

## News Review

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## Ten-year After-school Program Ends at Greenbelt Elementary

by Barbara Likowski

Greenbelt Elementary School's innovative after-school program will not be offered this year. Lack of funding has been given as the reason this ten-year-old program, as well as three other such programs in the county school system, have been dropped. The News Review has been unable to learn whether there has been any response to letters informing parents of this decision.

### Background

During the 1988-89 school year Dr. John Van Schoonhoven, principal of Greenbelt Center Elementary School, began to hear from his teachers about their students' fear of returning home at the end of the school day. These children (about 250) were bused in from the Washington Heights Community in Landover. When these children had first come to Center School, their community of subsidized housing was a quiet one. But with the arrival of drugs came crime and other problems. It was no longer a safe place for children to play. Children begged to stay at school

or to go home with a teacher. Besides being fearful they were often angry, aggressive, tearful and apathetic.

Van Schoonhoven called in psychological consultants to help design an eight-week in-service training program to help the staff develop strategies for dealing with the drug culture.

To help the children, Van Schoonhoven met with County Executive Parris Glendening, School Superintendent John Murphy and county Police Chief John Flaherty as well as school system and private counselors. In January 1989 Glendening announced that the county would establish a pilot after-school program at Center School and also in Glen Arden Woods Elementary School.

To avoid singling out one segment of the students, Center School decided to accept students from Greenbelt also, though the highest percentage would be from Washington Heights. With the help of school administrators, Van Schoonhoven drew up a program extending the school day from 3 to 6 p.m.

The program began April 3, 1989.

At the end of July, 1989, the Washington Post ran a front page, two-installment story about a six-year-old Center School student who was living in a crack house in Washington Heights.

Then in June, 1990, the Atlantic Monthly published a lengthy article titled "Growing Up Scared" by Karl Zinsmeister, which told about the many children who come home from school to a house with no adult in it. These children live in an unsafe environment and are often victims of violence, then many grow up to be violent, attacking other scared children producing a problem for society as a whole. Drawings for this article were made by children from an elementary school in Boston and by children from Greenbelt Center School. They show people being shot, scared children and a person in jail.

### Administration

The program for the after school program was presented by the principal to the Office of See AFTER-SCHOOL, page 9

### An Analysis

## CCRIC Vision for Metro Site Respects Natural Use

(The following article is re-printed with permission from the July 1999 issue of the Patuxent Sierrian.)

by Kate Spencer,  
President CCRIC

The effort to protect the forests and wetlands of Indian Creek at the Greenbelt Metro station are beginning to pay off, and CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek) is refining its vision for the site.

Metroland Developers, LLC, the group that has proposed to build a mall and mixed-use development on the 240 acres surrounding the Greenbelt Metro station told CCRIC that the Army Corps of Engineers would not allow any impact on the braided stream area and wetlands, though no permit application has been filed and the Corps's position is not yet official.

Max Azizi, regional planner for the State Highway Administration assured CCRIC that the expanded Capital Beltway interchange at the Greenbelt Metro station would almost certainly require an Environmental Impact Statement since federal funds would be involved and there would likely be significant environmental impacts.

CCRIC representatives have met with County Councilman Peter Shapiro, and Councilman Tom Hendershot invited us to meet with him and Audrey Scott, in whose district the site lies, to discuss Indian Creek land use on June 15. There are indications

that the landowner may be willing to sell the intact floodplain forest to a land steward, and CCRIC has begun the vital work of fundraising.

### Needed: A Vision

The task now before CCRIC is to develop a strategy for purchasing or facilitating a land trust or public entity's purchase of Indian Creek land from the developer and to continue discussion of what citizens would like to see happen on the existing Metro parking lot and the old gravel mine. Many people, from Metro employees to local citizens to public officials, believe some development on the parking lot is reasonable and unavoidable. CCRIC encourages everyone interested to think creatively about what amenities for commuters could be placed on the parking lot to help encourage ridership and reduce car trips once commuters return home from work.

Some possibilities are on-site day care that could take children out to the creek regularly, restaurants overlooking the forest, and shops where people could do small errands without making additional stops. We welcome information on successful commuter amenity scenarios near transit stops in other parts of this area or the world.

See CCRIC, page 9



Kinder Kampers having fun in their new "house." From left to right: Zachary Bernhiesel, Michelle Shuman, Michael Chang, Andrew Kennedy, and Grace So. - photo by Frederique Schmuelling

## Fun and Education Mixed At City's Summer Camps

by Sabine Hentrich

"You never know what you can do until you T-R-Y," was Gaye Houchins' motto for this summer's Kinder Kamp. This preschool camp has been managed by Houchins for 11 years. Houchins, who is a mother of two, graduated from Prince George's Community College with a degree in early childhood education and has taught preschool for 15 years. "In preschool we're not allowed to say 'I can't' we have to try ... and then they

[the children] try and they see that they can do it," she said.

Houchins' camp for three to five year-olds was only one of eight the city of Greenbelt offered this summer. Other camps included Camp Pine Tree 1 and 2 (for six to eight and nine to 14 year-olds, respectively); and Kreative Kids Camp (for six to 14 year-olds). Most camps ran in two-week sessions. Before and after care was also available.

While Wednesdays were re- See CAMPS, page 12

### What Goes On

Mon., Aug. 23, 7 p.m. Recycling and Environment Committee, Community Center

Tue., Aug. 24, 7 p.m. Advisory Committee on Education (ACE), Municipal Building

8 p.m. ACE meeting with school board member James Henderson, Municipal Building

Wed., Aug. 25, 8 p.m. City Council work session with NASA, Community Center

## Repeat Performers Return For Labor Day Festival

by Konrad Herling

Critics often opine that "sequels are never as good as the original." But Patti Brothers, vice president of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival for programming, has lined up several repeat performers. "They've been warmly received in the past, and across-the-board, each is very talented," says Patti.

So who is returning to the stage this year? Diamond Alley, with their music which spans the last four decades. "They do a phenomenal "Queen" impression and also do a great "Whip It" of "Devo" fame.

Weekend afternoons include "Joe Pipik and His Backpack Puppets," an act which as always attracted lots of youngsters. Additionally, "Lula," a clown of renown, juggles, ropewalks and rides a unicycle.

Norman Evans, who was last seen at the Roosevelt Center in an Arts Center-sponsored June concert, will return to the Labor Day stage. And for the third straight year, the Nighthawks return as well. Known also as "The World's Best Bar Band," Labor Day officials indicated that the Festival experienced its highest

audience level two years ago when "The Nighthawks" appeared in 1997.

Also appearing will be Ida Seibert, who has helped make karyoke popular in Greenbelt. She'll take the stage Saturday evening just prior to the penultimate round of the "Miss Greenbelt" pageant.

On Sunday, "Blackberry," a Cajun band which has improved its performance since first forming two years ago; "Shakespeare on the Green" (love scenes, fight scenes, comedy and tragedy; "Shakespeare goes well with funnel cakes" says Greenbelt Arts President Steve Cox); John Hill, acoustic guitarist who plays folk, country and top '40s music, and the Southwest Virginia Cloggers all will appear on stage. "Pride," whose music ranges from Motown, Top '40, Modern Rock, Classic Rock and Ballads (Hootie and the Blowfish to ZZ Top to K.C. and the Sunshine Band) will appear after the Sunday evening "Miss Greenbelt" crowning.

