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Concerned County Citizens Argue Merits of Inter-county Connector

by James Giese

About 50 citizens turned out on Saturday November 18 for a town meeting on the proposed Inter-County Connector (ICC). Held in the council meeting room of the Laurel Municipal Building and sponsored by the League of Women Voters, the audience got a chance to raise questions and express views to a panel of six planning officials and a representative of the Audubon Naturalist Society. Greenbelter and former County Councilmember Richard Castaldi served as moderator.

The one and one-half hour meeting was broadcast live to Laurel residents over the Laurel community access cable channel, which has an elaborate studio setup adjacent to the council chamber.

Citizens, citizen association representatives and local officials were present from Laurel and its environs, Beltsville, Glenn Dale, Bowie and Montgomery County. Although the city council has expressed its strong opposition to this proposed highway in the past, no one in the audience was from Greenbelt. While many in the audience were either strongly opposed or supportive of the ICC, they acted with appropriate decorum and lack of vituperation, perhaps because the cameras were turned on.

The panel consisted of Betty Hager Francis, Prince Georges County Department of Transportation; Frank Derro, Director of Transportation Planning for the Prince Georges Department of Plan-

ning of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission; Neal Fitzpatrick, Vice-president of the Audubon Naturalist Society; John Clark, Montgomery Department of Transportation; Karl Brindle, Director of Planning for the City of Laurel; Mike Maloney, Prince Georges County Councilmember for the Laurel-Beltsville area and Neil Pedersen, Planning Director for the Maryland State Highway Administration. A representative of the EPA was ordered not to attend because of the federal shutdown.

Seven Alternatives

Pedersen began the meeting by outlining the seven alternatives under study for this cross-county connector, which is intended to improve transportation between I-270 in the Rockville/Gaithersburg area and I-95 and U.S. Route 1 in the Laurel/Beltsville area. One is a no-build, do-nothing alternative. A second would make improvements to many roads in the area so they could better handle the projected increase in traffic volumes. A third would provide better traffic management on existing roads and reduce demand by such means as ride-sharing, bicycling and telecommuting.

Preliminary alternatives are now being considered. After this process is finished, a detailed alternatives study will be carried out. The final step will be to make a decision.

As to needs, Pedersen cited a 40-45% projected by 2020

increase in households and employment in the metropolitan area. A 28% growth in households and a 59% growth in employment is projected in the study area. This growth is predicted to increase east-west travel by 39-59%. Already a majority of intersections in the area operate at or near peak capacity; by 2020, 89% will be at or near peak. By that time I-270, I-495 and I-95 will also be at or near peak capacity.

Numbers Challenged

Many citizens present opposed the road alternatives. They challenged the need projection, contending that while the percentages were high, the actual numbers were small, and that not that many more vehicles were projected for east-west travel. According to one citizen, the increase in vehicles would be only 23,000 if the Northern Route is built.

Maloney, who felt a new highway would move traffic jams from place to another, felt that new roads will cause more problems than they will solve. Their construction will enable the land around Muirkirk Road to be developed, including Konterra and a giant shopping center which is to rival Potomac Mills.

Principal movers for the road are not citizens but builders and developers, Maloney contended, who want to get away with more building than they are now able to do because of the regulations concerning inadequate public

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Fifty Years Ago

A Peace Time Christmas

by James Giese

Christmas Season, 1945—Greenbelt celebrated its first peace time Christmas in four years, but thoughts of the war were still on its citizens' minds. Initially the Greenbelt Catholic Church sponsored a food collection for starving Europe as part of a nationwide campaign. Residents were urged to donate cans of milk, vegetables, fruit, soups, cocoa and chocolate, baby foods and dehydrated and dried foods. A drop-off container was located at the Center foodstore. Later, the American Friends Service Committee took over the effort. They also sought donations of clothing.

Center School children and teachers did their own fund raising by holding a Christmas gift sale. Objects made of paper, clay, wood, cloth, cardboard and glass were offered for sale by the children at various booths in the auditorium. At frequent intervals during the sale, Christmas carols were sung by a group seated on

the stage. A pint-sized Santa Claus circulated in the crowd, gaining incredulous glances from visiting small fry.

Because of an early-bird rush on the items sold, a limit of one to a customer was set by the children. This resulted in items left over at the end of the sale, even though the policy was lifted an hour before closing. What to do with the leftovers? The children decided to sell the leftover items to themselves. (Center School used Progressive Education methods at that time, which included activities in which children learned by doing.)

A Bus for Christmas

Greenbelt Consumers Service (GCS) gave the town its Christmas gift three days early, according to the Greenbelt Cooperator, by starting a bus service to circle the town and meet up with the Capital Transit bus. The Santa Claus for the ribbon-cutting ceremony was Mr. Nicholas, him-

self. This Mr. Nicholas was William Nicholas, GCS board member and Master of Ceremonies. Sam Ashelman, GCS General Manager, presented the two bus drivers, Milo Yoder and Walter Pendleton. After the ribbon cutting ceremony, anybody who was anybody in Greenbelt got on the bus to take a ride around the circuitous route. After the first day, a five cent fare was charged to anyone riding the bus who was over five years of age.

Oh Christmas Tree

It is a no, no to chop down evergreen trees in the woods in Greenbelt. However, it apparently happened with some frequency in the early years. Chief of Police George Panagoulis took the problem seriously. He announced that this year there would be 15 special policemen detailed, in addition to the regular force, to prevent anyone from cutting down a tree. Anyone caught would be

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Bring Us Your News

Our editing staff is now beginning to work earlier in the day on Tuesdays. We would appreciate receiving community news items by noon on Tuesday. Come in to the office Mondays from 2 to 4 or 8 to 10 p.m. or drop items in the box in the Co-op.

Bradley-Papp Outlines Solutions For Center Mall Problems

by Virginia Beauchamp

In commenting on the proposed renovation of the Roosevelt Center in the heart of Old Greenbelt, the message of voters to the recent city questionnaire was (paraphrased), "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." Although not perfect, the condition of the mall seemed reasonably attractive to just about everyone who uses it—tree-shaded and inviting. Why spend big bucks on changing things?

The city's answer, and that of landscape architect Sharon Bradley-Papp, who has been looking into design possibilities for the renovation, is that if it ain't broke now, it soon will be. What people don't realize, she said at a meeting on December 14 of local

wall of the Co-op building. "We would like a better link to the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), the post office and the recreational facilities," Bradley-Papp said. More importantly, people find the steps uncomfortable to use. The treads are too shallow, so that if any ice or snow collects, only people's toes can find room. On the other hand, the proportions of risers to treads are uncomfortable for most people.

In the second and third of the three alternatives she has drawn up for a renovation plan, she suggests returning to the original design for pedestrian movement to the rear of the plaza. This involved a stairway directly behind the statue. She suggests a wider, more welcoming stairway in the

My hope in designing the renovation is to preserve those qualities of the Center that people value highly.

—Sharon Bradley-Papp

merchants with herself and Celia Wilson, the city's Director of Planning, is that the Bradford pear trees that people find so attractive have reached the end of their natural life span. In fact, they are at the stage that they will inevitably split apart—creating a danger to pedestrians and a potential financial liability to the city.

Not only must the trees be replaced, but their roots have pushed up the bowmanite pavement that was installed some 23 years ago. Already the cut-out openings around the trees have in some cases had to be enlarged, making the pavement's appearance non-uniform. When the trees are necessarily removed, the pavement would be damaged beyond repair. "The trees and the paving are interlocked," Bradley-Papp said. "To remove the trees will break up the pavement."

Design Philosophy

Nevertheless, her hope in designing the renovation is to preserve those qualities of the Center that people value highly. They like having a tree-shaded plaza. Although some interest has been expressed in returning the Center to its original design, this would no longer work, she said. In 1937 there were extensive areas of lawn, which in the present high-density trafficking could not be preserved. There also were no trees.

She sees two major flaws with the current design, she said. One is the row of evergreens behind the statue. These, over time, have become raggedy. More importantly, they block the view below, toward the woods and aquatic center. "We can restore that vista," she said.

The second problem is the current stairway that hugs the

same place, leading to a plaza at the bottom.

The plaza would provide an open area for the post office and GAC entrances. Low plantings could screen the view of the parking area along the edge of the pavement. She also suggests that the hillside itself can be terraced to create an informal amphitheatre oriented toward the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Minimal Plan

These changes would not be created in Plan #1, however. This minimal plan would make as few changes as possible in the present design of the mall. The Bradford pear trees would be replaced with London planes, the same trees that were installed a few years ago along Centerway. Similar to the original sycamores, the planes are disease-resistant.

They can be pruned, she said, to control the view. At the same time, since their crowns are higher than those of the pears, they would not block the views of the statue and buildings. She recommends openings around the base of the trees at least six by six feet. At the rear of the statue she would place star magnolias.

In this design, the red bowmanite would be replaced with aggregate paving and poured concrete, similar to that used in

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Office Closed Christmas Day

The News Review office will be closed on Christmas Day, December 25. The office will be open Tuesday from 8 to 10 p.m. The deadline for advertising and stories is 10 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

In Remembrance

While Christmas is a time of brightness and joy, I am reminded of good times and bad. The lives of Lynn Heck and Skip Muller were ended violently at Christmastime in 1992. Now, Christmastime brings their families and friends memories of their loss.

