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Thursday, March 15, 2001



ACE award winners in front row, L-R: Micki Johnson, Darnell Sarpy, Theresa Dolan, Tina McGranaghan, Sara Rosen, Barbara Clements, ACE chair Leta Mach, ACE member Mary Alice Carroll. Back row, L-R: ACE award winner Gary King, Councilmembers Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts, Mayor Judith Davis, Councilmember Alan Turnbull, County Councilmember Audrey Scott, staff liaison to ACE Wendy Wexler, and ACE members Kim Callinan Taylor and Jackie Magness.

Council, ACE Present Awards To Educators in Local Schools

by Barbara Hopkins

Seven educators from Greenbelt area schools were honored at the Greenbelt City Council meeting on Monday night, March 12, with awards presented by the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Before ACE Chair Leta Mach introduced the winners, Prince George's County Councilmember Audrey Scott read a proclamation from the county council that each honoree would receive. Scott commended the community of Greenbelt for making the "education of its sons and daughters a high priority."

City Councilmember Rodney Roberts read a citation from State Senator Leo Green that

would also be presented to each honoree. Mayor Judith Davis and Councilmembers Edward Putens and Alan Turnbull were also present to honor the winners, and state Delegates Joan Pitkin, James Hubbard and Mary Conroy all sent congratulations.

Mayor Davis noted that "we don't say 'thank you' enough" to our educators. She also expressed appreciation to the family, friends, and co-workers of the winners for loving and supporting those who received the award. At the close of the ceremony, Davis recognized past recipients of the ACE award who were present for their contributions toward educating the youth of Greenbelt.

In addition to the proclamation, citation, gift certificates and other presents, each educator received a "Greenbelt is Great" mug. Mach said this gift was appropriate for two reasons. "First, it comes from that great educational beginning ... the Greenbelt

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USDA Moves Dismissal Of City Suit on Wetlands

by Diane Oberg

This is "a significant victory for the city" said attorney Lawrence Liebesman at the March 12 regular meeting of the Greenbelt City Council. Nonetheless, the city will fight the U.S. Department of Agriculture's motion to dismiss the city's suit over the wetlands impact of road improvements to accommodate traffic generated by the new USDA headquarters building on Sunnyside Avenue.

Greenbelt brought the suit in response to what it called "illegal piecemealing" in USDA's permit applications (for wetlands destruction) for the headquarters building and the related road improvements. In the suit, the city called for a more complete environmental assessment of the building and proposed road construction before the road work began.

Liebesman said that the USDA's motion "essentially conceded" that it cannot defend its previous actions and agreed that the wetlands permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers was no longer valid. Although Liebesman declared victory, he noted that the suit had been "very

resource intensive" generating significant legal and consulting fees, that the city hoped to recover if it won. He said that he will file a motion for summary judgment with findings and will seek a hearing on that motion.

In its motion to dismiss, the USDA did not concede fault. Instead, they stated that the case is moot. Since USDA obtained a voluntary remand from the U.S. District Court, it has conducted a new traffic study and analysis of the proposed roadwork. That analysis has concluded that the traffic impact of the facility is "significantly less than previously predicted."

In light of these findings, USDA "has rescinded its decision to undertake the road modifications about which the Plaintiffs filed suit, so that USDA may further assess whether these road modifications or any alternatives should be undertaken." This review is estimated to take six to eight months. Since the Clean Water Act permit will expire (on June 30), the USDA says that the city's challenge to that permit is also moot.

Cable Company Begins Upgrading in Greenbelt

by Diane Oberg

Comcast, the city's cable television operator, is beginning to upgrade the system within Greenbelt. In addition, the company has acquired Mid-Atlantic Cable, which operates the satellite system in Springhill Lake. This system will be replaced by the same cable service as exists elsewhere in the city.

Two Comcast representatives briefed the Greenbelt City Council on their upgrade plans at the March 12 regular council meeting. Mayor Judith Davis pressed Jeff Kelly, the project manager for the upgrade, to ensure that Springhill Lake residents were informed that they would be able to watch city council meetings and other programming on Channel B-10. Whether this will turn out to be a high-rated show is still in doubt.

Over the next few weeks, Greenbelters home during the day may experience cable outages as the company extends fiber throughout the city and upgrades the B-side of the cable. In addition, the company will install status monitoring equipment and battery backup for all power supplies to reduce future outages.

Residents will be notified when their systems will be affected by means of door-hangers a day or two in advance. These notices will include a toll-free number for upgrade-related questions.

Eventually, the upgrade will allow the company to offer high-speed internet access to subscribers. Kelly estimated that this would happen in about 10 weeks, after the entire city is upgraded

and the entire system is thoroughly tested.

Except for in Springhill Lake, cable company workers or contractors should not have to enter any current subscriber's home. Springhill Lake, from the company's perspective, is a "new build" situation, rather than an upgrade, with new wiring and equipment needed within each subscriber's unit. All company workers will have photo identification and most would be in Comcast uniforms. (Two contract companies are also working on the upgrade but should not have to enter any residences.)

Kelly and Karmen Bailey, Government Relations Manager, were not aware of any immediate plans for price increases, other than those for new services. However, Bailey noted that program costs increased 20 percent in the last year. Thus, she said, there are likely to be more increases in cable bills. In response to a question from Davis, she noted that some channels, such as Home and Garden, Home Team Sports and others, are offered "a la carte," so that subscribers can lower their fees by cutting out some unused channels.

Plans for New Post Office Building Are Still Alive

According to postal service representative Deborah Yackley, the proposed new Greenbelt Post Office at the corner of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive is not included in a nationwide freeze on new post office construction or major repair projects. Sixteen Maryland projects, scheduled for fiscal year 2001, but not yet under contract, are now on hold for the foreseeable future. Greenbelt's post office is scheduled for 2002, according to Yackley. By then she hopes that things will get straightened out.

The spending freeze was requested by the Postal Service Board of Governors in response to the organization's current financial situation. According to the Postal Governors, "the Postal Service is facing a potential loss of \$2 billion to \$3 billion this fiscal year, reflecting the fact that the organization's costs are rising

at a rate exceeding mail volume and revenue growth."