"Greenbelters have loved these performers before. Why mess with a good thing?" asks impresario Brothers.



## A Time for Action

This paper focuses on Greenbelt news and Greenbelt issues. We leave state and national matters up to the regional press. However, our kids are being shot at, and in one instance killed, by other kids who should not have access to guns. The most recent assault in Greenbelt took place last week at a bus stop when two youths were wounded by another youth. Such incidents are happening far too frequently because our nation has failed to adequately regulate the manufacture, ownership, and use of guns as is done in other countries. We need gun control — much stronger control than that being proposed by any prominent elected official. There is no reason for Saturday night specials, Uzi's, and other assault weapons, as well as sniper rifles that can down helicopters to be freely bought and sold and placed in the hands of kids and irrational adults.

It's been some time now, but gun control was once an issue brought before the city. The city council, wisely, we think, decided that it could not regulate the sale of guns under the open national environment that exists. Instead, a city-wide referendum was held in which voters strongly supported gun control at the national level. Unfortunately the city's voice carried little weight with politicians.

Our nation's frontiers are gone. The west has been won. The battle that is now raging is between the lawless and the law abiding. Unfortunately, the wrong side is armed, and matters would only be worse if both sides were to be. Until our politicians act on behalf of the public interest in controlling guns, we can only wait for the time and place of the next tragedy. What happened in Littleton, Colorado, and other communities could happen here — or anywhere else in this country.

## Ants in Your Plants? Greenbelt Invaded

by Barbara Young

"Yes, we've had many, many calls recently about ants in the home, and it's a tough drought-related problem," said Valerie Canada, horticultural consultant for the Home and Garden Information Center of the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service on August 17. "The soil is dry at least three feet down, and the ants are coming inside through any tiny opening, looking for moisture." Some ants are also "farming" hibiscus and other plants by protecting aphids on the plant. The aphids produce a "honey dew" substance which ants then carry back to nests for feeding their young.

For in-home ant control, the Center advises using commercial ant bait traps which contain Fipronil and are available in most stores. However, Canada advises, homeowners should be aware that it will take "a while" for the bait to work and that larger ants require more traps than smaller ants.

For carpenter ants, which are fairly large and produce visible sawdust, the Center advises calling professional pest control personnel. Moist and rotting wood must be replaced and areas where water can enter should be caulked, Canada stressed, adding that firewood should always be kept away from the house.

She also stressed that homeowners should follow a manufacturer's directions precisely in using ant bait traps, and should apply all insecticides safely, avoiding excessive use and never spraying in kitchen areas or where there are pets or children.

Extensive information on all aspects of growing things and pests is available from the UM Information Center at no cost. To receive free publications or speak with a consultant, call 1-800-342-2507.

**Look for the Labor Day schedule in next week's News Review**

## Letters

### Drought S.O.P. (Save Our Plants)

Maryland is arguably involved in the worst negative rainfall scenario of the last 70 years. As a result, many climatically challenged flowers and shrubs are suffering: most notably, mountain laurels and rhododendrons. As a protective measure, I have retrofitted a number of the suffering plants in our yard with a circumferential irrigation moat. If this is done properly, many shrubs that otherwise would not survive may, in fact, flourish.

One or two gallons of water applied to the base of the suffering individual plant will be utilized much more efficiently by that plant.

Drake Allen

### So Much More

I think if Indian Creek could speak, the waters and the grasslands and the forest would say, "I could be so much more for you than a development. The braided streams that flow down my shoulders like blowing locks, hide behind reeds from your highways. You have no idea what a butterfly identification walk I could give your children. I would send Painted Ladies and Monarchs out of my cattails while brook fish danced in the glistening below. I would show young eyes the long flight of the Great Blue Heron taking in the land from above. And I would show the soft older eye the August of my soul on a sunset walk.

"Let your children's reverent bare feet stand in the sands of my watershed once more. Let them download my bird species, my plant species, my reptile species, my biology, my arrow heads, my flora. Let them download the innocent winds that blow over a sacred place. Let every yellow school bus trip to my Living Museums stoke the flame of awe and teach a wise respect. And know that your sleep at night is affected by the owls that fly over my vastness in the moonlight. Know that your morning ritual is somehow touched by my beating song behind the reeds."

Valerie O'Brien

## The Old Curmudgeon



"This will help top off the Greenbelt pool..."

## Canoe Tour at Lake Artemesia

Families are invited to join a canoe tour at Lake Artemesia in Berwyn Heights on Friday, August 27, from 6:30 - 8 p.m. All ages are welcome and reservations are required. There is a fee. For information call 301-927-2163; TTY 301-699-2544.

## Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV Channel B-10 Schedule

MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

Tuesday & Thursday, August 24 & August 26

6:00 p.m. City Council Meeting - August 9, 1999

(Note: First 5 minutes of meeting not recorded)

8:15 p.m. M-NCPPC: Your Open Road—"Patuxent River Park"

PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING-301-507-6581

Wednesday & Friday, August 25 & August 27

7:00 p.m. "Woman's Work" -episode 3

7:30 p.m. "Miss Greenbelt Contestants"

8:00 p.m. "Greenbelt in Focus"

8:30 p.m. "Public Safety"

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd. OFFICE HOURS: Monday 2 - 4 p.m., 8 - 10 p.m., Tuesday 8 - 10 p.m.

## Arthritis Exercise Class in Laurel

Laurel Regional Hospital and the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation are offering a seven-week exercise program called "People With Arthritis Can Exercise" (PACE) on Mondays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. beginning August 23 at Laurel Regional Hospital.

PACE is a community-based, non-clinical program that involves group participation. It includes activities to improve endurance, joint mobility and body mechanics. This program also encourages peer interaction and socialization. The exercises are designed to be within the capability of most people with arthritis. Participants must be able to walk independently with a device or to transfer to a straight chair from their wheelchair. There is a fee.

To register, call the Public Relations Department at 301-497-7914 or 410-792-7636.

## Art of Suiseki At Arboretum

Discover mountains, islands and other natural objects in naturally weathered stones at the U.S. National Arboretum. Selections from the Arboretum's permanent collection of viewing stones Suiseki will be on display through August 29 from 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in the National Bonsai and Penjing Museum, Special Exhibits Wing. The exhibit is free.

### Greenbelt Police Department CITIZENS' ACADEMY

Get a behind the scenes view of what it is like to be a police officer. The Greenbelt Police Department is offering a twelve-week program Wednesday evenings beginning **September 8, 1999**

Become more active in crime prevention in your community. Learn about police procedures, traffic stops, accident investigation and more through guest speakers, practical demonstrations and field demonstrations. Contact Support Services at 301-507-6511 for an application.

CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED TO 20  
Application deadline is August 31, 1999



**Recreation Review**

Discount amusement park ticket sales continue at the Recreation Business Office. Anyone who is planning an end of summer trip to an area amusement park should check the prices offered through the Maryland Recreation and Park ticket sales program. Tickets are sold Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. All sales are cash only. For additional information call 301-397-2200.

**Fall Leagues**

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is currently accepting team registrations for the following adult sports leagues: women's flag football, co-ed softball, men's softball, men's basketball and women's basketball. For registration procedures and additional information call 301-397-2200.

**Community Events**

**Greenbelt Park Age**

When did Greenbelt Park become a part of the National Park Service? How old is the National Park Service? Come find out these answers and more.

