

Beat The Rush

Please give us your copy on Mondays or at least by noon on Tuesdays. We are trying not to get swamped Tuesday nights.

Postmaster John Hyater Retires From Greenbelt

by Dennis Jelalian

1948. A warm summer day in the sleepy town of Portsmouth, Virginia. An eight-year-old boy with nothing to do stands in the dirt road wiggling his bare feet in the dust.

Down the road comes a tall man in an elegant uniform: flat topped hat with a bright black brim, blue uniform with brass buttons down the front, and fancy trim on the sleeves, black shoes polished to a mirror finish, and best of all — a big shiny leather sack to carry the mail. The boy said to himself, "One day, I'm going to be just like him!"

There weren't many opportunities for a young boy of color in 1948 in Portsmouth. But there were two people everyone knew and respected: the man who drove the ice truck and the mailman.

Ten years later, in 1958, the 18-year-old John S. Hyater joined the U.S. postal service, became a mailman, and got to wear the uniform.

Hyater worked at every job in the postal service. He was a mail carrier, a window clerk, a district clerk. He spent nine years as a railway mail clerk on trains running between Pittsburgh, PA; Florence, SC; Bristol, TN; and Boston, MA.

Along the way he found time to get married, buy a house and raise three daughters all of whom now have professional careers, one of them with the postal service. He also found time to go to college at Howard and Bowie State and get an undergraduate degree. He taught full time at Northwestern High School.

Then he started working on a masters degree in anti-discrimination law at Antioch law school. He's still three credit hours shy of completing it.

In 1974, Hyater began to work in management in the Postal Service and, over time, did every job in postal management. He became mail supervisor, general supervisor, tour superintendent, and Eastern Regional equal opportunity investigator.

In 1990, Hyater became postmaster of Savage, Maryland. In 1994, he became postmaster of Greenbelt.

December, 1998. John S. Hyater retires from the postal service after 40 years of service. "It's been a great career," he says.

Hyater doesn't plan to stop working. He's going to take the three credit hours he needs to complete his master's degree. He plans to go on and get a doctorate in anti-discrimination law.

Hyater remains active in the



John Hyater

National League of Postmasters of the United States, especially on the legislative committee, at both the local and national levels.

New Post Office

The new post office will be built on the Commerce Center II property on the corner of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive. The one-story facility will have 35 to 40 off street parking spots which will be ample for employees and trucks. The building will be paid for by the postal service. "The zoning issues have been resolved. Settlement should be around April. Construction should start in the fall, and the facility should be completed late in 2000," Hyater says.

"The new facility will be a customer friendly store of the future, similar to the post office in Bowie."

Once the new facility is complete See **POSTMASTER**, page 12

Artist Nancy DePlatchett Wins "Educators Award"

by Barbara Young

Artist, founding member and vice president of the Greenbelt Association of Visual Artists, friendly proprietor of the Endless Options studio in the Community Center and Arts Coordinator at Landover's esteemed Thomas G. Pullen magnet middle school, busy Hillside resident Nancy DePlatchett was recently chosen winner of the 1999 Outstanding Educators Award by the Prince George's County Chamber of Commerce. She was honored at a January 29 luncheon in Bowie.

Pullen alumni win scholarships and are found on Broadway and in television and recording studios. Its eighth-graders earn the highest CAT test scores in the county, and the curriculum DePlatchett created is the model used for K-8 arts education throughout the county, with all of whose teachers she happily shares knowledge and materials. The Rhode Island School of Design named her one of 25 outstanding arts educators in the nation.

There is a waiting list of 2,000 names to attend her school. Kindergarten students are chosen by lottery. DePlatchett says she's a "very strong advocate of the arts and letting children explore. Even the business world is buying into the importance of children exploring

the arts because businesses find the arts teach children to be creative; to be well-rounded, using both sides of their brains; to be more confident public speakers, and 4) to understand the importance of making a contribution."

Multi-Talented

This is a multi-talented person who calls her studio "Endless Options" because she says, "I always like to delve into a lot of things, so I wanted a name that could be anything." It follows, then, that she would have what she calls a "jack-of-all-trades" job. Of the 12-hour days she puts in at the school, DePlatchett says, "My role is like that of a producer. I have responsibilities in the visual arts, dance, drama, media productions, band, chorus, keyboard and orchestra, and I put on two large programs every year: a musical in the fall and a dance concert in the spring. I'm also responsible for getting the tickets sold and raising funds, because it costs about \$25,000 to put on a musical like we do. Luckily, there's a wonderful parents' group working with me on all this."

Sitting in her studio near a wall of picture frames, wearing a soft purple velvet dress and handsome jewelry she made, DePlatchett smiles as she reminisces about early influences on her career. "My parents, espe-



Nancy DePlatchett

cially my artistic mother, exposed my sister and myself to all the arts," she says. "My dad was absolutely great. He paid the bills and was very involved in sports. My mother saved every bit of my school work and made it a point to ask me about it. And she helped me make all my own doll clothes. I learned a lot from being in high school debating, too."

This was in Lawrence Park, a small town of about 5,500 near Erie, Pennsylvania, which DePlatchett says reminds her of Greenbelt. It was originally a

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What Goes On

Monday, February 22, 7:30 p.m. Reception for ACE Awardees, Municipal Building

8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.

Revenue Figures at Issue In Hot Annexation Debate

by James Giese

It is common for financial figures and data to be interpreted, reinterpreted and recalculated when they are part of a controversial issue. That stage has been reached in the current debate over whether or not to annex the Parkside subdivision into the City of Greenbelt (See Letters to the Editor). Because city staff has been used as the source for various contentions, City Manager Michael McLaughlin has issued a clarifying memo on staff's position on the financial viability of annexing Parkside.

Two Methods

McLaughlin states that some figures have been taken from two separate reports written four years apart and that used different methodologies to estimate costs and revenues generated by Parkside. Using updated figures, Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze has computed that Parkside will yield \$14,948 more in revenues than services will cost. This is using the same methodology as she used in 1994, and shows a net excess \$321 less than in 1994, when she did her last calculation. Her methodology, according to McLaughlin, calculated revenues and expenses on a per capita basis based on the current budget.

McLaughlin, in submitting a required Extension of Services report (EOS) calculated only revenues that would accrue to the city from the annexation of

Parkside, and produced a revenue figure of \$39,110, about \$6,000 lower than Craze's 1992 estimate of \$45,398 and around \$8,000 less than Craze's current estimate of \$53,761. McLaughlin, however, didn't estimate expenditures, but noted that there was little or no expectation of additional expenses because he did not foresee the need to add additional police or other city employees to serve the 31 home subdivision.

The total city General Fund budget for fiscal year 1998-99 provides for revenues and expenditures of approximately \$14 million. The revenues generated by Parkside would increase that by less than 0.3%. The annexation would add 31 homes to the city's housing stock, which in 1998 was 9,794 according to the city budget.

Public Works Radio

Another issue recently raised is the need to upgrade the Public Works Department's radio system. According to Acting Public Works Director Kenneth Hall, upgrade is needed to increase the range of radio communications whether or not Parkside is annexed. However, no funds have been requested. Hall said that communication to the outlying sections of the city, some of which are located at a greater distance from the radio antennae than is Parkside, is hampered by weak radio signals.

Derrick Damions to Star In Film "Below the Moon"

by Altoria Bell Ross

"Lights," "camera," "action" are familiar cues for Derrick Damions. The 10-year Greenbelt resident will star in the movie, "Below the Moon," scheduled for release late this year. In this romantic comedy, Damions plays the lovable drifter, Gregory, whose car breaks down in Washington, D.C., where his father, a prominent Alabama congressman,

is involved in a scandal.

Before this movie, the 33-year-old actor played the comical character, Writer, opposite Pam Grier on the Showtime television show, "Link's Place," last summer. In January, he portrayed Rob Villanova on the ABC show, "One Life to Live." Despite his success, Damions says it is not easy getting work.

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Newly installed traffic light on Southway will be activated soon.

- photo by Judy Nelson

Reminder

Readers are reminded of News Review policy with respect to printing of campaign and election material. In its last edition preceding an election the newspaper will not publish letters to the editor and similar materials that inject for the first time, controversial issues and charges. Last minute introduction of such material without an opportunity for refutation is considered an unfair campaign practice.

The News Review will not print letters of endorsement.

Letters to the editor and other copy on election issues much be submitted by 9 p.m. Tuesday evening, so as to give the editorial board sufficient time to review content.

Police Already Thin

Last summer I witnessed a drug deal in Roosevelt Center. When I called the Greenbelt police, I was informed they did not have the manpower to patrol the Center. Now I read in the News Review that there is a shortage of officers to serve in Greenbelt East. Chief Craze admitted the Greenbelt East substation was not being staffed as planned. He said that while citizens "may not always see the Greenbelt Police Department, we are always near." If the Parkside community is annexed, it would stretch an already thin police force too far. How would the Greenbelt police be patrolling the city while driving down Kenilworth Avenue?

Mayor Davis stated that there are four new officers "in the pipeline" but I understand these additions were scheduled before considering the Parkside annexation. The officers were slated to serve the existing city of Greenbelt. The annexation of Parkside would diminish the effectiveness of these new officers.

Let's keep Greenbelt safe for Greenbelt citizens.

Susan Newton

Keep Theater Going

To see a young Shakespeare running for his life from guards—refreshingly different from the quiet, balding Bard we studied in our literature classes. I applaud the Greenbelt News Review for including overviews of movies at the Greenbelt Theatre. The lines of patrons waiting for last Saturday's 5 and 7 p.m. showings on "Shakespeare in Love" (the only ones I was in the area for) were encouraging. To help to maintain a local resource (the Theatre) and add to quality of life at the same time—Mr. Sanchez and the FOGT (Friends of the Greenbelt Theatre) are off to an excellent start in this new year. They deserve full success.

Your coming 1950s Film Festival sounds like a lot of fun! To remember that Elvis' hit song "Jailhouse Rock" was popular during the autumn of 1957—just about the time the first artificial satellite was launched—it will be especially refreshing to see the show from which this song came!

Let's keep the Theatre going for a LOOOONG time!

Christopher K. Scherer

Letters to the Editor

Irrelevant Figures

Some irrelevant figures are being tossed around to persuade us of the financial benefits that would accrue if Greenbelt should annex Parkside. Before we begin spending this money, I suggest we look more closely at the projected income and expenses. The city's initial projection was that the additional annual income would be \$15,000 more than the additional expenses that would be incurred. In an article in the October 15, 1998 issue of the Prince George's Journal, City Manager Mike McLaughlin was reported as saying that the city was projecting \$6,000 less income from Parkside than had originally been anticipated. When I spoke to Celia Craze, our City Planning and Community Development Director, she confirmed that the net financial benefits were now thought to be lower. She also explained to me how the expenses were determined. The cost of travel time for city employees leaving the current service delivery area while making the round trip to Parkside has not been included in the calculations. The cost of the necessary upgrade of the Public Works communication system, which currently cannot reach all the way to Parkside, has not been factored in the calculations. In fact, the figure given as the estimated expense of providing services to these 31 houses would have been the same if Parkside were located in Buddy Attick Park or Schrom Hills Community Park instead of being located on the other side of Greenbelt Park.

There's an old Arab proverb, "Money disappears like magic." If the annexation should be approved in the March 9 referendum, I think the \$9,000 currently estimated as the net benefit would disappear before we see a penny.