A lot of people got to know Lynn Heck when he worked in the Co-op grocery store in the 70's - 80's. To me he was a good friend and confidante. He was one of the true listeners. It seemed that you could talk to Lynn about anything under the sun, and he would make you feel cheerful and wholesome about yourself.

I did not know Skip very long, although he had been in the older classes at St. Hugh's. I know that his family knew my family. Skip was a unique individual, to say the least. He was truly one of a kind!

I am writing this to remind others of the senselessness and evil of violence. Three years ago, violence did not seem as "bad" as it is today. Random shootings, killings, and hate crime surround us all. The news is a light show of violence each night, and the rest of the media is no better. I would like to say, "Stop the Violence, before it stops you!"

It may behoove us, if we know the families of Lynn Heck or Skip Muller to reach out to them and give them a hug, or some remembrance. The years are passing, but the hole left in their hearts will always be there for their loved ones.

Peace to all.

Donna Costa (Fletcher)
Leonard

Wildlife Pictures At Patuxent Center

The National Wildlife Visitor Center will feature an exhibit by photographer Edward W. Robinson through January 31.

Robinson has been a nature photographer for the past fifteen years, winning awards for photographs made from East Africa to the Rocky Mountains. One of his career highlights is a series of photographs documenting one pair of swans over the course of seven years. A resident of Columbia, Maryland, Robinson has spent 15 winters in Florida photographing the Everglades. Recently, he undertook a month-long wildlife photo tour in Kenya, East Africa.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located in the Patuxent Environmental Science Center between Laurel and Bowie. From Route 197, take Powder Mill Road west for approximately one mile to the entrance on Scarlet Tanager Loop.

It is open daily (except Christmas) from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For additional information, call the Center at 497-5760.

Last Call

Thank you to all of the individuals, churches and businesses in Greenbelt that contributed to the Senior Girl Scout Troop 1007's clothing drive for Washington area men's shelters. A special thanks to the Catholic Community of Greenbelt for buying new socks, underwear and other essentials.

A reminder to people still wishing to contribute to the clothing drive: the Co-op will keep a box in the front of the store through December 23. Any donations after this must be collected by me or dropped off at my house. We can use clean used men's suits, pants, coats, hats, sweatshirts, shirts, shoes and boots in all sizes, and new underwear and socks.

Thanks again to everyone who made this a success. For information, please call me at 474-1982.

Natalie Arnold

Thanks

My sincere thanks to my many friends and neighbors and the people of St. Hugh's Church for the prayers said for me during my recent hospitalization. The recuperation is going well and I hope God will bless all of you for your many acts of kindness.

Elizabeth Pels Nash

Applications Ready For Magnet Program

Applications for magnet school programs are now available. The program is part of the Prince George's County School System's Desegregation Plan. Students are admitted through an application process based on desegregation guidelines.

Magnet schools offer specialty programs at the elementary and secondary level, while a Montessori program is offered for three and four year olds. Each program is described in the magnet brochure "The Art of Excellence and Equity." Copies are available in county public schools and libraries.

To be considered for placement in a magnet program, applications must be received by the Department of Pupil Services and School Boundaries, Sasser Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Room 211, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772 by March 1, 1996. A lottery will be held on March 21 to determine placements.

A separate application is required to audition for the visual and performing arts program at Suitland High School. The visual and performing arts application deadline date is January 12.

For more information, contact the Department of Magnet Programs at 952-6044.



Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend congratulated Greenbelter John Lynch after presenting him with a Governor's Crime Prevention Award while "Officer McGruff" looks on.

-photo courtesy Greenbelt Police Dept.

Boys and Girls Club Holds Awards Ceremony

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club awards ceremony, held on Sunday, December 3 at the Greenbelt American Legion honored the commissioners, coaches, assistant coaches and participants of the 1995 fall cheerleading, football, and soccer programs. The combined affair was well attended.

Dauphine Vicks, Family Involvement Chairperson, and Ava Ramey, Athletic Director and Acting Soccer Commissioner, coordinated the program with the assistance of Eleana Brooks, Awards Chairperson. Commissioners and coaches of the three sports assisted with the sale of tickets for the dinner.

The Club extends special thanks to the Greenbelt American Legion, Mark Markovich, president of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, current board members, parents, and friends for their support of the awards ceremony. Congratulations are once again extended to the eleven and under soccer team, coached by Kathy Gioglotti and Jane Jenkins, for winning first place in their county soccer division, and to the twelve and under cheerleading squad, coached by Ava Ramey and Janarae Strauss, for winning first place in their division at the Frederick Douglass High School youth classic competition.

Registration for winter cheerleading, coed intramural, and county girls/boys basketball is still underway. Those interested in participating, should call Pat Benson, club registrar, 441-4845, or Ava Ramey, basketball commissioner, for additional information. The Club's voice mail is (202) 310-1066 (24 hours).

Greenbelter Honored

by Pfc. George F. Mathews

November 21, Greenbelt resident John Lynch was presented with a Governor's Crime Prevention Award during its 16th Annual Awards Ceremony and luncheon at the Annapolis Holiday Inn. Presenting the awards was Lieutenant Governor Kathleen Kennedy Townsend.

Lynch was awarded a Category 'C' Crime Prevention Award for his continuing work with the Greenbriar Community Neighborhood Watch/Mobile Crime Watch Program. His efforts have included implementing innovative scheduling techniques to increase the number of mobile watch patrols in Greenbriar and utilizing the talents of other members to develop a standard operating procedure that has been a model for other neighborhood watch groups throughout the region.

Lynch was also instrumental in forming a coalition with other Greenbelt East mobile watch groups. As a coalition, they were able to obtain a grant that was then used to obtain much needed equipment for the Mobile Crime Watch Program.

Also attending the awards ceremony was Mathews, the Greenbelt Police Department's Crime Prevention Officer, and Lieutenant Michael Craddock, the Commander of the Department's Special Operations Division.



Christmas Holiday Refuse Schedule

Because of the Christmas Holiday, the CITY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 1995, AND REFUSE WILL NOT BE COLLECTED. Monday's route will be collected on TUESDAY, and Tuesday's route will be collected on WEDNESDAY. THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ROUTES WILL BE ON THEIR REGULAR SCHEDULE. Special trash, previously requested, will be collected with the regular refuse collections. Yard waste will be collected on Wednesday.

The recyclable routes will be collected on their regular schedule.

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Greenbelt Connection Christmas Holiday

Because of the Christmas Holiday, Monday, December 25, 1995, the city's dial-a-ride service, The Greenbelt Connection, will NOT operate that day. The service will resume on Tuesday, December 26, 1995.

Community Events

New Deal Cafe Opens Dec. 30

by Bonnie Beck O'Brien
The New Deal Cafe celebrates its Grand Opening Saturday evening from 6 p.m. to midnight, the last Saturday in December, in the new Greenbelt Community Center. Amy Hensen, president of the cooperative talked with us about Diane Whaples' logistics work in coordinating all the generous efforts of the committees. "Diane has done the lion's share of development of the Cafe." As the cooperative's secretary, Diane participates in and maintains the records of all decisions at board meetings. Tim Lee coordinates procurement with Diane, Joel Parker and Kim Hensen and has joined in food tasting with the board, researching potential food vendors.

Alan Turnbull and Alex Barnes envision a warm place where Greenbelters can talk about politics and read the News Review, sip steaming coffee, exotic teas and hot cider.

Renata York is engendering volunteer support. Terri Rutledge, coordinator of volunteers, encourages friendly volunteers in cafe operations. High school students 16 or older may earn community service points behind the counter. There remain front line positions under the professional guidance of Michael Eppolito, the food manager. Call 474-5642. Volunteer contributions will be welcome.

Slee Henry, as coordinator of entertainment, reveals that Kramer, Lareuse and Camfield, two guitars and a keyboard playing instrumental music, will open events followed by Mike Doyle playing classic rock and singing. Forecasts are for jazz, folk, rock and chamber music and singers of diverse ages and ethnic traditions. There are still spaces available for new groups to showcase their talent. Contact number is 474-8213, Slee Henry.

Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto
The Golden Age Club sends holiday wishes to all Greenbelters, young and old. There is no meeting on December 27. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 3, at 11 a.m. The new officers for 1996 will take over at that time and welcome club members' support.

At press time, the weather could cause postponement of the combined party for the December birthdays and the holiday celebration. At a recent outing, the Gersons showed us their "things" that slip over the shoes and have cleats on the bottom. These might be a wise investment for many of us.

This year has been a busy and full one, with both joy and sorrow. It means a lot to have warm friends to share things with; that's what life is all about.

Probably Mary Gardner or Lori Moran will end the year with a joke. We shall see.

Safety Seminar

Join a member of the U.S. Park Police for a discussion on home protection and personal safety. Meet at the Ranger Station in Greenbelt Park on December 28 at 7 p.m..

Genealogists to Meet

The Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet Wednesday, January 3 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library. The meeting, which will be a "Show and Tell" of things of interest to genealogists, is open to the public. Visitors are welcome and there is no charge.

For information call Mary Moien, 474-4713 (before 6 p.m.).

Recreation Review Drop-In Volleyball

Coed drop-in volleyball is played Mondays from 7 - 10 p.m. at the Greenbelt Middle School. Play will be cancelled when school is closed either for a holiday or for inclement weather. For additional information, call 397-2200.

