

GREENBELT News Review

What Goes On
 Sat., Jan. 25, 9 a.m. Greenbelt Metro Area Community Planning Workshop, Greenbelt Middle School
 Tue., Jan. 28, 7 p.m. A.C.E. Meeting, Municipal Bldg., conference room,
 8 p.m. Council Work Session - Cultural Diversity, Municipal Bldg.
 9 p.m. Council Work Session - Roosevelt Center Mall Design Concepts, Municipal Bldg.

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Greenbelt's representatives at the Maryland Statehouse listen to Mayor Antoinette Bram and other citizens at an open meeting on January 11. From left are Delegate James Hubbard, Senator Leo Green, Delegate Joan Pitkin, and Delegate Mary Conroy.

-photo by Próspero Zevallos

State Legislators Visit City To Hear Citizens' Concerns

by Betsy Likowski
 Greenbelt's representatives in the Maryland state assembly came to town, on Saturday, January 11 to hear what concerns citizens had. Asking questions ranging from the profound to the mundane, citizens took advantage of the opportunity to talk to the state representatives and tell what was on their minds.
 Traditionally the state representatives of the 23rd district come to Greenbelt on a Saturday morning early on in the legislative session and this year Senator Leo Green and delegates Mary Conroy, James Hubbard and Joan Pitkin were met by about two dozen people who braved the bitter cold to be there. Questions were asked about statewide issues, such as proposed tax changes and the environment, but

people also asked questions that deeply concern them.
 Greenbelt councilmember Judith Davis asked about \$20 million for schools in Prince George's County. Conroy assured Davis that all four of them would work for the school construction money. And Green added that they will work for monies for county libraries, too.
 Charles Hendricks asked the delegates and the senator how they felt about proposals to change the tax structure, such as reducing the income tax and raising the cigarette tax. "Will these reduce the availability of funds to the state?" he asked.
 We will have to wait and see what happens, replied Conroy, since there are many, many tax bills and it will take all session to deal with them. Hubbard sup-

ported a one dollar tax on cigarettes because studies show this deters teens from smoking. Pitkin expressed concern for the effects of the tax cut proposal on the poor. Green opposed both the cigarette tax and the income tax increase. But bear in mind that "the feds will balance the budget on our backs... if they do it."
Environment
 Several people asked the delegates and senator about environmental issues. Barry Schlesinger thanked them for fighting the efforts to degrade Maryland environmental standards last year and hoped they would keep up the good work and especially fight the takings legislation. Green said that all four legislators have a 100% approval rating by envi-
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Democratic Club Sponsors Forum on Education

by Virginia Beauchamp
 Three speakers representing different perspectives of the educational scene in Prince George's County ended up with remarkably similar views at a forum on education on January 17 that was sponsored by the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. According to all three, public education here is in reasonably good shape but its physical plant needs attention. The speakers were Janette Bell, president of the Prince George's County Educators Association, who is a classroom teacher; Suzanne Plogman, a member of the School Board representing this district; and Leta Mach, chair of the city's Advisory Committee on Education.

Both Bell and Plogman stressed the deteriorating condition of the county's school buildings. Both indicated that capital improvements are underfunded. Many buildings are aging, Plogman said, so that repairs will be necessary, and she particularly emphasized the need for new roofs on many buildings. With the recent defeat of the referendum to repeal the TRIM amendment, these needs may be further deferred, she suggested.
 Nevertheless, one building of special concern to Greenbelters—the Greenbelt Middle School, which began almost 60 years ago as the city's first high school—is slated for a major renovation within the next two years. At that time it will have to be va-

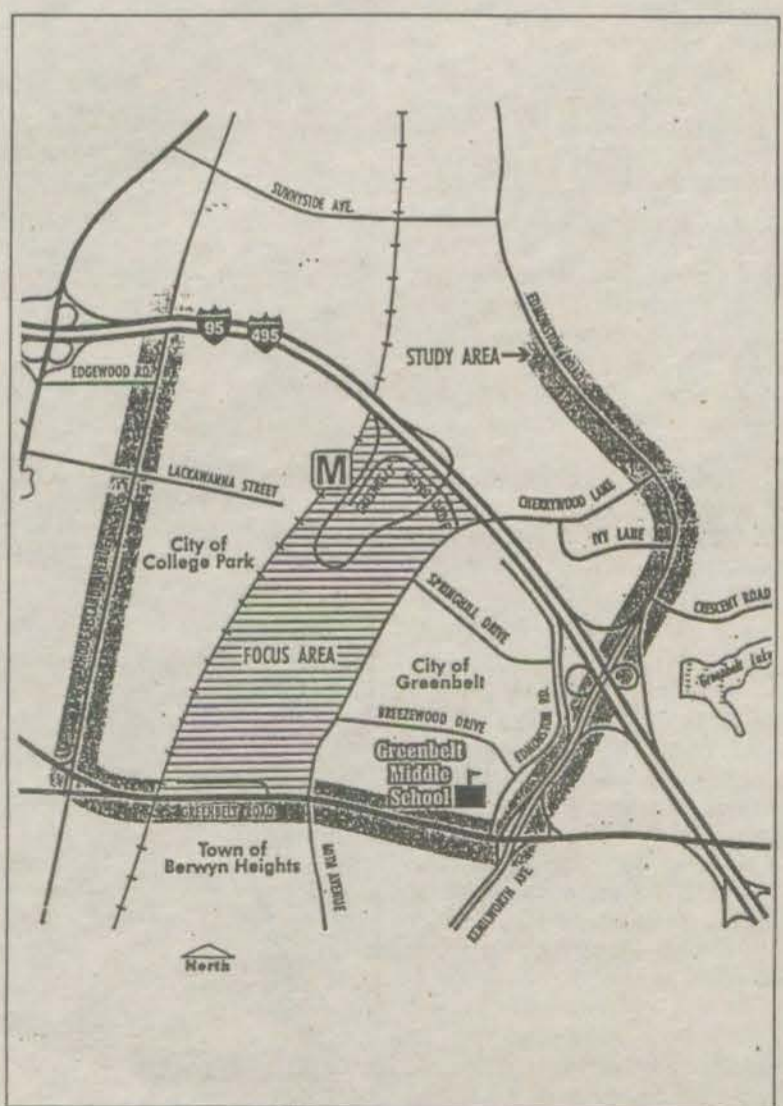
cated for a full year and the students dispersed to other schools.
Overcrowding
 All three speakers were also concerned with overcrowding throughout the county's schools. About 3,000 additional students are added to the school population each year, Plogman said. Yet Prince George's County, unlike Montgomery County, has been unable to construct new schools to keep up with the need. Bell and Mach agreed that because of a lack of school facilities, classes were becoming too large.
 All three also agreed that the salary scales for teachers in the county are not competitive. New teachers are attracted to Prince
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Input from Citizens Sought About Metro Area Planning

What concerns Greenbelters about planning for possible development around the Greenbelt Metro station? What are the community's expectations? How does the subway system affect planning for the area? What special problems does this area pose? County planners are seeking the answers to these and other questions from Greenbelters at a community planning workshop on Saturday, January 25, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Greenbelt Middle School (at the intersection of Edmonston Road and Greenbelt Road). The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), the county's planning agency, is studying how to approach the task of planning for the Greenbelt Metro area. This meeting, the first in a series of focus group meetings, is designed to provide the community—residents, business owners and civic associations—with an opportunity to help develop an appropriate planning strategy for the Greenbelt study area.

Study Area
 The study area consists of the Metro station and yards, Capital Office Park, the U.S. District Courthouse, the A.H. Smith property (between Cherrywood Lane and the Metro tracks, south of the station), Beltway Plaza and the adjacent school bus lot, Springhill Lake and parts of Hollywood, Branchville and the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC). These properties are

enclosed by Sunnyside Avenue, Edmonston Rd./Kenilworth Ave., Greenbelt Road and Rhode Island Ave., (see map). The primary "focus area" consists of the station and Smith properties.
Purpose
 At an October worksession with the Greenbelt City Council, Monty Kolste, Chief of the Urban Design Division, said the product of the current study will be strategies and a planning recommendations paper. The study will involve taking a comprehensive look at the "issues, opportunities, and problems" in the study area. Among the issues to be examined are: the feasibility of a Transportation District Overlay Zone versus its alternatives, whether there is a need for a study of the Greenbelt Road corridor or for a sector study for Springhill Lake, the effect of the additional buildings planned for Capital Office Park, the traffic and wetlands effects of the U.S. Department of Agriculture headquarters complex being constructed on Sunnyside, and code enforcement issues at Springhill Lake. The study and report will not get into specifics of density and design.
Timetable
 The study is projected to take roughly 18 months to complete. It will include one or more focus groups of citizens in and around the study area. The community workshop is the first step in this process. Separate meetings of the focus groups may be required for the members to reach consensus.