Sylvia J. Lewis

Explanation

Several of our friends who read the "Welcome Parkside" ad in the Feb. 11 issue of the Greenbelt News Review asked us about the \$6 million and the \$60,000 figures. They called us because we were listed in the ad as members of the Coordinating Committee.

The \$6 million was claimed as the assessed tax base for Parkside. This amount is the total of the estimated value of the 31 homes in the community. Actually the figure is on the low side based on the selling prices of these homes, which ranged from about \$195,000 to \$225,000 when these homes were sold by the builder several years ago. In Maryland the State taxing authorities determine the assessed value of each home, the total of which in this case is estimated at \$6 million. The counties use this tax base to determine actual taxes by multiplying by 40 percent and applying the local and County tax rate. The assessed tax base at the County level could be estimated at about \$2.4 million. Strictly speaking, the \$6 million is the "State assessed tax base."

The figure of \$60,000 is an estimate of the annual revenues which would be received by the City of Greenbelt from the 31 homeowners. It was prepared

from data then available. Recently this amount has been reduced to \$53,761.36 for the year 1999 by the City in a memo of February 12, 1999. From the same memo the estimated expenditures for the care and upkeep of the Parkside subdivision was \$38,813.58. By subtraction, this leaves a total gain to the city of \$14,947.78 (\$482.19 per house). In other words each house will enrich city coffers by almost \$500.

Janet Parker and
Isaac Robinson

More Discussion

In the February 11 News Review appeared one of the best Izzy Parker cartoons and a nicely worded editorial regarding the controversies over the proposed Parkside annexation and parking problems near Green Ridge House.

The editorial concluded, "Negotiating among such complexities creates a civil society. It is democracy's very soul. Whatever is lost if a decision is made against our view is as nothing if we lose community itself."

Negotiating means conferring and discussing. I hope the pages of the News Review will print much more discussion on Parkside between now and the vote on March 9.

Bob Auerbach

Built to Last

I was disappointed that, in announcing the commencement of the renovation of Roosevelt Center, the News Review's entire focus was the cost. While we certainly recognize the importance of fiscal responsibility, we also realize the danger of cutting corners. The Roosevelt Center is a historic landmark, our commercial center, and the focal point of our community. Its historic, artistic, and economic importance make it one of Greenbelt's greatest assets.

And this great asset is badly deteriorated, with broken pavement, scarred benches and trees on their last few years of life. The Mother and Child sculpture is so worn and damaged that if we do not save it now, it will be lost to us forever. For many reasons, the Center is no longer the pleasant space it once was. To ignore this reality would indeed be irresponsible, financially and otherwise. Likewise, to cut corners on the renovation project would be shortsighted. Most of the cost increases reflected in the final numbers are due to such measures as the incorporation of better construction techniques so that the new trees thrive and the pavement remains sound for many decades. The proposed site furnishings, while slightly more expensive than the cheapest options, are well made and able to withstand the rigors of use in a public space. In short, the added expense will ensure as much as possible that our town center will be a source of pride again, for us and for future generations of Greenbelters.

I applaud the city council's forward-thinking approach to the issue. Because of their efforts, some of the best and last remaining examples of New Deal art

and planning will be preserved, protected and enhanced. And it will be done properly, in a manner befitting this unique and historic community.

Sharon Bradley-Papp
(Note: Bradley-Papp, a Greenbelt resident, is the city's landscape architect for the renovation of the mall at Roosevelt Center.)

Move to Greenbelt

I certainly understand why Parkside residents would want to live here in Greenbelt. We have the ideal community. Roosevelt Center is within walking distance, where you can enjoy shopping, eating and a movie. We have award-winning schools, a great library and home delivery of the News Review. If someone wants to live in a place like Greenbelt, they should move to Greenbelt.

Anyone wishing to be a resident of Greenbelt has many options. There are townhouses, apartments, single-family homes and cooperative housing available within the city limits. Move to Greenbelt and enjoy all the benefits of our city and its welcoming citizens.

I wish to remind Greenbelters to voice their opinion on the Parkside referendum.

Judith M. Nelson

History of Azaleas At Arboretum

Come to the U.S. National Arboretum's Administration Building Auditorium for a free winter flower fix on February 21 from 2-3:30 p.m. Curator Barbara Bullock will share bright and beautiful images of azaleas in bloom during a slide-illustrated lecture. Learn about the collection that made the Arboretum famous and how its researchers made the azalea one of the area's most popular springtime shrubs. Registration is required. Call 202-245-4521.

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Correction

In the February 11 issue article, "Housekeeping Tasks Fill Greenbelt Council Meeting," there were two errors on the section of the story about the promotion of Police Lieutenant Thomas Kemp. He is from Jamesville, NY outside Syracuse, not Pennsylvania. Also, there are 13 police officers, not eight, now residing within the city due to the new city program to encourage residency by police officers.

Greenbelt East Meeting Updates

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee (GEAC) discussed the question of a light at Greenbelt Road and Frankfort Drive at its February meeting. Member organizations have voted unanimously to support placement of a light at that busy intersection, and a letter to the City Council will indicate this support. Traffic congestion on Ora Glen Drive and Greenbrook Drive, as a result of insufficient parking in the office complex that houses NYLCare, continues to be a concern.

GEAC members voiced positive comments about a worksession held between City Council and GEAC in January, and hope periodic worksessions of a like nature will continue.

City fire services were discussed. Fund drives in Greenbelt East by both Greenbelt Fire Department and West Lanham Fire Department was a concern to several residents. Greenbelt East, south of Greenbelt Road, is served by the West Lanham Fire Department, with the Greenbelt Fire Department as a back-up, and the question was raised as to whether or not a portion of tax monies should be diverted to West Lanham Hills.

GEAC board members voiced the hope that the "police as agents" policy would be clarified for residents in the near future.

More Letters

Litter Problem

In the past year and a half the managers at NYLCare have placed more and more of their employees in their Ora Glen facility in Greenbelt East. The lines of parked cars on both sides of Ora Glen Drive have increased until now they usually extend beyond Mathew Street. With these cars has come an increase in litter. I have often picked up litter when walking back to my home, located in Greenbrook Village, from the shopping area. In the past months not only has litter increased, but liquor and beer bottles are frequently appearing. Many of these are found in the gutter where they are easily broken. The managers of NYLCare are apparently not concerned about what their employees do on Ora Glen. I know that they do not allow smoking in their building or on their grounds. If employees wish to smoke, they go

can come to work by Metro. NYLCare can issue stickers for spaces in their parking lot.

3. Parking by permit only, to be issued by Greenbelt for a fee. This money to be used to pay for the city's maintenance department to collect the litter twice a week.

4. NYLCare pay the fees instead of their employees.

5. NYLCare can have their maintenance staff remove litter twice a week in the area where cars are parked on public streets, or they can hire a service to do it for them.

I prefer number 1 and 2 because no parked cars will result in very little litter. Drivers trying to turn onto Ora Glen within the neighborhood can see speeding cars. This is also true for pedestrians crossing Ora Glen.

My main goal, and that of other homeowners, is to have a litter-free place to live and walk. Now is the time for action to control this growing litter prob-

Old Curmudgeon



"I finally found a parking space to visit Green Ridge...unfortunately it's on Hanover Parkway!"

Recycling Program Adds Oil Filters

Do-it-yourself mechanics can now dispose of used oil filters in an environmentally sound and safe manner. Used oil filters should be brought to the recycling center in Buddy Attick Park, sealed in a tied plastic bag or a coffee can with a lid, so it won't leak, and placed in the oil filter recycling drum next to the antifreeze drum.

Other automotive filters are also recyclable: transmission filters, power steering filters, hydraulic filters, diesel fuel filters (but not gasoline filters).

Recycling of used motor oil is well established and widespread, but the recycling of used filters is just beginning to catch up. Used oil filters contain several ounces of oil that cannot be simply poured out. When these filters are placed in a landfill, the oil eventually leaks out, contaminating the groundwater. Environmentally sound disposal methods approved by the EPA require puncturing the filters and draining them for 24 hours. The city has contracted with Metalpro, Inc., a firm in Springfield, VA, that specializes in oil filter recycling. The firm will collect used filters from the collection drum in the park. Everything in the filter is recycled: oil is sent to a motor oil refiner, the metal can is recovered for scrapmetal, and the remaining paper or rubber parts are shipped to a power plant to be burned as fuel.

This recycling service costs the city about 35 cents per filter. The city has obtained a small grant from the Chesapeake Bay Trust, which is supported by state money collected from donations on the state income tax form and

Britt Cave to Speak On Crime Prevention

The GHI Member/Community Relations Committee is sponsoring a Crime Prevention Meeting on February 28 at 3 p.m. in the Community Center Multipurpose Room. Crime Prevention Officer Britt Cave will speak on protecting oneself in home and on the street. Please bring one written question.

from the sale of Save the Bay license tags. This grant will pay for the first year of oil filter recycling.

Greenbelters are asked to do their part for the environment: recycle those filters!

Neal Barnett, Chairman
Recycling Advisory Committee



Neal Barnett, Chair of the Recycling Committee informed the Greenbelt City Council of a new recycling program for used oil filters.

-photo by Leigh Catterton



-photo by James E. Cassidy

onto Windsor Green open space, which abuts the commercial property. Litter leads to more litter, which results in property devaluation and decreased quality of life. This is a walking neighborhood. We have a great public park next to Greenbrook Village. I like what I have and do not wish to lose it through litter left here by those coming here during the day.

If this has been a growing problem, why wait until now to write a letter? Three things occurred recently. They were: a neighbor informing me that NYLCare was not moving to a new location and was planning to stay in their present building, a discussion on the building of the new post office on the corner of Hanover and Ora Glen, and a large plastic bag of decaying oysters placed under a tree in my back yard. This litter problem will not disappear unless homeowners, the homeowners associations, and the Councilmembers who live in this neighborhood, take action now.

What action can be taken to correct this problem? I suggest five possibilities:

1. No parking on Ora Glen and Frankfurt Drive. More employees coming to work by Metro. Have NYLCare use shuttle buses to pick up employees at the green and orange Metro stations. NYLCare can issue stickers for parking in their parking lot for some of their employees.

2. Post these two streets as "Parking for only two hours, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m." Again, employees

lem and prevent future litter problems as the commercial area on Hanover Parkway grows, as it will.

James E. Cassidy

Mall Work Delayed

In order to first review the work program for the renovation of Roosevelt Mall with the center merchants, City Manager Michael McLaughlin has delayed the starting date for the renovation work to begin. Work is now planned to begin on Monday or Tuesday, with tree removal to take place sometime the following week. A meeting with the merchants was scheduled for Thursday, February 18. The work schedule is tentative and subject to further change.

BLOOD DRIVE
GREENBELT COMMUNITY CENTER
Monday, February 22, 1999
2:00 pm - 8:00 pm
Location: Multi-Purpose Room
To schedule an appointment, please contact Janet Goldberg at 301-397-2212 after 2:30 pm.



Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000
Monday, February 22, 1999 at 8pm
City Council Meeting "live"
including the presentation of the "ACE Educator Awards"
Tuesday and Thursday, February 23 and 25
6:00 p.m. "Storytelling with Charlotte Blake Alston"
6:30 p.m. Replay of City Council Meeting of 2/22/99

PUBLIC ACCESS 301-507-6581
Wednesday, February 24
7:00 p.m. "Storytime"
7:30 p.m. "When Beavers Attack"
7:45 p.m. "Greenbelt in Focus-the Parkside Annexation Issue"

Stop by and say Hello!

