated that he may only use 1400 square feet — or the first floor of the two-story (basement and main floor) building.

Joint Liability Proposed

Under Maryland State law, drivers who operate their own cars to deliver for pizza or other ready-to-eat food companies currently provide their own insurance in addition to their own or the family's car. A new bill before the Prince Georges County Council, CB-3, would require the company to be jointly responsible for accidents caused by their drivers. The bill, introducet for first reading by Councilman Anthony Cicoria, has been assigned to the Fiscal Policy and Government Operations Committee.

A similar bill, 7-376, requiring commercial registration and commercial insurance coverage of vehicles used for delivery of ready-to-eat food, is also before the Council of the District of Columbia. Currently the bill has been referred to the Committee on Consumer and Regulatory Affairs.

WHAT GOES ON Mon., Jan. 18, M.L. King, Jr. Holiday - City Offices Closed Wed., Jan. 20, 8 p.m. Advisory Planning Board Meeting. Youth Center.

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Council Takes No Action
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a high-rise office building on the Smith-Ewing Lot 2. According to Planning and Development Coordinator Celia Wilson, the position of the Greenbrook homeowners association had not been communicated to the council by the time the meeting took place. According to Chairman Robert Zugby, the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (the working body of the Greenbelt East Coalition of Homeowners Associations) did not take a position on the proposal but is expected to do so later.

Ewing tract; much farther setback from the nearby homes; less roof area; more room for higher berms and creative landscaping; no weekend use.

Homeowners' Views

At the earlier city council meeting, council had recommended that the developer seek input from nearby residents. As a result, the Windsor Green and Hunting Ridge associations had sent letters to the city council expressing their views on the proposed development.

Hunting Ridge gave general approval of the concept except that the association requested that the building height be lowered by one floor without expanding the dimensions of the lower floors.

In a letter signed by Edward See TWIN, page 3, col. 1

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Thursday, January 14, 1988

Just before Christmas, I had

the opportunity to visit with my

mother, Helen Pelczar, at her

home in Green Ridge House for

a few days. I was very impres-

sed with the comfortable living

conditions and the obvious con-

Mrs. Ruth Stinson does an

outstanding job as resident

manager along with her compe-

tent staff. The facilities and

services offered to the residents

dent, I commend the people of

Greenbelt for the concern for its

senior citizens by providing a

home in which they can live with

dignity. I have a sense of com-

fort knowing my mother has such a great place to live.

Everlyn J. Costa Murrieta, Californi

Ever since I came to work for

the City of Greenbelt in May

1984, I have been impressed with

the kind, friendly people who

live and work here. I always en-

joy talking with the Center

Bums and working with the vol-

unteers in the surplus food pro-

gram and at the Labor Day

days before Christmas, I came

to appreciate Greenbelt even

more, and I am writing this let-

ter today to say "Thank you" to the F.O.P., the Lions Club,

the Center Bums, all my fellow

employees and citizens who have been so generous. My husband,

Butch, our children and I will

always appreciate your kindness

When our house burned a few

Thank you, Greenbelt.

To My Greenbelt Friends:

As a former Greenbelt resi-

cern for the residents.

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THANKS

Festival.

and generosity.

I'm pleased to know I'm not the only one who thought we were under attack by helicopters in Greenbelt. From the noise you'd think the cicadas had never left. A couple of months ago I was awakened at 3 a.m. by a helicopter so loud the windows vibrated

There are many sources for this traffic. The majority does appear to be military. Although Ft. Meade is one destination, I think the Iran-Contra hearings increased travel between the National Security Agency in Laurel and the Pentagon a lot this year.

A few years ago a shuttle service started between BWI airport and Dulles and/or National several times a day. That service usually flies higher than other, helicopters and is a modern-looking craft. The U.S. Park Police have a helicopter sometimes in the area. It is blue and white. Other police departments may have helicopters that pass over the area. In addition to this there are a great many private helicopters taking to the air as VIP's and developers find them a convenient way to avoid traffic and check out Greenbelt and the surrounding areas.

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It will be difficult to track all this air traffic, but in the interest of a quieter spring and summer. I think it's worth every effort to divert this traffic somewhere else if possible.

Liane M. Holder

Dr. Rudorpher to Speak To Area Social Workers

Meetings in Maryland is pre-Matthew senting Rudorpher. M.D. at the Jan. 19 meeting in the Greenbelt Library at 12:15 pm. Dr. Rudorpher, who is on the staff at the National Insti-tute of Mental Health, will speak about "Psychopharmacology (Antidepressants) for So-cial Workers."

The Greater Washington Society for Clinical Social Work started the Meetings in Maryland to give Maryland social workers the opportunity of legislative issues important to social workers, and to share clinical practice concerns, expertise. and ideas.

The Meetings are on the third Tuesday of the month from October through June in the Greenbelt Library 12:15-1:30 p.m. All social workers regardless of membership or agency affiliation who live and/or work in Maryland are invited to bring a box lunch Teus., Jan. 19 and to participate in this series of discussions with fellow social orkers. For more information call Margaret Isenstein, LCSW, 474-1557.

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Myrtle Louise Yost **Memorial Service**

Myrtle Louise Yost, 74, died Sunday, January 10 from heart disease at AMI Doctors Hospit-al. A 22 year resident of Greenbelt, she lived at 30 Crescent Road.

Mrs. Yost was employed by the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company for 30 years, working in the comptroller's office until her retirement. She was also a long-time member of Local 2336 of the Communication Workers of America, AFL-CIO. She served as vice president of the national union and after retirement, continued to represent her union local at retirement parties for telephone workers. She had been a member of C&P's Wednesday Night Bowling since its inception in the 195C's, serving as treasurer until two years ago when she gave up bowling.

In Greenbelt, Mrs. Yost had been an active member of the American Legion Post 136 Auxiliary for many years, serving in many capacities wherever she was needed, most recently as that organization's president. She was also an active member of the Golden Age Club and an avid Bingo player.

She is survived by her son, Richard of Baltimore; a sister, Clara Monk of Arlington, Va.: grandchildren Teresa and Michael Yost of Hyattsville and Carin Yost of Annapolis; and a neice, Jeanne Marie Monk of Arlington, Va.

Funeral services were held Thursday, January 14 at Rendon/Hale Lanham Funeral Home. A special service was held Wednesday evening at the American Legion Post Home. Interment was at Ft. Lincoln Cemetery.

The family suggests that expressions of sympathy may be made to the American Heart Association.

Recreation Review

Roller Skating Skating is held in the Center School gymnasium. On Wednesdays, 1st thru 3rd grades share the floor, while on Fridays, it is 4th thru 6th graders. Time is from 3-5 both afternoons. Rental skates are available.

Volleyball-Competitive competitive Co-recreational volleyball is played at the Center School gymnasium on Monda, from 6:30-10:30 p.m. Everyone 16

years and over is welcome.

Center Holiday Hours Both the Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center will open at 12 noon on Monday, January 18 to accommodate the youth and adults who will have the day off. Weight Lifting Club Members Reminder: Weight Lifting Club

cards must be renewed annually in order to use the weight facilities.