City Notes

City of Greenbelt, Department of Public Works reported the following activities for the week ending December 15. Winter emergency crews were called to work during evening hours. Abelia shrubs were planted at the Community Center and mulched. The flowerbed on Mandan Road damaged by an automobile was repaired. Leaves were collected from city neighborhoods. Large tractors underwent repairs. Recycling center was cleaned. Prisoner security cages were installed in four new police cars. Graffiti was removed from Youth Center and Greenbelt public library. No Bicycling sign and pole were replaced at the Spellman overpass. Purchase of three Public Works vehicles was approved and orders were placed.

All snow equipment is in service. Lighting and reflective warning devices are being upgraded.

Public Works Director Carl Hirsch, Superintendent of Operations Kenny Hall, Horticultural Supervisor Bill Phelan, Parks Foreman Richard Mills, Street Maintenance Foreman Gene Diest, Building Maintenance and Crew Leader Teri Padgett recently attended the seminar "Supervisory Training for Reasonable Suspicion." The program, presented by the Local Government Insurance Trust (LGIT), covered training qualifications for Drug and Alcohol Testing.

At the Library

Thursday, December 28, is Drop-In Storytime at the Greenbelt Library. The session is for 3 - 5 year olds. Meet at the library at 10:15 a.m..

Recycling Corner

Ever hear of tire recycling? Over the past few years, old tires have been used in making skid-resistant rug backing and those weeping hoses. They are also "thermo-recycled," which means they are incinerated to generate electricity. All old tires are welcomed at the Sandy Hill Landfill six days a week. The landfill will accept up to four tires, free of charge. For more information about tire disposal, call Sandy Hill Landfill in Bowie at 464-8400.



Preparations for the annual lighting of the Greenbelt East Christmas tree were made by Greenbriar mechanics Chuck Maloy (atop tree) and Rony Peleaz, holding the ladder. The tree lighting ceremony took place on Sunday, December 10 at the Greenbriar Community Building.

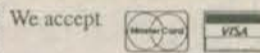
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This giant bear, fondly known as "Rudolph," is now located in the Greenbriar lobby as a big reminder of the toy drive for needy children. "Rudolph" was a donation to Greenbriar for the toy drive. Also pictured are Dana and John Soltis and one and one-half year old daughter Rachel, all residents of Greenbriar Phase II.

-Photo by Linda Evans

Mary Ground

Mary Catherine ("Katie") Ground died on Friday, December 15 at North Arundel Hospital in Glen Burnie. She was born in Strange Creek, West Virginia, on October 29, 1927 and was a longtime resident of Lanham and Greenbelt. Mrs. Ground lived on Laurel Hill Road, sharing the home with her mother, Ethel Martin. She raised her children at that address and moved out of Greenbelt four years ago.

Mrs. Ground attended the Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church. She was retired from NASA Goddard Space Flight Center.

She is survived by a brother, Harry Goff; two sons, Gene Davis and Carl Davis; four grandchildren, Pamela, Mary, Carl, Jr. and Heather Davis; and one great-grandchild, Danielle Davis.

A memorial service is being planned. Friends and relatives will be notified.

Cold Weather Tips

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) reminds customers that water problems related to cold weather is a fact of life. This is the time to "winterize" water pipes in your home to avoid freezing and the resulting costly repairs.

Turn off all water pipes leading to outside spigots. The valve for these outside spigots is usually found in the basement or in a crawl space. After turning the valve off, open the outside spigots to drain them of residual water. Never leave a hose connected to an outside spigot, even if it is one of the "frost free" designs.

Inside pipes can freeze too, if they are located near an outside wall, or if the area isn't heated. Two remedies are available: (1) wrap some type of insulating material around the pipes; (2) make some provision to allow for warmer air to circulate in the room.

When a water pipe does become frozen, a way to thaw it is to use a hand-held hair dryer. Never use an open flame! An open flame can readily melt the solder joint, causing an extensive leak that could damage the contents of the room. One method to forestall frozen pipes is to leave the cold water running by just a trickle during the coldest days. A free brochure, "A Guide to Winterizing Your Home," is available from WSSC by calling 206-8100.

Life Saving Action By Schinner Honored

On Thursday, November 16, Corporal Carl Schinner of the Greenbelt Police Department was awarded the Departmental Lifesaving Award for his actions on Thursday, November 9. On that day Corporal Schinner had responded to an alarm call at a medical park in the 7200 block of Hanover Parkway. While investigating, a citizen told Schinner that a woman had suffered a heart attack down the street and needed assistance. Upon arriving on the scene he observed a doctor attempting to perform CPR on the victim, a 91-year-old Lanham woman.

Corporal Schinner then took over the chest compressions while the doctor continued his resuscitation efforts. The CPR was continued until the doctor determined that the victim had a pulse.

The victim was then transported by ambulance to Prince George's Doctor's Hospital. At last report the victim was still hospitalized in guarded condition. Corporal Schinner, an eight-year veteran of the Department, is currently assigned to the Patrol Division.

Editor's note: Our thanks to the Greenbelter who called this incident to our attention.

Keep Hydrants Clear

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission asks residents to please make certain that nearby fire hydrants are not covered or obscured by plowed or shoveled snow. In the event of an emergency, fire fighting crews need to locate these units as quickly as possible in order to get water flowing and extinguish the blaze.



Virginia Haberman was given the 1995 Outstanding Educator award.

Virginia Haberman Named 1995 Outstanding Educator

Greenbelt's Virginia ("Ginny") Haberman has a special way with kids. Special kids that is: birth-impaired infant-to-2-year-olds with whom she works as a special education teacher in the Prince Georges County school system. For a number of years Haberman has served as a home-based educator in the Infant Toddler program of the Francis Fuchs Special Center.

On November 14, at its annual awards banquet at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, the Association for Retarded Citizens (ARC) of Prince Georges County honored Haberman with its 1995 Outstanding Educator Award for her over 20 years of distinguished service as a special education teacher.

In an oral tribute, ARC noted that: To families she works with Haberman is not just a teacher but a person who really cares about the welfare of their children. It is not unusual for her to pick up the telephone after a child's important medical appointment to see how the family is doing. She travels to homes and hospitals, all on her own time, to visit and spend time with a sick child, supporting parents with her presence and words of comfort and understanding.

"She firmly believes in a family-centered approach," the tribute continues, advocating for services that include the family and meet each individual child's needs, particularly in the least restrictive environment. This outstanding educator is always informing parents of community programs that would be of interest to the family and

their child's overall development, she is a true believer in community participation and its effect on the child's growth and achievements. Her dedication and commitment to families is difficult to surpass.

"The last 20 plus years have left the families she touched with the ability to advocate effectively for their children. She has helped them fine-tune their own skills which they have used - and will continue to use - to access the best resources and services for their children.

Haberman holds Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Maryland and George Washington Universities.

Since 1984, she and her husband, David, have lived in Windsor Green, Greenbelt East.

Crownsville Patients Need Holiday Cheer

Thinking about doing something nice to cheer people up during the holiday season? Don't forget about the patients at Crownsville Hospital Center. The Center is looking for items to help patients enjoy the holidays. Presents for men are most needed.

Personal gifts should be new items (in an unwrapped gift box), such as hats, gloves, board games, art supplies, purses, walkmans, radios, and clothing. Gifts for the wards could include television sets, VCR's, stereos, radios, music instruments, clocks and wall decorations. Cash donations and gift certificates are also welcome.

Please contact the Director of Volunteer Services, Sylvia J. Beall, at (410) 987-6200, ext. 517.

Volunteers Needed

The holiday season is here, and many agencies and organizations need help. To find out how to volunteer, call the Prince George's Voluntary Action Center at 699-2800.

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 40 Ridge Road
 December 24
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 7 p.m. Candlelight
 No December 25 service

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 Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
 Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor
 Rev. G. Paul Herbert, Associate Pastor

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 10110 Greenbelt Road
 Lanham, MD 20706-2206
 (301) 794-7300
 Christmas Eve — December 24, 1995
 11 a.m. 4th Sunday in Advent Eucharist
 —◆—
5:30 p.m. Service of Carols and Holy Communion
 (with Children's choir)
 (preceded by special music by children at 5:15 p.m.)
10 p.m. Service of Carols and Holy Communion
 (with Senior Choir)
 (preceded by special music beginning at 9:30 p.m.)
 Each Sunday
9:30 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m. Eucharist

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF GREENBELT
 Sun., Dec. 24
 No morning Mass
 Christmas Eve Liturgy
 6:30 p.m.
 Municipal Building
 —◆—
 Sun., Dec. 31
 Serve breakfast at S.O.M.E.
 Meet at St. Hugh's
 6 a.m.
 Mass 10 a.m.
 Municipal Building

A Review

A Delightful St. Andrews Concert Blends Old/New

by Barbara Likowski

Although we came prepared to enjoy the St. Andrews concert last month at the Greenbelt Arts Center, we expected more of the same. After all, how many different ways can they present the songs, reels, and strathspeys? This was the fifth concert of Mac Talla, singers in the Gaelic language, Skye Gathering and the Homespun Ceilidh Band, which is composed of the Potomac Valley Scottish Fiddle Club, and Thrir Venstri Foetr (who play medieval & Renaissance music and dance).

But we were pleasantly surprised to discover, as we had in past concerts, something new, something refreshing, and, of course, rollicking music.

Mac Talla sang some old and some new tunes which touched us in different ways. Also, for the first time they used an old wire harp. Perhaps, though, it was their lullaby that moved us almost to tears.