Your new neighbors at Parkside at Greenbelt cordially invite you to stop by and see for yourselves what a great addition we will make to Greenbelt. Join us for coffee, refreshments, and some friendly conversation.

Saturday, February 27, 1999 from 1-3 pm on Crest Park Drive (near the pond).

Directions or information: John Engels 301-441-9450

Dixieland Played For Young and Old

The Greenbelt Nursery and Kindergarten (GN&K) has invited the Eleanor Roosevelt Dixieland Jazz Band to perform Monday, February 22, from 9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

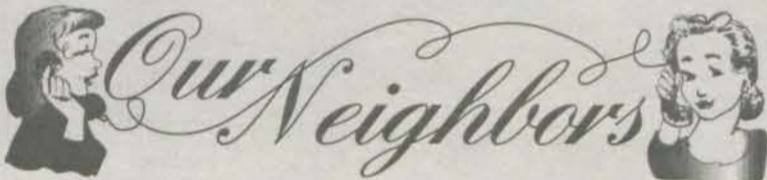
The "after school club," directed by Sally Wagner, will entertain both the children of GN&K and seniors from the Adult Day Care Center. Rebecca Lemus plays the clarinet and coordinates the band's performances.

Family Concert At Community Center

The FCS Family Concert Series will present a Saturday concert at the Greenbelt Community Center on February 27 at 11 a.m. Anansegromma will share their rich heritage through African stories, customs, chants and rhythms. Tickets may be purchased at Greenbelt Video, 114 Center Way 301-441-9446. For further information call 301-699-6086, ext. 29.

Fun at Goddard

Weather permitting, there will be a model rocket launch Sunday, February 21 at 1 p.m. at the NASA/Goddard Visitor Center on Soil Conservation Road. The launch is free. For more information call 301-286-8981.



Kathleen (Moran) and Efrain Betancourt announced the birth of their daughter, Mikayla Vaneta Betancourt on January 20 at Montgomery General Hospital, Olney. Mikayla weighed 8 pounds at birth. Her mother graduated from Eleanor Roosevelt High School in 1987. The Betancourts currently live in New Market (Lake Liganore) MD. The proud grandparents are Tom and Lori Moran of Hedgewood Drive.

News Review Editor Mary Lou Williamson and husband Jim, of Lakeside, welcome a new grandson to the clan. Maxwell Mathews, 7 pounds, 13 oz. was born in Atlanta on February 4 to son Peter and daughter-in-law, Corinne. Both grandparents spent time helping out during the last 10 days.

Mary Linstrom, long-time Greenbelt resident and activist has recently been declared an "individual who makes a difference" by County councilmember Audrey Scott, who represents Greenbelt. The winter '99 issue of Scott's newsletter has Linstrom in "The Scott Spotlight." The article cites the many activities that Linstrom devotes her time to including S.O.M.E. (So Others Might Eat), Safe Haven, Community Care, Warm Nights, Interfaith Alliance

Community Events

At the Library

Wednesday, February 24, 7 p.m. P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6.

Thursday, February 25, 10:15 a.m. Drop-in Storytime for ages 3-5. 11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

Golden Age Club

by Bernie McGee Giese

The program scheduled for the Wednesday, February 24, meeting of the Greenbelt Golden Age Club will be a video of whale watching off Cape Cod. All meetings are held in the Multi-purpose Room of the Greenbelt Community Center at 11 a.m.

Golden Age Club members will be traveling to the Winterthur Museum in Delaware on Thursday, March 18, and to the Wilmington, Delaware Waterfront Museum to see the ancient Japanese artworks exhibit in April. Be sure to sign up at the meetings for these trips.

Seniors needing tax preparation assistance should call 301-918-8855 to make an appointment. Please bring along all pertinent paperwork.

Get well wishes to all the club members on the sick list.

Two Mile Dog Walk At Greenbelt Park

Enjoy the sights and sounds of February with a dog and other dog owners.

Greenbelt Park, a unit of the National Park Service, is conducting a two-mile dog walk on Sunday, February 21 at 1 p.m. Dogs must be leashed. Please bring a bag or scoop to pick up after the dog. Meet at the Rangers Station in Greenbelt Park.

For more information call the park at 301-344-3944.

Learn Moon Facts At Planetarium Show

"Bright and Shiny Moon" Planetarium Show will be presented on Fridays, February 19 and 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Howard B. Owens Science Center. There is a fee. For information call 301-918-8750. The center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham-Seabrook.

Please Return Book Missing from Group

Nick Pergola's autographed book which featured a favorite political photo of his is missing. Pergola and others discuss "Issues and Answers" on Friday mornings at the Community Center and he had brought in the book to share with the group.

The book, of which Pergola can't recall the title, is about politics and the members of Congress during the time Sam Rayburn was Speaker of the House and Pergola was a White House photographer for the old United Press.

The photo on the back page of the book, taken about 1949, was of a big, laughing (braying) donkey. The donkey belonged to "Pop" Cipriano, well remembered here as a colorful promoter of the early Labor Day Festivals and later memorialized with the Outstanding Citizen award.

One of the men in the discussion group carried off the book by mistake with books he then returned to the library. But when asked, a librarian knew nothing of the book.

Could someone have picked it up from the library? Could it have been sold from "Novel Endings," the bookstore on the lower level run by the Friends of the Greenbelt Library? Nick Pergola hopes very much that his cherished old book will be returned — with its inscription from the author: "to my favorite photographer." He would be tickled to receive a call or find the book has been dropped off at the Community Center office.

Recreation Review

Spring Leagues

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is currently accepting registration for the following adult franchised sports leagues: coed soccer, women's basketball, men's softball and coed softball. For league details and franchise fees, contact the Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

Facility ID Policy

The Greenbelt Youth Center and the Springhill Lake Recreation Center are operated by the City of Greenbelt's Department of Recreation. Patrons of the centers who are twelve years old and above and who are Greenbelt residents, are required to purchase and present a valid City of Greenbelt recreation center ID card in order to gain admittance to the facility. The cards are available for purchase at a nominal charge. Proof of residence must be shown at the time of purchase. Nonresidents of Greenbelt who are twelve years of age and older must pay a fee each time they enter. For additional information contact the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

Kindercise for Kids

The "Kinderman," John Taylor, will be at Greenbriar on Saturday, February 27 at 1 p.m. with his "Kindercise Program" for children ages 3 to 12. This is a learning through movement program using rhythms, chants, and dances to stimulate the minds and bodies of children and motivate them to love learning. Taylor has established Kindercise curriculums for schools nationwide. Refreshments will be served. This is a free event but those planning to attend must RSVP to Tina at 301-441-1096 by February 23.

Indian Creek Group Meets

About 30 members of Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC) met on February 14 to discuss organizational matters, hear reports from committee chairs and plan the next steps. These included the securing of legal services in connection with the group's opposition to the proposed Metroland.

The next meeting of CCRIC will be held Sunday, February 21, at 2:30 p.m. on the second floor of the Community Center. Concerned Greenbelters and others are urged to attend.

Council to Present Fourth ACE Awards

The Greenbelt City Council will present the fourth annual awards from the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) on Monday, February 22 at the city council meeting. A reception will be held at 7:30 p.m., and awards will be presented at 8 p.m. The awards will recognize seven school-based adults who have made a positive contribution to the schools that Greenbelt children attend as their neighborhood schools.

ACE sponsors the awards to spotlight the exemplary educational people and programs of the schools Greenbelt children attend. Based on the recommendations of their schools, individuals from Greenbelt Elementary School, Springhill Lake Elementary School, Magnolia Elementary School, Greenbelt Middle School, Robert Goddard Middle School, Eleanor Roosevelt High School and St. Hugh's School will be honored.

The council established ACE in 1994 as a community-based advisory committee of up to nine Greenbelt residents.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

As required by Section 14 of the City Charter, the City of Greenbelt, Maryland will hold a special election on

Tuesday, March 9, 1999

for the purpose of a referendum on the annexation of the Parkside subdivision pursuant to Resolution 884.

Polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Any person who resides within the corporate limits of the City of Greenbelt and is registered to vote with Prince George's County may vote in city elections.

Please contact the city offices at 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) if you have any questions regarding the upcoming election.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

SPECIAL ELECTION - TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1999

The final day to register in order to vote in the special city election will be **Monday, March 1, 1999.**

Residents must be registered with Prince George's County in order to vote. Voter registration forms may be obtained by calling 301-627-2814, or you may pick up a form at the Greenbelt Municipal Building or the Greenbelt Library. These forms must be received by the County Board of Supervisors of Elections, 14701 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive, in Upper Marlboro by 4:00 p.m. on March 1st. The city is not involved with this procedure, and the registering voter is responsible for mailing or delivering the form to Upper Marlboro. If you do not know whether or not you are registered, you may call the County Board of Elections at 301-952-3270.

David E. Moran, CMC
City Clerk

New Deal Cafe

Open Fri & Sat, 7-11 pm

Music 8:30 pm No cover

Friday, February 19
Myriad with Gina De Simone & Izolda Tractenberg
an eclectic mix

Saturday, February 20
Mike Hamilton

Donations for Musicians Encouraged
Sunday Brunch 10 to 2
Greenbelt Community Center
(301) 474-5642

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SISKEL & EBERT

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19

SHAKESPEARE IN LOVE R

Fri., (5:00 @ \$3.00) 7:30, 9:45
Sat., (2:45, 5:00 @ \$3.00)
7:30, 9:45
Sun., (2:45, 5:00 @ \$3.00), 7:30
Mon - Thurs. 7:30

www.pgtheatres.com

Folklorists Lecture on Smith Island

On Friday, February 26, Explorations Unlimited presents "You Can Get There from Here: Community and Women's Work on Smith Island, Maryland." The presenters are Elaine Eff and Janice Marshall. This presentation is sponsored by the Maryland Humanities Council. Sign language interpretation is available upon advance request.

Smith Island holds on to its distinctive culture despite constant pressures to change or cease to be. Without the articulate and creative island folk who share their knowledge and skills, awareness of their cultural difference and the Island's change over time would be severely limited.

Eff has spent a decade documenting Smith Island culture. Marshall is a sixth generation Smith Islander who knows the way of the water. Together they illustrate how the Chesapeake Bay is home to crabs, oysters, watermen, devout Methodist families, and hard-working crabpickers. They present a colorful, engaging introduction to the process and products of folklife research in Maryland.

Education Programs At Research Refuge

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Patuxent Research Refuge - North Tract announces the following education programs for February:

Junior Naturalist Series, "Cavity-Dwelling Wildlife," ages 8-9, three part program held February 22, 24, and 26 from 1-3 p.m. Investigate the unusual lifestyles of three groups of cavity-nesters (woodpeckers, songbirds, and flying squirrels) through hands-on explorations. Receive plans and instructions to build a bluebird nest box.

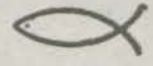
Bluebird Workshop, Sunday, February 28, 1-3 p.m. - ages 10 and older with adult. Discover how to help increase the bluebird population by providing habitat. Receive a nest box and learn how to monitor it.

Volunteer Drivers Needed by Program

The American Cancer Society, Silver Spring, needs volunteer drivers for its Road To Recovery Program in Prince George's County. Road To Recovery drivers take patients to and from medical appointments. Volunteers must have their own car and a good driving record. Training will be provided. Call 301-933-9350 for more information.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)
 Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community
February 21, 1999
 9:30 & 11:15 a.m.
 "Beacon House - Are We too Complacent?"
 by Cynthia Booker
 executive director, Beacon House
 Religious Education 9:30 a.m.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS
 Municipal Building Sundays
 10 A.M.