The board asked postal management to take unprecedented action on cost-control options, including an immediate freeze on capital commitments that will affect more than 600 facility projects nationwide.

Meanwhile, the city of Greenbelt has not yet filed condemnation proceedings to acquire the parcel for the proposed post office facility. The owners, Peterson Companies, are willing to have a post office built on the property and have a contract with the postal service.

The Peterson Companies also have not yet signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the city for the post office land and the 10-acre Sunrise property, located between the Capital Beltway, the Holiday Inn, Greenway Village and the dog park.

What Goes On

Mon., March 19, 7:30 p.m. Worksession with GHI, GHI Board Room
Thur., March 22, 7:30 p.m. GHI Board Meeting, Hamilton Place

Letter

Teach Your Children Well

Recently, I found some fresh eggs smashed on the backyard deck and sidewalk of my Southway home. It smells and looks very unpleasant. Since I always see many juveniles (of middle- to high-school students' ages) playing around my backyard area, I suspect that this incident might be their mischief. I don't want to report this incident to the police and ask for an investigation this time, but I do want to use this event to ask Greenbelt parents to educate their kids on how to behave properly and become responsible citizens to society and the community.

I also want to draw attention to another behavior problem of kids in the Southway neighborhood that I observed during the past two years. As many may know, during warm weather many kids play baseball games on the grassland next to McDonald Field. Unfortunately, after those games finish, lots of trash such as cans, bottles and paper is left behind. The trash remains in the playground and parking lot and is never cleaned up by the players or their parents. This dirty environment left by baseball players is unpleasant to residents living nearby. Now, as the weather is getting warmer and warmer, baseball season is around the corner. I hope Greenbelt parents will educate their kids to clean up their mess after games so this ugly scene will not appear again this year and in years to come. Thank you!

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Maryland to Spray Mosquito Larvae

Maryland Department of Agriculture officials, in cooperation with county governments, will initiate mosquito control spraying operations in early March in selected mosquito-breeding areas throughout the state. Wetlands adjacent to residential areas will be targeted in order to eliminate newly-hatched mosquito larvae before they emerge as adults. Insecticides were applied to swamps and other wetlands starting the week of March 5, conditions permitting.

"Mosquito eggs that have laid dormant in the soil all winter start to hatch as soon as the spring rains begin," said Cyrus R. Lesser, chief of mosquito control. "Spraying larvicide now will help control the mosquito population at the source, in wetlands, and reduce the need to spray for adult mosquitoes in residential areas."

A bacterial insecticide called *Bacillus thuringiensis israelensis* (Bti) will be applied to swamps and low-lying wetlands using a helicopter and fixed-wing aircraft, as well as vehicle-mounted and backpack sprayers for smaller, more accessible areas.

"Bti is one of the least toxic pesticides registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency," Lesser said. "No adverse effects for people, pets or the environment are anticipated from its use for mosquito control."

Because the spraying operation is dependent on the weather, a specific time schedule cannot be announced. Individuals seeking additional information about this mosquito control activity may call 410-841-5870 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

NARFE to Meet

The next regular meeting of the National Association of Federal Retired Employees (NARFE), Chapter 2146, will be at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center on Princess Garden Parkway.

Morton Tuckman, a chapter member and financial consultant, will bring everyone up to date on taxes and financial matters. The public is invited. For information, call 301-731-9020.

Heart Disease Help

A free support group for people coping with heart disease is being offered by Washington Adventist Hospital (7600 Carroll Avenue, Takoma Park). The group will meet on Thursday, March 22 at 2 p.m. For more information call 1-800-542-5096.

Joe Forte Stars In ACC Tournament

by Nelda Young

University of North Carolina basketball star Joseph Forte of Greenbelt was named Most Valuable Player in the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament semi-final game against Georgia Tech on March 10 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta. During the last 10 minutes of the game he did not ease off, even though he had four fouls. Forte, a 1999 graduate of DeMatha High School, scored 27 points against the Yellow Jackets. Carolina defeated Tech, 70-63, to move on to the finals.

In the ACC final game on Sunday, March 11, the Tar Heels got off to a slow start. Forte had an off game, shooting only 3 of 14 for a total of 14 points. Once Duke got the momentum, they never let go. Duke won the conference title 79 to 53.

Soccer Fans Invited To Free Fan Fest

A free Fan Fest will be held Sunday, March 18, noon to 3 p.m. at RFK Stadium, 2400 East Capitol Street, S.E., D.C.

The entire Washington Freedom team, the new DC-based franchise of the Women's United Soccer Association (WUSA), including Mia Hamm, Olympians Siri Mullinix and Michelle French, Brazilian stars Pretinha and Roseli, and locals Stephanie Loehr and Amanda Cromwell will be there.

The Fan Fest will celebrate and gear up for the Freedom's inaugural season. The Freedom officially kick off WUSA's season with the league's opening game on April 14 at 2 p.m. at RFK Stadium.

The Fan Fest will include soccer fun, games and prizes for the entire family. Fans can say hello to the Freedom players and coaches, get their autographs, and meet the Freedom's mascot. Local boys and girls soccer teams will find out if they've won the lottery to be the Freedom's ball boys and girls. Fans can take the "goalie challenge," try the soccer obstacle course, play soccer with team members, and more.

Learn about Good Shade Plants

Martha Oliver, owner of The Primrose Path, a specialty nursery in southwestern Pennsylvania specializing in Heuchera, Tiarella, and Phlox, introduces people to her favorite shade plants during a free slide-illustrated lecture on Saturday, March 24 at 10 a.m. Sponsored by the Potomac Valley Chapter of the North American Rock Garden Society, the lecture will be held in the Administration Building auditorium at the U.S. National Arboretum. Registration is not required.