Greenbelt Metro Planning Study Area

We Wish Them Well

Greenbelt is losing two of its longtime health practitioners — Drs. Till Bergemann and Clayton McCarl, Sr. Dr. Clayton McCarl joined his father's dental practice in 1956 in the dental offices initially allocated by the Federal Government when James W. McCarl became the town's first dentist. The McCarls have built a dental dynasty with the late J. Taylor, also a member of the practice and Clayton bringing four of their children into the practice.

Till Bergemann, a native of Leipzig, Germany, first came to Greenbelt in 1961. Together with Drs. Hanz Wodak and William Weintraub, they built the Greenbelt Medical Center at Roosevelt Center, where he has been practicing family medicine since 1965. He and his wife, Marjorie, have resided in Greenbelt since 1957, where they raised their three daughters.

We wish our two longtime friends well in their retirement. We hope that Clayton and Jane will have many happy times at many far destinations and that Till will now have the time needed to pursue his study of history and many other hobbies.

County Internships

The Prince George's County Department of Social Services Internship Program can help people find careers with internships relating to early childhood education, marketing, journalism, communications, social work, and a number of other promising careers. For information contact Maria Carrasquillo at 301-422-5022.

Bay Bowden Leads As Student Athlete

by Millie O'Dea

Playing football, winning awards, achieving academic excellence, and showing kindness to others constitute only an incomplete summary of the accomplishments of William Lankford Bowden, III, better known by his nickname "Bay."

Bowden is a senior and honor student with a 4.0 GPA at Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS). As cornerback, return specialist and captain of the No. 4 ERHS "Raiders," he and his teammates brought the Raiders to a season record of 11-2. Soft-spoken Bowden prefers to stay out of the limelight but his efforts in playoff victories attracted the attention of the local press, including The Washington Post, on numerous occasions.

Bowden's interest in football began when he played for the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club, where his dad was his coach. He then played junior varsity football at ERHS during his sophomore year. This year he has already won a significant number of awards, including Unsung Hero, Scholar Athlete, Regional Champion and Prince George's County Champion. These are added to his 1996 Valuable Player award and many MVP trophies.

Bowden lives on Mandan Road with his parents, William, Jr. and Shawn Bowden. The family has lived in Greenbelt for six years. Of his six siblings, the oldest, Shawn, is a graduate of ERHS. Marlena and Andre went to Virginia schools. His younger brother, Avery, is a 9th grader at ERHS and is on the basketball team. Two younger brothers, Paxton and Marcus, now attending Cooper Lane Academy in Beltsville, will follow "Bay" to ERHS. The family attends the Trinity Assembly of God Church in Lanham, where "Bay" is active in youth groups.

Bowden's achievements and caring about others began early in his life. He learned to ride a bicycle before age two and exhibited bravery about nine years ago when he saved his then five year

Volunteers Needed

The Prince George's Voluntary Action Center is recruiting volunteers to plan An Affair of the Heart Annual Benefit. At this event, the Prince George's Volunteers of the Year are honored. People are needed to plan the event, a silent auction, and publicity. Call Nancie Park, 301-699-2800 to volunteer.

old brother Avery from a pit bull attack. His mother tells of Bay's trudge to the 7-11 in the snow storm last year, where he saw an old man obviously affected by the extreme cold. Bay gave the man his hat and gloves.

Bowden is a quiet youth who works and plays hard. He seems to have the makings for success and has been a good role model for others. He plans to further his education in college, majoring in engineering or accounting. He is hoping to qualify for a college scholarship.



William "Bay" Bowden

Letters

Thanks

I would like to thank the person who found my red gloves on Tues., Jan. 7 and put them on a bush branch, wrist down and fingers up, giving the appearance of large red flowers.

On Sun., Jan. 12, my daughter brought me to the Co-op and saw the gloves. Thinking they were two large flowers, she went closer to investigate; lo and behold, they weren't flowers but gloves. The fingers were frozen stiff after five days of zero weather, ice and snow.

Yes, it is good to know that there still are honest people in Greenbelt. Thank God for the miracle.

Sally Carrano

Thanks

I would like to thank my friends of Greenbelt for all your cards, prayers and get well wishes while being hospitalized for gall bladder surgery.

Also, thank you for your moral support while I was recuperating at home. (It's been a rough ordeal.)

Hope it won't be much longer before I'm back rebuilding my "body" in the fitness program.

Thank you one and all!

"Redskin" Rose

Practice GED Tests

GED practice tests can be taken at all Prince George's County Public Libraries without an appointment. Students should allow 4-1/2 hours and will need to have ID, pencils, pens and scrap paper. The completed answer sheet is submitted by mail, with a money order, with results mailed to the student in four weeks.

For more information, call the School Board's Adult Education Office at 301-805-2715.

"Greenbelt Story" Catches On

by Konrad Herling

Nearly 200 people attended this past weekend's performances of "Maryland Special Project No. 1: The Greenbelt Story" at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC). "This play is a real shot in the arm," said Marie Tousignant, after a recent performance. Audiences are growing, due in part to the subject of the original play as well as reviews in the Greenbelt News Review and the Washington Post. The play offers entertaining and informative history about new towns and planners, such as Tugwell, and insight into the experiences of early Greenbelt residents.

The play, an original written by director playwright Dan Young, is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and supported by a grant from the Gilbert & Jaylee Mead Foundation. The play has also received organizational support through groups such as the 60th Anniversary Committee, the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club and the Greenbelt Lions Club, who have or will be attending the production. It's an entertaining and educational way to learn about Greenbelt's history and it's more than likely you'll meet someone who was around in the early days at intermission. Young hopes that the play will not only be informative but also prompt observers to research more about Greenbelt and its unique contributions to our nation's history. It's not too late to reserve individual or group tickets for the remaining performances by calling 301-441-8770.

February Talks About Owls, Toads

February programs for the Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract of the Fish and Wildlife Service have been announced. Advanced registration is required for all programs as space is limited. The programs are free. Children under 16 need to be accompanied by a parent. Most of the programs are outdoors and require appropriate outdoor wear.

Owl Prowl will be held on February 8 and 22 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. for children ages 8 and older. Participants will search for owls on this guided walk.

Bird Walk, which involves several miles of walking, will be held on February 9 from 8 to 11 a.m. Participants, ages 8 and older, should bring binoculars, field guides and good walking shoes.

Basics of Birding is a talk and walk over dirt roads. It focuses on bird identification, habitat diversity and birding equipment. Participants, ages 16 and older, should bring binoculars and field guides for this February 8 event held from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m..

Birds in Winter is for children ages 8 to 14. This hike in search of common winter birds will be held on February 15 from 10 to 11:30 a.m.

Everybody Needs a Home will tell children from ages 4 to 8 what animals need to survive and how they get what they need during the winter in this February 2 talk from 10 to 11 a.m.

Beavers: Makers of the Marsh is for ages 5 and older. Children attending this February 2 or 16 lecture from 2 to 3:30 p.m. will discover how these amazing creatures create marshes and visit their habitat. Greenbelt Lake walkers should be particularly interested in this talk.

GREAT GREENBELT PHOTOS, 1987-1997?

We are reprinting the Greenbelt pictorial history next year with a new, last chapter including photos. Call Mary Lou, 441-2662 or stop by the News Review office to show us what you have.

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REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL BUILDING
JANUARY 27, 1997 - 8:00 P.M.

CANCELLED

Discover Goddard

The "Discover Goddard" program will be held on Sunday, January 26, at 1 p.m.

"Discover Goddard" is an inside look at the people, operations, and missions of the Goddard Space Flight Center. Lectures by leading scientists, engineers, and project managers are held on the fourth Sunday of each month. Presentations last about an hour and are recommended for 10th grade and up.

Call 301-286-8981 for this month's lecture topic.

Bike Coalition Meets

The Greenbelt Bicycle Coalition (GBC) will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, January 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center. Agenda items include preparations for GBC-sponsored bike classes and response to the city's request for input on problems caused by cars using bike lanes as a passing lane. All area bicyclists are welcome. For more information call Steven Harper, GBC Chair, at 301-513-9368.

The Golden Age Club

by Dolores Capotosto

The Wednesday, January 29, meeting will feature some of the performers from the "Seasoned Players," a Prince George's theater group which includes Golden Agers Harvey and Helen Nichols. Come watch this special treat.

Don't forget nametags as new President, Irv Siegel says that after a warning, members will be fined. Irv also encouraged attendance at the Friday morning discussion group where free coffee is provided.

Ten Golden Agers celebrated birthdays in January. Lillian O'Brien won the birthday drawing and Charlie Ford and Ed Griffen won the 50-50.

Nick Pergola reminds Golden Agers to sign the attendance sheets at the meetings. Also, the Travel Committee is taking sign-ups for the February and March trips.

Alberta Tompkins, Sunshine Committee Chairperson, announced that Jim Maher is now at home recuperating following surgery. Also, Dorothy Evans and Margaret Poling are on the sick list as well.

Ellie Rimar introduced her husband, Joe Rimar (Uncle Joe) as a new member. She also read the January birthday poem which he wrote. Visitor, Joanne Lloyd, was also introduced.