Eff is a folklorist and director of cultural conservation programs at the Maryland Historical Trust. She has been lecturing professionally on aspects of traditional culture and contributing to public presentations and conferences since 1974. Dr. Eff has an M.A. in folklore and museum studies from the Cooperstown Graduate Program (NY) and a Ph.D. in folklore and folklife from the University of Pennsylvania.

Marshall of necessity developed the Smith Island Crab Co-op. She has appeared in a wide array of presentations throughout the Eastern Shore and has been featured on "Radio from Downtown." Marshall has shared her wisdom and satire with the Johns Hopkins University, the National Park Service, and the Maryland Watermen's Association.

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 and questions are always encouraged. Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Author at Library

by **MaryMoien**
 Rebecca York, a.k.a. Ruth Glick of Columbia, was the featured speaker at Romance Nights at the Library February 3 at the Greenbelt library. Glick spoke to a small but enthusiastic audience about the 70 books that she has written. She is a well-received romantic suspense author and has recently published the 500th book in the Harlequin Intrigue series.

Under her real name, Glick is a cookbook author and has recently published two new books, *Snack Attack* (diabetic snacks) and *Simply Italian*.

Glick read from two of her novels and then, in response to questions from the audience, discussed writing tips for authors. Some of her recommendations included starting off with a strong scene, encouraging the push-pull of romance and danger, and the urgency of a romantic relationship.

This presentation was one of four sponsored by the library system throughout the county to set a Valentine's Day mood.

Baha'i Faith

"The wisdom of prayer is this: That it causeth a connection between the servant and the True One because in that state man with all heart and soul turneth his face towards His Highness the Almighty, seeking His association and desiring His love and compassion."
 -Baha'i Sacred Writings
Greenbelt Baha'i Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, MD 20770
 301-345-2918 301-220-3160
 Tune in Baha'i Radio every Saturday at 12 noon on WUST 1120 on the AM dial
 Information about the Baha'i Faith is on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.bahai.org/>

Benefit to Be Held For Cindy Waters

There will be a benefit for Cindy Waters on Saturday evening, February 27 from 8 to 12 p.m., at the Riverdale Pizza Pub owned by former Greenbelter, Tim Leach. The restaurant is located at 6528 Kenilworth Avenue. There is a fee.

Proceeds from the event will be given to Cindy Waters, the young woman with the inoperable brain tumor who needs expensive platinum treatments. Cindy has lived in Greenbelt for the past 25 years with her son, Kenneth. Her parents, Betty and Arthur Cousin, lived in Boxwood until recently.

After battling through three sets of chemo, she reached the \$100,000 limit her insurance will pay for her treatment. She is currently undergoing carbo platinum chemo treatments at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). While NIH pays for most of the treatment costs, it does not pay for the experimental drugs used which are not yet approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

AuPairs Exchange Care for Culture

This year more American families than ever will help make the world a little smaller by choosing to host an au pair exchange visitor.

EurAupair (pronounced your o pair) au pairs are carefully screened young adults between 18 and 26 seeking the opportunity to live with an American family. They will help care for the family's children (ages 3 mos. to 12 years) in exchange for the chance to learn more about American culture and language. Au pairs speak English and are well educated, healthy and willing to make a 12-month commitment. American children benefit from individualized attention in the secure surroundings of their own homes.

Au pair exchange participants come from France, Germany, Spain, Scandinavia, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Japan, South Africa and French-speaking Canada. For more information call EurAupair toll-free at 1-800-618-2002 or visit their website <www.euraupair.com>.



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St. George's Episcopal Church
 Episcopal/Anglican
 Corner of Lanham-Severn Road (MD 564) and Glenn Dale Road, Just South of Greenbelt Rd (MD193), Glenn Dale
 301-262-3285
<http://members.aol.com/stgeogd/>
Sunday Services
 9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing)
 10 am Education for all ages
 11 am Sung Service

FAITH MINISTRIES

40 Ridge Rd., Greenbelt (301) 441-4935
 Saturday 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.: Prayer Meeting
 Sunday 4:00 - 7:00 P.M.: Worship Service
 1. TOPIC: THE CHARACTER TRAITS OF EL SHADDAI (THE ALMIGHTY GOD)
 2. DELIVERANCE SERVICE
YOU ARE WELCOME Pastor Francis Gyemfi
 Tune in to our radio broadcast on WFAX 1220 AM at 2:45 pm on Sundays



Chris Chevy, a certified instructor, presented the "Alexander Technique" to a group of seniors at the January 29 Explorations Unlimited meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center.

-photo by Leigh Catterton

Garden Club Slide Presentation Feb. 24

The Beltsville Garden Club will present Jean Mitchell of the Accokeek Foundation, who will give a slide presentation on the mission of the National Colonial Farm in Accokeek, across the Potomac River from Mt. Vernon. In particular, Mitchell will describe the heirloom plant program, in which the same plants as were raised in colonial times are collected and propagated.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 24, at 7:30 p.m., at the Duckworth School, 11201 Evans Trail in Beltsville. (Evans Trail is the first street to the left, west of Interstate 95, off Powder Mill Road.) Refreshments and door prizes will follow the meeting. Admission is free and the public is invited. For more information call 301-384-2415.


Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
 Hillside & Crescent Roads
 Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings
SUNDAY WORSHIP
 10:15 a.m.
 Daniel Hamlin, Pastor
"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."


UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt
 301-474-9410
SUNDAY
 Childrens and Adults
 Bible Study 9:30 am
 Worship Service 11:00 am
 Rev. Guillermo Chavez, Pastor
 Handicapped accessible
 All persons from all races and cultural backgrounds are welcome. Together we learn to serve Christ.

New beginnings, start with God's love!
 Located at the corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads
Morning Worship Service (Sunday) 8:35 & 11:00 AM
Bible Study for all ages (Sunday) 9:45 AM
Evening Worship and Small Groups (Sunday) 6:00 PM
Prayer (Wednesday) 7:00 PM
 For transportation or more information call 474-4212 or contact us on the Internet at GrnBaptist@aol.com
Greenbelt Baptist Church



HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

Friendly people worshipping God and serving their community
Worship Services 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Bible Class Series: 10:00 am
 "When Crisis Strikes—What to Pray When You Don't Know What to Pray" - Taught by Pastor Mentz
 "What's So Old About The Old Testament" - Taught by Jason Faunce
 "Raising Christ's Kids" - Taught by Wendy Linstrom

 6905 Greenbelt Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770
 Rev. Stephen H. Mentz, Pastor (301) 345-5111



L to R: Jim Adams, Randy Barth, Barry Kirkham, Priscilla Struthers, Steve Yedneck.

-photo by Eliot Malumuth

A Review

MAD Performers Stage "Twelve Angry Jurors"

by Altoria Bell Ross

The Music and Drama Club (MAD) at the Goddard Space Flight Center presented a compelling performance of "Twelve Angry Jurors" on Saturday, February 13. This drama is a stage adaptation of Reginald Rose's "Twelve Angry Men," originally released in 1957 as a motion picture. In it, one juror played by Henry Fonda has a reasonable doubt that a teenager murdered his father, while the other jurors are ready to convict the youth. As the jurors delve below the surface evidence, their personal prejudices and issues are exposed.

In Sherman Sergel's stage version performed by the MAD cast, the playwright replaced some of the male jurors in the movie with women. By doing this, the drama lost its chemistry and the kind of dynamics that occur when a group of men seek camaraderie, vie for one-upmanship, and fight. Sergel further abdicated the play's authenticity when during the near-brawls he placed women, who are normally smaller than men, in positions where they tried to restrain their male counterparts. Despite the differences in the film and stage renditions, one similarity existed: some good acting.

British-born Barry Kirkham, in the role played by Henry Fonda,

filled big shoes as the jury's lone dissenter. His accent-laced voice had a calming effect on the other jurors as he convincingly wooed them. Greenbelt's own Bill Pruett (the film's Joseph Sweeney) possessed an excellent sense of timing and a good delivery, which made his role believable as an older juror whose observation skills aided his peers in reexamining the seemingly open-and-shut case. Ted Ying (Jack Klugman), the juror from the slums, also played a credible part. Priscilla Struthers (E. G. Marshall) as the objective juror, and Malca Giblin (George Voskovec) as the European immigrant, also performed well.

Steve Yednock (John Fiedler), who is studying theater at the University of Maryland, was comical in tense times. Barbara Lochner (Martin Balsam) was earnest as the foreman, while Randy Barth (Jack Warden) was barely recognizable in his role as one of the obnoxious jurors. The versatile Barth appeared on the Goddard stage last year as the sweet-talking Harold Hill in "Music Man," and Jim Adams (Lee J. Cobb on film) projected well as the loud and antagonistic juror. Celeste MacMillan (Edward Binns) was compassionate, and Chris Wells (Ed Begley) was spirited as the bigoted juror. Theresa West (Robert Webber) was pleas-

ant as the advertising executive.

Sets and Costumes

Eliot Malumuth, who is also the show's director, and Mike Kinzie designed a simple but realistic set, down to the dirt smudges around the door jamb, doorknob, and light switch, suggesting an often-used jury room. The team painted a Chicago skyscraper scene outside the window to give the audience urban feel, and posted "No Smoking" signs on the walls.

Costume designer Kim Weaver said she sought to add color to the set through the actors. West wore a red blazer; Pruett sported orange shoes and socks; and Wells donned a hot pink suit because her character was flashy, Weaver said. Although the color might have been appropriate for Wells' role, the attire was not, because the style of the suit was distracting. Perhaps a less revealing outfit in a similar color might have worked better, considering the serious nature of the production.

MAD tackled a difficult play this time, and despite the challenges, they did a commendable job. To see it and the pre-show musical cabaret, "With a Song in My Heart," call 301-937-7762 for tickets. The performances will continue on Fridays, February 19 and 26 and Saturdays, February 20 and 27.



ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
EDUCATORS AWARD RECEPTION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING FOYER - 2ND FLOOR
February 22, 1999 - 7:30 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL MUNICIPAL BUILDING
COUNCIL ROOM
February 22, 1999 - 8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Consent Agenda - Approval of Staff Recommendations

(The consent agenda consists of those items which have asterisks () placed beside them, subject to such revisions as may be made by the Council prior to approval)*

5. Approval of Agenda and Additions

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Presentations
-ACE Educator Awards
7. Petitions and Requests

(Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless the standing rules are waived by the Council)

8. Minutes of Meetings
9. Administrative Reports
- * 10. Committee Reports

III. LEGISLATION

11. An Ordinance to Repeal and Reenact with Amendments Chapter 5 "Cable Television" of the Greenbelt City Code to Revise the Procedures and Requirements Relating to Cable Television Franchises to Reflect Changes in Applicable Law and to Better Ensure That Use of Public Rights-of-way by Cable Systems Serves the Public Interest.
-2nd Reading
12. An Ordinance Granting a Non-Exclusive Cable Television Franchise to Jones Communications of Maryland Inc. ("FRANCHISEE") to Construct Operate and Maintain a Cable Television System within the City of Greenbelt, Maryland; Approving a Franchise Agreement and Authorizing the Mayor to Sign the Franchise Agreement of Behalf of the City.
-2nd Reading
13. A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt Granting the Consent of the City Council to the Assignment and Transfer of Control of the Cable Television Franchise and Cable Television System from Jones Intercable, Inc., to Comcast Corporation
-2nd Reading
14. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 4, "Buildings and Building Regulations" of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Allowing the City to Update and Revise Certain Provisions of the Code.
-2nd Reading
15. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 10, "Licenses, Permits and Miscellaneous Business Regulations" of the Greenbelt City Code by Adding a Penalty for Failing to Obtain a City Liquor License
-2nd Reading
16. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 18, "Streets and Sidewalks" of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Allowing the City to Update and Revise Certain Provisions of the Code
-2nd Reading
17. A Resolution to Continue the Community Mediation Service
-2nd Reading
18. A Resolution for the Negotiated Purchase of Sculpture Conservator Services
-1st Reading
19. A Resolution for the Negotiated Purchase of Site Furniture for Roosevelt Center
-1st Reading
20. A Resolution for the Negotiated Purchase of Cast Iron Specialties for Roosevelt Center
-1st Reading
21. A Resolution for the Negotiated Purchase of Structural Soil for Roosevelt Center
-1st Reading
22. A Resolution for the Negotiated Purchase of Granite Pavers for Roosevelt Center
-1st Reading

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

23. Green Ridge House Parking
24. Gravel Path at Schrom Hills Park
25. Approval of Reclassification Requests
26. Approval of Job Description - Park Ranger I
- * 27. Award of Contract - Police HVAC System
- * 28. Resignation from Advisory Committee on Education

V. MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public and all interested citizens are invited to attend. For information, please call 301-474-3870. If special accommodations are required to make this meeting accessible to any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or 301-474-2046 (TDD) to request such accommodation before 10:00 am on the day of the meeting. Check out the Greenbelt Citylink website at www.ci.greenbelt.md.us

David E. Moran, CMC, City Clerk

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Born August 1st, 1986 through 1992
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10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

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Fees \$25, \$15 for additional Siblings; \$60 Non residents,
T-Ball Information ONLY - Call Sally Gessner - 301-262-2635



ARTIST

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company town of row houses built by General Electric, and it had and has every possible kind of activity for children.

"My grandfather and father both worked for General Electric there, where G.E. built locomotives. My father still holds some records in football and track. Being the dad of two girls, he took us to play golf with him when we were only five or six years old," she remembers fondly.

Her father is Italian, despite the French-sounding name. Her mother's forebears came from Czechoslovakia.

A graduate of Edinboro State University of Pennsylvania, she lived in southwest D.C. and Georgetown and on Capitol Hill (for 17 years) before coming to Greenbelt. She was an art teacher involved in outreach and networking for eight years at Northwestern High School, where she acquired the varied background she would need later as Arts Coordinator. Her sister lives nearby.

Artists Needed For Theater

The Good Knight Angelic Kingdom, a museum of modern mythology, is seeking creative individuals within the arts to begin two new projects: The Good Knight Theater & The Good Knight Museum Academy of the Arts. To schedule an audition, call Jacqui Cooper or Kristopher Michens at 301-595-8989.

Double Bill Staged At Coffee House

The Side Door Coffee House, located at the Riverdale Presbyterian Church, 6513 Queens Chapel Road, University Park, presents a double bill on February 27. "The Antiques and the Baby" by John Tisset and "The Antiques and the Valentine Card" by John Tisset and Matthew Carlin will be presented. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Shows will be given at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Admission is free but donations will be accepted for Help by Phone. Refreshments will be available. For information call 301-927-0477.

Exhibit Features Art Of Raoul Middleman

The University of Maryland University College (UMUC) announced its upcoming exhibition: "Raoul Middleman: Portraits" on view February 26 - April 18, at UMUC's Arts Program Gallery, College Park. Daily hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

This survey of works by eminent Baltimore artist Raoul Middleman explores vivid portraits of the artist's family and friends. Middleman's trademark expressive brushwork and color give life and energy to each figure. Both playful and psychologically penetrating, these portraits reveal the artist's mastery of his form.

The Opening Reception will be held Friday, February 26, 5:30 - 7 p.m., at UMUC's Inn and Conference Center, College Park.

For further information contact, UMUC's Arts Program curator, Dena Crosson, at 301-985-7822.

The Sound Scene

by Nick Mydra
"One Man Band"

February 14 is a day for hearts and flowers, and romance and love. It's also a day Norman Evans performed a jazz concert at the Greenbelt Community Center. The former Connecticut native performed a musical concert that was billed as contemporary/jazz in style. WMUC or WJZW FM radio would be the stations that would carry his music.

What instrument does he play? He is a one man band both literally and figuratively. What the approximately 30 people heard was someone who played the keyboard and the soprano saxophone. What makes him a one man band is while he plays the keyboard or sax he is accompanied by a tape that plays back-up to his solo parts. This tape is made up of music parts that he puts on tape one instrument at a time, which when done sounds like a band or orchestra. Five keyboards, soprano sax and a Yamaha mixing and sound system form the nucleus of his music. Using one of his keyboards as a controller he performs live lead and using the instrumentation he has programmed into the unit — out comes brass, woodwinds, rhythm, and string instruments as if he had a full band back him up.

Sunday's concert was a freebie. Norman Evans wanted to do it for free so the Greenbelt Arts Center, which sponsored the concert didn't charge admission. The New Deal stayed open so that people could bring refreshments to the 17 long tables that were covered in white tablecloths and red hearts. A little Cafe with your jazz?

Trombone, guitar, drums, other percussion instruments, piano, sax, and electric keyboard are some of the many instruments he can play. Evans writes his own songs and has been involved in the church so you can hear that influence in some of his music. The two hour non-stop concert started at four and ended just about six in the afternoon. Evans' music ranged from music with a beat to up tempo numbers. Throw in a couple of pieces with a lyrical style and two songs with the Gospel background.

"Stories as Told" was a rhythmic tune with a keyboard solo. "Paradise," and "Testimony" were the two rhythm Gospel numbers which Evans played on the keyboard. "Nightsong" was one of

Women Composers Featured at UMCP

The University of Maryland School of Music will present the Symphonic Wind Ensemble in concert on Monday, February 22 at 8 p.m. in the Colony Ballroom of the Stamp Student Union. John E. Wakefield will conduct a program of "Wind Music by Women Composers," featuring Patsy Mote (wife of the president of the University) as narrator and faculty artist Dale Underwood on saxophone. Admission is free, no tickets are required. For additional information please call 301-405-5542.

Hallam Players Do Marlowe's Faustus

The Prince George's Community College Hallam Players will present Doctor Faustus by Christopher Marlowe at the Hallam Theatre February 25-27 at 7:30 p.m., and February 27, 28 at 2:30 p.m. Doctor Faustus is the story of the infamous rise and subsequent downfall of an ambitious scholar who sells his soul to the devil in exchange for unlimited knowledge and power.

The play is directed by Cheryl Collins. There is a fee with reduced fees for seniors and students. For information, call 301-322-0444.

Asher Exhibit

Longtime Maryland artist and former Howard University professor Lila Oliver Asher will exhibit prints in the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center's Library Gallery through February 25.

the many sax solos he played. It was an up-tempo song that he used to show how well he could hold a note for a long period of time. "Ask No Questions Forever" was a foreign tune where he really showed off his musical ability.

Many of you may have recognized his name. He has played Greenbelt before both at the Labor Day Festival and New Year's Eve party. When I asked him what he did for a living, his response was "this is it." He plays full time and hopes to record and produce his music, maybe on his own label. He has a lot of musical talent and now all he needs is some more exposure with a little luck thrown in for good measure.

The 30 or so people who heard him had a good time — everyone else missed out on a real musical talent — and it was free!

DAMIONS

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"The competition is absolutely fierce," said the former Capitol Hill advertising account executive. "You just have to keep going."

Damions is doing just that. He will begin work this spring as a leading character in "Louie's Cafe," a movie similar to "Fried Green Tomatoes" about small-town relationships, to be shot in the Carolinas and Virginia. Damions also has acted close to home, appearing in commercials for Giant Foods and Second Story Books and in training and education films called industrials for organizations such as the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the National Security Agency.

Damions, who moved to Greenbelt as a college student, says his training at the University of Maryland as an advertising and marketing major was excellent preparation to sell himself as an actor. After graduating in 1991, he worked four years in advertising but quit after realizing he was unhappy.

"I wanted to follow my heart," he says.

Damions' heart led to the Shakespeare Theatre in D.C. and the Yale Drama School in New Haven, Connecticut. The studying paid off. Last year, the National Theater Institute awarded Damions the International Michael Chekhov Scholarship to attend a two-week workshop in



Greenbelt resident and actor Derrick Damions will star in the movie, "Below the Moon," to be released late this year.

Connecticut.

But Damions' talents are not limited to acting. He says he considers acting and singing to be like sister and brother, and as a result of his singing abilities, the Hard Rock Cafe in D.C. honored Damions last winter. Damions, who studied at the Cincinnati School of Music in Ohio, also won the Billboard Award last year for his songs, "Please, Baby, Please" and "Who's in the Mood?" Currently, Damions' entertainment attorney is looking for a recording company to sign him. In the meantime, Damions remains optimistic. He says, "You just have to be patient, persistent, and keep going with it."

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Greenbelt Intramural Uplifts Honorees

by Doug Mangum

The Greenbelt Intramural Basketball program would like to uplift the following individuals for their outstanding achievements as student athletes! Representing the Wizards are: Maurice Holmes, Mychael Edwards, John McDonald, Aaron Funderburk; representing the Terps are: Greg Hood, Patrick Gleason, John Flanagan, Donica Malone; representing the Tarheels are: Sherad Tucker, Kelly Kiefner, Graham Taylor, Andrew Watson, Brandon Grant; representing the Raptors: Pete Schutz, Steven Burroughs; and representing the Heat: Michael White, Andre Stewart, and Ben Schlosser.

These individuals have made their respective schools' honor rolls for the period of November 10, 1998 through January 27, 1999. During that time they have fulfilled their commitments to their teams practices and their games. These accomplishments show a true example of how sports and academics can go hand in hand in developing young bodies and minds. It also shows tremendous discipline and priority setting, as well as reaching individual and family goals.

The Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club believes this is a major step in reaching its mission of enhancing all our participants' life skills and creating well rounded children. Two other student-athletes received straight "A" average honor roll: they are Charles Scites of the Heat and Sean Swetnam of the Terps.

Congratulations to all our honorees!

This is a terrific effort, and all the coaches are extremely proud of their dedication and hard work in their classrooms and on the basketball court.

A job well done!

Standings as of February 14

Symphony Orchestra In Concert at ERHS

The University of Maryland School of Music will present Raymond Harvey, music director of the Fresno Philharmonic, as guest conductor for the University of Maryland Symphony Orchestra performance on Friday, February 26 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium of Eleanor Roosevelt High School.

The program features Barber's "Overture to the School for Scandal," Walton's "Music for Henry V," Dvorak's Symphony No. 8, and Schumann's Cello Concerto with noted cellist Evelyn Elsing. Admission is free; no tickets are required.

For additional information call 301-405-1150 or e-mail to <concerts@deans.umd.edu>.

Brochure Lists Six Walking Trails

Six walking trails in Cambridge, Glen Burnie, Laurel, Savage, Ocean City and Wheaton are sponsored by the Freestate Happy Wanderers. Walks are scheduled for every day during daylight hours only. Start points and start times are listed in a brochure available from e-mail wahasse@ix.netcom.com or by calling 410-437-2164 between 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Activities are geared toward providing wholesome exercise for singles, couples and families.

are: Wizards, 6-0; Terps, 5-2; Tarheels, 3-3; Raptors, 2-4; Heat, 0-7/

This week's games on February 20 are: 9 a.m., Raptors vs. Wizards; 10:15 a.m., Terps vs. Tarheels.