Shirley Waller

The warranty on the windows installed in the brick, block, and mineral sided homes during rehab is about to expire. Anyone who has problems with a window installed in a masonry home must notify the GHI Maintenance Department by calling 474-6011 by February 5, 1988.

A memorial service for John S. Webb will be held Sunday, January 24 at 2 p.m. at Adelphi Friends Meeting, 2303 Metzerott Road, Adelphi. All are invited. Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to the Washington Peace Center or the Nature Conservancy. For in-formation call 474-6890.

Ragtime Concert at Paint Branch Church Jan. 22

"At the Rosebud," a concert of ragtime and other lively music of the early 1900s, by singers, dan-cers and piano of Tom Pacl's Rosebud Musical Theater Com-pany, will be at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church on Friday, January 22 at 8 p.m. There is a fee. For reservations, or information, call 937-366d.

Gray Panthers Meet

Attorneys Debbie Chalfie and Kathy Lee will speak on "How to Avoid Legal Ripoffs" at a Gray Panther meeting January 16 at 1:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. Representing HELP, these attorneys will emphasize probate reform and estate planning. They will also answer questions on legal self-help and legal information for seniors. The public is invited to attend. Free refreshments will be served. For information telephone 474Thursday, January 14, 1988

Golden Age Club

by Janet James Do you like a mystery? Well, the program for the Golden Age Club for Jan. 20 is a mystery We don't know what it is or whether it is. Our very capable Program Chairperson Ruthlee Kolbe has been very ill and we don't know whether she has been able to provide us with a program or not, and we don't want to bother her to ask her.

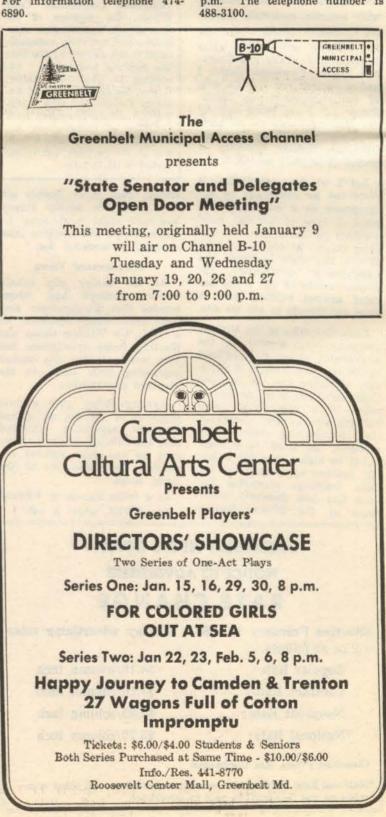
So come down to the Recreation Center at 11 a.m. on Jan. 20 and find out. We will let you in on a secret-sshh! We do have a back-up speaker if necessary. but we can't tell you who or what the subject, because we might not need a back-up. Isn't a myster program fun?

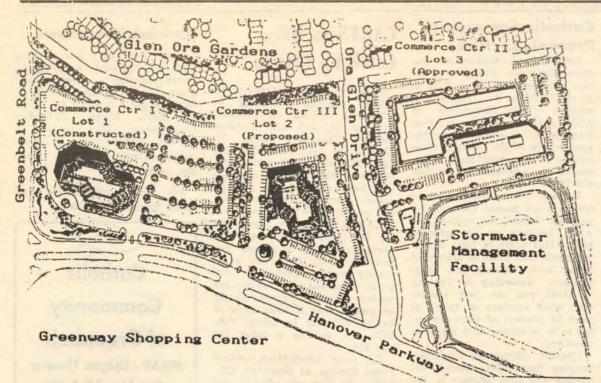
Tax Forms Are Arriving; **Help Available from IRS**

We think so!

More than 2.3 million federal tax packages are on their way to taxpayers in Maryland and the District of Columbia. Despite sweeping changes in the tax law this year, taxpayers will find the new individual tax forms very similar to last year's

The IRS is ready to help with toll-free phone lines. Telephone assistance is available weekdays, 8:30 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Starting Jan. 30, phone assistance will also be available on Saturdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The telephone number is





The outline of the Midland Company's proposed Commerce Center III is shown on the middle lot (Lot 2) of the 21-acre Smith-Ewing tract which lies to the east of Hanover Parkway. Outlines of build-ings on the other two lots are also shown.

Commerce Center I has already been completed and is being leased. (Based on a Prelimianry Site Review by Lockman Associates/Architects made available courtesy of Fossett & Brugger.)

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fic density assigned to the 21-acre tract. He also cited traffic

studies that townhouse office

buildings generate traffic density

of about twice that of high-rise

Summing Up

emphasized that no decisions

are made at worksessions, said

that what he was hearing from

the council and the homeowners

was that they . ght be favor-ably inclined to a proposal for

an office building five stories

high with the same footprint as

that planned for the six stories. Modjeska finally expressed the

idea that there might be "some flexibility" in the building size.

He suggested that it might be

possible to find some common

ground somewhere between 110,-

000 and 128,000 square feet

which would be economically

Acting classes for children

will be given at the Greenbelt Arts Center during January.

There will be classes each Mon-

day for ages 5-7 and 8-10, and

each Saturday for ages 5-7 and

11-14. For more information call Barbara Simon, 474-2192.

GHI NOTES

day, January 18 in observance of

the birthday of Martin Luther

King, Jr. For emergency service

that day please call 474-6011.

Offices will be closed on Mon-

Acting Classes Offered

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, who

Twin Commerce Center Proposed

(Continued from page one) L. Schilling III, president of the Windsor Green Homeowners Association, a number of condi-tions were listed but the concept was not opposed. Among the conditions were lowering the height by at least one floor, a traffic impact analysis, a scheme for preventing Ora Glen Drive from becoming a shortcut, and design approval of the buffer area between the proposed building and the homes. The Windsor Green group also rec-ommended delay of occupancy permits until Hanover Parkway is cut through to Good Luck Road and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway bridge is widened. They also suggested moving the driveway for the new building onto Glen Ora Drive toward Hanover Parkway.

According to discussion at the worksession, the Greenbrook homeowners association and the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) were expected to take a position on the development proposal later in the week. (See box on page one).

Developer's Response

In response to these concerns. Reed said that it might be possible to reduce the height of the building to five stories and increase the 'footprint' enough to compensate for the reduction in height. Several council members, however, called this no concession at all. Councilmember Ed Putens asked whether it would be possible to reduce the height by one story and keep the same footprint. Council member Thom-White also characterized as Reed's response as "not satisfactory." He said he had hoped for reduced scale, not just squeezing the same square footage down into a shorter, larger "You haven't moved building. an iota from your original pro-posal," he said.

Mayor pro tem Joseph Isaacs said that the hotel plan had been accepted because, in that plan, we were not going to be dealing with huge buildings." He said that he was "not buying off on a high-rise" on this lot. Councilmember Antoinette Bram, who said that she did not like the concept of a hotel on the site, nevertheless suggested that the developer "come back with a lower square footage." City Manager James K. Giese also said that the point is the size of the building. He noted that the developer is proposing a building of the same size as Commerce Center I on a smaller piece of land. He went on to suggest a compromise in size between the 128,000 square feet of the developer's plan and the smaller size of the hotel proposed in the original zoning plan.