The date of the Annual Luncheon has been changed to Friday, April 18, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at E.J.'s Landing Restaurant.

This reporter and friend, Marie Christy, enjoyed the Inaugural Day festivities. The crowds at 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue were unbelievable!

Cross Country Skiing

Learn the basics of cross country skiing, including great places to go, proper techniques and stretching exercises, what to wear and take on a ski trek. If there is snow, participants will ski on park trails. Meet at Greenbelt Park headquarters parking lot at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 25. For more information call 301-344-3944.

Community Events

Poetry Plus to Meet

On Saturday, February 1, the Poetry Plus reading and discussion group will take place at 10:30 a.m. Selections from contemporary women poets will be discussed. Copies are available now at the Information Desk in the library.

Intergenerational Dance Class Begins

Nancy Havlik, Washington choreographer/dance teacher, will offer an intergenerational dance class every other Thursday, beginning January 30 at 2 p.m. in the dance studio at the Community Center. The Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten will attend the session for the first half hour to dance and have fun with senior citizens. The second half of the class will allow senior citizens to explore dance improvisation structures and choreograph their own stories. All are invited to come, get an aerobic workout and find their own creative voices at the same time. It's promised to be fun and affirming.

Anyone interested in attending must pre-register. Although there is no fee, planners must know how many adults will be attending so Havlik can choreograph the intergenerational portion of the workshops. Please pre-register at the Community Center. For more information call 301-397-2208.

At the Library

P.J. Storytime for ages 4 - 6 at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29.

Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 - 5 at 10:15 a.m. on Thursday, January 30.

Also, on Thursday, Tickly Toddle Storytime, for two year olds accompanied by a parent or caregiver, at 11:15 a.m.

Poetry Plus, an adult poetry discussion group, will discuss selections from contemporary women poets at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 1.

For more information on these or other programs, call the Library at 301-345-5800.

Community Center Connection

by Stephen Keane,
Recreation Coordinator

The winter classes at the Community Center are off to a running start. Although most classes began the week of January 13, take notice of the activity descriptions to find out when other classes begin. Those interested should register as early as possible because classes are filling fast.

Do you need some after-school programs for your child? Some are offered here at the Greenbelt Community Center. Check out G.O.A.L., which consists of study time, tutoring, art and crafts and a snack. It lasts from 3-6 p.m. Monday through Friday and is open to children ages 6-12. An after school art drop-in is also offered on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3-6 p.m. Cost is \$1 per hour and is open to children ages 6/12. Pre-schoolers are welcome if accompanied by a parent.

The Community Center is hosting some open gym hours for adults (14+). Please consult the schedule in the News Review or stop by the Community Center office to pick up a flyer. Also, please note that during inclement weather and Prince George's County School Holidays, some classes may not be held. On school holidays, pre-school and children's classes that begin before 4:30 p.m. will not meet. Adult classes will be held except where noted in class description. During inclement weather, please call 301-474-5525 to obtain the latest information.

If you would like to see a new program or have some comments or suggestions for us, please write it down and bring it or mail it to us at Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Anyone interested in playing volleyball for an hour once a week in the Community Center gym on a drop-in basis call Michelle, (301) 507-6590.

City Now Recycling On Wednesdays

Wednesday recycling is implemented and City refuse crews are making the collections. Public Works appreciates residents setting out recyclables prior to 7 a.m. each Wednesday. GHI residents are reminded to put bagged mixed paper, cans and bottles in the most convenient and accessible location for the collectors. Everyone is needed to pitch in to help expedite collections for the whole City route to be completed in one day. Public Works wishes to thank all GHI residents who have helped out by setting recyclables near the main sidewalk in the court or next to the parking lot. For more information, call Jennifer Foley, City of Greenbelt recycling Coordinator at 301-474-8308.

Spotlight on the Arts

by Suzanne Zappasodi

Great news this week! Greenbelt Arts Center has won three awards at the Maryland Community Theater Festival, held last weekend at Prince George's Publick Playhouse. "A Way With Words," by Frank D. Gilroy garnered Best Production for directors Laura Adams and Scott Bloom, along with Best Lighting and Best Sound for designs by Scott Bloom, who also acted in the show with Susan Bodicker and Dan Young. Producer Gene Duarte, Stage Manager Jim Adams and Technician Jesse Ksanznak helped pull it all together. They will go on the road as one of two productions to represent Maryland at Eastern States Theater Association regional competition in Olean, New York the weekend of April 11. Kudos to each and all!

Dan and Gene are the same team, playwright-director and producer respectively, responsible for "Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story" on stage at GAC now through February 1. Ninety audience members on a frigid Sunday of a holiday weekend made the 19th the best attended matinee in GAC history. Procrastinators be warned: only five performances remain.

Words Alive Readers Theater producer Suzanne Zappasodi coached four Tall Oaks High School students and a willing parent in an effective performance of poetry and prose from the "Harlem Renaissance."

Heart Throb Alert! GAC's February calendar has plenty for lovers and friends.

Greenbriar to Hold Fire Safety Seminar

On February 1 at 1 p.m., representatives of the Prince George's County Fire Department will hold a fire safety reunion at the Greenbriar Community Center to teach valuable fire prevention and life-saving skills. Call 301-441-1096 to register.

Explore Antiquities

On Friday, January 31, Tony Randolph, of Randolph Antiques in Old Towne Alexandria, will be presenting at Explorations Unlimited. Randolph has been an antique dealer for ten years, specializing in antiquities, such as terra cotta, potteries, and oil lamps. He will discuss the form, shapes and development of terra cotta from the Neolithic period through the Byzantine era. He will also bring sample pieces, mostly from the time of Christ, for participants to examine.

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

Learn a New Craft

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church invites the community to join its crafters on Jan. 27 at 7 p.m. for a free session of making attractive gift boxes from used greeting cards. Each crafter should bring several greeting cards, scissors, and a ruler.

The church is located at 40 Ridge Road. For more information, contact Betty Kolbe Moore, 301-577-4673.

City Notes

Weak branches in the Bradford Pear trees on Mandan Road were bolted for safety. Debris and dead foliage were cleared from perennial landscape beds on Mandan Road and three courts on Matthew Street. Pavement potholes around the city were patched. Clearing of landscape beds along the Schrom Hills Park Allé began.

Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club
Intramural Basketball Schedule

Sat., Jan. 25, Hornets vs. Cobras, 9-10:30 a.m.
White Knights vs. Blue Devils 10:30 a.m. - noon.
Wed., Jan. 29, Bulls vs. Hornets 6-7:30 p.m. Cobras vs "G's" 7:30 - 9 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 31, Practice

The Greenbelt Arts Center
123 Centerway, Greenbelt (next to the Post Office)
presents

Maryland Special Project # 1
The Greenbelt Story
January 24,25,31 and February 1 at 8:00 pm
and January 26 at 2:00 pm
Tickets are \$8.00/\$6.00 seniors and students
For reservations call 301-441-8770

New Deal Cafe

Open  Music
Fri-Sat 8:30 pm
6-11 pm No cover

FRIDAY January 24: Open Mike (Featuring YOU, if you dare!)

SATURDAY January 25: Primitive Mind (Acoustic Modern)

Bring this ad for \$1.00 off a cup of espresso, cappuccino or latte from our new espresso machine.

Greenbelt Community Center
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WEEK OF JANUARY 24
All Seats \$5.00

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Sat: 101 Dalmations (2:45, 5:00 \$3.00) 7:15
Sun: Ransom 9:25
Mon: All Seats \$3.00 101 Dalmations 7:15
Ransom 9:20
Tues: 101 Dalmations 7:15
Wed, Thurs: Ransom 9:20

St. Hugh's Celebrates Catholic Schools Week

St. Hugh's School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 26, to Friday, January 31. Harriann Walker, principal of the local school, has announced a list of activities to mark the event. The theme of the event is the same as the one being used by the upcoming 50th anniversary of St. Hugh's Church: "Following In Faith Through the Years." This theme was devised by fourth grader, Erin Best. The first letters in each word spell "fifty."

Walker invited all St. Hugh's alumni and the general public to visit the school during the open house to learn more about programs being offered at the school.

Events

Sunday, January 26 - A mass will be held centered around the theme: "Following In Faith Through the Years." St. Hugh's alumni are encouraged to attend. School will be open to all parishioners after mass. Children will serve as lectors and greeters. A coffee & doughnut social will also be held.

Monday, January 27 - An opening mass will be said for "Our Faith Community through the Years." Past alumni will be honored. The mass will again focus on children.

Tuesday, January 28 - "We Believe in our Students" - open house for parents. There will be school memorabilia on display dating from 1947. There will be a coffee social with the principal. Children's work will be on display and classrooms will be open to visit.

Wednesday, January 29 - Following the theme of research that has been done for the time period 1947, a special "dress-up" day will be held for the children. "We're not getting older, we're getting better!" The students will dress in various forms of 1947 fashion. Big band music will be played throughout the day. Oral presentations will be given concerning historic events.