Note: The honorees list was comprised from data received from SHL Elementary & Greenbelt Elementary Schools. No data was received from other schools.



Greenbelt Recreation Department

SPRING REGISTRATION GENERAL CLASS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Mail-In Registration Begins February 22

Mail-In registration is now accepted. In-Person registration is required at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

Mail In Registrations Accepted Beginning:

Greenbelt Resident	February 22	Walk-In (for all)	March 8
Non-Residents	March 1		

Walk-In Registration Locations:

Greenbelt Youth Center	Monday thru Friday, 9am to 4:30pm
Greenbelt Community Center	Monday thru Saturday 9am to 9:30pm

A 'DROP BOX' is located at the Community Center and the Youth Center, where registrations may be 'DROPPED' at any time during the registration period. For mail-in registration, complete registration forms and mail with payment to: **Greenbelt Recreation Department, 25 Crescent Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 20770.** MasterCard/Visa and checks are accepted. If paying by credit card, please include the card type (MC/VS), the expiration date, and the credit card number. Checks should be made payable to the 'City of Greenbelt'.

Class Schedule

Except where noted, all classes will begin the week of March 15, 1999. Saturday classes will begin March 20, 1999. Please see class description for specific dates and times. If class is canceled, make-ups will be held at the end of the regular class schedule. PLEASE NOTE: There will be no children's classes held during the week of April 5-9.

City Residency

Resident rates apply to those persons who reside in, pay taxes to and are eligible to vote in Greenbelt elections (if 18 years of age or older). Non-resident rates apply to those who live outside of Greenbelt or those who have a Greenbelt mailing address, but do not pay taxes to the city.

P.G. County School Holidays

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

Pre-School Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
227503-1	Mom's Morning Out 3-4 yrs	Tu/Th/9-12noon/YC-A&C R:\$150; NR:\$180; 10-weeks Begins 03/16/99	Gaye Houchens Carol Mealey	Program designed to aid in social, gross motor, learning & listening skills. Due to health requirements children must be fully potty trained.
227503-2	Mom's Morning Out 5 yrs	Tu/Th/12:30-3:00 pm/YC-A&C; R:\$125; NR: \$150 10-weeks, Begins 03/16/99	Cathy Pracht	Program will not be held on P.G. County School holidays. Class ends week of May 24th. No class April 2-9.
227503-3	Mom's Morning Out 4-5 yrs	M/W/F/9-1pm/YC-A&C R:\$280; NR:\$336; 10 weeks Begins 03/15/99	Gaye Houchens Carol Mealey	(Payment 1 due 3/12/99) (Payment 2 due 4/23/99)
2240201-2	Pre-Ballet 3-4 yrs	Tu/3:15-4pm/CC-Dance R:\$25; NR:\$30; 8 weeks	Pam White	Basic dance movements, rhythm and coordination.
222502-1	Pre-Gymnastics 3-5 yrs	Th/3:30-4:15pm/YC-GYM R:\$30; NR:\$37.50; 8 weeks	ABC Jamboree	Gymnastic fundamentals, safe tumbling, and creative movement. No parents allowed in class.
223507-1	Pre-School Arts and crafts 3-5 yrs	F/3:45-4:30pm/YC/A&C FREE; 6 weeks Registration required.	Ellen Salvemini	Make and take projects for the youngest of artists.
222401-1	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	Tu/3:30-4:15pm/SHL FREE; 6 weeks Registration required.	Janet Goldberg	Songs, games and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills.
222503-1	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	Tu/4:15-5pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6-weeks Registration required	Sandi Kent	Songs, games, and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills.
222503-2	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	Th/4:15-5pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6-weeks Registration required	Sandi Kent	Songs, games, and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills.
217501-2	Tiny Tots Drop-In 9-18 mos	Tu/9:30-10:30am/YC-MPR R:\$15; NR:\$18.75; 8 weeks Drop-in: \$2.50/class	No Instructor	Unstructured, quality playtime for child and their adult caregiver.
217501-1	Tiny Tots Drop-In 9-18 mos	Th/9:30-10:30am/YC-MPR R:\$15; NR:\$18.75; 8-weeks Drop-in: \$2.50/class	No Instructor	Unstructured, quality playtime for child and their adult caregiver.
212501-1	Toddler Gym I 1 ^{1/2} -2 ^{1/2} yrs.	W/9:30-10:30/YC-Gym R:\$15; NR:\$18.75; 8 weeks Drop-in: \$2.50/class	Cathy Pracht	Parent and child will enjoy games, songs, and a gym full of play toys.
212501-2	Toddler Gym II 2 ^{1/2} -3 ^{1/2} yrs.	F/9:30-10:30/YC-Gym R:\$15; NR:\$18.75; 8-weeks Drop-in: \$2.50/class	Cathy Pracht	Parent and child will enjoy games, songs, and a gym full of play toys.

Children's Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
233501-1	Arts and Crafts 6-10 yrs	F/4:40-5:25pm/YC/A&C FREE; 6-weeks Registration Required	Ellen Salvemini	Make and take projects for the young artists. Registration required.
234202-2	Ballet 5-7 yrs	Tu/4:15-5 pm/CC-Dance R:\$25; NR: \$30; 8-weeks	Pam White	Emphasis on proper alignment and body awareness.
234203-2	Ballet/Jazz 8+ yrs	Tu/5:15-6pm/CC-Dance R:\$25; NR:\$30; 8-weeks	Pam White	Basic movements, encouraging creativity and expression.

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POLICE BLOTTER

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

Armed Robbery

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, Feb. 5, 9:59 p.m., a woman was walking to her apartment building and as she approached the door, a man approached her from behind and demanded her purse. The victim refused; the man produced a silver handgun and asked the victim, "Do you want me to shoot you?" Again she refused, at which time the man grabbed her, pulled her to the ground, and forcibly removed the purse from her shoulder. He then ran toward Cherrywood Terrace and was joined by a second man who had been standing 10 to 15 feet away during the robbery. A canine track of the suspects ended in the area of the Springhill Lake Shopping Center. The victim suffered a small bruise to her forearm but refused medical treatment.

100 block of Westway, Feb. 9, 8:18 p.m., a pizza deliveryman was making a delivery when he encountered a female juvenile outside the apartment building who said she had placed the order. A male juvenile approached the deliveryman from behind, placed a hard object against his back, and demanded money. A second male juvenile grabbed the food the victim was carrying and fled on foot. The victim then gave the first male currency, and he and the female fled on foot. The three robbers, all residents, were later apprehended and charged with robbery. They were released to their parents pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Drugs

6100 block of Springhill Terrace, Feb. 5, 2:44 a.m., a 19-year-old male nonresident was arrested after an officer stopped him while looking for a robbery suspect. The man was found to possess marijuana; he was left with the Department of Corrections for a hearing.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Feb. 6, 5:15 p.m., a 19-year-old male resident was arrested after a person reported seeing him and another

person rolling and then smoking a marijuana cigarette. The 19-year-old was found to have marijuana in his sock; he was left with the Department of Correction for a hearing. The second suspect eluded capture.

Burglary and Theft

7700 block of Greenbrook Drive, Feb. 7, 4:36 p.m., jewelry, a portable CD player, and CDs were taken. It is unknown how entry was gained.

7200 block of South Ora Court, Feb. 8, 2:05 p.m., a man reported the theft of several credit cards from his residence. The cards were used to make a dozen purchases at various retail establishments outside of the city.

6200 block of Springhill Court, Feb. 10, 1:10 p.m., a woman was in a back bedroom when she heard someone tampering with the front door locks. She walked into the living room area and saw a man just inside the front door, which was still open. She saw a second man in the hallway of the building. Both then fled the building. They had used an unknown device to remove the deadbolt lock from the front door.

7800 block of Vanity Fair Drive, Feb. 11, 10:12 p.m., a burglar(s) entered the residence through an unlocked door while the resident was in another room working. The resident heard noises and went to see what had caused them; he discovered that a laptop computer, credit cards, a leather jacket, and an uncashed check were missing.

Counterfeit Currency

Centerway Mini-Mart in Roosevelt Center, Feb. 5, 8:44 p.m., an unknown customer passed a counterfeit \$20 bill at some time during the course of the business day.

Beltway Plaza Mall, Feb. 9, 7:14 p.m., counterfeit \$20 bills were used to make purchases at two retail establishments. The currency was retrieved as evidence and turned over to the U.S. Secret Service.



Greenbelt Recreation Department

GENERAL CLASS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION (cont'd)

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
245202-1	Ballet I: Beg 4-8 yrs	Sa/10-11am/CC-Dance R:\$60; NR:\$75; 8-weeks	Hazel Lopez	Ballet for Beginners.
245203-1	Ballet II: Int 9+ yrs.	Sa/11am-12noon/CC-Dance R:\$60; NR:\$75; 8-weeks	Hazel Lopez	Ballet for Intermediates.
232202-1	Beginning Karate 5-12 yrs	TH/5:30-6:30pm/CC-Dance R:\$40; NR:\$48; 8-weeks	Arturo Oliva	Self-defense and confidence the use of karate. Uniform \$35.
224224-1	Cardio Karate Kick Boxing 13+	Th/8:30-9:30pm/CC-Dance R:\$40; NR:\$48; 8-weeks Drop in: R \$6 NR:\$7	Arturo Oliva	Aerobic workout using basic karate & kick boxing movements. If you sign-up for this class, attend the Saturday class FREE.
224224-2	Cardio Karate Kick Boxing 13+	Sa/9-10am/CC-Dance R:\$40; NR:\$48; 8-weeks Drop in: R:\$6; NR:\$7	Arturo Oliva	Aerobic workout using basic karate & kick boxing movements. If you sign-up for this class, attend the Thursday class FREE.
232502-1	Gymnastics 6-10 yrs	Th/4:30-5:15pm/YC-Gym R:\$30; NR:\$37.50; 8-weeks	ABC Jamboree	Concentration on tumbling, apparatus, creative movement and safety. No parents allowed in class.
232201-1	Intermediate/Advanced Karate higher.	TH/5:30-6:30pm/CC-Rehearsal R:\$40; NR:\$48; 8-weeks 5-12 yrs	Marcela Oliva	Self-defense through the use of karate. Yellow Belt L-2 or
233503-1	Design, Create & Fly a Kite	TU/4-5pm/YC-MPR 3/16	Jen Elkonoh Sarah Schaffer	No time to sign up for a class? Try one or all of these quickie one day workshops for kids. We'll provide instruction and material for your child to make and take in just one hour. Pre-registration is required.
233503-2	Designer Eggs	TU/4-5pm/YC-MPR 3/30	Jen Elkonoh Sarah Schaffer	
233503-3	Super Spring Creative Craft	TU/4-5pm/YC-MPR 4/20	Jen Elkonoh Sarah Schaffer	

Teen/Adult Classes (R=Resident Rates NR=Non-Resident Rates)