A talk will be given at 6 p.m. on Saturday August 21, at the ranger station located near the campground area. For directions or more information, please call 301-344-3944.

**Walk the Trail**

Join a Park Ranger for a walk on the Azalea Trail through Greenbelt Park.

The walk will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, August 28. All participants should meet at the Sweetgum picnic area.

For directions or more information, please call 301-344-3944.

**At the Library**

**Children's Programs**

Tuesday, August 24, 7 p.m. P.J. Storytime for ages 4-6.

Thursday, August 26, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3-5.

**Golden Age Club**

**by Ruth Huggins**

At the August 11 meeting President Bill Souser welcomed back Tom (who had been ill) and Lori Moran, and also welcomed guests Leonie and Walter Penney.

Casey Triplett, executive director of Chancellor Gardens and Kelly Mason, director of marketing were guest speakers. They discussed assisted living and answered questions from the floor. They extended an invitation to an information wine and cheese reception at Chancellor Gardens on August 18.

Scheduled as speaker for the August 25 meeting will be a city park ranger. Come and hear what a ranger's duties are.

The Pentagon/Old Town Alexandria tour will leave from the Greenbelt Library parking lot at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, August 24 and will return at 5 p.m. Lunch is on your own. For information call John Taylor at 301-345-1608.

Call Taylor to reserve a space on the Thousand Islands/Canada trip for September 7-10. The trip will include a stay in Ontario with a tour of Kingston, Canada's first capital, a cruise on the St. Lawrence, a visit to Ottawa and parliament, Fort Henry and other interesting places. Breakfast and dinner meals are included in the cost.

Get well wishes are extended to Golden Ager Joan Tatum who is recovering from neck surgery.

**Windsor Green Notes**

Windsor Green held two successful events beginning with the annual pool party with a Hawaiian luau theme on July 10. Approximately 275 residents and guests attended.

On August 4 they had their Mobile Watch annual national night out against crime.

just shown at the Old Greenbelt Theatre, Runaway Bride. He is seen on a porch playing a banjo along with others. According to Frankie's dad, he was supposed to be the town mayor and Zip tried, without success, to be the town attorney. Apparently Frankie's role was cut in the final film. Runaway Bride was filmed in part on location in Berlin, Maryland, near Ocean City. Both Zip and wife Jan live in South Ocean City and Frankie lives next door.

**A Greenbelt Gardener**

**by Rosie Rhubarb**

There is much to be said about the drought and I will do so over a few columns.

It dominates the garden scene and will into the foreseeable future. The unknown duration is actually one of the key factors to bear in mind when planning on how to cope with the drought. A couple good soaking rains in the upcoming weeks could bring us back to moderate drought conditions. Or there could be a repeat of the last year - no rain until January. So when you pick which plants to water and try to keep alive remember that they may need you to water them for months.

The birds, animals, and insects that live in our yards and nearby parks need our help in getting enough water. The streams and springs are drying up. The little patches of rain-water that they usually use are not there. Make a commitment to place water in a shallow container so that the wildlife in your yard can survive. Whether it is a bird bath or a pan of water on the ground it will make a big difference in whether wildlife survives in the weeks in which there is little or no rain. Even the occasional moderate rain storm that we have been having is not supplying enough water for their needs.

Make sure there is constantly water in the container. Change it at least once every several days to avoid the mosquitoes breeding in the water. And put a stick or two in the larger containers so that if insects fall into the water they can crawl back out and not drown.

We usually do not think of it but birds, insects, and animals are a key part of a well functioning garden. Think of the times you have seen them at work. I



**Astronomy Club Has Star Gazing Session**

The Greenbelt Astronomy Club will hold a star gazing party on Saturday, August 21 at Northway Fields. The event begins at dusk and is scheduled to last until at least 11 p.m. Local amateur and professional astronomers will be on hand with a variety of telescopes and binoculars to share views of Mars, globular star clusters, constellations, double stars, nebula and more. The event is free and open to the public. In the event of hopelessly cloudy skies or high winds, this event will be cancelled.

The Astronomy Club's next regularly scheduled meeting is on Thursday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the H.B. Owens Science Center. Member Matt Elliott will make a presentation on his expedition to central Turkey to observe the final total solar eclipse of this century on August 11.

The entrance to Northway Fields is at the intersection of Northway and Ridge Rd. For further information call Tom Bridgman at 301-441-4605 or visit the Club's website at <http://theawww.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/outreach/gac/GAC.html>.

remember seeing woodpeckers and other birds climb up and down the trees eating bugs from under the bark. I have seen wasps fly into the lettuce patch and carry off young slugs to eat. Now in this time of water crisis is the time to help the creatures that live and work in the garden.

Prepare yourself to see some plants die from the drought. Plants that were already old, sick, or too-stressed out from last year's drought will die. Often the plant may not even look too bad, but is already stressed in ways that are not readily apparent. I remember an oak tree in the nearby common area was covered with gypsy moths when we had a couple bad years of them in the early 1990's. Several years later it had to be chopped down and turned out to be rotten inside.



Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the August 9 death of Dorothy Binder Fintak of Sun City, Arizona, mother of Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis. Our deepest sympathy to "J" and her family.

Welcome back, Liz! Since May of 1998, Liz Unger has been living in Hyattsville in a community supported living arrangement with two housemates. She learned many new skills for independent housekeeping which she brings back to Greenbelt where she will resume living with her parents John and Pat on Lakeside Drive. Or, as Liz said to her mother, "I'm back in your arms again!"

Connie and Theresa Arnold are off to Nova Scotia, Canada, by the end of August. Although hoping to make time to have a small event on Saturday, August 21 between 4 and 6 at the Community Center (hold that date!), packing must take precedence. They hope everyone will give a call or drop in to say goodbye. A Greenbelter since August 1974, Connie has nothing but happy memories of Our Town, and plans to keep in touch.

Greenbriar resident, Rose Sarsfield is proud to announce that her granddaughter, Heather R. Trott, graduated on May 22 from Frostburg State University with a B.S. degree in education. Heather was on the Dean's List the last semester.

Proud grandparents Sharon and Barry Miller and Aunt Danielle announce the birth of Lily Danielle on July 3, weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz and 20 inches long. The parents are Lara and Matt Granzow of Glenn Dale.

Greenbelter John Ward and friends will provide the music for a program of English country dances and waltzes at Riversdale on Saturday, August 21. Ward was one of those responsible for starting the Celtic concerts that the Greenbelt Arts Center presents twice a year.

Beverly Palau, public information and cable TV coordinator for the city of Greenbelt and husband Tim Koebler, became the proud parents of a baby girl, Taylor Christina, on Wednesday, August 11. Taylor weighed in at 7 pounds, 13 ounces and joins brothers Jason and Jordan. Congratulations to the whole family.

Sean A. Gibbs has graduated from the Army's Reserve Officer Training Corps at Camp Challenge, Ft. Knox, KY. Camp Challenge is designed to give college sophomores, juniors, and selected freshmen who have not taken ROTC courses a chance to enter the program. Gibbs, a student at Coppin State College Baltimore, is the son of Andrew P. Gibbs of Edmonston Road. He is a 1994 graduate of Northwestern High School.

Navy Fireman Maurice S. Waller, son of Vanessa A. Walter-Jones of Edmonston Court, recently departed on a five month South American deployment aboard the destroyer USS O'Bannon. The 1998 graduate of Friendly Senior High School in Ft. Washington joined the Navy in June 1998.