Thursday, January 30 - "We have faith in our teachers." Students and parents are asked to write notes of appreciation to the teachers. A luncheon honoring teachers will be held and past (retired) teachers will be invited to the luncheon.

Friday, January 31 - "Greenbelt: A Unique Community." A morning assembly will be presented by Greenbelt officials explaining the uniqueness of this community and its historical significance. Afternoon special activities for students are planned.

For further information, call Hariann Walker, St. Hugh's principal at 301-474-4071.

Open Audition Held For Gospel Choir

People who have a passion for singing Gospels, Spirituals, and all kinds of sacred and secular music will have a chance to audition for the acclaimed Maryland Gospel Choir at the University of Maryland, College Park. Director Dewayne Gregory will hold open auditions on January 30 and February 6 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 2102 of the Tawes Fine Arts Building. Interested people should respond by calling 301-931-8801 and leaving their name, phone number, and voice style. Applicants should come prepared to sing two songs of their choice; one must be a hymn.

Foster Parents Needed for Pets

The SPCA/Humane Society is recruiting volunteers to foster cats and dogs in their homes. Pets usually stay about one month. Volunteers are needed to help at Cat and Dog Adoption Shows, which are held monthly at regional pet stores. Fundraisers can always help with events sponsored by the SPCA/Humane Society. Contact Nina Murphy at 301-262-9733.

Hadassah to Meet

The Judith Resnik Group of Greater Washington Hadassah will hold its next meeting at 7:45 p.m. on Tuesday, January 28 at the Greenbelt home of Ina Shapiro. The meeting's program will be a presentation by Linda Grife entitled "Prayer and Spirituality."

Hadassah is a not-for-profit organization involved in support of Hadassah hospitals and other Hadassah projects in Israel, as well as educational, social, and youth projects in Israel and the United States.

To RSVP and get directions to the meeting and for other information, please call 301-345-2018.

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The Hyattsville office of the Youth Resource Center is recruiting volunteers to help with their bulk mailings. People can volunteer weekdays at the Hyattsville Office. Call Becki Wolfe at 301-864-9735.

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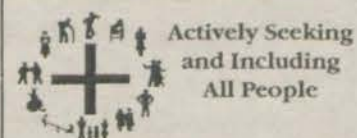
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The American Cancer Society needs volunteers to take over tasks in connection with Daffodil Day, March 11. For information, call Sarena Seymour at 202-483-2600, ext. 162.

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Maryland Special Project #1

"It Was a Good Thing We Did Here"

A Review from a Historic Perspective

by James Giese

It is common for authors to take liberty with history when writing dramas. When they have completely altered actual events, historians have raked them over the coals. Still, an author must take liberties if he is going to tell a story taking place over 60 years. Author Daniel Ray Young took few liberties with Greenbelt history in writing Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story, now being performed at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

While reasonably accurate, showing significant research, it is also superficial.

Young envisions his play as "a stone, skipping across a vast, still lake . . . each contact . . . [sending] out ripples which are the actions and occurrences of a particular time and place." Well, a skipping stone barely touches the surface, and that has been the case with the play's characterization of the more important events in the city's history.

Conception

As I recall, that stone skipped some eight times, i.e., some eight periods in Greenbelt history were covered. The first was the conception of Greenbelt, tying it to the depression and tent city that sprang up in Anacostia after the farmers' march on Washington. Also dramatized is Rexford Tugwell bringing President Roosevelt out to view the site.

Reasonably accurate as far as it goes, I would have liked more emphasis on the planning of the green towns as model alternatives to tenements for low income people, and how the utopian ideals of Ebenezer Howard and other garden city advocates were used as a basis for these new social experiments.

Construction

The second skip was to building the project. This was good in depicting how laborers were brought to the site, could only work 20 hours a week, sported badges to identify their degree of skill, and made extensive use of hand labor over machines to employ more workers. The play emphasizes that workers could not live in Greenbelt, although one character moves in after getting employment elsewhere. I was not aware of such a restriction, which did not universally apply anyway. I am aware that some, such as George Panagoulis and Buddy Attick, moved directly from project jobs to city jobs and became residents in the process.

The play gives the impression that Tugwell got the idea to build the lake, but only after houses were under construction. Chester Draper, regional engineer for the Resettlement Administration, claims it was his idea. He showed Tugwell where the lake could be built and Tugwell gave him a written OK on the spot. The lake became a make work project to employ workers until housing construction could begin.

One of the play's characters, a workman, brings a "bean sprout" sandwich to the job. Some audience members who lived during those times commented during intermission that no one would have been eating bean sprouts then.

Perhaps it was a misstatement, but on opening night a character

said that Greenbelt was ready to open on August 29, 1936. The first five families didn't move in until September 30, 1937, and even then, construction was still going on with full occupancy not taking place until well into 1938.

Pioneers

The next segment dealt with the residents moving in, declaring themselves pioneers of a sort, organizing committees and clubs and having to abide by rules. There were several funny skits, here. One had a family of visitors staring through a window to watch a new family eat dinner. Others were about the rules, particularly hanging up clothes after four p.m., no pets, and wearing shorts in the center. These skits were all based on fact. However, while the press made a great deal about the rules — they liked to point out the flaws in utopia — for the most part the rules were typical for rental housing.

Another clever skit, about organizing organizations, ignored the two most important ones dealt with by the new residents — the cooperative stores and the Greenbelt Health Association. The latter provided health care, doctors and a small hospital for the member residents. While the play did mention the co-op at other times, I felt it failed to give adequate significance to its success. The health association, on the other hand, was a valiant but brief effort and its happenings were of great interest to the early residents.

Defense Homes

The stone skipped lightly over building the thousand frame homes. Zip Nanna, an original resident, has often bemoaned how the addition of these homes spoiled the idyllic original community. The defense homes were of lesser quality and the make-up of their residents was different as well. The original residents were carefully selected for their interest in becoming active

members of a new kind of community, and they worked hard to make it a utopia. The defense home residents were there because of the expanding war effort. Many husbands were in the military and were sent overseas, leaving their wives to manage their households. To them, Greenbelt was a temporary layover for the duration of the war. Still, many defense home residents stayed and became an integral part of the community. Today, these homes and their residents are an important and permanent part of the Greenbelt community.

Sale

Next the play skipped to the sale of Greenbelt. A very poignant skit showed a mother who was leaving Greenbelt sitting at the entrance all day to wave greetings at all her Greenbelt neighbors. This was probably the most traumatic episode of Greenbelt's history. Some felt that if they had protested enough, the government would not have sold Greenbelt. Others strongly opposed becoming a part of a cooperative. Some renters would not join the co-op and were forced to leave unwillingly so that their homes could be sold. This caused great bitterness, sometimes I expect between former friends. I don't think that the play dealt with these emotional issues adequately.

Commiebelt

The play next jumps to the Abe Chasanow affair. This episode could make a good play. However, it was already made into a movie, "Three Brave Men," starring Ray Milland and Ernest Borgnine. Some blame Chasanow being fired from his Navy job for his communistic associations to his role in sending the eviction notices to non-co-op members at the time of the sale. However, he was one of five in his department, all Jewish, suspended by the Navy for being communist sympathizers, while non-Jewish Greenbelt residents continued to hold onto

their Navy jobs. Chasanow achieved prominence, because he chose to make a public issue about being targeted.

Greenbelt stood behind Chasanow. They had good reason to support him, for most of his left-wing associations were with Greenbelt organizations like the co-ops. Even his association with the News Review (then called the Cooperator) was charged against him. Greenbelt was being branded a "Commiebelt."

Libel Suit

Next, as if the hour is getting late and the play needs to end, Project # 1 shifts awkwardly to the News Review libel suit filed by Charles Bresler with Abe Chasanow as his attorney. Without telling why a suit was filed, a player reads in some detail the Supreme Court's unanimous ruling dismissing the suit.

Bresler was the spokesperson for a group of partners who owned all the land next to the original community. Their high-density development proposals for this greenbelt caused much opposition from the community. At a city council meeting, a citizen called a proposal of Bresler's "blackmail," and the paper reported this. In presenting his case, Chasanow depicted the paper's staff as being in conspiracy against his client, an argument bought by a jury and all the Maryland courts, but dismissed by the highest court of the land.

An interesting sidelight is that the case would never have happened if the town had listened to Chasanow, for he opposed the sale of the land Bresler and his partners got, land which the co-op had purchased from the government. His reasons, however, were not the right ones. He was not interested in preserving the greenbelt — few were at that time. He felt that the cooperative could make more money if it held on to the land and developed it itself.

Development

From the late 50s to the 90s, land development has been the most controversial issue facing the city. Except for the libel suit, this issue is only barely



Judy Holland, who came to Greenbelt as a young child with her family in 1943, remembers Greenbelt as a small town in the woods. Her participation as a cast member in "Maryland Special Project #1: The Greenbelt Story" is a labor of love. The production is at the Greenbelt Arts Center every weekend through February 1.