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
245201-1	Alexander Technique	M/7:30-8:30pm/CC-Rehearsal R:\$40; NR:\$50; 8-weeks	Chris Cherry	Discover naturally good coordination and posture by learning to set aside your habits.
252203-1	Fit-N-Fun Aerobics 16+	M/W/F/9:30-10:45am/CC R:\$42; NR:\$51; 10-weeks 2 days/wk: R:\$28; NR:\$34 Drop-in R:\$2; NR:\$3	Judy Cocchiaro	Bring mats and weights to CC-gym. High/low aerobics. Babysitting available.
254201-1	Greek Folk Dancing 16+	Su/7:30-9pm/CC-Dance Fee: \$30/person/8-weeks	Chris Tennent	Remember Zorba and wonderful Greek Music? Have fun, keep fit.
252202-1	Health Fitness 16+	Tu/7-8pm/CC-Dance Studio R:\$25; NR:\$30; 8-weeks	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, Hatha yoga and much more. Bring a mat.
252202-2	Health Fitness 16+	TH/7-8pm/CC-Dance Studio R:\$25; NR:\$30; 8-weeks	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, Hatha yoga and much more. Bring a mat.
252208-1	Holistic Wellness 16+	M/7-9pm/CC-Sr. Class Rm R:\$40; NR:\$45; 8-weeks	Julie Gaebe	Holistic wellness program to improve physical, emotional & mental health.
254501-1	International Folk Dancing 16+	F/8-10pm/YC-MPR \$30/person; 8-weeks	Roland Forbes	Variety of international dances for all skill levels. No class April 2, 1999. FREE OPEN House, March 19 at 7:30 pm!
242201-1	Karate Shotokan 13+	Th/6:30-7:30pm/CC-Rehearsal R:\$40; NR:\$48; 8-weeks	Arturo Oliva	Learn self-defense, improve confidence and muscle tone thru karate.
252201-1	Morning Yoga 16+	M/Tu/Th/F/7-8:30am CC-Dance R:\$50 for 10 classes NR: \$62.50 for 10 classes Drop-in: R:\$6; NR:\$7	Mary Wirick	This class suitable for beginners or experienced people. Bring a mat, towel or small blanket. Enter at dance studio door (around back of building, look for the lights on). Class is ongoing.
252206-1	Tai Chi-Continuing 16+	Sa/8:30-9:30am/CC-Rehearsal R:\$36; NR:\$44; 8-weeks Drop-in: R:\$6; NR:\$7	Larry Fleming	Must have completed beginning Tai Chi movements.
252206-2	Tai Chi-Beginning 16+	Sa/9:30-10:30am/CC-Rehearsal R:\$36; NR:\$44; 8-weeks Drop-in: R:\$6; NR:\$7	Larry Fleming	Learn basic Tai Chi movements.
N/A	Tone & Strengthen 16+	Tu/Th/9:30-10:45am CC/Dance Studio; 10-weeks Tu/FREE; Th/R: \$2; NR:\$3	Judy Cocchiaro	Bring mats/weights. Baby sitting is not available.
252204-1	Vishwayatan Yoga 16+	Tu/6:00-7:00pm/CC-Dance R:\$38; NR:\$46; 8-weeks	Manju Shukla	Focus on yoga exercises, yoga therapy and breathing techniques to reduce weight and improve circulation.
N/A	Aerobics Jacki Sorensen's 16+	Tu/Th/6-7pm/SHL Sat/9-10am Workouts: \$3.50 per class	Janet Anderson	Register with the class instructor at the first class (301)439-3866.
N/A	Jazzercise Regular 16+	M-W/7-8pm/CC-Gym 1 Mo. \$35; 6 wks. \$55 Drop in: \$6	Bev McQuay	Ongoing class, register any class night. Warm-up, aerobics, strengthening/toning, and cool down. (301)776-5405
N/A	Jazzercise Cardio Quick 16+	F/6:30-7:15pm/CC-Dance 1 Mo. \$35; 6 wks. \$55 Drop in \$6	Bev McQuay	Ongoing. Register any class night. 45-minute quickie that includes aerobic only. (301)776-5405
N/A	Jazzercise Circuit Training 16+	Su/10-11am/CC-Dance 1 Mo. \$35; 6 wks. \$55 Drop in: \$6	Bev McQuay	Ongoing. Register any class night. Warm-up, aerobics, strengthening/toning, and cool down. (301)776-5405

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For more information call the Greenbelt Arts Center at
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POSTMASTER

(Continued from page 16)

pleted, the facility in the Roosevelt Center will be renovated starting sometime in 2000. The work will take perhaps eight months, according to Hyater.



Postmaster John Hyater addresses viewers of the POW/MIA Flag Raising at the Post Office on June 13.

Photo by Thelma deMola

Lock Boxes

Hyater anticipates the increased use of computers in postal operations especially in sorting mail. At present, all Greenbelt mail is computer sorted, except all mail to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) which still has to be hand sorted because GHI uses alpha-numeric addresses which cannot be computer sorted. This means up to a two hour delay in delivering GHI mail.

Hyater strongly urges GHI to install outdoor cluster lock boxes of the type that have been installed in Windsor Green. This will allow the mail to be computer sorted and delivered sooner. Another advantage is that parcels can also be delivered to the cluster boxes saving customers a trip to the post office.

Final Thoughts

Hyater says the Postal Service

is a great place to work. It's an excellent system, and one of the safest places to work. It instills professionalism and a sense of pride. Great care is taken to provide the best service to the public. The postal service concern for safety extends to postal cus-

tomers. Any suspicious package is carefully dealt with following special procedures.

The new rate for a first class letter is 33 cents. Hyater said, "It's the best deal for the buck. If you mail a letter with a 33¢ stamp, and the letter has to be forwarded to another address, and then another, the Postal Service will continue to forward that letter until it gets where it's going for a whole year. What other business would do that for 33 cents? Even a soft drink costs 55 cents."

Hyater is proud of his record as postmaster of Greenbelt. Complaints, and lost, and misdirected mail have been reduced. Holiday hours have been extended. Greenbelt has won honors as the outstanding post office in the Capitol District area, and the best in customer satisfaction. "I have nothing but positive things to say

Daffodil Days Set By Cancer Society

The American Cancer Society will sponsor its 21st annual "Daffodil Days" from March 15-21.

The daffodil, known as "the flower of hope," will take center stage during the third week in March. Residents of the Mid-Atlantic region now have the opportunity to order daffodils from the American Cancer Society. The order deadline is February 24. Daffodils will be delivered between March 15-21. They also will be available to the public at several area locations during that week.

Individuals and businesses wishing to participate in "Daffodil Days" can choose fresh cut daffodils or potted bulbs. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society and its important programs of patient services and public education.

For more information on "Daffodil Days," please call your local office of the American Cancer Society at 703-938-5550

UMD Concert Society Features 1999 Series

The Concert Society of Maryland's 1998-1999 season continues with seven productions ranging from the post-modern combinations of doo-wop, hip-hop and Gregorian chants to sitar music. For ticket and event information please call 301-405-7847. All performances are at the Inn and Conference Center, University College, University of Maryland, University Boulevard and Adelphi Road, College Park, unless otherwise noted. For information call 301-405-4059.

about the postal service. I've been well blessed. The post office in the Roosevelt Center is in good shape, and plans for the new Greenbelt office are well in hand. I feel this is a good time for me to leave the postal service."

Access TV to Feature Local News Magazine

by Alice Murray

G.A.T.E. (Greenbelt Access Television) staffers in conjunction with Konrad Herling and Nick Mydra are counting the days when the first edition of a Greenbelt News Magazine will be unveiled on the Greenbelt Public Access channel. A wide range of topics will be presented on this as yet unnamed show. It will include events of interest to Greenbelters in and around the area: interesting personalities, politics, neighbors, local organizations and a calendar of events. Greenbelt News initially will start with a thirty-minute slot developing into a weekly program. Residents who have suggestions for topics to be highlighted are asked to contact Malia Murray at 301-397-2208. In the meantime, watch for updated information in the

Greenbelt News Review.

G.A.T.E. gives Greenbelt residents a unique opportunity to experience firsthand a way to participate in the access channel which is located in the Community Center. Individuals will be able to video their own features to be presented on Greenbelt's access channel. After enrolling in a basic three-hour class to learn about the operation of the cameras, lighting, and ways to communicate, field cameras may be borrowed. People who borrow field cameras are asked to exhibit knowledge of proper use by first volunteering in the studio.

Greenbelters who are interested in participating in the G.A.T.E. studio should call 301-507-6581 or attend the annual meeting which will be held in March.



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Views On Dental Health

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Even though your dentures fit beautifully when new, they are likely to become loose in time. The principal reason is shrinkage, or resorption, of the bone supporting them. When all the teeth are lost, the bone that formerly supported them has less function. It then gradually resorbs, but not necessarily uniformly, especially if teeth were lost at different times. The bone may then be bumpy and uneven, making the denture both less stable and less comfortable.

As the bone resorbs (particularly under a lower denture), more pressure will be transferred through the denture base which can hasten the shrinking process and irritate the

nerves which were previously well protected. The resulting pain while chewing can be severe.

It is sometimes possible to smooth an uneven ridge surgically, or to build up a severely resorbed ridge with grafts of natural or artificial bone. Since resorption is likely to continue, dentures may have to be periodically relined or even completely replaced.

Prepared as public service to promote better dental health. From the office of: Walter M. Miller, D.D.S. • Norman R. Ressin, D.D.S., 6215 Greenbelt Rd., College Park, MD 20740. Telephone: (301) 474-2000; Fax: (301) 474-3440; www.bestsmile.com.

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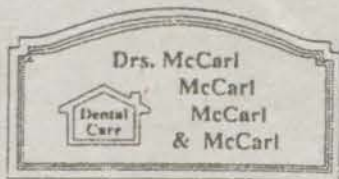
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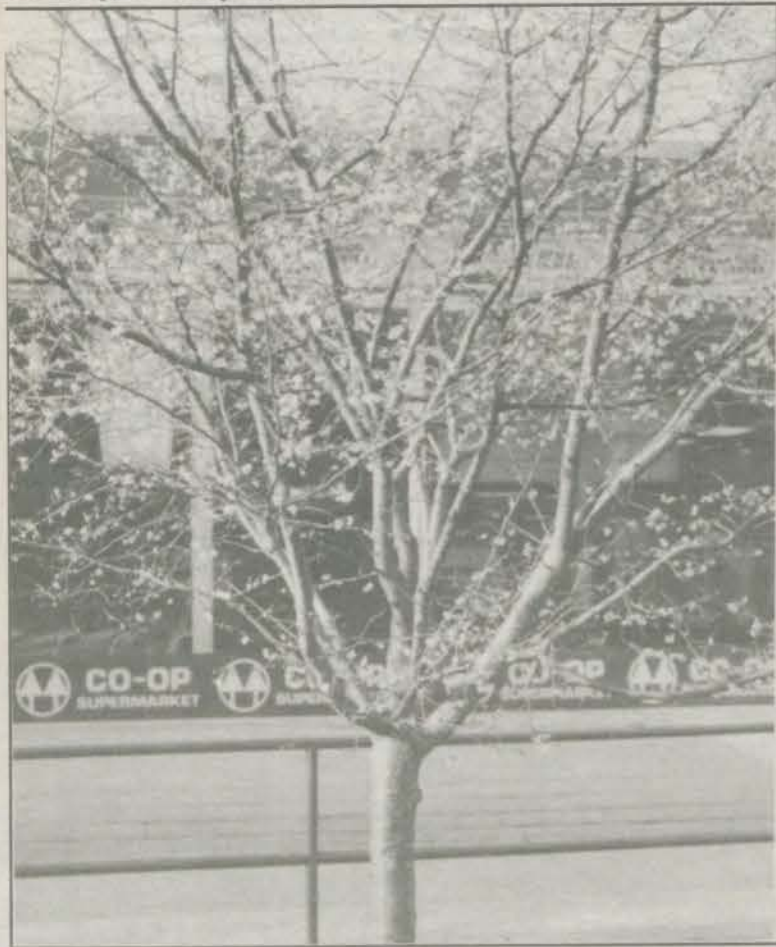
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Thursday	8-4
Friday	8-4
Saturday	8-11:30



Fall-blooming cherry is in blossom near the Co-op grocery store. - photo by Judy Nelson

Sunny Days Bring Early Spring Blooms

by Dorothy Sucher

This month's uncommonly warm weather has brought signs of spring that Greenbelters may note and enjoy around town. The "fall-blooming" cherry tree beside the entrance to the Co-op grocery store is in bloom. This variety of cherry has a very low chilling requirement, according to city horticulturist Bill Phelan, and will flower once the weather turns mild after only a very short cold spell.