During much of the discussion Modjeska and Reed maintained that a lower square footage was not economically feasible. Modjeska did say, however, that he was amenable to the five story limitation.

Low-Budget Hotel

As he had at the earlier city council meeting, Reed again pointed to the possibility that the lot would be sold for a lowbudget hotel operation instead of a quality corporate suite hotel. He said that such an occurrence would lower the value of the surrounding properties and was a concern to his client.

Keith Chernikoff, chairman of the city's Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and local activist, characterized this argument "a red herring" in his view; as he said that his research indicated that none of the low-budget motel companies build hotels which would conform to the covenants on the land. Reed disputed this contention, saying that his client's view a structure the "suite-type" could be in of built which would pass the covenants and would still be a lowbudget operation.

Traffic

Chernikoff repeatedly also hammered on the theme of increased traffic generated by the proposed office building. He tried to get some idea of the size of an office building which would generate no more traffic than that expected from a corporate suite hotel. In response to his questions, Wilson said that the two are "like apples and oranges" because traffic to and from a hotel flows at different hours and in the opposite direction from rush hour traffic to and from an office building. Reed admitted that the office building would generate more traffic than the hotel; however, he insisted that the traffic attributable to the three office buildings would Windsor Green Indoor Soccer **Objects**

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also placed some of the blame for the heavy commercial development on the county administration, which he described as very "pro-development." He went on to explain that once the zoning is in place there is very little the city can do except in some cases to get lower densities and delay development. He noted that where zoning is in place, even the county cannot stop development without extra-ordinary efforts. "Realistically," he said, "the cost of Greenbelt East land is out of reach." He expressed a great deal of con-cern also about spending the amount of money it might take to acquire Parcel 1. "I wanted to do great things with the bond issue money," he said.

Schilling, speaking for the board, appeared to be partially mollified if not wholly convinced. He said that they just wanted the council and the people of Greenbelt to recognize that "our values may be different than those of people in the center . . . but they are just as important to us as theirs are to them."

Investments for Retired Subject of Retiree Meeting

Federal retirees in the Greenbelt area enjoyed a festive Christmas lunch on December 16 at Duff's Smorgasbord Cafeteria. The event was sponsored by Chapter 1122 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE).

The Chapter's next meeting will open at noon on Wednesday, January 20 at the Greenbelt library. The meeting will fea-ture a talk on investments for

by Sue Cornelius

Greenbelt Soccer Association kicked off the eight-week winter season this past weekend at Bowie's White Marsh Indoor Field. Greenbelt is well-represented by eight teams, with ages ranging from five to 16 of which are co-ed.

GSA is a newly formed organization designed to meet the growing interest in indoor soccer for the soccer enthusiasts in Greenbelt. The City of Greenbelt is instrumental in financing both the registration fees for teams, as well as some purchas-ing of uniforms. GSA (and the kids) are also indebted to the city for allowing pre-season team practices at Lake Youth Center. Springhill

Thanks also to Springhill Lake Elementary School for finding some practice time for all eight teams in their gym. Donation also has been received from Greenbelt American Legion # 136, which is a long-standing supporter of Greenbelt Soccer.

GSA was hoping to field two teams this season. They had signups for eight teams. Due to extra effort by Athletic Director Julie Greer and Equipment Manager James Greer, the City of Greenbelt, Springhill Lake Elementary School, and all coaches (for their time and enthusiasm), all those players who signed up have a team.

Players are now busy learning individual soccer skills, teamwork, cooperation, good sportsmanship and playing soccer.

retired individuals by securities specialist George Krzywecki as well as a pot-of-gold drawing. Persons planning to attend the meeting are asked to bring their own lunches.





Kimberley Scheibel and James McCarl wed.

Scheibel-McCarl

Kimberley Scheibel, Ann daughter of Jo Scheibel of Greenbelt and Merle Scheibel, and James Howard McCarl, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clayton McCarl of Berwyn Heights, were mar-ried on November 28. The evening candlelit ceremony for 200 guests took place at the Berwyn Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Mr. Sidney Conger officiating.

Kimberley was attended by her sister Lorie as maid of honor and by bridesmaids Linda Anderson, Page Scheibel, Sally Mc-Carl Moore, Kathy McCarl and Lisa McCarl. Flower girl Erinn Scheibel was unable at the last minute to take part in the service. The groom was attended by his brother Clayton as best man, Greg Scheibel, John Halley, four friends from Gettysburg College and a Scheibel cousin from Pittsburgh.

The reception was held at the University of Maryland Center for Adult Education.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, Grand Cayman Island and Mexico, the couple is now residing in Greenbelt on Ridge Road. "Doctor Jay" practices dentistry with his father and brother. Kimberley is currently studying architecture at the University of Maryland.

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Catholic Community Presents Lecture Wednesday, January 20, Crea-tive Rhythms for ages 3-5 at

Lou Tesconi, founder of Damien Ministries, will give a lecture on Wed., Jan. 20 at 7:30 p. m. at 108 Ridge Rd. The lecture, entitled "The Experience of AIDS, A Death and Resurrection Experience," is offered under the sponsorship of the Catholic Community of Greenbelt. More infor-mation is available by calling 474-7280.

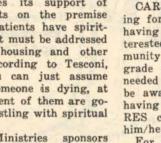
Damien Ministries, whose members are Roman Catholic lay persons, bases its support of AIDS patients on the premise that AIDS patients have spiritual needs that must be addressed along with housing and other matters. According to Tesconi, "I think you can just assume that when someone is dying, at least 99 percent of them are going to be wrestling with spiritual questions."

housing for AIDS patients, including the first shelter in the country for women with AIDS. The group also maintains outreach programs in hospitals and prisons. The Washington Post, in an August 1987 front page article in the Health section, featured the work of Damien Ministries as representative of the efforts of local churches and synagogues to help victims of this disease.

Metro Revises Schedules For M.L. King Holiday

Metrorail will run from 6 a.m. to midnight on Monday, Jan. 18 for the Martin Luther King Jr. birthday holiday. Metrobus will run on a modified Saturday schedule. For information call Metro at 637-7000.





Damien Ministries sponsors

CARES to Offer Catch-Up Classes

A new G.E.D. preparatory course will be beginning at Greenbelt CARES on Tuesday, January 26, and will continue through Thursday, March 31. Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, 2-4 p.m. This course is free for those students who have dropped out of high school, Maryland residents, and are over the age of 16 years.

CARES also offers free tutoring for those students who are having difficulty in school. Interested adults from the community with expertise in any grade level and any subject are needed to tutor. Parents should be aware that if their child is having difficulty in school, CA-RES can provide a tutor for him/her.

For more information, contact Judye Hering, at Greenbelt CA-RES, 25 Crescent Road, tel. 345-6660.

Baha'i Faith

When anyone occupieth himself in a craft or trade, such occupation itself is regarded in the estimation of God as an act of worship.

