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Gordon Pracht, Luis Gonzalez Honored As 2001 Top Officers

by Marat Moore

At a time when security is high on the public agenda, Greenbelt is fortunate to have one of the county's best-equipped and most effective police forces. That translates to improved public safety in Greenbelt, and enhanced responsiveness when problems do flare up.



MPO
Gordon Pracht

Both years he was nominated for Officer of the Year. "His continual outstanding performance has resulted in his recognition for this year's highest



POFC
Luis Gonzalez

honor," Greenbelt Chief of Police James Craze said at the recognition banquet. Pracht also volunteers in two of the department's specialty units focused on crisis negotiation and accident reconstruction. Both units require extensive training. Accident reconstruction training is perhaps the most extensive post-police academy training anyone in the department receives. Greenbelt's accident reconstruction unit has a 100% conviction rate.

Every year, the police department recognizes exemplary performance on the police force with its "Officer of the Year" award. But in the year just completed, the department decided that two officers, Gordon Pracht and Luis Gonzalez, deserved the top honor for 2001. The American Legion hosted a special banquet for the honorees, as it does each year.

Gordon Pracht

Master Police Officer Gordon D. Pracht became a Greenbelt police officer on June 10, 1996, after working for a year as a communications specialist for the department. His arrest statistics are consistently the highest in the department, with most arrests involving drug users and sellers. He follows each arrest through its court proceeding. In 2000, Pracht quickly apprehended murder suspects who had killed a victim after a robbery. In 1999, his crisis communication skills saved a life when he convinced a person not to commit suicide.

work ethic and "outstanding performance as a patrol officer and his never ending efforts to personally aid in the betterment of the department and the community that he serves."

A resident of Greenbelt, Pracht also volunteers his free time to the department and to the community. He helps new recruits by serving as a volunteer field training officer. A former Springhill Lake resident, he

sortment of seafood, sushi, Chinese favorites, soups, American foods and desserts. They are open for both lunch and dinner. A children's menu with reduced prices is also available. This location has been completely renovated and occupies 6,227 square feet.

Like On TV is a 700 square foot store filled with products seen advertised on TV but are sold at prices below advertised TV price. Watch World, a kiosk, has a wide variety of brands including Bulova, Citizen, Seiko, and Geneva for the shopper looking for a quality watch at a more reasonable price.

Silver Variety, as its name suggests, offers a wide variety of high quality silver jewelry from earrings to bracelets. Their high quality silver of 92.5 does not tarnish. The store is 480 square feet and lies directly across from AMC 8 Theatres.

Ties, Shirts & More is best known for its variety of reasonably priced Van Heusen shirts. The store, occupying 1,300 square feet, also carries a large selection of neckties.

Luis Gonzalez

Luis Gonzalez has proved to be an outstanding addition to the department since he joined it on July 12, 1999. A former Federal Protective Services police officer in Washington, D.C., and currently a Greenbelt resident, Gonzalez has received several commendations for his efforts as a patrol officer. During one "extraordinary arrest," according to a police department statement, Gonzalez pursued the identity of an armed felon, which led him to determine that he was a long-time drug dealer who had been "plaguering the eastern seaboard with cocaine trafficking violations." Due to Gonzalez' "tenacious" investigation, the suspect was sent back to several states where he was being sought for felony drug charges.

Known for his diligence, Gonzalez leads his squad in overall statistics, which are among the department's highest. A recent

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Live from Springhill Lake. Cameras roll outside the SHL Rec Center as youth movie "Attitude Is Everything" is made.

Butler, SHL Rec Boys Star In Movie about "Attitude"

by Mary Moien

Lights, camera, action! The cameras are rolling at Springhill Lake Rec Center. Under the guidance of Brian Butler, boys are producing a movie about youth at risk, conflict resolution, and street life. Butler is a City of Greenbelt Rec Coordinator who organized a youth group at the Rec Center. The group is B.U.I.L.D.I.N.G., which stands for Boys United In Learning, Developing, and Igniting the Next Generation. A few girls are also involved in the group.

The movie in progress is entitled "Attitude Is Everything" and is partly funded by the new Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland. The young filmmakers hope to dramatize to African-American boys the pain and peril of unmanaged anger, unresolved conflicts, and life on the wrong side of the law. The all-boy cast

was central in writing the script, allowing the youth to take ownership of the creative effort.

By acting in this video, they have a chance to experience vivid, poignant fiction and learn about the consequences of their moral choices without taking real, irrevocable risks. "Drama Is Life Productions" Program Director Wanda Schell drew her original script from working with similar groups, but let the SHL boys put in their own touch.

The B.U.I.L.D.I.N.G. group meets regularly with Butler, who has even enlisted the aid of his father-in-law, Steven Burke, Sr., in some of the activities. To raise funds for activities, the young people have taken over delivery of the Greenbelt News Review in Springhill Lake. The payment they receive is a major source of funds for their activities.