- photo by Sandra Lange

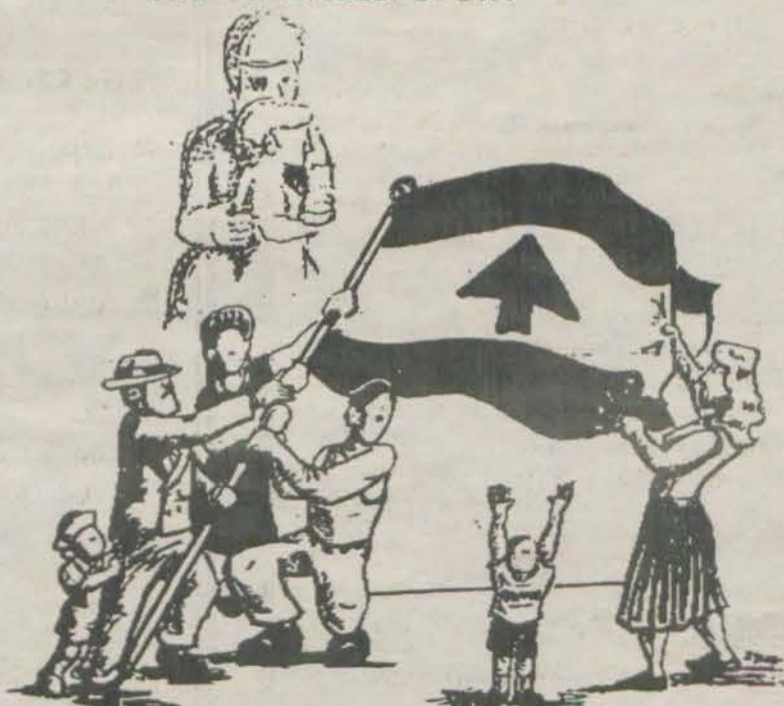
touched. However, it probably is not a good subject for dramatization.

Near the play's end is a dramatic speech made to the judges for the All-America Cities competition. Greenbelt tried unsuccessfully to be named an All-America City in 1987. It's too bad we didn't have the play's speech to use, as it was a good one. For me, the most memorable line was, "It's the people who are at its heart."

One anachronism that bothered me and others closely associated with the News Review was using current issues of the paper as props for the Greenbelt Cooperator in the play. Particularly out of place was the green banner, a very recent addition to our paper.

Even though the play has its historical errors and its superficiality, the play's final line, which is about Greenbelt, is equally fitting to describe the play itself — "It was a good thing we did here."

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on Information Released by the Greenbelt Police Department

A 27-year-old Greenbelt man was taken to Prince George's Hospital for an emergency psychiatric evaluation after he threatened a woman with a gun in the 200 block of Lastner Lane on Friday, January 10 about 5:30 p.m. The woman, who was not injured, told police the suspect was still in the residence and was taken into custody by police when he came out. The case is under investigation.

Officers responded to two loud parties last week. A pot party was broken up on January 15 at 12:20 p.m. in the 100 block of Westway. Officers arriving on the scene smelled "burning marijuana." When the door was opened for the officers, they saw several youngsters attempting to hide inside the apartment. No adults were present. Suspected marijuana was found. Three 13-year-old and one 12-year-old Greenbelt youths were arrested and charged with possession of marijuana. The youths were released to their parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Substation-East

The new Greenbelt Police substation phone number is 301-474-4992. This number is for non-emergency calls only. The substation may not be staffed 24 hours per day but there is an answering machine. Emergency police calls should be directed to the regular emergency number, can we get perm change to 301-474-5454.

In the other instance, when the officers arrived at the home in the 8100 block of Craddock Road, the owner asked to have the party shut down. One 15-year-old participant, who refused to leave and became disorderly, was arrested.

Officers responded to a report of a domestic incident in the 7600 block of Mandan Road on Monday, January 13 about 8:15 p.m. Officers found that the incident involved the mother, father and son. As a result of a consent search, suspected marijuana, pipes commonly used to smoke marijuana and several knives, including a switchblade, were located. Police arrested the 17-year-old son and charged him with possession of the drug and related paraphernalia and a concealed deadly weapon.

On Thursday, January 16, the School Resource Officer at Eleanor Roosevelt High School arrested a 14-year-old girl, a Greenbelt resident, who refused to calm down after a fight and then attempted to start another fight. She was released to her mother pending action by the Board of Education and the Juvenile Justice System.

Police arrested a non-resident for possession of drug paraphernalia on Thursday, January 16 about 11 a.m. Officers had stopped a car whose occupants were suspected of shop lifting in Greenway Center. Police discovered instruments commonly used to smoke "crack" cocaine.

A 20-year-old resident was ar-

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 507-6524. Callers may remain anonymous.

rested on Friday, January 10 and charged with three counts of battery and resisting arrest. The young man was stopped by a police officer in Beltway Plaza Mall carrying what turned out to be a container of alcohol. The suspect assaulted the officer and fled the mall on foot. A second officer was assaulted when he tried to apprehend him. The suspect ran into an apartment building in the 5800 block of Cherrywood Lane. As an officer checked the laundry room, the suspect ran out of an adjoining room and got into a fight with one of the officers. The man, a resident of the 9100 block of Springhill Lane, was subdued and taken into custody.

Police arrested a 21-year-old resident on Saturday, January 11 shortly before 1 a.m. An officer saw him have a single car accident and tried to determine the driver's sobriety. The driver became loud and disorderly, causing nearby residents to gather. He is a resident of the 6000 block of Springhill Drive.

Thefts

Burglaries last week included an unattended purse taken from Jeepers Playground, Beltway Plaza, on January 11; jewelry taken from a residence in the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace, entry by breaking a kitchen window, on January 14; a newspaper vending machine was taken from the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road on January 15; a cellular phone taken from a residence in the 9100 block of Edmonston Court, no sign of forced entry, on January 15; a telephone and answering machine were taken from a residence in the 7000 block of Mathew Street, entry by forcing a basement door, on January 10. On January 13 checks were reported as having been stolen between December 20 and 23. The burglary was discovered when several fraudulently written company checks were passed at various locations. The case is under investigation.

Vehicle Thefts

A light blue 1988 Suzuki Samari truck, MD tags 816836M, was stolen from the 8 Court Laurel Hill Road, and a green, 2-door, 1995 Honda Civic, MD tags CRA 649, was taken from South Ora Court.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Greenbelt Metro Drive (two incidents), 6100 block of Springhill Terrace, 8200 block of Canning Terrace, 7800 block of Hanover Parkway, 7700 block of Mandan Road, 100 block of Westway, Beltway Plaza (two incidents), 10 Court of Hillside Road, 21 and 22 Courts of Ridge Road.

EDUCATION

(Continued from page 1)

George's County, Bell said, but after they receive two or three years of training here, they move on to better-paid positions in nearby school districts. This pattern results in a considerable loss to this county in experienced staff, she indicated.

Student Dispersal

Mach cited figures showing how widely Greenbelt children were dispersed within and outside the school system. They attend some 64 to 72 different schools, she said. Nevertheless, the greatest number attend seven nearby schools: Greenbelt Elementary, Magnolia, Springhill Lake, Greenbelt Middle, Goddard, Eleanor Roosevelt, and St. Hugh's. Eleanor Roosevelt, built to house some 2400 students, now has 400 more than that number, Mach said. Of this 2800, 993 are from Greenbelt.

In general, parents are satisfied with the quality of schooling their children receive, Mach said. They particularly like the diversity of the school population, the superior technological training, and the schools' atmosphere. School safety, however, is seen as an important issue and they would like stronger programs in the arts, sciences and sex education.

Her committee, Mach said, has been pressing for stronger programs in mathematics. They have proposed that each elementary school have a funded position for a math resource teacher, similar to the reading resource teacher each school now has. The committee is also urging equity in support staff based on school population. For example, ERHS, with the largest population in the state, has only one registrar and one health aide — the same number as every other school in the system.

In response to a question from the audience, Bell strongly supported the importance of multicultural programs in the curriculum. Great demographic changes have occurred in the county, she said, which make such programs imperative. She also liked the adoption of a dress code and the requirement that students wear ID badges. In this way intruders, the greatest source of danger within a school, she indicated, can be identified.

City's Pension Costs Are Increased

Greenbelt has received an increased bill for its contribution for pensions for city employees in the State Retirement Pension System of Maryland. Although the city's liability for unfunded future pension payments has been increased to \$1,749,561 as reported in another paper recently, the city was notified nearly a year ago of the change. Since the city has been contributing on a regular basis towards this unfunded liability, last year's recalculation by state actuaries amounted to an adjustment of 5.87% or \$17,946 in the city's annual payments to its retirement fund. The city's payments toward the unfunded liability are expected to continue until 2020.