Frankie Nanna, son of former Greenbelt City attorney and pioneer child resident Emmett "Zip" Nanna is an extra in the movie



**Greenbelt Arts Center  
Presents**

**"A Last Blast of Summer"**

**A Dance Party**  
**Saturday, August 28, 1999, 8:30 pm**  
**\$5**  
**at the Greenbelt Arts Center**  
**featuring**

<b>Three genres of music:</b>	<b>The D.J.'s:</b>
Zydeco	Scott Mitchell/ Vince Kargatis
Gothic Industrial Swing	Doug Wilson Chris Gillen
&	
Live Rhythm & Blues	Joe Pugliese & Company

**Reservations: Call the Greenbelt Arts Center  
at (301) 441-8770**

**GREENBELT LITTLE LEAGUE  
INAUGURAL  
Fall Baseball League  
Sign-up**

*Children Born Between 8-1-86 and 7-31-91*

**Registration at the Greenbelt Youth Center  
on Sat. Aug. 21st, 10 am -12 noon  
For information call Pete Schutz (Commissioner)  
(301) 441-4861  
New Signups Welcome**





### "Just Say No" Essay Earns Girl a Computer

by Nelda Young

Is it sufficient to "Just Say No" to drugs? The Greenbelt schools have taken the offensive by teaching the identification, use, abuse, and consequences of "playing around with drugs."

This spring Elizabeth Sankar, a sixth grader at Greenbelt Elementary School, wrote a winning essay and received a Presario desktop computer donated by Chesapeake Directory Sales Corporation (The One Book). Her essay showed how much she had learned from the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) classes.



Elizabeth Sankar

Elizabeth says the program helps keep young people off drugs by teaching them what drugs can do to the body and brain. In her essay she said that there is a relationship between drug use and other health problems, family problems, and social relationships.

The DARE program began in Greenbelt in the mid 1980s. The Prince George's County program started shortly thereafter.

Britt Cays, Public Information Officer on the Greenbelt Police force, comes to the Greenbelt schools each year for 17 weeks. He teaches the sixth graders at Greenbelt Elementary School and the fifth graders at Springhill Lake Elementary School about the consequences of using recreational drugs. He is also available to teach individuals or other groups.

Cave encourages parents or teachers to start talking to children about drugs when they are still relatively young. His six-year-old daughter listened, learned, and understands about drugs because her dad practiced his DARE presentations at home.

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)

Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community

August 22, 1999 - 10:30 a.m. "A Wilderness Religion"

by Barbara Wells & Jaco ten Hove Co-ministers



You're Welcome Here

### 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/stgeorgd/

### Sunday Services

9 am Folk Service (Interpreted for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing)

10 am Education for all ages

11 am Sung Service

### Harman Appointed to State Commission

Governor Parris Glendening today announced appointments to 13 Judicial Nominating Commissions around the State. The Commissions nominate candidates throughout all levels of the Maryland judiciary. In the interest of widening opportunities for citizens to participate in the judicial selection process, new appointments have been made to each of the Commissions. Emory A. Harman was appointed a Lay Member in the 13th District.

"This highly-inclusive group of individuals will make recommendations for judgeships that reflect the interests and concerns from every corner of the community," said Gov. Glendening. "I place enormous confidence in the Judicial Nominating Commissions to identify without favoritism or bias the very best candidates for judicial office in the State, knowing full well that their recommendations will impact the lives of our citizens for generations to come."

Earlier this year, Gov. Glendening reauthorized the use of the Judicial Nominating Com-



Emory A. Harman

mission system for the selection of judges in the State. The system provides for an Appellate and 16 Trial Court Judicial Nominating Commissions representing different parts of the State. In the event of a judicial vacancy, the Commission for the Trial Court District or the Appellate Courts will interview candidates in order to make recommendations to the Governor for appointment consideration.

### Co-ministers Serve Paint Branch Church

The new co-ministers of the Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, Rev. Jaco ten Hove and Rev. Barbara Wells, have decided to make Greenbelt their new home. Most recently this clergy couple served as co-ministers at the Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, CO. They met while serving in different UU parishes in the Pacific Northwest near Seattle and were married in 1990.

Barbara grew up in a Unitarian Universalist household, mostly in Northern Virginia, the daughter of John Wells, a Unitarian minister who served in both Mt. Vernon and Reston. Jaco grew up in Ridgewood, NJ where he became active in Unitarian youth programs.

Barbara and Jaco have been active both within Unitarian Universalism and interfaith co-

lition building. They come to Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church with a wealth of experience, energy and creativity.

During the search process, church member and local resident, Margaret Warner, gave Barbara and Jaco a thorough tour. They loved the proximity to Greenbelt Lake, the trees and trails, Roosevelt Center, nearness to their church and the sense of community. They found a home, moved in shortly after the July 4 weekend and will begin their participation in Sunday services on August 22.

Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church is located on Powder Mill Road in Adelphi and attended by many Greenbelters. Jaco and Barbara live in the Belle Pointe section of Greenbelt with Stella, their hound dog.

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Active learning takes advantage of children's natural desires to move and touch. How heavy is it? Does it smell? Can I find another one that feels the same? What does it sound like when I drop it? How is it different from other items? Young children love to touch things, explore new ideas, see how things work and test their theories. Active learning utilizes the child's curiosity, ability and interests. The youngsters get lots of chances to investigate what interests them - to solve problems, discover relationships, and make comparisons.

As children interact with their environment, they gather sensory information and refine their senses and motor skills. For ex-

### City Notes

The horticulture crew watered trees and drought-stressed shrubs by hand, then mulched them to conserve the water. They also weeded and cleaned flower beds at Greenbriar, Schrom Hills, the Library underpass, and the intersection of Southway and Ridge. A small enclosure was built for the water tap at Greenspring Park.

Water restriction complaints: Since the mandatory water restrictions have been in place eight complaints have been received and investigated. Four were violations and were issued warnings. Three were not violations and one was unconfirmed.

ample, it takes very refined movement of the hands and fingers to produce the penmanship that will be required for writing. Squeezing clay, picking up puzzle pieces and lacing thread through beads are ways to prepare children to write as they practice using their hands and fingers.

Greenbelt Nursery School & Kindergarten still has openings for the upcoming school year. For more information call 301-474-5570.

### Baha'i Faith

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### Arts Center to Hold Fundraising Dance

Greenbelters can dance to various types of music Saturday, August 28, at 8:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Arts Center. The "Last Blast of Summer" will feature a variety of music, ranging from zydeco to swing, from rhythm and blues to gothic/industrial. Three local disc jockeys will provide the zydeco, swing and gothic tune, while Joe Pugliese is rounding up a live band to provide the "y&b" variety.

The Arts Center's newly configured theater space is fairly accommodating for dances. For information, call 301-441-8770.

### Credit Unions Ready For Y2K Change

The National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) recently announced that Maryland credit unions are in great shape in regards to preparing for the century date change. June 30 represented a very important deadline for credit unions' completion of final testing efforts. Examiner staff have been collecting status information from their credit unions on a monthly, weekly, and even daily basis leading up to this deadline, so that NCUA has the most accurate and updated information to report to Congress.

On July 30, 1999, Dennis Dollar, an NCUA board member, announced that as of June 30, 1999, 84% of all state credit unions are Year 2000 compliant. Of the 22 not yet compliant, all but two are in the final stages of implementation.