- Baha'i Sacred Writings

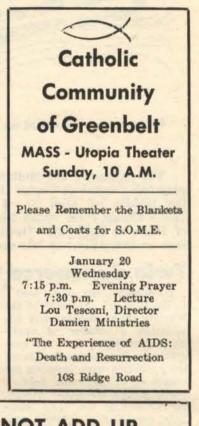
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Greenbelt Homemakers

Thursday, January 14, 1988

The Greenbelt Homemakers Club will present a program, "Understanding Depression," given by Lois Schlimme, Wed., January 20, 8 p.m. at the home of Marie Riggs. Extension Homemakers Clubs are open to anyone, irrespective of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, or handicap.

For more information call Lauri Moran, 345-1429.



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As a result of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, it is anticipated that more people will need help with their tax returns this year. To minimize delays, tax assistance will be provided by appointment only. Special phone lines will be available at the Department of Aging on or after Jan. 19 bctween 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. to schedule appointments. These num-bers are 699-2687 and 699-2688. Actual tax assistance will start Feb. 1 and continue up to April

For further information about Tax Aide service, call Joseph Fazio, Overall Coordinator at 699-

At the Library

Thursday, Jan. 21, Morning Book Discussion 10:15 a.m. of Paule Marshall's Praisesony for

Thursday, Jan. 21, Drop-In Storytime ages 3-5 at 10:30-11

The Friends of the Greenbelt Library will hold their first meeting of the year Wed., Jan.

20, at 7:30 at the library. The

Friends raise funds for library

materials and programs and promote the library's services. Anyone interested is welcome to

attend the meeting. Call 474-2192 for further information.

The Prince Georges County De-

partment of Aging is offering tax

assistance for Greenbelt residents

at the Greenbelt Library and at

19 other sites throughout the

county. This service is designed

to help people 55 years of age or

older to understand the implica-tions of tax law changes for

their specific circumstances and

to take advantage of special ben-

efits for the elderly. Tax Aide

Counselors can also help these

taxpayers complete their federal

and state income tax returns.

There is no charge.

Tax Aid for Elders

Library Group to Meet

10:30-11 a.m.

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Morning Worship 11:00 A.M. Rev. Dr. James Chong Park Pastor

Paint Branch Unitarian Church 3215 Powder Mill Road (near Cherry Hill Road) Sun., Jan. 17, 9:30 and 11:15 a.m. Sermon: "Fragments of a Dream." Ohurch School 9:30 a.m. Rev. R. W. Kelley

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH Episcopal Baltimore Blvd..at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist First Three Sundays 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Fourth Sunday 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Rev. John G. Bals, Rector 422-8057

Sunday School 11:00 A.M. 474-1924



Our Neighbors Martha Kaufman 474-9359

Congratulations to Dorrie and Richard Bates of Ridge Road, on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Bradshaw Bates. Abigail weighed in at 8 lbs. 13 oz. on Tuesday, January 5 at Holy Cross Hospital. Her big sister, Sarah, is 21/2 years young. Dorrie is a member of the News Review staff.

Congratulations to Andy and Lucy Winsky of Greendale Place, who became proud grandparents, and to Dan Winsky, who became an uncle on the birth of James Alexander Royal. James was born on January 12 at Prince Georges General Hospital. Baby weighed 7 lbs. 9 oz. and was born to parents Denise and Alan Royal of Berwyn Heights. Sister Deborah is three years young.

Anthony and Robin Kirby, Sr., Crescent Road, became the proud parents of Anthony Francis Kirby, Jr., who was born December 29 at Holy Cross Hospital.

Janet Kronzer, University Square Apts., became a new grandma. Her son, Christopher, and his wife, Kelly, of Laurel had a baby boy, Christopher Lance, Jr., weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. He was born at Washington Hospital Center on January 9.

Democratic Club to Hear Reps of Dukakis, Simon

The Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club has scheduled a series of presentations of the Democratic presidential candidates. The series will open with the meeting to be held at 8 p.m. on Friday, January 15, at the Greenbriar Community Center. At that time, the members will hear representatives of Governor Michael Dukakis and Senator Paul Simon. Other presen-tations are planned for February. The public is invited.

Keith Chernikoff will continue to serve as program chair, while immediate past president Robert Zugby will function as press liaison.

City, County, State Offer **Grants to City Renters**

The City of Greenbelt offers grants amounting to 3% of the rent paid during the preceding year for a dwelling in the City. To be eligible, a renter must be at least 65 or totally and permanently disabled. The combined gross income of the applicant and all others within the household shall not exceed \$5,000.00 for the preceding cal-endar year. The applicant must reside within the City at the time of making application, as well as having paid rent for a dwelling in the City.

Applications may be filed until February 12, 1988. Residents may call the Treasurer's Office at 474-1552 and request that an application be mailed to them.

Prince Georges County offers a similar program, restricted to those who have received assistance in the past. No new applications are being accepted. For information 952-3770.

The State of Maryland also has an assistance program. This is a program which is active and for which applications are being accepted. For information call 1-800-492-3790.

Chernikoff Will Run As Dukakis Delegate

Greenbelter Keith Chernikoff is one of seven residents of Maryland's Fifth Congressional District who registered on January 11 in Annapolis as a delegate committed to Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis. Chernikoff will run as a delegate in the presidential primary on Super

Tuesday, March 8. A lifelong county resident. Chernikoff is a senior business application analyst for Arbitron Rating. He is also chairperson of the city's Park and Recreation Advisory Board and Program chair for the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. He is former president of the Prince Georges Young Democrats Club.

GREENBELT NEWS REVIEW

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A 23-year-old College Park man was stabed several times in the back about 1 a.m., January 3 during a fight involving many persons in the Beltway Plaza parking lot. The victim was transported to the Prince Ge-orges Hospital Center in Cheverly, where he was reported in stable condition. Two Greenbelt men. ages 17 and 20, were arrested near the scene. The 20-year-old suspect was charged with assault with intent to murder and held on \$10.000 bond. The 17-year-old juvenile was released pending further investigation.

Officer Matthew Carr arrested a 17-year-old Greenbelt youth about 11:30 p.m., January 2 who was involved with several others in a fight in the East Municipal parking lot near the Roosevelt Center in the 100 block of Centerway. The young man was charged with disorderly conduct and released to a parent pending court action.

A 44-year-old woman reported being the victim of an indecent exposure about 2:45 p.m., January 4. While she was in her apartment in the 9100 block of Edmonston Road, a young man stood outside her window and exposed himself to her, then fled. He was black, 16 years, 5'5", 140 lbs., wearing blue jeans and a dark pullover sweater or shirt. An apartment in the 6100 block of Breezewood Court was broken into on January 5. The suspect(s) had entered an adjoining vacant apartment and broken through a common wall

the

victim's apartment.

Nothing was reported missing. A wallet was stolen from a purse about 1:30 p.m., January in an office in the 7400 block of Greenway Center Drive. A possible suspect was described as a black male, 25-30 years, 160 lbs., wearing a dark 6'2". blue sweater with a maroon design on the front, dark pants and a dark blue baseball cap with a Mercedes Benz emblem on the front.