Although this increase significantly raises the cost of payments for pension plan costs, and places an added strain on the city budget, the \$17,946 cost will be a very small part of the city's \$13 million plus budget for the next fiscal year.



School board member Suzanne Plogman; Janette Bell, president of the county educators association; and Leta Mach, chair of Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education, speakers at the Democratic Club meeting, agree in their concern for the school system's physical plant.

- photo by Janet Parker



Senator Leo Green (D), on right, installs new officers of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club. Pictured from left: Isaac Robinson, sergeant-at-arms; Pat Unger, secretary; Roy Dahl, treasurer; Marie Unger, recording secretary; Konrad Herling, vice president, 21-3; Judith Davis, vice president, 21-13; Kurt Walter, vice president, 21-8; Jim Inzeo, president. Not pictured: Antoinette Bram, vice president, 21-6.

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Till Bergemann

Bergemann Retires

Dr. Till Bergemann will retire January 31. Dr. Bergemann was born in Leipzig, Germany, where both of his parents practiced medicine. He graduated from medical school in Basel, Switzerland, and took internships in Meiringen, Switzerland, and New York City. He did his medical residencies in New York and at Prince George's General Hospital, in Cheverly. He was naturalized as an American citizen in 1956, after which he became a medical associate of the late Dr. Aaron Deitz in Hyattsville. In 1961, Dr. Bergemann opened an office for the practice of family medicine in Greenbelt, and in 1965, the Doctors Wodak, Weintraub, and Bergemann formed a family practice partnership. Dr. Bergemann has been practicing family medicine since 1965 at his present office locations. He has been Board certified in Family Practice, and is currently associated with Dr. David Granite, Dr. Wing Tam, and Certified Nurse Practitioners Nancy English and Sheila Addison.

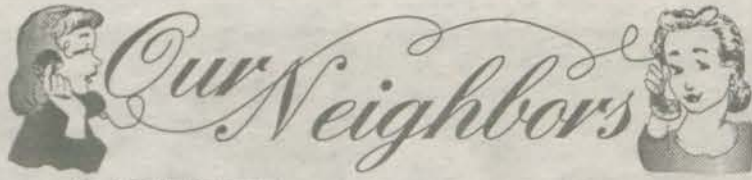
He has been married for 44 years to the former Marjorie Stamler, a retired nurse anesthetist (C.R.N.A., or Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist), whom he met while he was a medical intern at Fordham Hospital in New York. They moved to Greenbelt in 1957 and have three married daughters, Jill, Carol and Eve, and seven grandchildren ranging in age from 10 months to 16 years. His favorite hobbies have included tennis, swimming, and skiing, and he's also a history buff. Till plans to keep his hand in at the same office address after retirement. It's obvious that he doesn't like to sit still.

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WAMU Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to answer the phones for WAMU's Annual Heart to Heart recruitment of volunteers for the metropolitan region on February 13. Prince George's residents will staff the telephone banks from 1 - 10 a.m. and from 6 - 8 p.m. at the radio station. Over 30 volunteers are needed for each shift. To help, call 301-699-2800.



by Linda Savaryn
301-474-5285

Congratulations to Heather Thompson, daughter of Judith and Derek Thompson of Ora Glen Court, for being named to the dean's list for the fall semester at the University of Miami, in Coral Gables, FL. The fall was a good one for Heather, for she also was elected secretary of Mortar Board Senior National Women's Honorary and received the Benjamin and Ruthe Walters Scholarship from the University of Miami Business School and a Zeta Tau Alpha Sorority National Foundation scholarship, both for scholastics and leadership. A 1993 graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Heather will graduate in May from the Uni-

versity of Miami, with a degree in business administration.

Navy Seaman Recruit Christopher L. Kozak, son of Bernie T. Kozak of Crescent Road, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. He is a 1989 graduate of Robert Duval High School in Lanham.

Rose Sarsfield of Greenbriar was hospitalized recently for a gall bladder attack. She was in the hospital again for blisters on her hands. She is recuperating nicely at home. Her friends at exercise classes at the Community Center and at Springhill Lake, where she is known as "Redskin Rose," wish her a speedy recovery.

Bram Receives Citation

On December 18, 1996, Greenbelt's Mayor, Antoinette M. Bram, was honored by Governor Parris N. Glendening for her work with the Maryland Task Force on Law Enforcement. The Governor's Citation was presented to Bram on behalf of the citizens of the State in recognition of... "your outstanding service and tremendous contribution to the Task Force on Law Enforcement... in honor of your impressive commitment in support of public safety and crime prevention initiatives in the State of Maryland; and as an expression of our admiration, gratitude and great respect for your dedicated efforts which have significantly benefitted children, families and communities throughout the State..." the citation was signed by Governor Glendening and the Secretary of State, John T. Willis.

Greenbelt CARES

Judye Hering began the winter session GED course on Tuesday, January 14. GED I is held from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., for students who need to review basic English and math. GED II is held from 1 - 3 p.m. for more advanced students, reinforcing algebra and geometry skills, English composition and test-taking techniques. Thirteen students enrolled in the GED course.

Drivers Needed

The Visiting Nurse Association, a nonprofit home health care agency serving Washington, D.C. and suburban Maryland, needs drivers seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day to transport staff and patients. People can make a difference by lending their talents and four wheel drive vehicles for several hours. Contact Angela Dixon, Community Affairs Coordinator 202-686-2862 ext 8410.

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Students Show Peer Mediation Works

by Judy Goldberg-Strassler

Can conflicts be resolved with words alone? Do many arguments seem impossible to resolve? Next time, try solving disputes with the help of capable mediators. They can be found at many of the local schools.

Glenarden Woods Elementary School has had a Mediator Program for three years. On Wednesday, December 11, Glenarden Woods Elementary Mediators demonstrated the process of mediation for the Prince George's County Human Relations Board at the Greenbelt Community Center.

Ari Goldberg-Strassler of Greenbelt and Nuru West of Lanham were the capable mediators in a role-played conflict between two other students, Danny Swann and Kenny Savercool. Dena Kohn of Greenbelt observed the mediation in the role of a trainee. Patrick Martin of Beltsville was available as an alternate.

The students explained to the full room of the members of the Human Relations Board about their training and years of experience. With the help of Dr. Elaine Nelson, Guidance Counselor at Glenarden Woods Elementary School, the Mediators explained how mediation has taught students to talk out their differences instead of fighting. The 5th and 6th Graders convinced the entire audience that mediation works in schools and in neighborhoods. They are ready to assist persons whenever they have their next conflict.

Registration Begins For Adult Education

Twelve-week courses in Adult Basic Education (ABE), Pre-GED, General Equivalency Diploma (GED), and English As A Second Language (ESL) are offered by the Prince George's County School System. The next series of classes begins on January 27.

Those wishing to attend should enroll in person on Monday, January 27, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the school they plan to attend. (In case registration must be cancelled for inclement weather, it will be held at the same time on February 3.) Classes will meet for 12 weeks, starting the week of February 3, with holidays on Feb. 17, March 28 - April 4 and May 26. Those missing registration should go to the school at the time of the first class and, if space permits, join the class.

Classes will be held at Eleanor Roosevelt High School and other parts of the county. At Eleanor Roosevelt classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9:30 p.m. Most are free. There is a fee for GED and ESL levels 5-6.

Those registering should bring a pencil. Placement testing will be done at registration or in the first class session. Prospective students should plan on one hour for testing at the time of registration. Enrollment in these classes is limited to adults 16 years of age or over who are not enrolled in a regular day school program below college level.



"Peer Mediation Works"

Peer Mediators: (left to right) Dena Kohn, Kenny Savercool, Ari Goldberg-Strassler, Dr. Elaine Nelson, Nuru West, Danny Swann

Morogiello's Play At Kennedy Center

John Morogiello, of Lakeside Drive, 1995 Kennedy Center Fellow of the Americas, will have his play, "Chancellorsville," read at the AFI Theatre in the Kennedy Center on February 3 at 7 p.m. The staged reading will be directed by Martin Blanco and dramaturged by Rick Davis. Admission is free and a reception will follow.

Morogiello was named "1996 Best Up-and-Coming Playwright" by *Baltimore Magazine*. His plays have been produced in New York at the Belmont Italian-American Playhouse, Particle Wave Theatre, and Sacred Clown Theatre; and locally at Rep Stage Company, Washington Theatre Festival, and Baltimore Playwrights Festival. Morogiello's farce, "The Answer," will be mounted at Montgomery Playhouse in Gaithersburg in May, and his one-act, "Larry's Resolution," will be workshopped at Rep Stage Company in Columbia in June.

For the past year, Morogiello has been developing "Chancellorsville" under the Kennedy Center Fellowship of the Americas. The fellowship is designed to provide budding artists from North and South America with the opportunity to further their careers outside their native countries. Morogiello's fellowship took him to Toronto, where he de-

veloped "Chancellorsville" at Canadian Stage Company. The reading on February 3 will be the culmination of Morogiello's fellowship.