A Playful Song

Trix Whitehall as usual sang some lovely songs. The one we enjoyed the most, however, was a playful song about Glasgow tenement children calling to their mothers to throw down their "piece" or lunch. Then when they moved to a high rise, the dire consequences of throwing down the "piece" had the audience laughing and yes, also grabbing for the "piece" that Trix threw to the audience. But to us it brought back memories of our father calling for his "piece". And to think we never questioned what he was talking about - we knew - but we didn't know where the term had come from.

Yes, there were many such recognitions to be had from these songs, things we had buried inside and did not connect to anything else, things that connected our past and present.

Never Enough

Of course the music was part of this. So many tunes seemed to be known to us even when we knew they were not. There never seemed to be enough fiddling. It got ones toes and hands and heads moving. We wondered how John Ward could keep going even when we didn't

want him to stop. The audience was certainly attuned to the music. There was an occasional yell in appropriate places, of course. We wanted it to go on and on.

We were surprised to learn that Trix and John had made their own viola and pleased to hear it played.

For the first time the audience was invited to join in a simple dance and many did.

From the very beginning of the evening when we were privileged to hear the players rehearse til the end which came all too soon, we were overwhelmed by the music. We do not doubt that the spring concert will open new avenues of delight for us. We are already looking forward to it.

Recycle Newspapers To Fight Abuse

"Become a Knight before Christmas!" Donate newspapers to the Good Knight Castle so they can be recycled into child abuse and protection programs for children.

The Good Knight Castle is the only safety village in the Washington Metropolitan area. It is dedicated to offering programs designed to teach children how to stay safe from abuse, abduction, victimization and accidental injuries. Children visiting the Castle become Good Knights and pledge to teach the safety information to other children.

Other programs include workshops designed to meet a variety of Boy and Girl Scout badge requirements and a museum that is open each Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A special featured Christmas exhibit is known as "The Hall of Angels".

To donate newspapers, leave them at the large recycling bin at the Good Knight Castle gate at 11001 Rhode Island Avenue, Beltsville. For more information about programs or the recycling drive, call Jacqui Cooper at 595-8989.



Boy Scout Troop 746 collected food and donated it to St. Hugh's Food Pantry on November 18. L to R: Joe Solari, Steve Kimble (upper), John Norden (lower), Tim Farris, Asst. Scout Master George Farris and Scout Master Eldo Brown.

photos by Michael Cantor

Scouts Keep Busy With Rides & Hikes

by Tim Farris and George Farris

Boy Scout Troop 746 did Scouting for Food during the weekend of November 18, along with Greenbelt's Pack 202. We donated the food to St. Hugh's Food Pantry. Last month the troop did a service project for Mowatt Memorial Methodist Church, our sponsor. We cut down a tree and cut up some logs. Also in October, we went hiking in the Shenandoah National Park. We were going to hike along Jeremy's Run, at about mile 22 along the Blue Ridge Parkway, but the run was in flood from heavy rain all Friday night. So instead of hiking along the run, we forded it (that was exciting) and climbed up Mt. Knob on the other side.

We hiked out to the summit and camped there overnight. Mostly this was fun, but it was kind of cold that night and there were a lot of hills on the hike back the next day. The last 300 foot climb up to our cars was real hard. In November some of us went cycling. First we rode down and back from Greenbelt to the Northeast Branch and Anacostia River Trails, across from the old port of Bladensburg. That was 20 miles (we stopped at

a donut shop on the way back). The following weekend we rode on the C&O Canal, from Swain's Lock up to White's Ferry. A few of the troop camped that night at Greenbelt Park, where they had rain, sleet, snow, and thunder.

This week the younger scouts are going to Sportrock, an indoor

rockclimbing gym, for a special night of climbing for kids. Boys who are interested in doing the sort of things we do can join us, most Wednesday nights at Mowatt Methodist Church at 7:30. It isn't always hiking, biking, and rock climbing, but it's usually fun.



Scouts picnic along the C&O Canal on their November 11 bike ride. L to R: Brent O'Connell, Joe Parisi, George Farris, Asst. Scout Master, Andrew Cantor, Steve Hall, Carlos Lunha, and Jason Dively.

Baha'i Faith
 "As difference in degree of capacity exists among human souls, as difference in capability is found, therefore, individualities will differ one from another. But in reality this is a reason for unity and not for discord and enmity."
 —Baha'i Sacred Writings
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 Greenbelt, MD 20770
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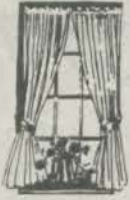
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The View from Ridge Road

Christina O'Boyle

The Believing

by Christina O'Boyle

My children can still hear sleigh bells in the sky and boots on the roof. They believe a generous old man with a white beard and warm red clothes knows who they are. They believe that among all the children in the world, he knew these two particular children who live on Ridge Road in Greenbelt, Maryland and what they want to unwrap Christmas morning. They see him, so he sees them. This perception is magic; it's wonderful to behold. So I want to protect my children and let them keep the magic forever. But I'm pretty certain that this Christmas will be our last visit from Santa.

There's a physical tingling when there's belief. I don't want my children to lose it and have to search for it. I want them to contain it. After someone tells the truth about Santa, I want to be able to turn to them and give them words that will keep the magic near. But all I've got are the edges of ideas, like feathers from a wing.

Like the idea that floated in front of me on the "down" escalator at Penney's in Laurel. There, in a 6 x 9 foot frame on the wall, were those two infamous cherubs. One looks heavenward; they both look ready for mischief. These two are everywhere. Still I laughed to see them in Penney's. But they made me think about the popularity of angels. Walking past lipstick and blouses, I thought how for adults, seeing is believing. And even then, we want proof.

Lost in thought, I nearly tripped and bumped a burly man. And because I was thinking about angels, I smiled, apologized, and wondered if he could be one. He laughed at me. His

eyes sparkled with friendliness and he said "No problem." I decided he was.

Walking out to my car, I wondered if this angel trend wasn't more than a marketing ploy; if angels' popularity wasn't connected to how much we grown-ups want the magic back. And we want the angels to bring it. I drove to the next store on my list, got out of the car and looked at the wide grey sky thinking, "The trouble with angels is that they're Out There, far away, like heaven, like the North Pole. Maybe they're In Here, and were all along - just like Santa."

"Oh, Santa," I thought. "If you knew the rocky road that follows once you're gone..." I walked into the store but kept on talking to Santa. "After I learned about you, I was sad. Terribly sad. By college I was downright cynical. I'm back to wanting magic now, but look at all those years of trying to find it in different places and trying to patch it together, and make it like it used to be, with you there."

Then I saw the box. It had a painting of a man in a warm red coat and hat, pipe in his mouth, a huge bundle on his back. His hands gripped the edge of a chimney, his black boots were ready to leap. In bright red letters across the top was one word: BELIEVE. I hugged the box and brought it home.

There will be a day soon when my children will come to me and say they know about Santa, and their search for truth will begin. They will question fact and fantasy, myth and magic. Then it will be my job to point out burly men, affectionate women, generous people, and say, "Santa is everywhere. Angels are, too. Angels are you guys. And you're Santa, too. If you believe, you get to see. The magic has to come from someplace you can trust. The best place for that is you."

Then I will take them outside to listen for the jingle of bells,

Fifty Years Ago Lulu Belle's Fountain Not Council's Doing!

by James Giese

November, 1945—In an editorial in the Greenbelt Cooperator it was reported that Councilman Allen Morrison had volunteered during a council meeting that the fountain (at the base of the mother and child statue in the center) and "that monstrosity of 'Lulu Belle' which towers over it is [sic] not the council's doing." Manager James Gobbel had announced that the fountain would be turned off in a few days for the winter. Uncle Sam was named as the culprit to blame "for its brooding and unhygienic presence." The editorial then went on to blame the city's landlord, the federal government, for a number of other town problems.

Eating Disorders Support Group

Washington Adventist Hospital in Takoma Park, sponsors an "Eating Disorders Support Group". This support group is designed for individuals with eating disorders and their families and friends. The group meets on the first four Saturdays of each month, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. For more information call 1-800-542-5096.

the thud of boots, and the rush of wings.