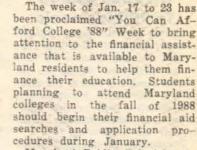
Basement storage bins were reported broken into at two Springhill Lake apartment buildings on January 2. In the 6100 block of Springhill Terrace assorted household items were stolen and in the 5900 block of Springhill Drive a large oak desk was stolen.

A patron at Kangaroo Katie's restaurant in Greenway Center reported her purse stolen about 2:45 a.m., January 3 from beneath a bar stool.

A red 1986 Toyota Four Runner 4WD. Maryland registration 739-213 was stolen January 1 from a parking lot in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway.

Cpl. Thomas Miskell recovered 1987 Toyota Corolla about 1:40 p.m., January 2 in the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway. The car had been reported stolen the previous day in Oxon Hill. There were no arrests.

Thefts from and vandalism to autos were reported: on January 1 in the 100 block of Westway; on January 2 in the 6000 b'ock of Greenbelt Road; on January 4 in the 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane; and on January 5 in the 6400 block of Ivy Lane and the 7400 block of Greenbelt Road.



College Financial Aid

Maryland Public Television is broadcasting a half-hour program beginning at 10:30 p.m.. Mon., Jan. 18, during which financial aid officers will be available to answer caller's questions. A tape of the program will be repeated at 11:30 a.m. on Sat., Jan. 23 and at noon on Thurs., Jan. 28.

WBAL Radio (1090-AM) is so assisting. Financial aid also assisting. questions will be answered from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tues., Jan. 19.

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What Is A Diastema?

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Any condition in which there is spacing between teeth. is referred to as a diastema. It is most frequently seen between the upper two front teeth (central incisors). Among the causes are: failure of developing bone sections to meet; abnormal thickening of bone; supernumary (extra teeth; and an overdeveloped frenum (the muscle attachment of the lip near the 2 front teeth). Although in many children the 2 front teeth have a space between them when they first erupt, in time the space will usually close without any treatment.

Some people may find a diastema esthetically unpleasing while others feel a sense of uniqueness. Many public figures treat diastemas as their "trademark". Where esthetics is a concern, however, there are now several methods of dealing with diastemas. Fixed bridges or crowns, bonded briges, and bonding are the techniques used.

Fixed bridges and crowns are the least conservative and most costly approach. In most cases, adjacent teeth must be involved in the bridge to balance the appearance. Bonded bridges, where appropriate, offer a moderate approach, but the particular application must be thoroughly evaluated. Finally, there are the various forms of bonding, which offer the most conservative approach while being the least Again, thorough expensive. evaluation is necessary to determines the appropriate technique.

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Martin Marietta Donates \$3,000 **To Philharmonic**

Martin Marietta Data Systems recently donated \$3,000 to the Prince Georges County Philharmonic Orchestra during an informal ceremony held at the company's Greenbelt headquarters. The donation will provide operating and administrative funding for the institution.

Nyman Realty Moves

To Hanover Parkway

ERA Nyman Realty will be

moving their Greenbelt Office

during the week of Jan. 18 to

7213 Hanover Parkway. Suites

210 and 220 in Hanover Office

Park. Hanover Office Park is a

new development of townhouses

which will be used for profes-

sional offices by attorneys, doc-

tors and dentists. ERA Nyman

will be moving to expand its

quarters and to be more cen-

trally located for all the mark-

ets it services which now in-

clude College Park, Beltsville,

Silver Spring, Laurel, Adelphi,

Bowie, Lanham, Hyattsville and

Greenbelt. ERA Nyman will

completely redecorate the office.

ERA Nyman's Greenbelt Office

now employs more than 40 sales

associates and is managed by

The move was prompted by

many factors. Not only was

space a problem with all the

new associates, but so was its

relatively hidden location. With

all the expansion in Greenbelt in

recent years and the expansion of the office's market areas, E-

RA Nyman felt they needed a more visible location. In addi-

tion, rental rates at the Center-

way location were continuing to

go up and ERA Nyman found

they could purchase a new build-

ing for approximately the same

monthly cost at their current

On Jan. 1, 1977,, Nyman Realty

purchased the former Greenbelt

Realty from Abraham Chasan-ow and has leased the building

from Chasanow since then. Eth-

el Gerring and Yolande Greeze

were agents with Greenbelt Realty and are still with ERA

Nyman Realty. Upon notification

of ERA Nyman's move, Chasan-

ow hired a private commercial

firm to take care of leasing the

building. Domino's Pizza has

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Presenting the donation to the orchestra was Shirley F. Prutch, vice president of Martin Marietta Data Systems' Systems Integration division. Accepting the contribution were Gailyn Gwin, manager, and Mary Lou Morris, treasurer of the Philharmonic Orchestra.

In accepting the donation from Prutch, Gwin commented "Martin Marietta Data Systems' generous gift comes at a crucial time for the Philharmonic. We can now look forward to the rest of our season with greater financial confidence. Martin Marietta is truly an angel of the arts."

As the county's only orchestra, the Prince Georges Philharmonic consists of 80 professional musicians throughout the metropolitan area. Highlights from the 1987-88 season include organist Dale Krider, bass-baritone Jonathon Deutsch, pianst Jeffrey Chappel, violinist Pavel Pekarsky, classical saxophonist Gary Louie, and the Laurel Oratorio Society, J. Ernest Green, conductor.

Martin Marietta Data Systems is the information services company of the Martin Marietta Corporation. The company provides a full range of large-scale systems integration services, facilities management, custom application software, computing services plus professional services to industry and government.

PR Contest Winners

Greenhorne and O'Mara, Inc., West and Brady, Inc., Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and E. James White Company won first place awards in the public relations and advertising awards competition held by the Prince Georges County Public Relations Association (PGCPRA). The contest was open to all individuals, organisations, businesses and goverment agencies serving in Prince Georges County. *****

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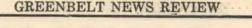
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Greenbelt's Business

Cohen Earns GRI

Lisa Garson Cohen has been awarded the GRI designation by the Realtors Institute of Maryland after successfully completing 90 hours of specific education outlined by the National Association of Realtors.

The Realtors Institute of Maryland was developed to satisfy the need for a more comprehensive and effective learning experience in various phases of real estate.

Cohen is a Realtor Associate for ERA Nyman Realty in Greenbelt.

Financial Planning Course Will be Offered by PGCC

Learn how to stay ahead of inflation and taxes and still have something left over to invest for the future.

Prince Georges Community College is offering "Financial Planning," a course which will include investing vs. saving, tax shelters, and aid information on developing a personal financial plan.

This six-session course will be offered in two separate sections on Wednesdays from 7 to 9:30 p.m. The first will meet from Jan. 27 to March 2 at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and the second section will be March 30 through May 4 at Largo High School.

There is a fee. For additional information, call 322-0793.

Jaycee Week Celebrated

The Greenbelt Jaycees, along with all the Jaycee Chapters statewide and nationwide, are celebrating Jaycee Week, Jan. 17-24. The Greenbelt Jaycees have been serving the greater Greenbelt area since 1959, providing community service to the citizens of Greenbelt. The Greenbelt Jaycees in the past have been active in assisting the Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club, the Big Brothers organization, Special Olympics, and the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, to name a few, and in raising funds for MDA, CF and other charities serving the community.