### Volunteers Needed For Hotline

The Crisis Family Stress Hotline offers free communication skills training. People who can provide telephone counseling and referrals to those in need, call 202-223-0020. Training starts Sept. 14.

### A Review Herling Hosts Talk Show

By Dennis Jelalian

"An Evening with Friends" was just that as Konrad Herling led the program at the Greenbelt Arts Center. After some words of welcome, he interviewed police Corporal David Buerger, school resource officer at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Buerger was very relaxed as he answered pertinent questions.

Herling next interviewed Joi Loretz, Miss Greenbelt 1998, and Jessica Teets, Junior Miss Greenbelt 1998.

Next Magda Magdalena Pasztaleniec played two pieces on the piano; Love Story by Fran Lai, and Ballade Pour Adelaide by Paul D'Sennadille. The audience applauded her playing heartily. Then Herling interviewed Pasztaleniec and her housemate Janneke Blijlevens. Pasztaleniec has three majors in college. Quite an accomplishment.

Ingrid Cowan and Ole Hass sang a suite of songs. Hass began with Sonnentag, by Brahms; I Sail Upon the Darkstar by Purcell; Frühlingsglaube by Schubert; the Astronomers by Hundley. Cowan followed with two more songs by Copeland from Old American Songs, the Little Houses, and Ching-a-Ping-Chew, my favorite. Cowan shared her humor with the audience. Hass and Cowan were accompanied by Susan Slingland.

Herling followed an intermission by playing the piano himself. He played Moon River, Try to Remember, Take Me Out to the Ball Game, and Exodus. He finished with a charming original piece.


Ingrid Cowan and Ole Hass returned for a duet, again accompanied by Susan Slingland. They did Ich Denke Dein, a story of separation and longing for each other.

Herling finished off the program with an interview of Ingrid

Cowan, Ole Hass, and Susan Slingland.

I had been looking forward to an interview with Karen Munson, producer of the One Act Play Competition (this weekend). She suffered a concussion when she tripped while running, hitting her head on the asphalt. She called Herling at about 3 o'clock today, trying to figure out if there was a way she could participate in tonight's program. Fortunately, she followed the advice of her doctor; she's taking it easy. We wish her and the One Act Plays

well. Herling's format is the talk show host. He does it very well, but he needs a band to provide music, and not just guest performers.



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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.

### Armed Robbery

Beltway Plaza Mall, Aug. 9, 4:49 p.m., a man reported that as he was getting into his vehicle, two males approached him from behind, placed a blunt object in his back (which the victim believed to be a gun), and demanded his wallet. They then took his car keys and watch, ordering the victim to walk away without turning around. He complied, and the robbers got into the victim's vehicle and drove out of the lot towards Greenbelt Road. Area checks for the vehicle, a 1991 four-door black Nissan Maxima with D.C. tags 834170, were unsuccessful.

### Handgun

5800 block of Cherrywood Lane, Aug. 12, 11:16 p.m., a 17-year-old male nonresident stopped for a traffic violation was found to have an open warrant through the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department for armed robbery and was placed under arrest. Observations made by the officer led to a canine scan of the vehicle, which located a loaded semi-automatic handgun. The driver was charged as an adult for transporting a handgun and for the open warrant. A 17-year-old male nonresident passenger was also charged with transporting a handgun. Both were released to the custody of Department of Corrections for presentation to the district court commissioner. A 15-year-old female resident was charged on juvenile petition and released to the custody of her mother.

### Drugs

Route 193 and Cherrywood Lane, Aug. 8, 1:53 a.m., a 40-year-old female nonresident was arrested after an officer stopped her for suspicious activity. A search revealed a concealed crack pipe. The woman was charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance and released on criminal citation.

### Driving while Intoxicated

8900 block of Edmonston Road, Aug. 9, 1:43 a.m., a 25-year-old female resident was stopped for having just been involved in a minor vehicle accident on Walker Drive and leaving the scene. The officer detected a strong odor of alcohol when speaking with the woman and asked her to perform field sobriety tests, which she could not satisfactorily complete; the woman was then placed under arrest. A search of her vehicle revealed a quantity of marijuana. The woman was charged with driving while intoxicated and driving under the influence and then provided with a ride to her residence.

### Disorderly Conduct

TGI Friday's on Capitol Drive, Aug. 6, 10:51 p.m., a 19-year-old female nonresident was arrested after she became involved in a fistfight with another customer. Neither party was injured. The woman was charged on criminal citation and released.

### Trespassing

Springhill Lake Shopping Center, Aug. 7, 11:56 p.m., an 18-year-old male resident was arrested for trespassing after having been banned from the shopping center. He was charged on criminal citation and released.

### Burglary and Theft

Schrom Hills Park, Aug. 7, 6:40 a.m., a 19- or 20-inch color television was reported stolen from the recreation building. A window was broken to gain access.

7900 block of Kara Court, Aug. 9, 4:31 p.m., a men's 24-inch trek mountain bike and a pair of tan size-

13 Timberline boots were reported stolen from an open garage.

6100 block of Cherrywood Lane, Aug. 10, 5:41 p.m., a boy's blue and silver 20-inch Royce-Union one-speed dirt bike was reported stolen.

100 block of Westway, Aug. 11, 8 p.m., a men's blue 26-inch Trek Mongoose mountain bike was reported stolen.

Parkway, Aug. 12, 7:50 a.m., a red Fuji collapsible men's mountain bike was reported stolen.

### Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a dark blue 1995 Dodge Caravan with Maryland tags 956632M, Aug. 6, from Beltway Plaza, and a white 1993 four-door Ford Probe with Virginia tags 2CB2306, Aug. 10, from the 5700 block of Greenbelt Metro Drive.

Thefts from or attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7700 block of Ora Court, 7100 block of Ora Glen Court, 100 block of Westway, 9000 and 9300 blocks of Edmonston Road, 9100 block of Edmonston Terrace, 9100 block of Edmonston Court, and 9100 block of Springhill Lane.

## Pharmacy

### Topics

By Sajida Qayumi, Rph.



Who's at risk for heart attack and stroke? Screening people with no history of heart disease, ultrasound test measures the thickness of carotid arteries to help predict cardiovascular danger.

In studies reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, people with the narrowest carotid arteries were five times as likely to suffer a CV event; for those over age 65, this was a powerful predictor.

At the University of Colorado, engineers have developed a polymer gel to mimic cartilage. Synthetic cartilage is applied to small joints via injection, then firmed up with ultraviolet laser.

A nonsmoker has a 1-in-100 lifetime risk of developing lung cancer; for a smoker, it's 1 in 12.

Estrogen may reduce the risk of Parkinson's disease, or slow its progression, say researchers at the Mayo Clinic. Early studies say women on estrogen replacement therapy are 40 percent less likely to develop the disease; those with it show improvement on ERT.

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# Greenbelt Recreation Department

1999 FALL SESSION

## GENERAL CLASS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION

### Mail-In Registration Begins August 23

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

### Mail In Registrations Accepted Beginning:

Greenbelt Resident	August 23	Walk-In (for all)	September 7
Non-Residents	August 30		

### 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 September 12, 1999. Saturday classes will begin September 18, 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:** All classes have a limited enrollment. Early registration improves your chances of getting the class you want!!