"Chancellorsville" is an epic drama based on the Civil War battle considered to be Robert E. Lee's greatest victory. It chronicles the aftermath of the battle of Fredericksburg in December 1862, through the death of Stonewall Jackson in May 1863. The script was awarded a grant from the Prince George's Arts Council in 1996. For more information about the reading and the Fellowship of the Americas, please call the Kennedy Center at (202) 416-8821.

Women Artists Exhibit at UMCP

Terra Firma is the title of an art exhibit by six American women artists who have worked on, around, or in dialogue with the female body. The exhibit by artists Susan Brenner, Nancy Fried, Lorna Simpson, Kiki Smith, Faith Wilding and Barbara Zucker runs through March at the Art-Sociology Building at the University of Maryland.

The gallery is open Mon.-Fri. noon to 4 p.m., Thurs. noon to 9 p.m., and Sat. noon to 5 p.m. There is no charge. For further information call 301-405-2763.

County Histories Now Available


"Prince George's County Association and Community Histories" is now available. This project was begun almost three years ago as a way of celebrating the county's Tricentennial and to record information of community associations in a published "artifact" of the Tricentennial celebration. Included are the histories of 45 associations and 10 communities/activities. To obtain a copy of this publication, please send name, address and \$3.00 for postage and handling (please print) to: Tricentennial Community Association, c/o Mary Forsht-Tucker, 11804 Mary Catherine Drive, Clinton, Md. 20735-1044.

Hospice Seeking Home Care Workers

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Greenbelters listen and wait their turn to ask questions of their state senator and delegates at the open door meeting on Saturday, Jan. 11. - photo by Prospero Zevallos

LEGISLATORS

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ronmental groups on their voting — the only delegation in the state that does. Already action has started on reducing environmental protection, said Hubbard, with the introduction of four bills by the speaker of the house. The 23rd district delegates will try to kill these bills, he continued.

Schlesinger also hoped that a bill would be passed to permit the county to both impose an adequate public facilities test on development proposals and levy a development fee.

"Will you support the 'smart growth' agenda from the governor?" asked Alan Turnbull. The delegates responded somewhat favorably to this proposal. Conroy said she was sorry this was not done

years ago. Smart growth makes sense, said Hubbard. The message implied in all this, said Pitkin, is "we can't control what you do at the local level, but the state doesn't have to pay for it."

Green congratulated Turnbull on his appointment to the state's Heritage Area Authority, on which Green assisted.

What Citizens Can Do

Acting as a messenger from the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club, Davis asked the delegation what citizens can do to help the legislators in Annapolis. Cheerleaders are needed in the room for bills, replied Pitkin. Hubbard agreed, saying that sometimes there is almost no one present to support local and statewide bills.

Real life experiences are appreciated, said Pitkin. Use the internet to find out what is happening at Annapolis, suggested Green.

Esther Webb was concerned about the low voter turnout and wondered what could be done. None of us is against more people voting, said Conroy, but she did not know what to do about it. Greenbelt is a model for active citizenry, noted Green. He noted that Springhill Lake, which often has a low voter turnout, had about 70% voting rate this last election.

Webb said she thought making it easier for third parties to get on the ballot would make elections more interesting and people come out and vote in interesting elections. Hubbard and Pitkin said they supported this. Conroy said she was against it last year but will look at it again this year.

Miscellaneous

The president of the Lakewood Civic Association, Bill Dupree, expressed his hope that the money in the budget for Lakewood stormwater management stayed in the budget. This is a county issue and budget said Pitkin. Dupree replied that he wanted to make sure the pressure to get these monies was kept on.

Mary X. Chapman of Ridge Road asked the delegation to make sure the teachers' pension was okay. Nothing will happen to your pension, replied Green.

Strengthen some traffic laws, was the request of James William Thompson. There should be a law that trucks are required to have their headlights on at all times, he said. Studies show that this helps other vehicles to be more aware of trucks. He said he was partially disabled three years ago in an accident with a truck. He said he thought that had the headlights been on he may have seen the truck in time to take evasive action. Green said a truck headlight bill is in committee. Thompson also requested that the penalty for fleeing a police officer and engaging in a high speed chase be upgraded to a felony, for it puts the public and police at risk. A bill has been put forth to do this, replied Hubbard, who said he supports it.

Two Greenbelt city councilmembers spoke about local government issues. Edward Putens asked the status of a bill presented in last year's session and studied over the summer that would force all municipal elections to be held on federal election days (currently Greenbelt city council elections are held in odd numbered years and federal ones in even years). The delegates had not heard of any movement on this issue.

Mayor Antoinette Bram thanked the delegates for their vote in support of giving Greenbelt partial control over zoning issues.

AMI Holds Support Meetings

The Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Prince George's County (AMI) will hold its monthly family support group meetings in three different parts of the county: in Cheverly, the County Health Dept., Room 218 across from the hospital, on the second Tuesday 7-9 p.m.; in Clinton at the Dyer Mental Health Clinic, 9314 Piscataway Rd., on the second Wednesday 7-9 p.m.; and in Laurel at the Mental Health Clinic, 8101 Sandy Spring Road, on the third Thursday 7-9 p.m.

AMI of Prince George's County is a self-help organization looking for a better understanding of mental illness and better ways to cope with everyday problems.

For further information, call 301-839-0253 or 301-577-6026.

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The audience learns the hand signs that accompanied some of the songs sung by "Master Traditional Artist" Kevin Locke. He appeared in the Community Center gym on Sunday, January 19. -Photo by Beth Sheaffer

A Review

Baha'i's Gift: Flute Player, Hoop Dancer Extraordinaire

by Barbara Likowski
 There was standing room only by the time the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance began in the Community Center gym on Sunday, January 19. But the orderly multi-ethnic crowd of over 400 people (including many well-behaved children) did not seem to mind. They were patient and polite.

The program, featuring Kevin Locke, an American Indian (Hunkpapa and Anishinabe) from the Standing Rock reservation in South Dakota, was the gift of Greenbelt's Baha'i Community. In 1990 Locke received a National Heritage Fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts, which recognized him as a "Master Traditional Artist who has contributed to the shaping of our artistic traditions and to preserving the cultural diversity of the United States."

Locke is known throughout the world as the pre-eminent player of the traditional Northern Plains flute. For this concert he brought several flutes, one much larger and older than the others, though still having a clear tone. The flute pieces were haunting and sweet. Before playing each one, Locke explained what the piece was about, such as courting song, leaving it to the audience to imagine as they listened. Then he sang the song in his native language and then translated it into English. Sometimes he taught his listeners a kind of sign language to go with the song he was singing. The audience quickly took to this and

many participated. When it was time to give his demonstration of the hoop dances, Locke left the stage and asked people to put their chairs on the side of the gym so he could dance on the gym floor. He danced with such skill that oohs and ahs could be heard throughout the gym. These dances were so active that it was hard for us to believe that recently Locke had had a fall while chopping the ice from his chimney in -85 degree wind-chill weather. (He later admitted that he couldn't have done it without pain pills.)

He had a variety of hoops, in the colors of the four races of mankind, with decorations designating the four seasons of the year and the four directions. Using his hoops for demonstration, he told of his beliefs that all people are the same despite the color of their skin. "It is incredible to see the beauty of the people on this earth and the vast richness of humankind," he said.

One of the objects he made with the hoops showed a globe, intermingling the four colors. He then removed one and the figure fell apart. He used this as an example to show that it is necessary for all peoples to live and work together. He hooked some hoops together and showed the resulting figure as a bridge to understanding of one another, a ladder to higher things and then as the wings of a bird, which he wove around his shoulders like wings as he danced. The whole program was breathtaking. As he finished he pointed to the extra hoops he had brought. People age ten and up, he said, could take a hoop. In no time there were none left. Carefully he explained how to do some of the basic things that could be done with hoops. Then people took turns sharing their hoops and he taught them how to use

as many as three hoops at one time. There was a lot of fun and learning going on. His last number was the recitation of the 23rd Psalm in his own language, augmented by appropriate gestures and signs. He carefully explained what the signs and words meant. It seemed a fitting way to end his program. We would be remiss, however, if we failed to mention another artist who performed before Locke. He was Van Gilmer from Ft. Washington, who sang the Freedom Trilogy and a Unity prayer. His rich voice brought the music alive. Gilmer writes and performs music as a hobby and has performed throughout the United States, the Caribbean and Europe. We'd like to hear him again.



Kevin Locke had a variety of hoops, in the colors of the four races of mankind, with decorations designating the four seasons of the year and the four directions. -photo by Beth Sheaffer



Kevin Locke, charmed hundreds of Greenbelters with his array of flutes from the northern plains. -photo by Keith Zevallos



People took turns sharing their hoops and Kevin Locke taught them how to use as many as three hoops at one time. -photo by Beth Sheaffer

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Restored Riversdale Map In McKeldin Library

by Virginia Beauchamp

While a special committee works on plans for a 60th Anniversary Celebration for Greenbelt, another group of people at the University of Maryland on December 10 were thinking about life in this region in 1853, more than 80 years before Greenbelt was contemplated. The occasion was the official presentation at McKeldin Library of the William Sides hand-drawn and hand-colored map of the Riversdale plantation, which had just been restored by the Philadelphia Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts. Welcoming the group of invited guests was Greenbelt resident Lauren R. Brown, who is Curator of Archives and Manuscripts at McKeldin Library.