Channel B-10 Schedule

Greenbelt Municipal/Public Access TV MUNICIPAL ACCESS-301-474-8000

Tuesday & Thursday, March 20 & 22

6:00pm "ACE Reading-Greenbelt Elementary"
6:15pm "Springhill Lake Elem. Salutes Black History Month"
8:00pm "Transportation Planning Board: Transportation Dialogue"

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE) -301-507-6581

Wednesday & Friday, March 21 & 23

7:00pm "Celtic Performance"
7:35pm "Colonial America Concert"
9:15pm "Public Safety"

City Short Term Outages Above Normal for Pepco

by Barbara Bonham Young

At the conclusion of a January 31 work session prompted by complaints of electrical outages in Greenbelt, Pepco representatives promised to supply historical outage data comparing the Greenbelt area with others. In a subsequent February 16 letter to Mayor Judith Davis, data provided by Pepco show that while sustained power outages since 1997 have been unremarkable in number and duration compared to the jurisdictions used as comparable — Berwyn Heights and Cheverly — momentary power interruptions in Greenbelt are described as "above average" in number. However, the letter also states that because of corrective actions taken, Pepco anticipates that residents of Greenbelt will notice a "significant improvement" in service reliability.

Sustained Outages

Pepco data show that the frequency of sustained outages affecting the Greenbelt area (just over one outage in the year 2000) was well below the county average in 1997, 1999 and 2000. The Prince George's County average in the year 2000 was just over two sustained outages.

In Cheverly, however, Pepco reports the average customer experienced over seven sustained outages during the year 2000, averaging nearly seven hours in duration. Thereafter, the letter states, "Pepco began an aggressive tree-trimming program in cooperation with the Cheverly town council [and] ... as a result of this project, the number of outages has decreased significantly."

Momentary Interruptions

While the average customer in Prince George's County experienced 8.72 momentary interruptions in the year 2000, customers on Greenbelt's two feeders experienced 16 and 18 momentary interruptions. However, the Pepco letter states, "as discussed in our meeting, the installation of ani-

mal guards, additional fusing and other corrective actions recently completed are expected to reduce the frequency of momentary interruptions."

In conclusion, the letter advises, "We would like to re-emphasize that the proliferation of sensitive equipment/appliances with digital devices, such as clocks, video cassette records, microwave ovens, alarm systems and computers has made customers more aware of momentary outages that were transparent in the past. Because it is not always possible for us to provide uninterrupted service to our customers, especially due to circumstances beyond our control, we encourage customers to protect their sensitive electronics equipment/appliances with surge protection devices."

ERHS Grad Night Seeks Contributions

The parents of Eleanor Roosevelt High School students are raising funds to support their annual Grad Night to be held May 30. Grad Night is an alcohol-free and drug-free evening full of fun and games for graduating seniors. Its success depends greatly on the contributions of the community, businesses, organizations and individuals. ERHS draws students from many communities including Laurel, Bowie, Greenbelt, Beltsville and College Park.

Tax-deductible donations may be sent to: ERHS Grad Night Committee 2001, c/o LaDonna Monaldo, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

If donations of gifts or other merchandise need to be picked up, contact LaDonna Monaldo at 301-776-8262.



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Dems Skip Meeting

After a busy month of activities which included a Social Night Out at the Beijing Restaurant and the Greenbelt Arts Center as well as an Annual Legislative Reception in Annapolis, Greenbelt's Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club is taking a breather. There will be no monthly meeting in March.

Class in Psychology Goes to the Movies

Prince George's College senior programs will be offering a new class, "Psychology Goes to the Movies," 1 to 3 p.m. on Thursdays from April 19 to June 7 in the Greenbelt Community Center.

Clinical psychologist Ruth L. Sherman, Ph.D., who will lead the discussion following the films, has selected seven movies built around psychological themes: "Spellbound," "Snake Pit," "Three Faces of Eve," "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden," "Lust for Life," "Ordinary People," and "As Good as It Gets." Anyone who likes movies and has an interest in psychology will enjoy this unique opportunity to analyze how the cinema has portrayed mental illness and the mental health care profession from the past to the present.

To register, call Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208 or Prince George's College at 301-499-6612.

Golden Age Club

by Ruth Huggins

President Bill Souser presided over the March 7 business meeting. Florence Holly read an article from "Chicken Soup With Golden Soul" entitled "Why Older Is Better."

Sunshine chair Betty P. Down sent a note of cheer to Catherine Holcombe and was glad to see her at the meeting.

John Taylor, Travel chair, reminded Golden Agers that the March 22 trip is filled and the bus will leave Greenbelt at 10 a.m. On April 3 the club will leave Greenbelt at 9 a.m. to see cherry blossoms, and have lunch on one's own at Union Station, then tour the Tudor House and Gardens. Sign up after meetings; there is a fee. Taylor is also chairman of GIVES and announced that GIVES will hold an AARP 55 Alive Class for Senior Drivers. The class consists of 25 people. There is a fee, but by taking the course one's auto insurance company may reduce the yearly auto insurance fee. Classes will be held Mondays 9 a.m. to noon April 9 and 16. GIVES transportation volunteers will be given first chance to sign up. If interested, call 301-507-6580.

Bob Sondors, marketing director at Six Flags of America has job openings for seniors. If interested, call 301-249-1500 ext. 3231.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Mollie Reuben and Lenev Holohan. The speaker at the March 14 meeting was from Morningside House of Laurel. The topic was "Medication Overview and Drug Interactions."

March 21 will be the birthday party. On March 28 the speaker will be Julie McCullough whose topic will be "Your Story."

Community Events

Teen-Arts Sessions Taught by Tom Baker

After-School Teen Arts Drop-In for young people ages 11 to 16 starts a new series of drawing sessions with Greenbelt artist and teacher Tom Baker. The program begins on Thursday, March 22, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The subject will be creative approaches to objective and abstract art.

The series will continue on April 5, May 10 and 24. Each class will deal with a separate drawing theme. Since this is a drop-in program, there is no need to register. All materials are provided. For more information call Barbara Simon, 301-474-2192.

This program is supported by a grant from the Prince George's Arts Council and is produced by the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA). All GAVA programs are supported by the City of Greenbelt, Department of Recreation.

NIT Meeting

The City of Greenbelt's Neighborhood Improvement Team (NIT) will hold a meeting March 20 at 7 p.m. in the Springhill Lake Elementary School cafeteria.

NIT wishes to introduce itself to the residents of Springhill

GAVA Meets

The Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts will hold its annual members meeting on Sunday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. The primary purpose of the meeting will be to elect a new board of directors for 2001.

The Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA) produces arts education programs at the Community Center. Anyone interested is welcome to attend. Call 301-474-2192 for more information.

GHI Notes

The following meetings are scheduled in the GHI Board Room:

Board of Directors/City Council work session, Monday, March 19, 7:30 p.m.

Member and Community Relations Committee, Tuesday, March 20, 7:30 p.m.

Pet Sub-Committee, Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m.

Board of Directors regular meeting, Thursday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.

The Nominations and Elections Committee will meet in the GHI library on Thursday, March 22, 7:30 p.m.

At the Library

Adult Programs

Wednesday, March 21, 2 p.m. — book discussion of Jane Hamilton's "A Map of the World."

7 p.m., Friends of the Greenbelt Library meeting.

Children's Programs

Tuesday, March 20, 7 p.m. — Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Thursday, March 22, 10:15 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m., Toddler Time for two-year-olds and parent or caregiver.

FOGL to Meet

Friends of the Greenbelt Library (FOGL) will gather Wednesday, Mar. 21, at 7 p.m. on the library's lower level. The meeting is open to the public.

The group will vote on bylaw revisions and elect officers. Branch Manager Ellen Utley will comment on library needs and community outreach plans. Also on the agenda will be a short report on the status of the Novel Endings bookstore upstairs that is managed by FOGL.

Auction to Benefit Nursery School

The Greenbelt Nursery School will host an evening of bidding and refreshments at its annual Live and Silent Auction from 6 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 24, at the Greenbelt Arts Center.

Among items available are a week's accommodations at the Sunterra Resorts near Orlando, Florida; four front-row, club-level tickets to a 2001 Orioles game; a free major servicing on a Saturn car at Saturn of Silver Spring; a private guided tour of the National Zoo in Washington, D.C.; and a free personal stress management session. Other items up for bid include museum passes, tickets to theater productions, personal care services, and unique hand-crafted items.

A wine and cheese reception will complete the evening.

The Greenbelt Nursery School is a nonprofit parent cooperative school in its 59th year of continuous operation, with more than 60 families enrolled. The auction is the school's largest fundraiser and proceeds enable the school to continue offering a high-quality, child-centered curriculum to families in Greenbelt and nearby communities.

Tickets to the auction will be sold at the door. The Greenbelt Arts Center is located next to the Greenbelt Post Office and Greenbelt Consumer Co-op supermarket. The public is invited to attend this community-wide event.

Meditation Topic Of Cafh Series

The Cafh Foundation will host a free discussion series entitled "Spirit Matters: Unfolding through Self-Knowledge" on two Saturdays at 10 a.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center.

On Saturday, March 17, the discussion will be "Introduction to Cafh, a spiritual path." On Saturday, March 24, the topic will be "Meditation as a means of self-knowledge."

Refreshments will be served. For information, call 301-486-4595 or visit the foundation's Web site www.cafh.org.

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4-7 p.m.

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123 Centerway, Greenbelt

Bid on fascinating and valuable items like a week's accommodations in Orlando, Florida, club-level tickets to the Baltimore Orioles, a private, guided tour of the National Zoo—plus museum passes, handcrafts and MUCH MORE!

Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold at the door.
For more information, call (301) 474-5570 or visit www.greenbelt.com/GNSK.

GREENBELT ARTS CENTER PRESENTS

A CELTIC WEEKEND

Friday, March 16 — Skye Gathering 8 pm
Saturday, March 17 — MacTallah 8 pm
Ceilidh Homespun Band

A VOCAL RECITAL

Saturday, March 31 — Ingrid Cowan & Ole Hass 8 pm

Reservations: (301) 441-8770
Tickets: \$10, \$8 for students & seniors

Greenbelt Scientists Win Honors for Space Work

Officials at Lockheed Martin announced recently that three Greenbelt residents have received NASA's Space Flight Awareness award. This national recognition allows NASA to honor employees who have made significant contributions or improvements to human flight and have been dedicated to quality work and flight safety.

The employees, who work on Lockheed Martin's Consolidated Space Operations Contract (CSOC) at Goddard Space Flight Center, are: Kevin Riley, Holly Offerman, and Robert Sliko. Riley, of Honeywell Tech. Services, Inc. - UHF/VHF air and ground systems engineer, Goddard, was nominated for his UHF/VHF air to ground operations and systems engineering support to the space shuttle and international space station programs.

Offerman, Computer Sciences Corporation, Computer Operator II, Goddard, has provided continued exceptional support for 10 Space Transportation System (STS).

Sliko, Lockheed Martin - E&S Specialist, Goddard, was recognized for his expertise on the operation, maintenance and engineering of the Statistical Multiplexer (Stat/Mux).

In appreciation of their efforts, the honorees were flown to Kennedy Space Center to view the launch of STS-102 on March 8, attend a reception in their honor, and meet senior management from NASA, the space industry, and members of the Astronaut Corps.

To be considered for this award, employees must have significantly contributed to shuttle, space station or payload programs by achieving beyond their normal work output, attaining a particular program goal or contributing to a major cost savings or series of lesser cost sav-

ings. Other important considerations were being instrumental in developing modifications that increase quality, safety, reliability, efficiency or performance; assisting in operational improvements that increase efficiency or performance; or being a key player in developing a beneficial process improvement of significant magnitude.

CSOC is a \$3-billion-plus contract awarded by NASA to Lockheed Martin, which serves as the prime contractor providing end-to-end space operations mission and data services to both NASA and non-NASA customers. CSOC manages NASA's data collection, telemetry and communications operations that support Earth-orbiting satellites, planetary exploration, and human space flight activities. Services include data acquisition from spacecraft, data transmission to end users, data processing and storage, ground and space communications, and mission control center operations.

Lockheed Martin Space Operations, a business unit of Lockheed Martin Technology Services headquartered in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, is a high technology company with about 4,000 engineers, scientists and support personnel. Services include data collection, telemetry, and communication operations support for NASA; software and hardware engineering for the space shuttle and international space station; mission operations and planning systems design, development, and integration; and human life sciences research.



OBITUARY

Robert William Mann

Robert William Mann of Greenbelt, age 53, died on Sunday, March 11, 2001.