### 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.

### Information and Weather Hotline

Call the information and weather hotline for updates on classes, programs and activities when there is inclement weather 301/474-5525..

### 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 for November 25th and 26th and where noted in class description.

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

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
433401-1	Arts and Crafts 6-10 yrs	F/4-4:45pm/SHL FREE: 6-weeks Registration Required		Make and take projects for the young artists. Registration required.
434203-2	Ballet 7-10 yrs	Tu/4:30-5:15pm/CC-Dance R: \$24; NR: \$30; 8-weeks	Pam White	Basic movements, encouraging creativity and expression.
445202-1	Ballet I: Beg 4-8 yrs.	Sa/10-11am/CC-Rehearsal R: \$60; NR: \$75; 8-weeks	Hazel Lopez	Ballet for Beginners.
445203-1	Ballet II: Int 9+	Sa/11am-12pm/CC-Rehearsal R: \$60; NR: \$75; 8-weeks	Hazel Lopez	Ballet for Intermediates.
432202-1	Beginning Karate 5-12 yrs	Th/5:30-6:30pm/CC-Dance R: \$40; NR: \$48; 8-weeks	Arthuro Oliva	Self-defense through the use of karate. Uniform \$35.
434203-3	Dancercise 10-14 yrs	W/4-4:45pm/CC-Dance R: \$24; NR: \$30; 8-weeks	Pam White	An exercise class designed for preteens. Stretching & strengthening class set to the latest music.
432502-1	Gymnastics 6-10 yrs	Th/4:30-5:15pm/YC-Gym R: \$34; NR:\$42.50; 8-weeks	ABC Jamboree	Concentration on tumbling, apparatus, creative movement and safety.
432201-1	Intermediate/ Advanced Karate 5-12 yrs	Th/5:30-6:30pm/CC-Rehearsal R: \$40; NR: \$48; 8-weeks	Marcela Oliva	Self-defense through the use of karate. Yellow belt level or higher.
439501-1	Saturday Super Stuff 6-10 yrs	Sa/10-11am/YC Fee \$32	TBA	NEW! Kids will enjoy a new activity each week including Archery, Arts & Crafts, Sports & Kitchen Projects.

### School Age Care

### GOAL

#### Afterschool Childcare

Join the Greenbelt Recreation Department for GOAL. Let GOAL eliminate your after school childcare worries by providing your child with lots of stimulating activities and special programs. Program begins August 30, operates 2:30 - 6:00pm and consists of study time, supervised play time, special events, and a snack. We'll provide transportation from Greenbelt and Springhill Lake Elementary Schools to the Greenbelt Youth Center. Flyers are available with defined details. For more information please call (301)397-2200. GOAL does not meet on PG County Scheduled School Holidays (half or whole days), In-Service Days, or when school is closed or dismissed early due to inclement weather or emergency.

Activity#	Dates	Fee	Activity#	Dates	Fee
437520-1	08/30-09/30	R-\$139/NR\$165	437520-3	11/01-11/30	R-\$120/NR\$143
437520-2	10/01-10/28	R-\$113/NR\$135	437520-4	12/01-12/23	R-\$107/NR\$128

### GLAD (Greenbelt Leisure & Activity Days)

Kids in 1st through 6th grade are invited to join the Greenbelt Recreation Department for GLAD. We'll provide adventurous trips and exciting activities when Prince George's County schools are scheduled to be closed. Before and After care will be provided at an additional cost of \$5.00 each section.

Activity#	Dates	Time	Cost
436501-1	M/Sept 20	9-3:30pm	Res. \$20/N-Res. \$25
436502-1	M/Oct 11	9-3:30pm	Res. \$20/N-Res. \$25
436503-1	F/Oct 22	9-3:30pm	Res. \$20/N-Res. \$25

### Special Registration Classes *Please see class description for special class registration information*

Activity/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
Aerobics	Tu/TH/6-7pm/SHL	Janet	Ongoing class. Register with the class instructor any night.
Jacki Sorensen's 16+	Sa/9-10am Workouts: \$3.50 per class	Anderson (301)439-3866	
Jazzercise Regular 16+	M/W/7-8pm/CC-Gym F/6:30-7:15pm/CC-Dance Su/10-11am/CC-Dance 1 Month \$35; 6 wks. \$55 Drop in: \$6	Bev McQuay (301)776-5405	Ongoing class, register any class night. Warm-up, aerobics, strengthening/toning, and cool down.



**CCRIC**

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**The Gravel Mine**  
The A.H. Smith gravel mine at the southern end of the site adjacent to Greenbelt Road poses the greatest quandary. CCRIC's first goal is to protect the large existing flood plain forest and the healthy creek, and the second goal is to reverse the damage done to the ecosystem by the gravel mine. Over decades, earth-moving machinery has built up the creek banks so that the original flood plain has been diminished and unknown acres of wetlands filled. The health of the Anacostia River and its human communities depend not only on preserving what's left of the watershed's healthy waters, but on restoring degraded areas to ecological integrity.

**Respect for History and Nature**

The Smith site is zoned industrial and almost nothing would stop the landowners from putting up big box retail if their plans for building mixed-use commercial and residential buildings on the mine are thwarted. But why not make the site a landmark of respect and reciprocity for the natural and human communities the mine has dominated for decades? The devastated land could become the centerpiece of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) and bring terrific educational opportunities and cascading economic benefits to the surrounding communities. A Metro-accessible nature center serving urban and suburban children and nearby institutions, including the University of Maryland, could showcase a wetland restoration ecology laboratory.

**What's the Best Use?**

Metro wants to develop its land to the "highest and best use" and get rid of excess landholdings. The Smith Co. is ready to close its mining operation and make money a different way from its land. The community should have a say in whether that automatically means yet another mall or a creative alternative land use that protects both the environment and the quality of life for the communities.

**Don't Kvetch, Use Vetch Says USDA**

Despite soil-parching drought, green sweet-corn plants tower six feet above protective organic mulch in a cornfield in Beltsville. Nearby, corn planted in bare soil won't be worth harvesting. Both fields are at the Beltsville (Md.) Agricultural Research Center (BARC), part of the Agricultural Research Service, USDA's chief scientific agency.

Key to sustaining the corn through the drought is hairy vetch, a legume grown as a cover crop. The vetch - killed before researchers planted the corn - forms a dense mat. It helps rain or irrigation water seep in rather than flow across fields and erode the soil. The mulch also slows evaporation and supplies natural nitrogen fertilizer.

The 7,000-acre BARC now uses hairy vetch to grow much of the corn needed for its livestock. The researchers have already developed vetch systems

**AFTER SCHOOL**

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Drug Education of the Prince George's County school system, which then administered it. They paid staff salaries, provided supplies and underwrote busing costs. (Only Washington Heights children were bused. Greenbelt parents had to pick up their children.) It cost between \$150,000 - \$170,000 to administer the program. Through Glendening's efforts special funding came from the Casey Foundation (later known as the Commission for Families). The primary goal of the Commission was to provide a unified program of service for families in three projects through zip codes of areas needing help, two of which were in the County, Washington Heights and Glen Arden. This funding eventually ran out.

Funding came from other sources including the Board of Education and Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC).

While the program was free in the beginning, later it became necessary to charge a low yearly fee. This past year the fee was extended to include four low payments, one for each of four marking periods. However, this change brought about a drop in the number of children enrolled from Washington Heights and those with larger families. By now the old Center School's staff, students and program had moved to its new location renamed Greenbelt Elementary School.