In providing these community services the Jaycee organization teaches its members management, leadership and personal skills. Anyone 21-39 years of age may become a member of a Jaycee Chapter.

The Greenbelt Jaycees meet the third Tuesday evening of each month at the Jaycee Clubhouse, adjacent to St. Hugh's School, at 8 p.m. The Chapter's next meeting is Tues., Jan. 19, 8 p.m.; a seminar on "Will Planning" will be presented. The meeting is open to all interested persons.

Greenway Shopping Center in

Greenbelt East will receive \$7.5 million in mortgage funding from New York-based MONY Financial Services. The company's At lanta Real Estate Investment Office negotiated financing arrangements.

The property, occupying 22.8 acres, was developed in 1981. Features of the one-story shopping center include steel frame construction with glass store fronts, full sprinkler system and parking for more than 1,300 vehicles. Anchor tenants are Safeway, Dart Drug and Holiday Spa.

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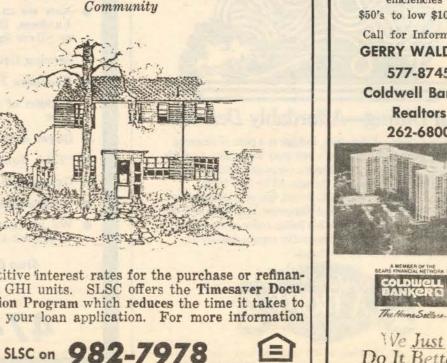
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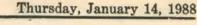
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Some of the Things I Would Have Said and Some of the Stories I Would Have Told if the Program Had Not Been So Long and if We Had Had More Time . . .

Harry Zubkoff served as Editor of the News Review for four separate periods between 1950 and 1960, setting a longevity record in the job eventually broken by the present editor. He also was president of the paper's Board of Directors. During his 14 years in Greenbelt, Harry served on the boards of Greenbelt Consumer Services and Greenbelt Homes, Inc., was GHI's president, and chaired the city's 25th anniversary celebration.

Harry left Greenbelt in 1963, but as a professional journalist who has kept close ties with both the city and the newspaper, he has often been both the expert and the friend to call when the paper needs help. Most recently Harry was the Master of Ceremonies for the News Review's 50th Anniversary Dinner — hence his headline for this article.

The headline is a bit wordier than we are accustomed to using — in fact, it may set another News Review longevity record — but because Harry wrote it, we aren't about to change a word!

by Harry Zubkoff

November 22, the night the News Review celebrated its fiftieth anniversary, was just a week before Thanksgiving Day and two weeks before the summit meeting between Reagan and Gorbachev at which they signed the INF Treaty. An American journalist and a Russian journalist who were scheduled to cover the summit were discussing the things they were thankful for and the relative freedoms they enjoyed in their respective countries, especially freedom of the press and freedom of expression.

"In my country," the American boasted," "we have the freedom to criticize our government Why I can stand at any corner in Washington and shout for all the world to hear that President Reagan is a bum and is leading the United States into a depression, and nobody would stop me or put me in jail."

"Well," said the Russian, "the same thing is true in my country. I can stand on any corner in Moscow and shout for all the world to hear that President Reagan is a bum and is leading the United States into a depression, and nobody would stop me or put me in jail, either."

Many pundits believe that the reason Gorbachev is willing to enter into an arms control agreement is so that he can divert more of Russia's resources from military expenditures to bolstering the civilian economy and building more consumer products. To illustrate the state of the Soviet economy, they tell the story about the man who went to Moscow's only automobile dealer to order a new car. "Here's my money," said the buyer, "one million rubles. When

can I take delivery?" The salesman flipped through

his calendar. "Exactly 10 years from today," he said, "on November 22, 1997." "What time?" asked the buy-

"What time?' asked the buyer. "Morning or afternoon?" "Ten years from today," said the salesman, "what difference does it make whether it's morning or afternoon?"

"Well," said the buyer, "the plumber's coming in the morning."

I have made a career out of studying and analyzing the media performance and, for almost 40 years, I published the Pentagon's daily compilations of media commentaries on national security affairs. In effect, therefore, I was a member of the media, I represented the media, and you can be sure that I came in for my share of criticism, too. Even in Greenbelt, where ev-

erybody reads the News Review and where it is a well-known fact that everybody loves the News Review, there are one or two people who, from time to time, will criticize the newspaper. Hard to believe, isn't it? Anyway, newspaper people have to develop a thick skin and learn to roll with the punches and to take the heat, now and then. Their best defense, psychologically speaking, is always to do what they think is right, and to shrug their shoulders when others disagree with them. In this connection, I want to pass along a story — and a little advice that I got a long, long time ago from my boss, a Secretary of Defense at the time.

"Harry," he said, "it's easy to criticize when you don't have any responsibility for the decisions. But when you're the one who's sitting on the hot seat, you're the one who's responsible, and you have to trust your own judgment and do what you think is right. Just remember, you can't please everybody, you can't be all things to all people, and inevitably, if you publish a newspaper, you're going to displease some of the people some of the time. Which reminds me of a story.

"Once upon a time," he began, "an old man and a little boy in a rural section of the country took their donkey and set off to go to town. The old man rode on the donkey and the little boy walked along beside them. Pretty soon they passed some people on the road.

"One of them said 'Look at that perfectly able-bodied man riding on the donkey and making that poor little boy walk..' So the old man got off the donkey and walked and the little boy got on the donkey and rode a while, until they passed some more people on the road.

"One of them said: 'Look at that perfectly able-bodied boy riding on the donkey while he makes the old man walk.' So the little boy got off the donkey and he and the old man walked along leading the donkey. Soon



they passed some more people on the road.

"One of them said: 'Look at that old man and little boy walking while they have a perfectly able-bodied donkey to carry them.' So the old man and the little boy both got on the donkey. Pretty soon they came to a wooden bridge over a fastflowing stream and, as they were crossing the bridge, the donkey stumbled and they all fell into the water below. The old man and the little boy managed to make it to the shore, but the donkey couldn't swim and drowned.

"As they were sitting on the grass drying off in the sun, the little boy turned to the old man. 'Grandfather.' he said, 'what does it all mean?' 'My boy,' the old man replied, 'let that be a lesson to you. If you try to please everybody, you're gonna lose your ass!'"

The moral of that story, for all of us who are in the business of bringing the news to our readers, is that there simply is no way to please all the people all the time, and that we just have to do the best we can and trust our judgment that we will be right more often than we're wrong.

. . .

We who are in the news business take our responsibility seriously. It is a sacred trust, the responsibility to convey the news to our readers accurately, fully and truthfully. At the same time, however, we must recognize that we are readers as well as writers. And from the perspective of a reader, I must caution everyone to take what he reads with a grain of salt. Or, to put it another way, you must not simply rely upon what you read in the papers to shape your attitudes and opinions about matters of public interest. A good deal of the responsibility for keeping ourselves informed about public affairs rests upon each of us individually. In addition to reading, we must, each of us, think about what we read and see and hear, and learn to form our own opinions and arrive at our own conclusions. In this connection, I have a story that should have a humbling effect upon writers and readers alike.