The map had been commissioned by then-owner of Riversdale, Charles Calvert, perhaps the leading agricultural expert of his time. In fact, sketched in by himself on the map in a later year was the first building constructed on the campus of the Washington Agricultural College, whose land was his gift and whose founding was his idea. That college went on to become the University of Maryland.

The map had been in the possession of one of Calvert's heirs, his great granddaughter Mary Calvert Conger, who had found it a few years ago in a condition so deteriorated she was not sure it had any current value. Nevertheless, she donated it to the Riversdale Historical Society, which keeps up the mansion that many Greenbelters have visited this year as a stop on the Tricentennial Passport program. Unable to cope with the exigencies of preserving such a fragile artifact, however, the Society donated it in turn to the University, which has an established collection of historical documents and maps of the Maryland area.

What the Map Shows

According to University of Maryland historian Dr. George Callcott, who spoke at the program, the Riversdale Plantation was one of the eight largest plantations in the Chesapeake region in 1853. And since by that time both Washington's Mount Vernon and Jefferson's Monticello were run-down, Riversdale was probably also the best kept-up. Besides founding Maryland Agricultural College, Calvert was also a founder of the county's and the state of Maryland's agricultural societies and, after the Civil War, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Hence his personal concern with farming practices was highly developed.

The map extends from a line on

the east about where Kenilworth Ave. now exists to about the region of Adelphi Rd. on the west. On the south it extends to Bladensburg and on the north to about the present-day Beltway. The eastern boundary of the property, however, narrowed toward the west as it moved north. Thus the land that later became Greenbelt was never part of Riversdale, though some of it was roughly adjacent.

Besides the mansion house, various different structures are shown on the property—two mills, several barns, including a famous octagonal barn, other out-buildings, a garden, fields, and slave quarters. Also shown is the family graveyard, which still exists on the south side of East-West Highway between the railroad overpass and U. S. 1.

Of particular interest on the map is a projected real estate development depicted west of the Baltimore-Washington Turnpike (U. S. 1) in what is now Hyattsville. Labeled Ellaville for Calvert's daughter, it was never built.

One original barn, however, still exists. Described by Callcott as probably the oldest structure in College Park, it is a brick building now used by the College Park Women's Club, which includes Greenbelt members. In an earlier life the building was once also converted for use as a church.

Process of Preservation

Evelyn Frangakis, Head of McKeldin Library's Preservation Department, described to assembled guests at the December program something of the process carried out

to restore the map. Because it had been rolled over a dowel, it was badly creased from top to bottom. The entire right margin, for perhaps a foot, was also severely discolored and much of it broken away. The entire piece, which had been glued to a fabric backing, was extremely fragile, and the map itself had been varnished. A number of areas, large and small, had simply deteriorated, leaving conspicuous holes. A large color photograph showing how it looked before the conservation process made the viewer simply shake her head. Could this mutilated piece really be saved?

Restoring it took some 80 hours and cost \$6,000, Frangakis said. She described a process involving removal of the varnish, bathing the map in a large shallow vat big enough to hold it flat. In this way it was separated from the cloth backing and some of the right-margin stain removed.

Finally the paper of the map was glued on to a new backing of Japanese tissue and the whole placed on layers of special sheeting. The holes, now filled with the Japanese tissue, were then colored to match the surrounding areas; and in fact they became virtually invisible.

Following such reconstruction, the entire piece was then framed under plexiglass. Standing more than 50 inches tall, it will be on display in the Maryland Room of McKeldin Library, where scholars may use it and other viewers may contemplate an 1853 picture of what preceded the building where it is now displayed.

Witnesses Tell of Their Holocaust Experiences

On the morning of November 24, Congregation Mishkan Torah in Greenbelt held an unusual panel discussion for Sunday School students and adult visitors. On the panel were members and past members with personal experiences related to the Holocaust—Sonia Garin, Ruth Horlick, Ralph Mollerick, Hedi Axelrod, David Stern and Les Klein. Jordan Choper moderated.

It so happened that all but Les Klein were lucky to escape before the worst began, before the roundup into concentration camps and the mass murder. Sonia Garin was a teenager in Germany when persecutions began, but managed to leave with a "kindertransport," a child-rescue project which brought her to British Palestine, to a kibbutz outpost in the Jordan Valley. Luckily, her parents later got out, too, to America. Ralph Mollerick also joined a "kindertransport," but never saw his parents again. He grew up in foster homes in England and came to the US after the war.

David Stern's family in Czechoslovakia fled twice, first from their home near the German border to the interior, then by great luck to British Palestine. They were among the last to leave before all escape was

blocked. Most of his relative's stayed and perished, including his grandmother Mina Paechter, whose story (and that of the cookbook she assembled in the concentration camp) appeared in the News Review on December 5.

But the closest escape was that of Klein, who grew up in Hungary and ended up, as a child, in the infamous Bergen-Belsen camp. In 1943, a Hungarian activist, Rudolph Kastner, hatched a proposal to ransom Hungarian Jews in exchange for trucks for the German army. The German authorities allowed him to negotiate with Jews in Palestine, though as might be expected, the deal was later stopped by the Allies. Because of his effort, about 1,500 Jews were allowed to leave Bergen-Belsen for Switzerland and Klein and his mother were among them.

The children and adults in the Mishkan Torah listened with rapt attention. Penetrating questions were asked, e.g., "did the experience affect your faith in God?" For the most part, however, the stories, themselves, told it all. More than 50 years have passed since those terrible times, but they should always be remembered, as should the many who did not survive to tell the tale.



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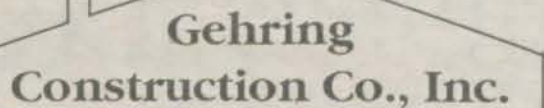
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Greenbelt Has Good Snow Removal Program

by James Giese

Residents often speak about how the roads in Greenbelt are passable when they are still unplowed in other areas. The City of Greenbelt is fortunate to have a good snow removal program in effect, with equipment adequate to meet most snow storm conditions.

Greenbelt is also fortunate to have few roads for the size of its population due to its original planning feature of superblocks

which was carried over into its multiple family housing sections. It also has relatively few free-standing, single-family home subdivisions. With less than 25 miles of paved roadway, Greenbelt has one-third to one-quarter as many miles of paved roads as suburban cities such as College Park composed mostly of single-family, freestanding homes.

The Greenbelt Public Works Department divides the city into approximately equal sized areas

with a city plow or salter assigned to each area. Heavier plows are assigned to the major roadways with smaller heavy-duty pickup trucks with plows assigned to the narrower streets.

Although the city concentrates on keeping its major thoroughfares open to traffic, snow crews will also plow narrower, residential streets simultaneously, when time allows. During major snowfalls, it is easier to keep streets open with continuous plowing than to come through to open a street with deep snow after the storm has ended, particularly on the narrow streets where large plows have difficulty maneuvering and small plows are not able to push the deep snow.

Each time there is a major snowfall, there is a battle between residents trying to get their cars out onto the roads and the city plows. Driveways are cleared of snow only to have city plows refill their entrances. Motorists clear the plowed snow away from cars parked on the streets only to be plowed in again. There is no solution to this age-old problem except for motorists to be patient and not try to get out onto the streets until plowing is completed.

Initially snow plows concentrate on keeping road travel-lanes open for traffic. When that is done, they have to go back to widen the streets and get as much snow as possible back behind the curb. If this isn't done, there will not be room available for pushing snow from a second or third snowfall. Usually this effort is not needed because warm spells usually melt the snow before another storm comes along. But no one can predict what

strange turns the weather might take during the winter.

Another problem that develops after each major snowfall is that motorists park cars in very strange and illegal ways, particularly in multiple-family development areas with off-road parking lots poorly plowed. Once they get their cars out from the snow dumped upon them by Mother Nature and plowed beside them by snow removal crews, they look for places to park where they will not have to shovel again. Unfortunately, some make unwise decisions and park in fire lanes or in road travel lanes or otherwise illegally. While the city crews can appreciate the motorists' frustrations, streets must be kept open to travel and safe. Motorists who illegally park can

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For ice storms and other slippery road conditions, city crews will concentrate on hilly streets. The availability of road salt becomes a critical issue during these times. The city can stock only a limited supply of salt on hand, usually enough to take care of several storms. It enters into contract each year with a supplier to furnish salt as needed, and re-orders as the stock pile is depleted. However, when conditions are severe, or there are several storms, one after the other, the supplier may not be able to replenish the city's salt pile as often as needed, and city crews have to curtail their use of road salt.



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