**Program**  
From the beginning the program was geared away from baby sitting. It was planned to be an enrichment program, with special emphasis on drug education, counseling, and crisis management. It was to be a safe place for children to be.

Science, math and computer projects were planned as well as special programs in the arts. Learning was integrated into activities that were fun. Clubs on Fridays introduced children to arts and crafts, sports, cooking, cheerleading, dancing and other activities.

Help with homework was given daily. Statistics showed that more of the students made the honor roll than had made it before.

There were also field trips, ice skating, roller skating, bowling, to the pumpkin patch, etc. There were basketball and volleyball games, walks to the lake and, while in Center School, swimming at Greenbelt pool.

As money became more scarce, field trips were less frequent. However, the program continued to include the basic components set out in the beginning of the program.

(The author has been an activities assistant with the program since its inception and is also a long-time reporter and editor with this paper.)

for tomatoes - now being adopted by some growers - and are testing similar cover crops with peppers, cantaloupes, snap beans and other vegetables.

Organic mulch is vital to the center's program in sustaining agriculture - that is, farming in ways both economical and environmentally friendly, and relying on renewable, on-farm resources.



**Greenbelt Recreation Department**

**GENERAL CLASS & REGISTRATION INFORMATION (cont'd)**

Activity/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
Aerobic Kickboxing 16+	Tu/7:30-8:30pm/YC Gym Fee \$6/class	Rob McConnell	Ongoing class. All classes are drop-in. Call 301-397-2201 for information.
Aerobic Kickboxing 16+	Sa/9:15-10:15am/YC Gym Fee \$6/class	Rob McConnell	Ongoing class. All classes are drop-in. Call 301-397-2201 for more information.

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

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
444201-3	Ballroom Dancing All Ages	Su/7-8pm/CC-Gym \$80/person 8-weeks	Louis Giacchino	Basics of the smooth dances- Waltz, Foxtrot & American style Tango. Useful for all occasions.
469101-3	Community First Aid & Safety 16+	Tu/W/Th;11/5-11/7 R:\$55; NR:\$60; GAFC	Janet Goldberg	Learn valuable life saving skills. All classes are from 7-10pm.
442202-1	Cardio Karate Kick Boxing 13+	Th/7:45-8:45pm/CC-Dance R: \$40; NR:\$48; 8 weeks Drop in: R:\$6; NR: \$7	Arturo Oliva	Aerobic workout using basic karate movements. May also attend Saturday class with no extra charge.
442202-2	Cardio Karate Kick Boxing 13+	Sa/8:30-9:30am/CC-Dance R:\$40; NR: \$48; 8 weeks Drop in: R:\$6; NR: \$7	Arturo Oliva	Aerobic workout using basic karate movements. May also attend Thursday class with no extra charge.
452203-1	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. <i>Babysitting available.</i>
454201-1	Greek Folk Dancing 16+	Su/7:30-9pm/CC-Dance Fee:\$32/person; 8-weeks Free Demo on 10/10	Chris Tennent	Remember Zorba and wonderful Greek Music? Have fun, keep fit. Begins on 10/10.
452202-1	Health Fitness 16+	Tu/7-8pm/CC-Rehearsal R:\$32; NR:\$40; 8-weeks	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, hatha yoga and much more. Bring a mat.
452202-2	Health Fitness 16+	Th/7-8pm/CC/Rehearsal R:\$32; NR: \$40; 8-weeks	Amy Derin	Basic fitness, classical dance, hatha yoga and much more. Bring a mat.
454501-1	International Folk Dancing 16+	F/8-10pm/YC-MPR \$32/person; 8-weeks	Roland Forbes	Free Open House on 09/17/99 from 7:30-10:00pm. Variety of international dances for all skill levels.
442201-1	Karate Shotokan 13+	Th/6:30-7:30pm/CC-Dance R:\$40; NR:\$48; 8-weeks	Arturo Oliva	Self-defense through the use of Karate.
444201-1	Latin Dancing All Ages	Su/9-10pm/CC-Gym \$80/person; 8 weeks	Louis Giacchino	This class will give you an exposure to basic Salsa, Merengue, Cha Cha & Rumba. Very useful in clubs & travel.
452201-1	Morning Yoga 16+	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.
444201-2	Swing Dancing All Ages	Su/8-9pm/CC-Gym \$80/person; 8 weeks	Louis Giacchino	<b>ALL THE RAGE TODAY!</b> Learn Various kinds of swing from the Lindy Hop to the West Coast Swing.
452206-1	Tai Chi-Continuing 16+	Sa/8:30-9:30am/CC-Rehearsal R:\$36; NR:\$44; 8-weeks	Larry Fleming	Must have completed beginning Tai Chi movements.
452206-2	Tai Chi Beginning 16+	Sa/9:30-10:30am/CC-Rehearsal R:\$36; NR:\$44; 8-weeks	Larry Fleming	Learn basic Tai Chi Movements.
452204-1	Vishwayatan Yoga 16+	Tu/6-7pm/CC-Dance R:\$38; NR:\$48; 8-weeks	Manju Shukla	Focus on yoga exercises, yoga therapy and breathing techniques to reduce weight and improve circulation.

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

Activity #	Name/Age	Day/Time/Location/ Cost	Instructor	Description
434202-2	Ballet 4-6 yrs	Tu/3:30-4:15pm/CC-Dance R:\$24; NR:\$30; 8-weeks	Pam White	Emphasis on proper alignment and body awareness.
427503-1	Mom's Morning Out 3-4 yrs	Tu/Th/9-12noon/YC-A&C R:\$195; NR:\$234; 14-weeks Begins 9/14	Gaye Houchens	Program designed to aid in social, gross motor, learning & listening skills. Due to health requirements children must be fully potty trained.
427503-2	Mom's Morning Out 4-5 yrs.	Tu/Th/12:30-3:00pm/YC-A&C; R:\$162.50; NR:\$195; 14-weeks. Begins 9/14	Cathy Pracht	Program, will <i>not</i> be held on P.G. County School holidays. Class ends December 17, 1999.
427503-3	Mom's Morning Out 4-5 yrs	M/W/F/9-1pm/YC/A&C R:\$370; NR:\$444; 14-weeks Begins 9/13	Gaye Houchens	<b>NOTICE</b> (Payment 1 due 9/10) (Payment 2 due 10/21)
424201-2	Introduction to Movement 2-3 yrs	W/3:30-4pm/CC-Dance R:\$16; NR:\$20; 8-weeks	Pam White	A lively singing and dancing class for the very young.
422502-1	Pre-Gymnastics 3-5 yrs	Th/3:30-4:15pm/YC-Gym R:\$34; NR:\$42.50; 8-weeks	ABC Jamboree	Gymnastic fundamentals, safe tumbling, and creative movements.
423407-1	Pre-School Arts and crafts 3-5 yrs	F/3-3:45pm/SHL FREE; 6-weeks Registration required.	TBA	Make and take projects for the youngest of artists
422503-1	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	Tu/4:15-5pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6-weeks Registration required	TBA	Songs, games, and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills.
422503-2	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	Th/4:15-5pm/YC-A&C FREE; 6-weeks Registration required	TBA	Songs, games, and projects for your pre-schooler to enjoy while developing social skills.
417505-2	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.
412501-1	Toddler Gym I 1 1/2-2 1/2 yrs	W/9:30-10:30/YC-Gym R:\$20; NR:\$25; 8-weeks Drop-in: \$3/class	Cathy Pracht	Parent and child will enjoy games, songs, and a gym full of play toys.
412501-2	Toddler Gym II 2 1/2-3 1/2 yrs	F/9:30-10:30/YC-Gym R:\$20; NR:\$25; 8-weeks Drop-in: \$3/class	Cathy Pracht	Parent and child will enjoy games, songs, and a gym full of play toys.
422401-2	Pre-School Playtime 3-5 yrs	TH/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.
417505-1	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.