Greenbelt at the Crossroads



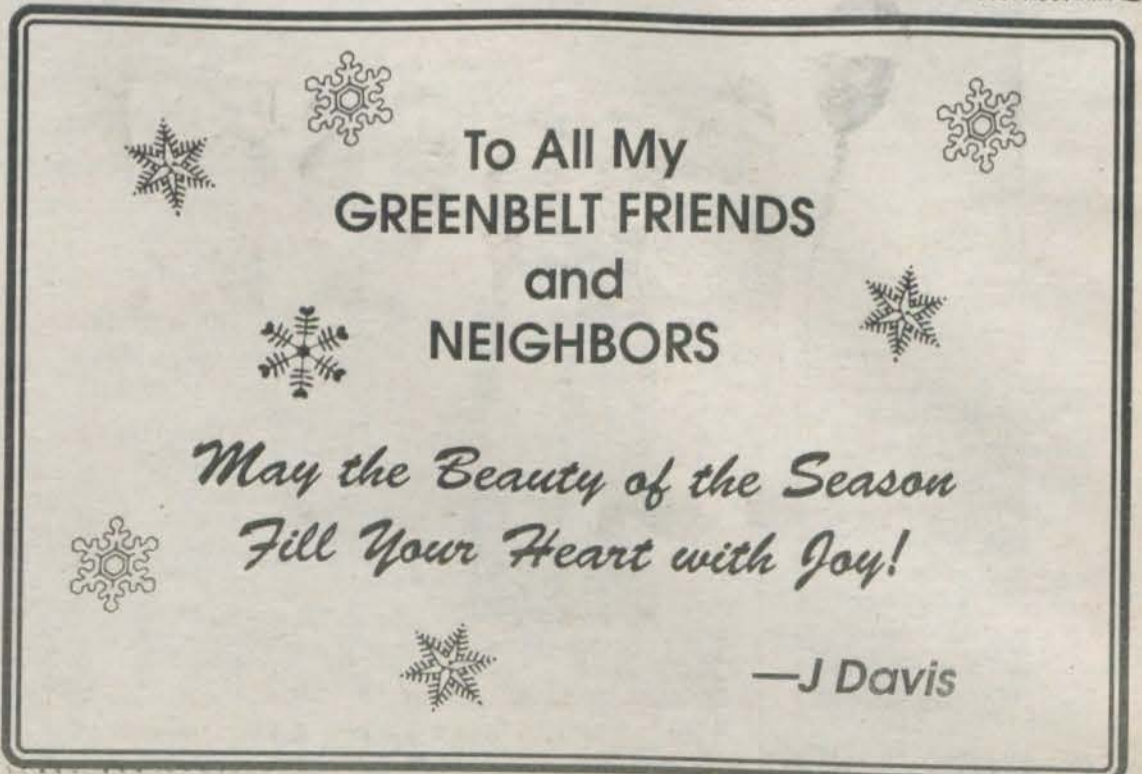
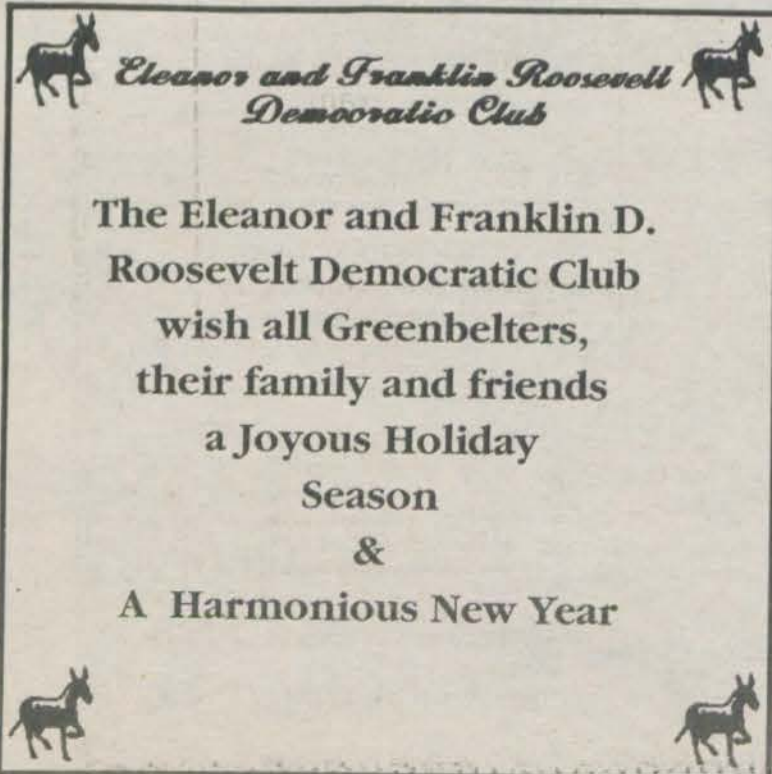
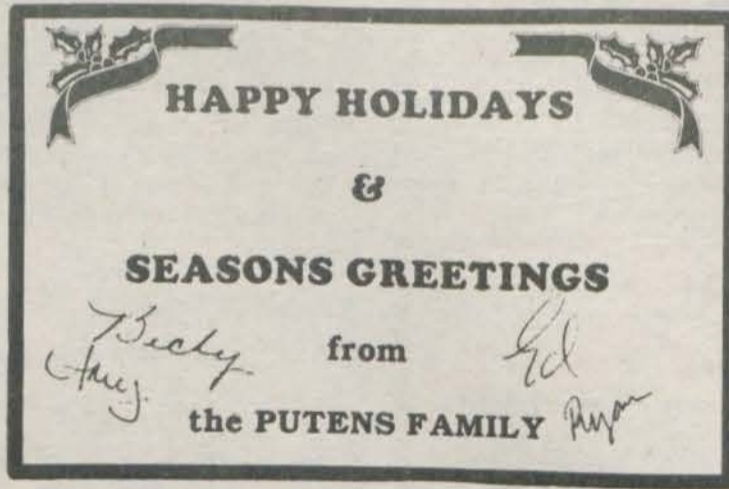
"This fountain is a disgrace. I'm leaving."

Fifty years ago Greenbelt Cooperator staffer Isadore Parker did a series of cartoons for the paper. This is one of them. The mother and child statue at Roosevelt Center originally had a water fountain built into the base. Apparently it never worked well and was eventually abandoned.



My wife Alben, our family and I wish you and yours A Blessed Holy Season, Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year that brings Peace, Joy and Good Health to All.

SENATOR LEO GREEN



Fifty Years Ago

A PEACE TIME CHRISTMAS

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fined \$28.50.

In the same issue, the Greenbelt Cooperator announced that trees had arrived at the main food store of the co-op and were now available for purchase. The trees arrived only one week before Christmas.

Christmas fell on Tuesday. On the preceding Sunday, the town held its Christmas ceremony at the Center with the lighting of the town tree. The event began with the playing of recorded Christmas carols for over an hour. Then the Greenbelt band played a few selections, followed by a few words from Mayor George Bauer and Town Manager James Gobbel. While the band played "Silent Night, Holy Night," Mayor Bauer stepped forward and turned the switch to light the 25-foot tree. The ceremony ended with the residents gathered in the Center singing to band renditions.

It took ingenuity to have a lighted tree that year because there was a shortage of electric lights. The electricians strung together hundreds of feet of wire. Recreation Department employees hand-painted scores of plain small bulbs. Maintenance men trimmed the tree. (Note: The paper does not say where the tree came from, but I wouldn't be surprised if it

was once the finest growing evergreen in the Greenbelt woods.)

Other Celebrations

A group of carolers sponsored by the Wednesday night folklore class went about town on Christmas Eve singing to shut-ins not able to get to church or other events. Another group of teenagers from Greenbelt High called the J.U.G.S. (a name of mysterious origin) sang to the apartment dwellers on Crescent Rd.

The Women's Club of Greenbelt held their annual Christmas party on December 20 at the High School Auditorium. Mrs. Walter Bierwagen was chairman. The Northend school celebrated Christmas with a play, "Why the Chimes Rang." The school Christmas tree stood in the center hall where the children gathered each morning to sing and play Christmas carols. The Brownies of Troop No. 35 under the leadership of Mrs. Shirley R. Levine and Mrs. Helen Kurth held a mother-daughter party. The Drop Inn teen canteen held a first anniversary party and also gave a tea in honor of the hosts and hostesses who had served during the past year. The Drop Inn held a New Year's Eve dance for the teens.

Recycling Bins

The Public Works Department has replacement recycling bins available upon request. Yellow bins are to be used only for collecting and recycling glass bottles and jars, steel and aluminum cans, plastic soda bottles, plastic milk and water jugs and liquid laundry detergent bottles. All tops and caps should be removed and discarded.

For more information about Greenbelt recycling or to request a new bin, call Tracy Vincent at 474-8308.

RENOVATION

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replacing the sidewalks along Centerway. The current benches, "which are in bad shape," would be replaced with concrete and wood benches similar to those used originally. Signs in a more historic design would also be used.

Seating Arrangements

Although plans #2 and #3 utilize the same changes in stairway and grading at the rear of the Center, they differ from one another in the design and arrangement of the level space closer to Centerway. In Plan #2 a low hedge would cross in the middle behind the Centerway sidewalk, opening up the view of the historic buildings. A single line of London plane trees on each side would create a tree-shaded urban plaza.

She envisions five spaces on each side, which could hold 4-foot tables, perhaps with umbrellas, and movable chairs. These would be conducive to outdoor eating. Rolled concrete curbs, similar to those in the original Center, would mark off areas of plantings.

Version #3 would offer a heavier ceiling of branches from two rows of trees on each side—possibly with honey locusts. Tables and chairs again could be used, but placed further back from Centerway. Patterns in the concrete flooring could reproduce the design of the original hedged spaces, which added visual variety to the overall flooring when the Center was new.

All plans, according to Bradley-Papp, would involve

plaques located strategically at pedestrian entrances, which would provide information concerning the Center's history, as well as a directory of businesses.

The initial planning phase of the renovation project has been funded with a \$15,000 state grant. Although construction funds were previously budgeted, this money has since been withdrawn, Wilson said, because of recent fiscal constraints. If the project is approved by voters, money would have to be allocated in the capital improvements budget.

Sometime in January the city expects to schedule an open meeting to present the new plans to citizens of Greenbelt.

Call for Volunteers

The Department of Social Services, Transitional Housing Office, is in need of volunteers to assist children in positive life-skills enhancement through homework assistance, and providing supervision and implementation of structured educational, social, and recreational activities. Here's a chance to really make a difference in the life of a young one. For more information, or to volunteer, call the Voluntary Action Center at 699-2800.

Recycling Corner

Remember when the County began the curbside recycling program and begged residents not to flatten plastic bottles and jugs? Forget that notion. Now that Greenbelt manages its own program—please flatten bottles. Flattening plastic containers saves space in citizens' yellow bins and in the collection truck. Please rinse all containers and remove any tops and caps.