There was a professor of English at the University of Maryland who decided to take up woodworking as a hobby. He went to Sears and bought a Shopsmith, one of those all-purpose gadgets that can be used as a bandsaw, a drill press, a lathe, a work table, etc., etc. When he got it home, he took it down to the basement, got all the parts out of the crate, and sat down and read the instructions on how to put it together. Well, anyone who has ever read instructions on how to put things together knows that it is the most frustrating thing in the world. The professor worked all that day and well into the night, but it was hopeless and finally he gave up and went to bed with visions of Shopsmiths dancing in his mind all night.

The following day he called in the neighborhood handyman to help him. (Remember the days when there were neighborhood handymen? They're a vanishing breed. Shows you how old this story is.) Anyway, the handyman came in, took one look at all the parts strewn over the basement floor, and went right to work. In a half hour he had the whole thing completely assembled, not a single nut or bolt left over, everything in perfect working order.

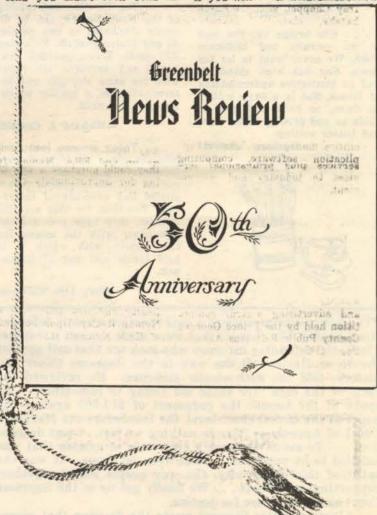
"How on earth did you do that?" the professor marveled. "And you didn't even read the

instructions."

"Well, to tell you the truth," said the handyman, "I never learned how to read, and when you don't know he' to read, you have to learn how to think!"

Now there's a mo al in that story for readers and writers alike. As readers, we must not forget that the act of reading does not relieve us of the need to think. As writers, we must constantly bear in mind the need to communicate with precision and clarity so that even a professor of English can understand what we are trying to convey.

I could go on and on, but I want to save a few stories for our sixtieth anniversary, as well as our seventy fifth, so let's start planning now. Meanwhile, I would leave you with this thought — in our society, information is our most important product, and the communication of information is our most important function. Let us be thankful that we live in a land where the freedom to obtain and impart information — news, if you will — is held sacrosanct.



"I'm sure you have all by now admired the printed programs for this evening's celebration.

"These beautiful programs are a personal gift to the News Review from the Allen family. Three generations of Allens have printed the News Review for almost forever, and are truly a part of the paper's family.

"Two of the three generations of the Allen family are our guests here tonight. We are sorry that the most Senior Allens could not be with us.

"To the Allens, what can we say about your lovely gift, and about your dedicated years of help, except a very simple — but very heartfelt — thank you. Thank you so much."

- from opening remarks by Bill Rowland, President of the News Review's Board of Directors, at the paper's 50th Anniversary Dinner. The cover of the program, shown above, was done in black ink on gold paper, set off with a gold tassel. Inside, the evening's events were printed in dark green ink on white paper.

Members of the printshop family present were Herbert ("Red") Allen, Jr. and wife Nancy; their daughter Dale Allen Borchers and husband Bill; and employee Dave Richmond. Although Herbert Allen Sr. and wife Olive still work in the shop, they did not attend the dinner.

A Tribute to Elaine

The Greenbelt News Review celebrated 50 years of continuous publication in 1987. Elaine Skolnik celebrated more than 30 years with the paper, beginning as the "Our Neighbors" columnist, continuing as the resident expert on zoning and development issues, and serving as president of the board from 1977-1985. When she stepped down from the presidency, the was elected president emeritus. Today she is News Editor, responsible for news assignments and training of interns. In tribute to her many achievements, to her high standards for accuracy and excellence and her personal warmth and integrity, her friends presented Elaine with "Elaine," a publication of anecdotes and remembrances highlighting her career and her special qualities.

Excerpts from some of the tributes include:

... Elaine, in her quiet, friendly way, has become a role model for good citizenship. She works so hard for Greenbelt that it prompts all of us to ask ourselves how we can serve the community.

-Gil & Micki Weidenfeld

. . She (is) a paragon of virtue and acumen, equally capable of helping out or taking over, willing to work all hours, day and night, and, above all, totally committed to the newspaper and its sacred mission of keeping the people of Greenbelt fully informed."

-Harry Zubkoff

. . . She brings out the best in us, recruits and oldtimers alike. We never want to let her down. She has high standards and an instinctive understanding of issues. She is always willing to listen, to help, and, yes, to chide us and prod us to do more and better writing.

-Barbara Likowski

... We know the public Elaine. the public citizen, the news editor, the reporter. But another aspect of this well-integrated personality is what I call the "other Elaine Skolnik." As reporter she could not be seen playing too prominent a part in some of the important activities. The private citizen could not endanger the objectivity of the reporter and editor. So - Elaine convinced others to play a more active role-or to start acting on an issue. . .

-Al Herling

. The duration and quality of the News Review can be directly attributed to two people: Al and Elaine Skolnik. Following Al's death, Elaine guarded, protected and nurtured the paper with the same strength and determination of a mother watching over her child. . .

-Richard J. Castaldi

over the life of the News Review to see a single team - Elaine and Al Skolnik - providing consistent and even-handed leadership. Together, for they are still a team, they have provided the newspaper with the means for the respect with which it is held inside and out of Greenbelt. . .

--Mary Lon Williamson

"The newspaper performed a real function when it defended itself against the charges that were made against it," Roger Clark, the defending attorney who took the libel suit against the News Review all the way to the Supreme Court and victory, told the enthusiastic audience. He reviewed the facts of the case "for those too young to remember." He spoke of the losses: the judgment of \$17,500 against the paper at the circuit court level, the loss before the Maryland Court of Appeals - "five to nothing we lost. I was despondent . . . To me it was such a clear case of opinion that was entitled to be protected. I was very let down. It was the spirit of this community, the way people joined together, supporting our efforts . . . We finally got up to the Supreme Court and it was time for justice.

"Justice Potter Stewart wrote the decision that recognized two things. For the first time the Supreme Court addressed the issue of whether there should be a constitutional protection for statements of opinion. Statements of opinion in spirited debate are often harsh statements. Potter Stewart referred to it as 'rhetorical hyperbole.' The case should not have gone to the jury.

"The other point — the court reviewed the record to see if the judgment was constitutionally permissible. That's very unusual." Clark explained. "The Supreme Court Justices went back through the facts and wrote in the opinion: "The Greenbelt News Review was performing its wholly legitimate function as a community newspaper when it published full reports of these public debates in its news columns. If the reports had been truncated or distorted in any such a way as to extract the word blackmail from the context in which it was used at a public meeting this would be a different case, but the reports were accurate and full.' I can't think of a nicer compliment to the News Review.