Formerly of Horseheads, N.Y., Mr. Mann was an employee of the D.C. Public Schools.

He is survived by his wife Gail, daughters Tameka and Ashley, his parents John and Mary Mann, sisters Barbara and Vicki, brother John, Jr., and other relatives and friends. A private memorial service was held.

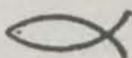
Memorial contributions may be sent in his name to the American Cancer Society.

Board Sets Hearing On Summer School

The Prince George's County Board of Education will host a special public hearing to discuss mandatory summer school/mandatory extended learning opportunities, on Wednesday, March 21, at 6 p.m. in the Board Meeting Room of the Sasser Administration Building, 14201 School Lane in Upper Marlboro.

"We hope to solicit feedback and to hear the concerns of parents and the community about this proposed endeavor," said Board of Education Chairman Kenneth Johnson. "Mandatory summer school and extended learning opportunities are bold and innovative initiatives designed to improve test scores and overall academic achievement."

Public participation is welcomed and encouraged. All speakers will have two minutes to speak and must register with the Board Office at 301-952-6115 by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting.



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The venues are the MCI Center March 22 through March 25. On March 25, there will be a

show in Spanish, followed by a concert by Alvaro Torres. Special prices apply.

On March 28 through Sunday April 1, the venue will be the Patriot Center at George Mason University.

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Attend Underground Railroad Gathering

A free "Underground Railroad Gathering" sponsored by the National Park Service will be held Friday, March 23 from 4 to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 2 of the Prince George's Community College Student Center, 301 Largo Road.

The meeting is for "persons interested in documentation, education and preservation of underground railroad resources" in Prince George's County.

To attend, pre-register with Dr. Jenny Masur at 202-690-5166.

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New Deal Café to Feature 'World Music,' Pop Satire

by Dorothy Sucher

What does a didjiridu? Or should the question be, "What is a didjiridu?"

Greenbelters will have a chance to find out when Big Blow and the Bushwackers come to the New Deal Café on March 23 at 8 p.m. This high-energy, four-man band originated on Maryland's Eastern Shore with the goal of exploring the possibilities of the didjiridu, a native Australian instrument that creates a continuous and colorful bass line.

One of the band members, native Greenbelter Trevor "Ras" Siegel, exemplifies the group's multicultural outlook. Siegel acquired his middle name while studying ethnomusicology in Ghana in 1988, when he was adopted by members of the Ga tribe in the village of Labadi.

Siegel explained, "'Ras' is short for 'Ras Kwame Nsiah,' which means 'honorable Saturday-born sixth-born.'" In Ghana, names are given based on the circumstances around the time of your birth, but when I was asked the day of the week when I was born, I didn't know the answer. I had to go find a 2,000-year calendar — not easy in Ghana — and look it up! This meant I had to travel to Accra with members of my host family, where we found that the library was closed for construction. Finally we man-

aged to locate someone I could pay to go through boxes in the library and find the information."

When Siegel returned to Greenbelt, his American family was somewhat nonplused by his unusual new name. "They were afraid I'd been brainwashed by a cult or something."

Unusual Instruments

Big Blow and the Bushwackers have won raves with their fresh take on a variety of musical styles, played on unusual instruments. Accompanying the "didj" will be mandolin, accordion, trombone, tuba, bamboo flute, tin whistle, dulcimer, harmonica, and numerous percussion instruments. An armament of other, handmade instruments include the funky diva, the slide-o-didj, the flopophone, and the sump thumper.

Calling its style "world music," the group has fun with traditional ballads, dance tunes from many cultures, and its own vibrant pop satire material. At times the audience will be invited to get into the act, joining in an improvised jam session.

A cover charge will benefit the café's fund drive to pay down the debt that has threatened the New Deal co-op coffeehouse with closure. The café is located in Old Greenbelt's Roosevelt Center.

Chance Encounter Leads to Greenbelt

by Barbara Likowski

It was one of those chance encounters. We were at the printshop waiting for corrections to be made. Two of us had picked up complimentary copies of a 95-page booklet named *Pet Lovers Companion*, which was printed at the printshop. As we were commenting and laughing about some of the pet entries, a man poked his head in the door. Were we part of the Greenbelt News Review? he asked. Did we think he could put his publication someplace in Greenbelt? The booklet, like the News Review, was free and paid for by the ads inside. He puts it out yearly. More importantly, he asked, would we put a story in our paper about him? We weren't sure about the story because, as we explained, we usually don't write stories about people who don't live in Greenbelt.

Well, I used to live in Greenbelt, he said. In fact we were one of the first families to move in.

A Greenbelt pioneer! Great! We often write stories about Greenbelt pioneers. Well, he qualified, "I was only three years old when we moved in." As it turned out, he is Karl Kessinger from Silver Spring and he had grown up in Greenbelt, having lived here until about 1952.

After leaving Greenbelt he had been a jeweler and a milkman. He hadn't forgotten Greenbelt and comes here from time to time.

So, if the *Pet Lovers Companion* appears somewhere in Greenbelt, remember when you're reading it that it's the work of a former Greenbelter. Enjoy.

Note: The Greenbelt Museum is looking for Greenbelt pioneer youngsters, like Kessinger, to take oral histories of their memories of growing up here in the early years.

UMD Hosts Women's Art, Letters Exhibit

The University of Maryland Art Gallery will host "Women of the World: A Global Collection of Art" from March 21 to April 21 during regular gallery hours.

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Big Blow and the Bushwackers will be playing their special brand of World Music at the New Deal Café on March 23. Left to right: Don Plehn, Trevor "Ras" Siegel, Tim Whittemore, and Ted Porter.

A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

There are just a few more days of winter and then spring will officially arrive. Of course, it will still be a couple of weeks before the weather settles enough that it feels like spring every day. The weather in March is just so changeable. It can be so warm one day, as it was last Sunday, that you feel like getting out and doing serious garden work and then within the next few days it is cold or windy or both. No doubt about it, March is a transition month, but one that sets the stage for warmer weather to come. The soil is being warmed by longer days in which the sun is higher in the sky. And the soil is being dried out by the windy days.