Remember, not all plastic containers are accepted for recycling. Include only soda bottles marked #1, milk and water jugs, empty liquid laundry detergent and "personal care" bottles marked #2. Place plastic recyclables along with glass, steel and aluminum containers in the yellow recycling bins. Once other plastics can be recycled, the Public Works Department will make an announcement.

For more information about recycling, call 474-8308.

Happy Holidays
from
Leonard & Holley Wallace
Your Greenbelt Specialists

Tutors Needed

Volunteers interested in working with children in academic areas are needed by Greenbelt CARES. They are in need of tutors to assist children in reading, math, and writing skills, and also are looking for G.E.D. instructors. Students in need range from kindergarten through high school. For information call (301) 699-2800.

To our long-time and new neighbors and friends—

We wish you a Happy Holiday in the "Spirit of Greenbelt" and a healthy, happy year in 1996.

*Charlie Nash
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Fresh Grade A Chicken Wings 99¢ lb.	Tyson Frozen Fajita or Stir Fry Kits \$3.99 21 oz. min.
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GROCERY BARGAINS

Happy Holidays

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Rainbow Juicepack Pineapple 2/99¢ 20 oz.	Maxwell House Regular Instant Coffee \$3.79 8 oz.	All Liquid Laundry Detergent \$2.19 1/2 gal.	Home Pride Wheat Bread \$1.19 20 oz.	Rice-a-Roni Rice Sidedishes All Varieties 79¢ 4 oz. min.	Angel Soft Bathroom Tissue \$1.19 4 Roll Pk.	Rainbow Family Pack Napkins \$1.29 250 pk.
Hanover Blackeye Peas 3/\$1.00 15 oz.	Ortega Taco Shells \$1.29 12 pk.	Campbells Healthy Request Soup Pea-Hearty Veg.-Tom. Veg. 79¢ 16 oz.	Silver Floss Sauerkraut 49¢ 27 oz.	Rainbow Liquid Bleach 89¢ Gal.	Ortega Garden Salsa Mild-Medium \$1.69 16 oz.	Glad Plastic Food Wrap \$1.79 200 ft.
Solo Plastic Party Cups \$1.19 20 pk.-16 oz.	Schweppes Drink Mixers Ale-Tonic-Club 59¢ 1 liter	Dinty Moore Beef Stew \$2.79 40 oz.	Ruffles Potato Chips 99¢ 6 oz.	San Giorgio Elbow Macaroni 49¢ 1 lb.	Brillo Lemon Scouring Pads 99¢ 10 pk.	Vlasic Pickle Spears \$1.89 24 oz.

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by Linda Savaryn 474-5285

Our condolences to the family of Mary Catherine ("Katie") Ground, who died last week.

Congratulations to Clara Kuehn, who was sworn in as a lawyer by the Court of Appeals in Annapolis on Dec. 13. Kuehn passed the Maryland Bar Exam on her first try after graduating from George Washington University Law School last spring. She has accepted a position as a lawyer with the Federal Communications Commission in Washington, D.C. Kuehn resides on Ridge Road with her husband Keith Jahoda, a GHI board member. Eunice Coxon attended the ceremony.

Former Greenbelter Sandra Bracken, J. Lea Lansaw and Cathie France Nelsen will show their drawings in an exhibition, "3 Drawing," at the Glen Echo Gallery and Bookshop in Glen Echo Park. The show runs Jan. 6 - 28, with an opening reception on Jan. 5 from 7 to 9 p.m.

The three women are in-

Our Neighbors

structors in Glen Echo Park's Creative Education program.

The exhibit explores the diversity that can be found within the definition of drawing as exemplified by the personal work of each artist. Sandra Bracken's drawings integrate texture and color from bits of earth and plants, or scraps of paper.

Congratulation to the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 136 which garnered a slew of awards at the Southern Maryland District meeting this past summer. The Unit earned Certificates of Recognition for the 1994-95 administrative year in the following categories: 1st place in Americanism, cancer control, education, gold star, legislative, membership, and all around activities; 2nd place in community service, chil-

dren and youth, and poppy sales.

Randy Scott of Greenbelt and Dennis Stough of Laurel competed against 340 top amateur golfers from across the United States for a share of the \$75,000 charity purse at the seventh annual Lexus Champions for Charity National Championship. The twosome, whose winnings will benefit American Red Cross of Montgomery County, qualified for the National Championship at Manor Country Club on June 19. They are being sponsored by Lexus of Silver Spring.

The National Championship took place Nov. 30 - Dec. 2 at PGA West and La Quinta Resort & Club in La Quinta, CA. The top pair at the three-day, 54-hole event will win \$25,000 for their home charity and two

program sport in the Lexus Challenge hosted by Raymond Floyd from Dec. 12 - 16, also in La Quinta.

ERHS students, along with students from numerous schools in Maryland, greeted, sang, danced and recited before Honorary Chairman Baltimore Mayor Kurt L. Schmoke, senators, peace advocates and other dignitaries to celebrate Maryland's rich ethnic, religious and cultural diversity in a program entitled "Children Sing for Peace" on Fri., Dec. 1, at the new Columbus Center at Piers 5 - 6 in Baltimore's Inner Harbor. There were also children of Chinese, Korean, Polish, Italian, Filipino, Hispanic, African, East Indian and other nationalities performing in languages reflecting their cultural background.

This event took place to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the United Nations and to honor the continuing work of the American Peace Corps.

Free Boat Check

Flotilla 72 of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary wants to improve boating safety by conducting a free check of boat equipment, covering federal and state safety related requirements, plus additional standards recommended by the Auxiliary. The examination is conducted only with the owner's consent. The examiners performing this service, all volunteer members of the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, have been carefully trained to look for some of the more common problems which might occur in a boat or its associated safety related equipment.

If a boat meets the requirements, the award of a decal is the owner's assurance the boat is properly equipped for safety on the water. At the conclusion of the examination, a copy of the checklist is given to the owner. A courtesy marine examination is not a law enforcement activity and no report of a boat is ever made to any law enforcement agency. For additional information contact Steve Klein at (301) 572-5565.

THE OASIS OF SENIOR CARE.



Jackie Lindbeck of Doctors Community Hospital instructs OASIS program members on first-aid they can perform at home.

There is a program that teaches folks over 55 the secrets of healthier, happier, more fulfilled living: The Older Adult Service and Information System, also known as OASIS.

Sponsored by Doctors Community Hospital, Hecht's Department Stores and the Prince George's County Department of Family Services, OASIS is available to any senior citizen in the area. OASIS is a comprehensive and community-wide service that offers social events, recreational and nutritional programs plus a wide range of classes on health-related topics and almost every other subject imaginable.

At OASIS, you'll meet people like our own Jackie Lindbeck. Her passion is teaching for the Education Department of Doctors Community Hospital. There, she instructs on a variety of patient-care subjects.

But Jackie doesn't stop there.

She invests her free time advising seniors on health topics ranging from first aid to diabetes to folk medicine. Employees like Jackie are the reason over 5,500 seniors in this area flock to our OASIS.

Membership is free to anyone 55 years of age or older. To find out more about this or any of Doctors Community Hospital's other programs and services, just call 552-0044 to talk with a Health Resources Representative at our Health Connection Information and Referral Service.

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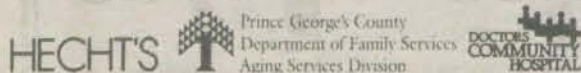
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ICC Meeting

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facilities.

A Burtonsville resident declared, "If you build, they will come."

"God's Country"

Laurel Mayor Frank Casula, who called Laurel, "God's country," said he was opposed to any alignment that interferes with the quality of life in the Laurel area. Criticizing the amount being spent on planning studies, he called for the emphasis to be transferred to developing light rail. He urged legislation to stop funding of the ICC.

Karen Coakley, President of the Vansville-Beltsville Citizens Association told the panel that there were already roads at failed capacity. As a result, people take alternative routes through residential areas. In particular, she cited congestion at U.S. 1 and Powdermill Rd. Maloney claimed that no plans dealt with how traffic would move once it reached U.S. 1. Greenbelt officials have been concerned that the ICC will connect with an extension of Kenilworth and bring added traffic to this city.

Three alternatives call for the construction of new highways. One of these is the master plan route previously designated which would connect the I-370 spur to U.S. 1 at about Muirkirk Rd. in the Konterra development. The Environmental Protection

Agency (EPA) has rejected this alignment because of its impact on the environment. EPA has called for consideration of other alternatives. The Mid County Highway-Md. 198 alternative would cross Montgomery County farther to the north and tie into route 198 west of Laurel. In addition a road would connect Fairland Road to U. S. 1, strengthening Randolph and Fairland Rds. as a cross-county connector.

The third route, the Northern Alignment, is similar to the Mid County route except that the road would swoop south from Md. 198 west of Laurel and connect to U.S. 1 near Muirkirk Rd. at the master plan terminus.

The last alternative is to improve public transportation. A light rail system would be built in the corridor.

None Preferred

Pedersen indicated that the final plan could very well adopt elements from several of the alternatives. At this time, he said, no alternative is preferred by the planners. The study, not expected to be complete until 1997, is in its second stage. The first stage was to prepare a purpose and need statement.

Derro said that although this planning study was limited to a U.S. 1 terminus by state legislation, county master plans called for extension of the study area to U.S. 301. "That particular alignment is

still there," he told the group. "Until the county council removes it, it is still there."