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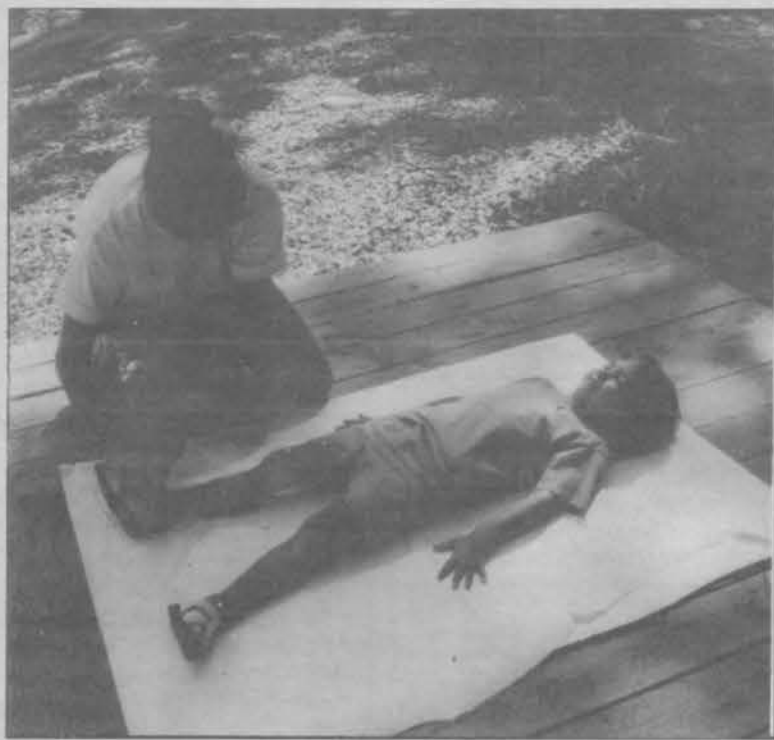
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Gaye Houchins traces Michelle Shuman as part of an art project - photo by Frederique Schmuelling

## CAMPS

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served for field trips, "Kinder Kampers" spent Mondays and Fridays in the Greenbelt Nursery School and Kindergarten's facilities inside the Community Center, and Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center's pool.

All the camps were eager to provide age appropriate activities for children and teens. Thus, contrary to the camps for school-age children, Houchins organized Kinder Kamp around a liberal schedule. Houchins "went with the flow" and sometimes ignored her calendar to accommodate the preschoolers' needs. For example, when Kinder Kamp was planning an activity some of the children were not ready for — such as a visit to the Greenbelt Adult Care Center — Houchins' staff members or volunteers would offer an alternative for these children.

Houchins' goal was to provide fun and stimulating activities for her preschoolers. Through "theme days," she encouraged the children's imaginative play. On "Pirate Day," for example, the children looked for treasures buried within a sandbox. The little "pirates" further conducted a chemistry project: their supervisors showed them how to erupt "volcanos" out of sand, baking soda, and vinegar.

During theme days, everyone dressed up. On "Pajama Day," children and teachers attended camp in — you guessed it — their pajamas. After all, preparing and eating pancakes is double the fun when one is dressed accordingly...

Simple cooking projects like the one on Pajama Day were among the children's favorite activities, said Houchins. Not surprisingly, so were field trips.

Houchins' group took field trips to parks in the Washington D.C. suburban area, such as Wheaton and Watkins Regional Parks. "We ride the train and the carousel [in the Park] which is always very nice," said Houchins whose other field trips included visits to Chuck E Cheese's in Laurel; and the Greenbelt Fire Station.

### Camp Pine Tree

As the children's age increases, the camps' program became more complex. Camp Pine Tree 1 and 2, and Kreative Kids Camp organized activities on a daily schedule, and provided more elaborate field trips. Camp Pine Tree 1 and 2, managed by Buddy Humphreys and Scott Lubey, respectively, offered a special one week session at the end of the summer of five consecutive field trips. These trips included visits to King's Dominion in Virginia, Hershey Park in Pennsylvania, and Six Flags America in Maryland.

Ordinarily, however, Camp Pine Tree offered weekly field trips. This camp met at the Greenbelt Youth Center and focused on sports oriented activities — such as swimming — in its 32nd consecutive summer. Although they specialized in physical activities, Humphreys and Lubey included arts and crafts in their repertoire.

### Kreative Kids Camp

Students mainly interested in the arts, however, participated in Kreative Kids Camp which was offered in its 10th year. The camp was managed by Elizabeth Lundberg Morisette and met inside the Community Center. Educational excursions were part of Morisette's weekly field trips. For instance, Morisette took a group of students to the Eastern Shore's Wye Island to plant grass as part of a Save the Chesapeake Foundation project.

The regular curriculum concentrated on ceramics, visual arts, creative writing, dance, drama, and music. School in-

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This fall, the commission will distribute a printed version of the guide to colleges and universities and high schools.

structors and other professionals in the arts taught these activities. For example, Hazel Lopez, a dancer who owns a studio in Washington D.C., taught dance.

Trips to the pool, however, were also a part of the program. "I do not try to overload them with artsy stuff," Morisette laughed. She assured participants that there was no reason to be intimidated by the camp's schedule.

At the end of each two-week camp session, Morisette's students performed an ensemble production at the gym inside the Community Center. Hopefully, those who followed Houchins' motto to give everything a try attended and enjoyed themselves at these free performances.

## Democratic Club Plans for Fall

Greenbelt's Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club has announced its program plans for the early part of the 1999-2000 meeting year.

The group will run its main fund raiser, the traditional funnel cake booth, at the Labor Day Festival carnival from Friday, September 3 through Monday, September 5. Phone calls are being made to members and friends to line up workers for that effort and the annual Democratic Party Information Booth located next to the funnel cakes. For more information call Kurt Walter at 301-345-3088.

Another fund raiser, a "Bring-and-Buy" (aka white elephant sale) will be held in the Roosevelt Center on Saturday morning, September 18, more details soon.

The club's first monthly meeting will be held on Friday, September 17 at 8 p.m. in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Greenbelt Road. The guest speaker will be Maryland State Treasurer Richard N. Dixon. The general public is welcome to attend.

Regular meetings are held on the third Friday of each month from September to May. Tentative speakers for October and November are Prince George's County Councilman Peter Shapiro and James Soresi, the assistant supervisor of the Prince George's County Office of Assessment and Taxation. Call President Jim Inzeo at 301-441-2426 for further information.

## Concerts in the Park

All ages are welcome at the Glenn Dale Community Center, 11901 Glenn Dale Blvd., Glen Dale, for a free summer concert series. Hear the music of Rockin' Bones on Thursday, August 26 from 7-8:30 p.m. For information call 301-352-8983; TTY 301-352-8990.

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