The soil is still too wet to work in or walk on without damaging its composition. There will be times during the upcoming weeks when the soil will dry out enough to be workable. At those times, the soil can be plowed, spaded, rototilled, and worked to prepare for planting at a later time. The old fashioned test to see if the soil is dry enough to work is to scoop up a handful of soil and squeeze it together. Drop the handful on the ground. If it breaks up into pieces, the soil is dry enough to be worked, but if it stays in one or a few lumps, it is not. When the soil is plowed or spaded, fertilizer and soil amendments such as rotted compost, decomposed manure and commercial fertilizer can be worked into the soil.

Some gardeners have at least one raised bed so that at least one corner of the garden can be

worked and planted earlier than the rest. That is because a raised bed drains and dries out faster than an average garden bed. A raised bed is merely an area at least several inches higher than the surrounding ground. It is like a box of soil. A rectangle of boards several inches high and filled with soil is one type of raised bed.

Pruning

Pruning shrubs and trees is a task that still can be done in the next couple of weeks. Hedge plants and late-blooming shrubs can be pruned now, but do not prune spring flowering plants because it would be removing this year's flowers. Prime candidates for pruning are dead, damaged and rubbing branches.

It is best to consult a good gardening book if you want to do

more than these tasks and have not pruned before this. But still, bear some things in mind. Removing large branches will change the shape of the plant, so think of what is being done before cutting. Do not remove or cut back the central stem in a plant that has one. Prune no more than one-third of the branches in any one year.

Use good, sharp pruning shears or clippers. Try to make clean cuts.

If you are cutting a branch back to the trunk on a tree, do it in stages. Make a cut at least several inches out from the trunk, thus removing the bulk of the branch. Then look and see that where the branch meets the trunk is a slightly raised ring. This is where the growth takes place. Make the final cut of the branch just outside this area. The tree can then more effectively grow over and heal the wound made by cutting.



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PRELIMINARY AGENDA MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thursday, March 22, 2001
GHI Board Room

Key Agenda Items
6:30 p.m.

Meet with Board of Arlandria Chirulagua Cooperative

7:30 p.m.

- 5% Downpayments Action
- Contributions, 1st Reading Action
—El Salvador Earthquake Relief
- Purchase of New Radio System, 1st Reading Action
- Slate Roof Contract, 2nd Reading Action

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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.

Assault

7500 block of Hanover Parkway, March 1, 6:49 p.m., two men were involved in a traffic dispute on the Baltimore/Washington Parkway. When both vehicles pulled over in the area of Greenbelt Road and Hanover Parkway, one man exited his vehicle and began pounding on the driver's window of the other car, claiming to be a Maryland state trooper. The man fled upon hearing police sirens. The suspect is described as white, 5'10", and 175 lbs., with blond hair. The vehicle is described as a blue 1990s Jeep Cherokee with Maryland tags M449392. Investigation is continuing.

Again Shoe Store, Beltway Plaza Mall, March 7, 7:54 p.m., a man was involved in a verbal altercation with an employee when the employee jumped across the counter and punched him in the face. The employee then left the area. The victim was treated on the scene for minor injuries to his face. Investigation is continuing.

Greenbelt Middle School, March 5, a 13-year-old Greenbelter was arrested for assault after punching another student in the face. He was released to school administrators pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

Hotline on Drugs

The Greenbelt Police Department needs the help of residents. Any citizen with information about possible drug activity in the city is encouraged to call the Greenbelt Narcotics Hot Line at 301-507-6522. Callers may remain anonymous.

Forgery

Bank of America, Beltway Plaza Mall, March 7, 1:45 p.m., a 48-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with uttering (passing a forged check), forgery, and theft. Officers responded to the bank for a report of a man attempting to cash a stolen check. He was arrested on the scene and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Trespassing

Giant supermarket in Beltway Plaza Mall, March 4, 7:19 a.m., a 22-year-old male nonresident was arrested and charged with trespassing. Officers responded to a report of a man harassing a store employee. The man refused to leave when asked to do so by agents of the property. He was arrested and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Burglary and Theft

6200 block of Springhill Court, March 2, 4:45 a.m., a woman was getting ready for work when she observed a man pulling the screen off her bedroom window. She exited the residence to confront the man, who fled. The suspect is de-

scribed as black, in his twenties, 6', with a thin build; he was wearing a black top, grey sweatpants, and a bandana on his head.

9100 block of Springhill Lane, March 2, 5:14 a.m., a woman saw a man attempting to remove the sliding glass door from the tracks at her residence. When the man saw the woman, he fled. He is described as black, in his twenties, 6' with a thin build, black hair in cornrows, wearing all black clothing.

49 court of Ridge Road, March 4, 8:22 p.m., someone attempted to enter a residence by cutting open a window screen and prying on the window.

Greenbelt Citgo, March 5, 11:51 a.m., a couple brought a vehicle in for minor maintenance. Upon completion of the repair, the couple fled without paying. The vehicle is described as a maroon four-door 1998 Mazda with Maryland tags FVK422.

Greenbelt Elementary School, March 6, 9:41 a.m., an unattended cellular telephone was taken from a classroom.

5900 block of Cherrywood Terrace, March 6, 12:19 p.m., someone removed a woman's paycheck from her mailbox by unknown means and then cashed the check.

Kay Jewelers in Beltway Plaza Mall, March 6, 4:38 p.m., jewelry was taken.

6800 block of Landon Court, March 7, 4:28 p.m., a video game player and video games were taken. Entry was gained by forcing open the basement door.

Beltway Plaza Mall, March 8, 5:04 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a restroom.

1 court of Gardenway, March 8, 8:34 p.m., three solar-powered lights were taken from the front yard of a residence.