He emphasized the size of the projected growth and emphasized that it was the planners responsibility to provide means to deal with future problems. "It is not our intent to create more problems. There is a significant exchange of workers between Prince George's and Montgomery Counties. The I-270 and I-95 corridors are prime location targets for employers."

Dr. Glen Harper, who lives in Montgomery County and works in Greenbelt, said that he had been surveying his patients and found that many come from other areas including cross-county. He supports building a road, but urged that it be done with environmental sensitivity.

End-on Construction

One group attending to express support of a road, urged the planners to consider "end-on" construction. This technique, which has been used in Louisiana, would build the road above ground upon piers. The construction equipment works from the previously constructed roadway, thereby causing minimal impact to the ground and eliminating the need for grading. Such a road would not be a barrier to wildlife and neighborhood residents, who could go under it. Bicycle paths could also be built under the road.

Fitzpatrick said that he had seen no studies to assess the

impact of end-on construction. Only now are studies being made of water quality in the ICC watershed area. He is opposed to the road because it would impact on air quality. Clark claimed that air pollution is more of a problem with the internal combustion engine than with the automobile. End-on construction proponents also contend that the free flow of traffic causes less pollution than constant stopping and starting for intersections.

Delegate James Rosapepe noted that there had been earlier talks of routes further to the north to connect with Hwy MD 32, which is now four-lane divided from Columbia to U.S. 50 and 301 near Annapolis. Pedersen responded that both Montgomery and Howard Counties wanted to keep the area around the Patuxent River in low density development. One citizen asked why the planners backed off when Howard County wanted low density and did not do so when people in the corridor expressed their desire for low density.

Parkway? Tollway?

It was suggested that the ICC, if a road, might have parkway qualities and be a toll road. Responding to a question about its being a parkway that was raised by Coreen Preston of Glenn Dale, Pedersen said that the planners would consider truck restrictions, at least during nighttime hours. Rosapepe

Fifty Years Ago Lake Tragedy

by James Giese

September 29, 1945—William R. Helm, 18, of Hyattsville became the first drowning victim in Greenbelt Lake. Helm "took a dare" and attempted to swim across the lake that evening. Only one handed due to an accident, he was reputedly a good swimmer. When the youth sank from sight about 40 feet offshore, one of his terrified friends rushed to the Greenbelt Police Station. Officers John Belton and Albert Attick returned to the scene as well as the Takoma Park and Bladensburg rescue squads and the Maryland State Police. Efforts to resuscitate Helm at the scene and at Leland Memorial Hospital in Riverdale proved futile.

said that if the road is built, it will be a toll road because there is no other way to finance its construction. Pedersen indicated that this was a possibility.

Citizens can make comments or get more information about the planning process and the seven alternatives by calling or visiting the study office. Open from noon to 4:30 weekdays, the office is at 14015 New Hampshire Ave., telephone 989-1925.



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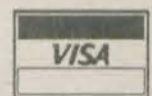
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Greenbelt Rotary Changing Guard

Outgoing president Trevor Neve of Logistics Management Institute (left) passes the gavel to incoming president Louis Pope of Century 21 Trademark Realty, Inc. of Greenbelt.

The Rotary Club of Greenbelt is an organization of business and professional men and women dedicated to service to the community. Breakfast meetings are held on Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. at the Greenbelt Marriott and feature interesting and diverse speakers. Visitors are welcome.

For further information, call Louis Pope, president, (301) 441-1100 or Dennis Scanlon, membership chair (301) 552-8087.

Agents Honored

The Greenbelt office of Century 21 Trademark Realty announces the Top Sales Agent for the month of October, Young Kang. For the month of September the Top Sales Agent was Ed McCawley; Top Listing Agent, Eugene Curtin; Top Agent, Joe Russo.

Five agents were honored by the Century 21 System on November 3 at the third quarter sales rally, which took place at the Burn Brae Dinner Theater in Burtonsville. Young Kang received the Platinum Award and Stephen Ness, Eugene Curtin, Larry Moore and Mary Madden received the Gold Award. Abdulla Meer received the Masters Award.

Tax Forms by Fax

New technology will make it easier for Marylanders to pay their taxes, according to Maryland State Comptroller Louis L. Goldstein. This year tax forms and publications can be obtained by fax.

"Marylanders can call (410) 974-FAXX (974-3299), follow the instructions, and receive up to five different tax forms or publications per call," Goldstein said. "If you call from a touch tone phone, your document will be faxed within 24 hours. The service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week."

All individual tax forms are available for both tax years 1994 and 1995. Business tax information, such as the Combined Registration Application, sales and use tax rate charts, and corporate tax returns are also available by fax.

Dr. Richard Lilly Receives Honor

The Positive Medicine project, based in Philadelphia, PA, has announced that Dr. J. Richard Lilly, a member of the Board of Directors of Doctors Community Hospital, is one of 50 doctors named as America's most positive physicians. He was chosen from more than 300 nominees. Dr. Lilly is a Board Certified Family Practice Physician who directs a large practice that encompasses ten other physicians and multiple office locations.

Dr. Lilly is active in community service and in his medical profession. He is a past president of the hospital medical staff and the Prince George's County Medical Society. Currently he is President of Med Chi (the State Medical Society of Maryland).

Weichert, Realtors List Top Producers

Karon Moore, Manager of the Greenbelt office of Weichert, Realtors, named Joyce Roper and Peter Mullings the Top Producers/Units of the office for the month of October. Roper was also named the Top Listings Sold and Top Volume associate, while Nicole Cure was named the Top Sales associate for the month. Ashton Vessali was named the Top Listings Obtained associate as well.

Joyce Roper and Pam Harris were named the Top Producers/Units of the office for the month of November. Roper was also named the Top Listings Sold, Top Volume, and Top Listings obtained associate, while Harris was also named the Top Sales associate for the month.

New Agents Join Century 21

Louis Pope, manager/owner of Century 21 Trademark Realty announces the arrival of agents to join the Greenbelt office: Albert Ceccone, Kim Clark, Ali Davoodi, and Pam Newell. This brings the total sales force of the office to over four dozen agents serving Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

Travel Services Has Special Display

by Millie O'Dea

Each Christmas, for the last three years, Greenbelt Travel Services has had a wonderful visit from a very special person - their "Christmas Elf," Arthur Wayne. Helen Svensen, owner of Greenbelt Travel, purchased the business from Arthur Wayne three years ago. Because Wayne loves Christmas and because he is a very generous man, each Christmas he continues to decorate the travel office. The decorations are elaborate - 28 moving dolls including Santa and angels, a tree with a train set under it, and ceiling decorations. Helen, Mark and Vicki Svensen not only appreciate and enjoy the spirit of Christmas Wayne creates but happily state that "it makes our clients happy."

The decorations will be up until January 7. Helen Svensen says "everyone is welcome to come by." The decorations are "on" during the day only. If people are not comfortable coming into the office, Helen encourages them to use the walkway in front of the office and just peer in the window. But don't miss them, she says.

Health Department Needs Assistants

The Prince George's Health Department is in need of volunteers to assist in a wide array of activities. Some of the ways people can help are as exercise instructors, music therapists, art instructors, as well as clerical assistants. For information call 699-2800.



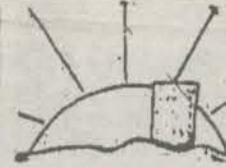
Greenbelt Police Department CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Get a behind the scenes view of what it is like to be a police officer. The Greenbelt Police Department is offering a twelve-week program Tuesday evenings beginning January 9th.

Become more active in crime prevention in your community. Learn about police procedures, traffic stops, accident investigation and more through guest speakers, practical demonstrations and field demonstrations.

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Greenbelt's Business

Giant Names CEO

The Board of Directors of Giant Food Inc., at their regularly scheduled Board meeting on November 30, unanimously elected Giant President Pete Manos as Chief Executive Officer of the company. In 1992, Giant's Board of Directors elected Manos as president, a position previously held by Israel Cohen.

Cohen died on November 22. At the time of his death, Izzy Cohen also held the position of Chief Executive Officer. By their action, the Board selected President Manos to also hold the title of Chief Executive Officer.

Manos, 58 years of age, has been with Giant for 35 years and has held a wide variety of positions with the company. Manos also serves as a member of Giant's management committee, investment committee, compensation committee and cost containment committee. He is chairman of the company's food group, which sets policy and strategy for Giant's food operations. He is a member of the Prince George's Chamber of Commerce and co-chairman of the food industry committee of the Children's Cancer Foundation.

Newell Joins Firm

Andrew Macpherson, broker/owner of Century 21 Trademark Realty Inc., announces that Pam Newell has joined the company as a sales associate. A resident of Greenbelt, she was licensed in 1992 and will serve the geographical market area of Montgomery and Prince Georges county. She is a member of the Prince Georges Association of Realtors.

Century 21 Trademark Realty Inc., located at 6401 Golden Triangle is part of the Century 21 Mid-Atlantic Division.

Help on Legal Forms

The Legal Forms Helpline, which provides information over the phone to people who are filing a family law case without a lawyer, will expand its hours to include service on Friday mornings beginning December 22. The Helpline also operates Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number for this service is 1-800-818-9888.

Nominate a Top Senior Achiever

Kentucky Fried Chicken announces the Colonel's Way Award, a national program celebrating the outstanding achievement of seniors. Named for Colonel Harland Sanders, the Award recognizes persons 60 or older who have made outstanding contributions to their communities in one of six categories: business, education, sports, family, arts and community service. The top prize is \$10,000.