Beltway Plaza Has New Stores

In an effort to improve and diversify its retail offerings to better serve the community, Beltway Plaza Shopping Center and Quantum Companies announce the addition of seven new merchants. Dynamix; Lucaya; New York Buffet; Like on TV; Watch World; Silver Variety; and Ties, Shirts & More; join major existing stores such as Target, Burlington Coat Factory, Value City Department Store, Giant Food, Marshalls, Sports Authority, AMC Theatres, Jeepers and PetSmart.

Dynamix is a men's fashion store occupying 3,460 square feet of completely renovated space that specializes in jean/denim pants, jean suits, sweat suits, khaki pants, shirts, jackets and sweaters.

Lucaya is a women's fashion store that is known for its Milan and Lucaya jeans. It also includes casual apparel and accessories. This location is one of six throughout the Maryland, Virginia and D.C. area and occupies 3,600 square feet of totally renovated retail space.

The New York Buffet is a Chinese Buffet boasting an as-

Artful Afternoon: Postal Art Workshop

Create unique postal art at this month's Artful Afternoon on Sunday, February 3 in the Community Center. Would-be artists of all ages, no experience needed, will create designs for cards, envelopes or even valentines. Explore a variety of techniques to make mailable art to send to a friend. All materials will be provided. The workshop runs from 2 to 4 p.m.

The Community Center's Artful Afternoon also features the open studios of the center's artists in residence from 1 to 5 p.m. Greenbelt Pottery will offer ceramics for sale during these hours.

While at the Community Center, visitors also are invited to view the current exhibit of documentary photography sponsored by the Greenbelt Museum: "Picturing Victims and Patriots." The city's historic house museum, located across the street at 10-B Crescent Road, will also be open for tours from noon to 5 p.m. For information about the Greenbelt Museum, call 301-507-6582.



Brian Butler of the SHL Rec Center provides guidance and encouragement to his cast.

What Goes On

Sunday, February 3,

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

Monday, February 4,

8 p.m., Council worksession on RFP for Visual Arts, Community Center

Wednesday, February 6,

8 p.m. Council worksession with Senior Citizens Advisory Board on senior open forum meeting, Community Center

Thursday, February 7,

7:30 p.m., Arts Advisory Board meeting, Community Center

7:30 p.m., GHI Board meeting, Community Center

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Final Week

Help put us over \$10,000!

We're close and this will be the last week of our fund drive. We thank all those who have helped to support our newspaper financially. Equally, we thank the many who support our paper by volunteering, contribute articles to it, patronize our advertisers or just read it.

The fund drive is necessary to help assure the financial viability of the all-volunteer newspaper at a time when our production costs increased dramatically, while our advertising revenues have not kept pace.

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Park and Planning Receives Awards

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) was honored recently by the National Capital Area Chapter of the American Planning Association (APA). The M-NCPPC received eight awards (more than half of the awards presented this year) from the chapter for outstanding planning projects and services provided by M-NCPPC's Prince George's County Planning Department and Montgomery County Department of Park and Planning. Two of the projects had impact on the Greenbelt area. In addition, former Commission Chairman W. C. "Bud" Dutton was honored with the prestigious Frederick Gutheim Planning Award for his efforts to protect and enhance natural, cultural, and historic resources in the Washington metropolitan area.

The awards were presented at the National Capital Area Chapter's holiday banquet. The commission received awards in the following categories:

Excellent Awards—Building Community, "Anacostia Trails Heritage Area Management Plan"; Physical Planning, "Greenbelt Metro Area Sector Plan, Sectional Map Amendment; Policy Planning, "Metro Station Concept Plans: Findings from the Shady Grove and Twinbrook Charrette"; Building Community, "Montgomery Hills, Georgia Avenue Study"; Policy Planning, "Prince George's County Biennial Growth Policy Plan - Smart Growth."

Meritorious Awards—Building Community, "Riverdale Park Architectural Study"; Physical Planning, "Takoma Park Master Plan"; Building Community, "Teaching Planning Concepts in Prince George's County's Elementary Schools."

The Old Curmudgeon



"Well, how is mister 'It's warm outside, I don't need a shirt' doing?"

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Letters

Lively Arts

Did you see the huge line of people last Friday night for Gosford Park stretching across and down the plaza? A couple of friends and I decided instead to go to the wonderful production of A Chalk Garden at the Greenbelt Arts Center, which was about half-full. But how many of those waiting in line knew about the play right nearby? Or the New Deal Café's music that evening? Why is it not possible to have a small, tasteful bulletin board of our lively arts offerings at a central plaza location for those who come here for recreation on weekends but are not fortunate enough to get the News Review? It would be in keeping with Greenbelt's arts scene, of which we should be proud.