Snowdrops and species crocuses (pale lavender) are popping up in yards and in public spaces. They can be glimpsed near 1 court of Northway.

Winter Garden

The city horticultural department has been developing a small four season garden near the Post Office. Witch hazels have been planted and will soon be flaunting their yellow blossoms. These early-blooming shrubs are underplanted with Lenten roses, which grow about a foot high and sport a deep rose blossom in winter.

A few other spots of spring

color should soon be on display. Winter jasmine is featured on the right hand side near the entrance to the Youth Center. Its yellow flowers resemble forsythia. In addition, the pink heaths, which have been thriving for some years behind the Greenbelt City Office, will soon be in full bloom.

Cold weather is predicted, as we go to press — even snow. Yet according to Bill Phelan, none of these super-hardy plants should suffer any damage. "They are usually fine, even if it gets quite cold," he said.

Trees

Red maples have already come into flower. These reddish, fuzzy blossoms have no petals and are not very showy, but the overall effect adds a pink, hazy tone to the early spring forest.

Also in to bloom are the carnelian cherries, small trees with fuzzy yellow flowers. They are related to dogwoods and may be seen near the Center underpass and the underpass near the Mobil station.

reading stories, poetry, writing letters, providing respite relief to allow care givers time out of the house, providing support services such as running errands, light house chores, or shopping. For information call Steve Kiosk at 301-754-7744.

Hospice Program Needs Volunteers

The Home Care Hospice program of Holy Cross Hospital is seeking home care hospice volunteers to be with a person/patient once a week for up to four hours. Tasks may include: giving encouragement, understanding and compassion, lending a listening ear,



GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER

1999 SPRING SESSION

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

CLASS FEES: All class fees are noted in the course list. A 10% discount will be given to all senior citizens, 60 years old and over, for non-senior classes.

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

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

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

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

GAFC Class & Registration Dates

Spring Session: March 8 - May 1
 Passholders & Residents register: Feb. 22 & 23
 Non-Residents register: Feb. 24-26

Register in person at the GAFC between 6:00am and 10:00pm for all dates noted above. Class rates do not include use of fitness wing or pool, before or after class times.

PH: Pass Holder
 R-NPH: Resident Non Pass-Holder
 NR-NPH: Non-Resident Non-Passholder

Land Aerobics Classes (16 years +)

Activity	Day/Time	PH	R-NPH	NR-NPH
Power Lunch	T/TH 12:10pm-12:40pm	\$30	\$35	\$40
Rise & Shine	M/W/F 6:30am-7:15am	60	65	70
Step I	M/W/F 6:30pm-7:15pm	60	65	70
Step It Up	T/TH 7:30pm--8:15pm	45	50	55
Tighten & Tone	M/W/F 9:00am-9:45am	60	65	70
Tighten & Tone	T/TH 6:30pm-7:15pm	45	50	55

Water Aerobics Classes (16 years +)

Activity	Day/Time	PH	R-NPH	NR-NPH
Aquacize	M/W/F 8:00am-8:45am	\$60	\$65	\$70
Aquacize	M/W/F 10:00am-10:45am	60	65	70
Aquacize	M/W 7:00pm-7:45pm	45	50	55
Aquacize	T/TH 6:00pm-6:45pm	45	50	55
Aquacize (drop-in)	F 6:00pm-6:45pm	2	5	5
Arthritis Aquatics	M/W/F 2:00pm-2:45pm	60	65	70
Deep Water Aerobics	M/W 7:00pm-7:45pm	45	50	55
Deep Water Aerobics	T/TH 6:00pm-6:45pm	45	50	55
Deep Water Arthritis	M/W/F 3:00pm-3:45pm	60	65	70
Seniorcize	T/TH 10:00am-10:45am	41	45	50
Water Interval Training	M/W 6:00pm-6:45pm	45	50	55
Water Walking	T/TH 8:00pm-8:45pm	45	50	55

Adult Swim Classes (16 years +)

Activity	Day/Time	PH	R-NPH	NR-NPH
Adult Beginner	TH 7:00pm-7:45pm	\$40	\$45	\$50
Lap Swimming & Stroke Improvement	TU 7:00pm-7:45pm	40	45	50
Lifeguard Training	Call 301-397-2204 for dates	50	50	50

Children's Swim Lessons (6 Mo. +)

Activity	Day/Time	PH	R-NPH	NR-NPH
Water Babies A	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	\$15	\$17.50	\$20
Water Babies B	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	15	17.50	20
Aqua Tots I	SAT 10:30am-11:am	30	35	40
Aqua Tots II	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	30	35	40
Beginner for 4's	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	30	35	40
Beginner I	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	30	35	40
	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	30	35	40
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	30	35	40
	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	30	35	40
Beginner II	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	30	35	40
	SAT 9:45am-10:15am	30	35	40
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	30	35	40
	SAT 11:15am-11:45am	30	35	40
Advanced Beginner	SAT 9:00am-9:30am	30	35	40
	SAT 10:30am-11:00am	30	35	40
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Abby Krupnick kicks over unit blocks as Jill Fohs (standing), Rashi Taneja (seated), and Maddy Noyes (back to camera) cheers her on. David Chae is in the background observing a wall hanging. These five-year olds are all wearing their pajamas.

- photo by Altoria Bell Ross



Parent Anthony Moore, wearing pajamas and a bathrobe, shows preschoolers how to make pancakes.

- photo by Altoria Bell Ross

Kids, Snacks, PJ's: It's Pajama Day!

by Altoria Bell Ross

Hey, Mom, pajamas are not just for bed anymore. Well, not at the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten. Preschoolers, kindergartners, parents, and teachers paraded their sleepwear and bathrobes on the Third Annual Pajama Day on Wednesday, January 13.

This celebration is an expansion of the lesson on bedtime rituals in conjunction with the longer winter nights, said the school's director Pat Schreiber, who wore a full-length nightgown decorated with terriers for the occasion.

"It was good because we did not have to change clothes," said four-year-old Antoinette Moore,

who donned a white Cinderella gown.

In addition to wearing their sleepers, the youngsters also did not eat their normal snacks, but feasted on breakfast foods during this week. Antoinette's father, Anthony Moore cooked pancakes for the five-year olds and has treated the school with his culinary skills since the tradition began.

"It's a nice opportunity to interact with the kids," said the Greenbelt resident, who sported green-and-blue striped pajamas coordinated with a blue robe. "I get a bang out of it."

The other students had varied

menus. The three-and-four year olds enjoyed waffles and french toast, and the two-year olds munched on a mixture of Cheerios and Fruit Loops. The merriment also included learning components. The kindergarten students recorded their bedtimes on paper representations of clocks for their teacher, Dawn Leong, to graph on a chart labeled with each child's name. The three-and-four-year olds are writing stories about the celebration.

"Kids got to talk about themselves, their families, and their routines, which are very powerful to them," Schreiber said. Some of the routines the students shared

were bedtime songs and stories. They also discussed things of which they are afraid. Pajama Day is an example of the school's philosophy, she added. "We work the curriculum around the children's interests because it makes the lessons more meaningful to them," Schreiber said. The 72-student school, housed in the Greenbelt Community Center, will observe its 57th birthday this year. Parents run the school as a cooperative, giving service one to three times a month. The community is invited to learn more about the school at its open house on Saturday, February 20, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Blue & Gold Banquet Honors Cub Scouts

by Nelda Young

Tigers, Wolves, Bears, and Webelos, that's what Cub Scouts are made of. The local Cub Scouts were honored for their achievements Sunday at the annual Blue and Gold Banquet in the American Legion Hall.

Cub Scouts from Greenbelt Elementary, St. Hugh's, and other local schools were recognized for completing a minimum of three achievements on their trail. Den leaders presented the boys with their Progress Toward Ranks emblems, diamond-shaped badges with a plastic thong attached. Throughout the spring, the Scouts will work on electives to complete their trail of the year.

Table decorations were provided by each den. The Bear table displayed a handmade clay pot containing commemorative flags made by each Scout representative of his travels this year on the Bear trail.

Following a buffet dinner provided by the Legionnaires, Cub Master Mike Kelley gave a motivational speech to encourage the Scouts as they progress through the scouting ranks.

Students at Workplace On Groundhog Day

by Mary Moien

Thirty eighth graders from Greenbelt Middle School weren't worried about the groundhog seeing his shadow on February 2, Groundhog Day. They were wondering where the bus was that was to take them to their Groundhog Job Shadow Day visit to Clark Construction in Bethesda.

More than 1,000 middle school students in the county were planning to visit work places on February 2. Job shadowing enables students to shadow a workplace mentor as he or she goes through a normal day on the job, providing an up-close look at how the skills learned in school are put into action in the workplace.

John LaPolla, administrative assistant at Greenbelt Middle School, reported that the students spent most of the day at the Clark Headquarters, touring the facility, meeting with mentors, having lunch and returning with souvenirs. LaPolla stressed that this was the Clark headquarters building and not a construction site. He indicated that this was a good chance for mentors to show students the "world of work." Students and chaperons alike reported

Learn About TAG Summer Programs

The Prince George's County Association for Talented and Gifted Education, PG TAG, will be presenting information on summer centers and camps at Forestville High School, February 24 from 7 to 9 p.m. (Snow date is March 3.) PG TAG is a non-profit advocacy group for talented and gifted education, not affiliated with the Prince George's County School system.

Representative of the various summer programs will be present to talk with parents of TAG students and provide literature. In addition, PG TAG members and a representative of the TAG Office of Prince George's County Schools will be present to answer questions about the TAG program. Call Joan Smuck at 301-292-3715 for additional information.

Wrestling Tournament At ERHS Fri., Sat.

The Prince George's County schools championship wrestling tournament will be held this weekend at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) gym. The tournament will begin on Friday, February 19 at 5 p.m. and continue on Saturday at 11 a.m. Finals will be at 7:30 p.m. Saturday evening. The tournament is open to the public.

ERHS will field a team of seven coached by Anthony Brady. Brady expects his team to do well. ERHS will be one of 15 high schools in the competition.

that the day was quite an experience.

Scholarships Given To Asthma Athletes

The 15th annual Asthma Athlete Scholarship Program for high school scholar-athletes with asthma is underway.

Sponsored by Schering/KEY, the "Will to Win" program will grant \$35,000 in scholarships to 10 high school seniors who have achieved athletic success in spite of the challenge with asthma. The winner will receive a \$10,000 Gold Award. There will also be four \$5,000 Silver Awards and five \$1,000 Bronze Awards.

Applications and posters for the Asthma Athlete Scholarship program may be obtained by calling the "Will to Win" hotline at 1-800-558-7305. The deadline for entries is April 15.

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