"This case." Clark added in postscript, "has been cited in 362 subsequent cases and 21 law review articles. There may be a pound of ink in the hundreds of thousands of law books around the country to spell the words "Greenbelt News and all store and it in a star it the model of the second Review." the base of the state of the st



. . I admire Elaine above all because despite her fierce devotion to the News Review, she is at the same time such a delightfully warm, compassionate, kind and cheerful person. Her friendships are many, they are strong, and they never falter no matter how overwhelming the burdens she is carrying. . .

-Bill Rowland

. . . She has shown extraordinary courage, especially with the four year legal fight and with starting over again as a single person. She cherishes excellence and sets a personal standard for quality research and writing. She openly loves her community, her newspaper, and her family. . .

-David & Deanne Lange

... Elaine has always been the best researcher on the News Review staff. She has an extraordinary instinct for ferreting out what is truly important in governmental and power-brokering activities, at the municipal, county and state levels and with developers. . .

-Virginia Beauchamp

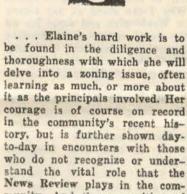
Elaine Skolnik is honored with a compilation of personal tributes, appropiately titled "Elaine," during the News Re-view's 50th Anniversary Dinner in November. Elaine is the paper's News Editor as well as its President Emeritus. Sharing her pleasure are her husband Victor Nicholson (left), long-time News Review friend Roger Clark (right), and (beaming over Elaine's shoulder) former News Review Editor Harry Zubkoff. Zubkoff was Master of Ceremonies for the dinner. Attorney Clark took the 1960's libel suit all the way to victory for the paper in the Supreme Court.

... She has been a teacher to scores of young people, budding journalists for whom she has devoted hours and hours of her time, patiently teaching them . . . the inner workings of a newspa-per and of Greenbelt life. . . -Sandra Barnes

. . Elaine's coverage of stories of which I had personal know-

ledge was invariably as balanced and as objective as possible. In the years that have passed I have been involved in many matters in the Greenbelt area and I always had total confidence in Elaine's objectivity and perspi-cacity. I suppose that Elaine's job as a reporter has been greatly facilitated by the fact that she is "every inch a lady." . . .

-George Brugger



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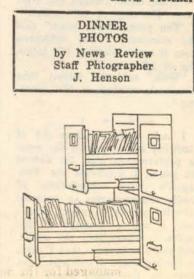
this role is the essence of her

vision. . .

-The Kastners: Sid, Bernice and Ruth

. . She has great managerial and executive talents. Probably without ever taking a course in management theory, she does everything right. She makes long-range and short-term plans, she is great at zero-based budgeting (for years that is the only kind of budgeting the News Review did). She sets clear goals for the staff, establishes clear markers for each project and person, and then checks constantly to make sure that each staff member is making progress toward that next milestone. . .

-Mavis Fletcher





Today we can look back





promised to do this or that. Has it been done? I think I'll call and

find out why not." And before she leaves, I know the latest

goings on in the development

total dedication to the Greenbelt

News Review and this commun-

ity have been an inspiration to

us in the 10 years we have known

. . . As a woman of purpose and strength, she was able to

grapple with the tough issues

that running a local newspaper

required; and rarely took person-

al credit for her effforts. . .

-James K. Giese

. Elaine's enthusiasm and

-Dea and Bob Zugby

-Toni Bram

community. . .

her. . .

... We all know how fashionable it has become to assert "Greenbelt Is Great." But, when you really get behind that slogan, you come to realize that Elaine Skolnik is one of a very few people who worked, fought, agonized, and persevered through the tumultuous struggles that now enable us to say "Greenbelt Is Great." ...

-Tom & Helen White

... I, personally, as a believer in the active role of citizens in city and county government wish to reiterate my thanks to her for her well-researched articles on city and county elections with easily read election results...

-Eunice E. Coxon

... During the GHI and city election fights of the 60's, Elaine always felt the need to get out the vote. Because of her connection with the News Review, she tried to maintain a low profile. She did her work by telephone and those of us who helped her refrained from using her name. Contact was from her home phone, and she became known as "Secret Agent 6-0." ...

-Charlie and Pat Brown

... Elaine is a fighter for Greenbelt, a community of diverse persons committed to supporting and protecting their country and its constitution through education and complete involvement. Elaine is the soul of Greenbelt...

-Priscilla Rosetti

... The best part of Elaine's visit (to the city offices) is her spy report. When it comes to the activities of Greenbelt developers, she is the premier investigative reporter. She digs, checks, double checks, questions and keeps extensive records. "Did you know that so-and-so has done this?" "In 1983, this person

identified as the soul of Greenbelt, it would have to be Elaine. She has been its political conscience, its most effective advocate for children, its untiring protector of green space and the driving force behind the News Review. . .

-Kathy and Jerry Gough

... I particularly recall the years of the Citizens for a planned Greenbelt — her intense involvement in that organization, which kept development at bay and made it listen to reason, if only for awhile...

-Betty Allen

. . . I admire Elaine's ability to walk a neutral line in reporting the political scene in Greenbelt. I have never known her personal views to influence any article she has written. . .

-Norm Weyel

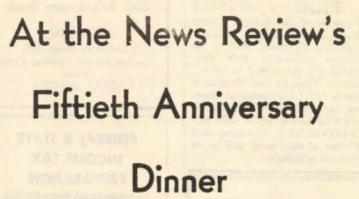
... I will always remember, however, her beautiful smile and her fondness for dancing. At social gatherings, the very moment the band started playing, Elaine's feet were in motion, tapping to the music.

- Betty Maffay

This special tribute to Elaine was prepared by Sandra Barnes and Mary Lou Williamson with artwork by Sandy Harpe.



Present editor Mary Lou Williamson (left) and former editor Dorothy Sucher, noted especially in years past for her humorous columns, obviously were enjoying the moment. Husbands Jim Williamson (far left) and Joe Sucher were among a number of spouses only reluctantly present who managed for the moment to look as though they were enjoying it.





"There are not many newspapers that have in their history advancing the cause of a free press. I have been struck by the commitment to high principle which the News Review has reflected throughout the course of its half century," United States Senator Paul Sarbanes told his audiience.

After reading some old issues of the newspaper about its libel suit, he shared a comment by Elaine Skolnik about her husband Al: "He was always very concerned about Greenbelt and who is protecting the public interest. He thinks the public interest should be dominant over private interests." That philosophy, Sarbanes noted, has been a "hallmark of this newspaper. It's why we have the freedom of the press protection in the constitution."

Sarbanes spoke of Jefferson's admonition of the "importance of a free press to a free government. And this paper has understood and acted on that responsibility. Not only that but the community has understood." He quoted the chairman of the Greenbelt Freedom of the Press Committee whose task it was to raise the funds the newspaper needed to appeal the lower court decision against it in the libel suit: "Seldom in our lifetimes are we privileged to make a direct contribution to protect one of our most basic freedoms — freedom of the press."

He praised Greenbelt's "strong sense of democracy and commitment to its values. A democracy is a very hard system to make work," he explained. "It doesn't guarantee to anyone that their views will prevail, it only guarantees their views will be heard. This community understands that and understands it well. The News Review and the people of Greenbelt, in my judgment, have met the challenge in full measure and I congratulate you for it."



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