The contest is open to the public and anyone can nominate a senior via a 250 word, or less, essay describing the senior's achievements. The Colonel's Way Award is also being conducted in thousands of elementary schools and senior centers across the country. Educational lesson plans were developed to encourage young (third, fourth, and fifth graders) and old (senior center members) alike to think about how seniors have contributed to America. The lesson plans also include interactive activities for seniors and children to conduct together and culminate with participants nominating a senior for the award.

Entries must be postmarked by January 19, 1996. For entry information and contest rules, send a #10 self-addressed stamped envelope to Colonel's Way Award, 200 E. Randolph Dr., 63rd floor, Chicago, IL 60601.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

The investigation into a fight at Eleanor Roosevelt on Monday morning, Dec. 11, resulted in two students being arrested by the School Resource Officer. One student, a 17-year-old non-resident, in whose possession a knife was found, was charged with possession of a deadly weapon on school property. The second student, a 15-year-old resident, was in possession of two razor-type knives, upholstery pins, and an alcohol beverage. The student was charged with three counts of possession of a deadly weapon and possession of an alcoholic beverage on school property. Both students were released to parents pending trial.

During a traffic stop in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd. on Friday, Dec. 8, an officer located a marijuana pipe inside the vehicle. The driver, a 21-year-old non-resident man, was arrested, charged with possession of paraphernalia, and released on citation pending trial.

An officer patrolling the 7700 block of Hanover Parkway on Saturday, Dec. 9, stopped a suspicious looking vehicle. The officer located an open bottle of beer and a crack cocaine pipe inside the vehicle. The driver, a 41-year-old resident man, was arrested, charged with possession of paraphernalia, and released on citation pending trial.

A student at Eleanor Roosevelt was the victim of a strong-arm robbery on Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 13. The student was enroute to class, entering the building through a rear stairwell, when he was approached by the suspect and pushed against the wall. After demanding money, the suspect reached into the victim's pocket and removed money. The suspect walked away in an unknown direction. The suspect is described as a black male, 15 to 18 years old, 6' tall with a stocky build, black hair, brown eyes, dark complexion, wearing a black ski jacket with an orange lining.

Thefts

Several credit cards were taken from an unattended purse in an office suite in the 7800 block of Walker Drive. The theft occurred on the afternoon of Wednesday, Dec. 13. The cards were later used to make unauthorized purchases in Annapolis and Waldorf.

An unattended jacket was taken from an office in the 7500 block of Hanover Parkway. The theft took place on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 12.

Auto Thefts

A 1989 Chevrolet S-10 truck reported stolen on December 6 in the 6200 block of Springhill Dr. was recovered by Metropolitan Police. The recovery took place on Thursday evening, Dec. 7, in the 5100 block of Southern Ave. S.E. No arrests were made.

A 1995 Honda motorcycle was stolen from the 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd. on Friday morning, Dec. 8. The mo-

torcycle was recovered later that day by Prince George's Police in the 900 block of Lake Overlook Dr., Mitchellville. No arrests were made.

Officers investigating a report of a suspicious vehicle in the rear parking lot of Beltway Plaza Mall on Friday morning, Dec. 8, ran a computer check on the vehicle. The check revealed the vehicle, a 1995 Nissan Sentra four-door, had been reported stolen from BWI airport. No arrests were made.

Prince George's Police recovered a blue 1989 Chevrolet Blazer which had been reported stolen from the 6200 block of Springhill Dr. on Sunday evening, Dec. 10. The recovery took place in the area of Addison Road and Eastern Avenue, Fairmount Heights. No arrests were made.

A 1987 Nissan Maxima station wagon reported stolen from the 9100 block of Edmonston Rd. on Nov. 30, was recovered by Metro Transit Police on Thursday, Dec. 14 in the 3600 block of 6th Street S. E. No arrests were made.

A 1985 Honda Accord reported stolen on Nov. 20 from the 7800 block of Mandan Rd. was recovered on Wednesday, Dec. 13, by Montgomery County Police. The location of the recovery was not disclosed and no arrests were made.

Other vehicle thefts reported include: a beige 1983 Nissan Stanza four-door, DC tags 746289, from the 100 block of Westway on Thursday morning, Dec. 14; a silver 1988 Toyota Camry four-door, MD tags ADV862, from the 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd. on Monday, Dec. 11; and a grey 1986 Pontiac Parisienne station wagon, MD tags ZYJ292, from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, on Tuesday, Dec. 12.

Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block of Breezewood Ct., 2 Court of Gardenway, 6000 block of Greenbelt Rd., 6900 block of Hanover Parkway, 40 block of Lakeside Dr.; and 7800 block of Mandan Rd.

Farmer's Markets

Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, Lewis R. Riley, has announced that Maryland Department of Agriculture endorsed farmers' markets will now be easier to locate thanks to an identifying logo appearing on the new Maryland tourism map. For more information on farmer's markets in Maryland, contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Marketing Services, 50 Harry S. Truman, Annapolis, MD 21401, telephone (410) 841-5770.

"This logo will assist citizens and visitors to Maryland in finding these markets so they can purchase fresh fruits and vegetables directly from farmers," Riley said. Having the logos on our state maps will help more people find these farmers' markets.

Bald Eagle Sighting

by Harvey Geller

Sightings of bald eagles in their natural habitat have been made at the National Wildlife Visitors Center, located off Powder Mill Road in Laurel, only 15 minutes from the center of Greenbelt.

Since September I have been a volunteer at the NWVC. On most Tuesday afternoons I man the information desk. There must be a pair of bald eagles nesting in the vicinity of the center because on most of the days I am on, there have been reports of sightings of a bald eagle from the observation room at the facility.

The NWVC is located off Powder Mill Road, about a mile and a half east of the intersection of the BW Parkway. The entrance to the access road is on the right, and there is a directional sign about 500 yards before the entrance. The center has various exhibits on environment, endangered species, and wildlife habitat. At the rear of the building is an observation room with telescopes and field glasses for viewing wildlife around the lake behind the building.

There are also short hiking paths from the building for those who want to get closer to nature. On weekends there are movies on wildlife. Weather permitting, there is a tram ride of about two miles around the lake. The NWVC is open every day of the week from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The NWVC is operated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. There is no charge for visiting the center.



Reenactors Needed For Tricentennial

In celebration of the 300th anniversary of Prince Georges County, a tricentennial roster of historic reenactors and others in portraying people from the county's past over the last 300 years is being developed. Persons interested in portraying a specific historic character or a more general member of society are invited to participate. The reenactors will appear at a variety of tricentennial functions and events throughout 1996.

Reenactors may be required to learn scripted material and to converse freely with guests and audience in the personality of the historic character. They may also simply be asked to attend an event in costume, adding "window dressing" and authentic flavor. Honoraria are provided in various ranges, from appearance fees for professional reenactors, to costume maintenance fees for non-speaking roles. Costumes will be provided for those without their own attire.

For further information or to request a Reenactors Registration form, contact Dr. Carolyn Bock at (301) 454-1459, TTY (301) 454-1472.



These deer are seen to browse frequently under the cherry trees across the street from 51 Court Ridge. The photo was taken as a resident took a walk along Ridge Road.

-Photo by Rosemary Downs

Girl Scouts Busy On Festival Weekend

by Karen Yoho

Greenbelt's Girl Scouts are keeping busy this holiday season.

The work began before the Festival of Lights festivities, as Cadette Troop 2065 and Senior Troop 2142 worked on crafts to sell at the annual Holiday Craft Show and Sale. Greenbelt Girl Scouts could also be found in Caldor and K-Mart selecting special gifts for needy children as part of the Salvation Army Angel Tree Program. Carole Bordelon collected the hundreds of gifts purchased by the Scouts, and delivered them to the Salvation Army for distribution to needy children.

Early on Saturday morning, Dec. 9, Junior Girl Scout Troop 1161 helped with the Community Breakfast with Santa. The troop then headed to the Greenbelt Marriott to attend a special program called "Speaking With

Ease." The girls learned about meeting new people and basic etiquette that will serve them well as they enter their teen and adult years.

On Saturday night, about 100 Girl Scouts and family members rocked around the clock at the 2nd Greenbelt Girl Scouts Sock Hop at Greenbelt Elementary. Dancing to the rhythms provided by Bristol Sounds, the Girl Scouts had hula-hoop contests and danced the hokey pokey, electric slide, and bunny hop. Each Girl Scout brought a canned food item that was then donated to the Salvation Army canned food drive at Greenbelt Elementary.

Senior Troop 2142 headed off on the Metro on Sunday morning to visit the Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Greenbelt CARES

An Alcohol and Drug Prevention grant from the Prince Georges Department of Health has been awarded to Greenbelt CARES. The grant of \$1200 will offset the cost of CARES running a discussion group at Greenbelt Middle School. The group will include children living in households where chemical dependency is a significant issue.

Judye Hering attended a Volunteer Coordinator's training program, "Back To Basics". The program was attended by volunteer coordinators from both Montgomery and Prince Georges County. Discussion revolved around program needs, recruitment and training efforts.

Teresa Smithson and Carolyn Rodner held the first of six sessions of a decision making skills group for sixth grade students at Springhill Lake Elementary School. Eight students are in each group.

Smithson also interviewed students at Greenbelt Middle School for a pre-teen discussion group. Selected students referred by the guidance office will meet for eight group sessions beginning after the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Surrattsville H.S. Class of 1971

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