Vandalism

6000 block of Springhill Drive, March 3, 11:21 a.m.,

NASA Announces Road Construction

The Goddard Space Flight Center has announced that construction is scheduled to begin on Monday, March 19 to replace some of the utilities crossing Soil Conservation Service Road immediately north of the first traffic signal from Greenbelt Road (Route 193). The work is planned to last anywhere from two weeks to 30 days depending on weather. Temporary traffic lane modifications, designed in accordance with standards adopted by the state, will permit two-way traffic to continue through the construction period. The agency stresses that Soil Conservation Service Road will not be closed entirely during construction and that normal traffic patterns will resume afterward.

someone broke out the bedroom window of a residence.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a pearl silver 1999 Honda CBR F4 motorcycle with Maryland tags 393D07, March 3, from the 5800 block of Cherrywood Terrace, a 1997 Mazda 626 four-door, March 6, from the 9100 block of Edmonston (recovered March 8 by owner in same area), and a blue 1991 Honda Civic hatchback with Maryland tags FMS 760, March 8, from the 9100 block of Edmonston Road.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas; 5900 block of Cherrywood Lane, 6200 block of Springhill Court, 9100 block of Springhill Lane, 6300 block of Golden Triangle Drive, 6500 block of Capitol Drive, 6200 block of Breezewood Drive, 23 court of Ridge Road, 2 court of Centerway, and 13 court of Hillside Road.

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Greenbelter Stabbed after Traffic Dispute

A 26-year-old Greenbelt man was punched, then stabbed multiple times during an altercation at 6:30 p.m. on March 12. According to Greenbelt Police, a 27-year-old man has been arrested and charged with assault with intent to commit murder, first degree assault and second degree assault.

Both the suspect and victim exited the Beltway after an altercation on the outer loop, onto the ramp at Kenilworth

Avenue, stopping at the first traffic light. At that point both men got out of their cars and the altercation ensued. After the incident, a female occupant in the victim's car drove the victim to Doctor's Community Hospital. He was then transported as a trauma victim to Prince George's Hospital Center, where he is reported to be in stable condition.

The suspect is being held without bond pending trial.



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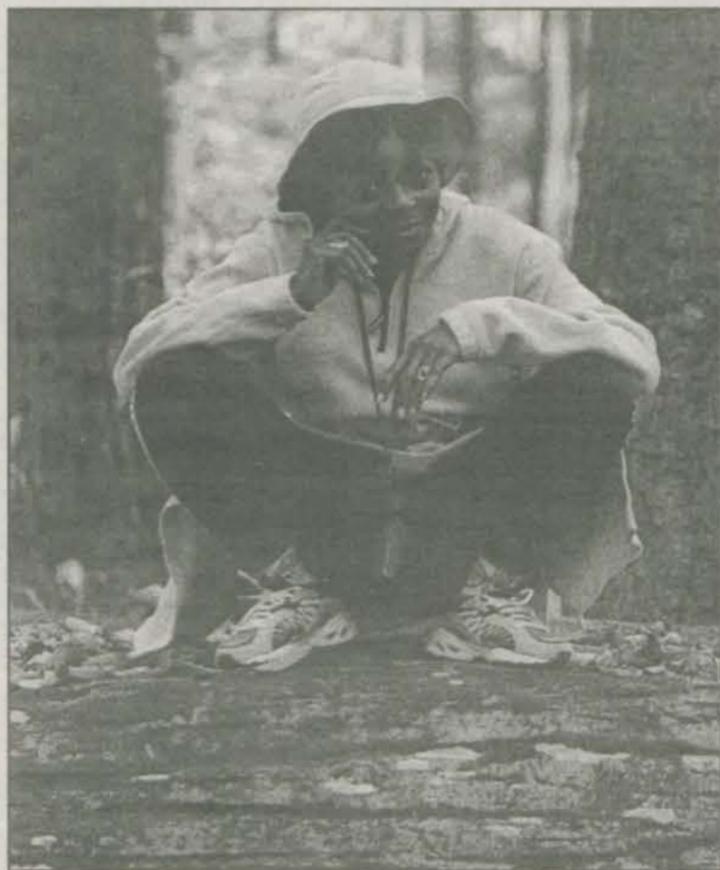


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"From Cameroon to Catoctin," a prize winning photo.
- photo by Andy Carruthers

Local Photographer Wins First Place in Contest

by Nelda Young

The results are in for the year-long "Photo Contest 2000, Celebrating Maryland's Greenways and Parks," which was sponsored by the Maryland Greenways Commission and the state's Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The first place winner was Andy Carruthers of Greenbelt, who said, "I'm flattered to win and glad the money raised will be used to support the parks and recreation."

The first place award of \$1,000 was awarded to Carruthers, a mountain biker-turned-nature-photographer, for his photo, "From Cameroon to Catoctin." It was a last minute idea, he said. Although the competition was open for the entire year, the 36-year-old Carruthers did not decide to enter until late November. He and his Cameroonian friend Leslie Tchampa drove to Gambrills State Park outside Frederick to shoot some pictures with his 30-year-old Minolta 35 mm Single Lens Re-

flex camera. He said he wasted a lot of film to come up with his entry.

Carruthers did not get interested in photography until about a year ago. He says he particularly likes photographing people outdoors. Last summer he entered two pictures in the Greenbelt Labor Day 2000 competition, where he won second place with "Untitled," a bicyclist racing in Arlington. His "Lady Liberty," an abstract picture of the Wheaton water tower, took third place in another category.

Though Carruthers still uses a commercial developer, he has learned to develop black and white pictures himself. With an eye toward the future, he calls his fledgling photographic business Static Photo.

Finalists' photos are on public display in DNR's Carter Library in Annapolis through March 21.

The top seven photos, including "Cameroon," are posted on the Web at www.dnr.state.md.us.



Andy Carruthers, winner of Photo Contest 2000, celebrating Maryland's greenways and parks.

-photo provided by Andy Carruthers

Greenbelt CARES

The week of March 5, Wendy Wexler conducted intake interviews at Eleanor Roosevelt High School for the new teen discussion group. The group will run for eight weeks on Wednesdays in the school guidance office.

The crisis intervention counselors are working with Officer David Mathews from the Greenbelt Police Department and Jodi Jacobson from NASA to put together a domestic violence presentation for NASA employees. There will be a total of four presentations at NASA, each followed by a panel discussion. Some of the topics to be ad-

ressed include how to get the police involved in domestic violence situations, safety plans, why women stay, and how to help a friend or colleague who may be in a potentially dangerous situation. The counselors are pleased with this opportunity to work collaboratively with the NASA community.

The crisis counselors will serve as panelists for the "Not for Seniors Only" forum discussion on conflict resolution. They are working with Bunny Fitzgerald, chairperson of Not for Seniors Only, and Officer Mathews to present a comprehensive program on everyday

conflicts and positive, safe methods to resolve those conflicts.

Ingrid Kleckner and Genevieve Elazier, crisis intervention counselors with Greenbelt CARES, received 33 referrals during the month of January. The breakdown of the referrals was: domestic, 7; physical assault, 2; sexual assault, 2; family, 14 (this includes run-aways, child abuse and neglect, and other family conflicts that are not included in the domestic category); other, 8 (this includes emergency commitments, grief/death notifications, alcohol/drugs, and incidents that are not included elsewhere).

Of the referrals, contact was

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Soprano Sheryl Perry will perform on March 18 at 3 p.m. Perry is a lyric coloratura soprano equally at ease with belle canto and African American gospel mu-

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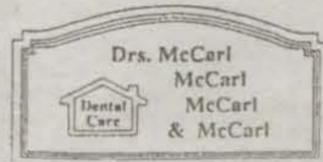
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ACE AWARDS

(Continued from page 1)

Nursery School" and, second, people like the ACE Educators "are one of the reasons Greenbelt is great."

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Greenbelt Elementary School

Mary "Micki" Johnson, who has been on the staff for 19 years, is currently the school's health aide. Mach said she had been called "the medicine for Greenbelt Elementary that is never too hard to swallow." She is loved and respected by children, parents and staff, who appreciate her dedication, resourcefulness, generosity and sense of humor.

Springhill Lake Elementary School

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) teacher, Sara Rosen, was nominated for her positive attitude and genuine concern for the school's families with limited English-language skills. She also participates in the Homework Club and English classes for parents and helps families obtain services from their community. She chairs the county school system's Inquiry Group initiative. In her five years at the school, she has made a valued contribution by sharing her belief in the importance of diversity and its role in the school.

Magnolia Elementary School

Theresa Dolan has worked in education for 25 years and taught at Magnolia for the last eight. As an ESOL teacher, she takes a keen interest in helping parents adjust to life in America by helping them with forms, arranging transportation, assisting with conferences and making home visits. She also assists in the school music programs, solves computer glitches and

monitors student arrivals and departures.

St. Hugh's School

On the staff for 15 years, first as the middle school social studies teacher and now as the fifth grade teacher, Tina McGranaghan has demonstrated tireless devotion to the educational and moral development of students and works hard to develop a rapport with both parents and students. She is flexible in adapting the curriculum to benefit a child's needs and is always looking for new ways to interest students.

Greenbelt Middle School

Eighth-grade science teacher Barbara Clements has had a 39-year career in education, 27 of them at Greenbelt Middle School. She finds ways to make science exciting to her students and is concerned about the well-being of her students and the school. She is willing to take on leadership roles and currently serves as team department chair.

Robert Goddard Middle School

Darnell Sarpy has spent the last six years of her 30-year career as eighth-grade language arts teacher at the school. She has a unique teaching style that helps students develop an enthusiasm for learning. She has done much

throughout the years on behalf of the student body, which includes a number of children from Greenbelt East.

Eleanor Roosevelt High School

Vice Principal Gary King chaired the Middle States Evaluation Committee in 1990 and again in 2000, providing valuable leadership and organizational skills that paved the way for successful results. He maintained continuity during the transition period between the retirement of principal Dr. Gerald Boardman, and the selection of new principal Sylvester Conyers. In his 22 years at the school, King has also served as special education teacher.



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Greenbelters named to the fall semester Dean's List at Salisbury State University are Matthew Cullinan, Alyson Miers, and Kristina Zugby. Congratulations to all.

Congratulations also to Christopher James Wanza of Edmonston Court who received a BS degree from Illinois State University in December.

A diabetes support group will meet on March 20, at 7 p.m. in the Ambulatory Surgery building, 5th floor meeting room of Doctors Community Hospital. The speaker will be Paulette Thompson, M.S.R.D. She will speak on the easy way to control blood sugar, "Carbohydrate Counting." A call to confirm attendance is requested, 301-552-5134.

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KARATE with ARTURO

The Greenbelt Recreation Department is now offering a variety of Karate classes with Arturo and Marcela Oliva. You may register for classes at the Greenbelt Community Center or the Greenbelt Youth Center. Checks should be made payable to "City of Greenbelt." The classes offered are as follows:

- * **Karate (beginners) - 232202-1.**
Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Class begins April 4, 2001 - 8 week class. Resident: \$60; Non-Resident \$75.
Greenbelt Community Center - Dance Studio
- * **Karate (beginners) - 232202-2**
Thursdays 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Class begins April 5, 2001 - 8 week class. Resident: \$60; Non-Resident \$75.
Greenbelt Community Center - Dance Studio
- * **Karate (Inter/Adv) - 232201-1**
Wednesdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Class begins April 4, 2001 - 8 week class. Resident: \$60; Non-Resident \$75. Greenbelt Community Center - Dance Studio
- * **Karate (Inter/Adv) - 232201-2**
Thursdays 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Class begins April 5, 2001 - 8 week class. Resident: \$60; Non-Resident \$75. Greenbelt Community Center - Dance Studio
- * **Cardio Kick Boxing - 242202-1**
Wednesdays 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Class begins April 4, 2001 - 8 week class. Resident: \$60; Non-Resident \$75.
Greenbelt Community Center - Dance Studio
- * **Cardio Kick Boxing - 242202-2**
Thursdays 7:45 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Class begins April 5, 2001 - 8 week class. Resident: \$60; Non-Resident \$75. Greenbelt Community Center - Dance Studio

Registration Information

All classes are in 8 week sessions. Each class session begins on the date noted above. You may register for classes at the Greenbelt Community Center or the Greenbelt Youth Center. Checks should be made payable to "City of Greenbelt." For information please call 301-397-2208. In case of inclement weather please call the Information/Weather HOTLINE at 301-474-5525.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING MORE THAN ONE CLASS PER WEEK YOU MUST SIGN-UP FOR MORE THAN ONE ACTIVITY.

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