Harriette Phelps

Thanks

Open Letter
To Commander Thomas S. Dean
Greenbelt American Legion
Post #136

On behalf of the men and women of the Greenbelt Police Department, I wish to thank the members of Post #136 for hosting the thirteenth annual Officer of the Year Awards Banquet. The program means a great deal to us and we certainly appreciate the hospitality that was extended.

The 2001 banquet, coming soon after the tragic events of September 11, reinforces the spirit and support of the community for the public safety personnel who provide service to Greenbelt.

Please relay a special note of thanks to Committee Chair Joe Beam for the work he did planning and emceeding the evening's event.

James R. Craze
Chief of Police

Montpelier Arts Competition Opens

The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center announces its bi-annual competition to select eight to ten two-month long exhibitions to be held in the Library Gallery. To be eligible, artists must be Maryland residents. Artists may apply for solo shows or as groups. An honorarium of \$300 will be presented for each exhibition to the artist or artists exhibiting (i.e., groups share the \$300 honorarium). The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center staff will handle all promotion and installation, as well as the reception.

This year's juror is Bernard Mangiaracina, dean of arts and humanities at Montgomery College in Pennsylvania.

For information on requirements for a solo or group show in 2003 or 2004 call 301-953-1993, 410-792-0664, or TTY 301-490-2329. Deadline for entries is March 28, 2002.

The Montpelier Cultural Arts Center is a facility of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Department of Parks and Recreation, Prince George's County, Arts and Cultural Heritage Division.

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MEETING OF GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Thursday, February 7, 2002
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Community Center

GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Contributions Policy
- Moratorium on Rehab Loan Payoffs
- Schedule Work Session on Rental Garage Policy

Regular board meetings are open to members.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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Community Events

Exploring the Brain

Explorations Unlimited welcomes Dr. Robert Smith, a neuroscientist and chairman of the Psychology Department at George Mason University, on Friday, February 8. Dr. Smith will be explaining how knowledge about the brain, its development and its function, has grown by leaps and bounds in recent years. His talk will illustrate some of the important recent advances in understanding the organ that is "who we are."

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

Valentine Lunch For Seniors

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks seniors and a guest are invited to a lunch in the Terrace Room to celebrate Valentine's Day on Tuesday, February 12. Please RSVP to Tina at 301-441-1096 by Friday, February 8.

Valentine Party Greenbriar/Glen Oaks

A children's Valentine party will be held Saturday, February 9, at 1 p.m. Greenbriar/Glen Oaks children 10 and under are invited to make valentines and enjoy a special entertainment. Refreshments will be served after the show. This is a free event but please register with Tina at 301-441-1096 by Thursday, February 7.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of January 21 Teresa Smithson interviewed sixth, seventh and eighth grade students for counseling discussion groups at Greenbelt Middle School. Teresa is assisted by Greenbelt Middle School guidance counselors Wayne Davis, Brenda Fishman and DeVonne Johnson.

Teresa also met with Robyn Strauss, crisis intervention teacher at Greenbelt Elementary School, on January 14 to plan for second and fifth grade student leadership development groups. They talked with second and fifth grade teachers to become better acquainted with the students selected for groups which are scheduled to begin February 4.

Boys and Girls Club Basketball Games

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club games for the month of February are as follows:

- Friday, February 8, 6:45 p.m. Fireballs vs. Terps
 - 8 p.m. Raiders vs. Manticores
 - Saturday, February 9, 9 a.m. Raiders vs. Terps
 - 10:15 a.m. Fireballs vs. Manticores
 - Friday, February 15, 6:45 p.m. Raiders vs. Manticores
 - 8 p.m. Fireballs vs. Terps
 - Saturday, February 16, 9 a.m. Terps vs. Manticores
 - 10:15 a.m. Fireballs vs. Raiders
 - Friday, February 22, 6:45 p.m. Manticores vs. Fireballs
 - 8 p.m. Terps vs. Raiders
- All games are played at the Greenbelt Youth Center.

ERHS Students Join Nat'l Shadow Day

More than 240 Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) students are scheduled to join students from across the country to participate in National Shadow Day, Friday, February 1. At ERHS, the Shadow Day is being organized through the school's Academy Programs and is sponsored by businesses and government agencies in the Washington, D. C. area including the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency, Marriott Corporation, U.S. Department of Commerce, the Washington Times newspaper, and the U.S. Department of Education. In the last three months, each sponsoring organization has worked closely with ERHS to shape a shadow experience unique to the location.

Some students in the Academy of Advanced Technology will shadow top personnel at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The U.S. Central Intelligence Agency has established an ongoing partnership with ERHS in support of the school's Academy programs. Throughout the year, the agency provided assemblies, field trips, scholarship opportunities and special programs scheduled during lunch for students. On February 1, the CIA will sponsor a Shadow Day activity at ERHS for 90 students enrolled in a national information technology pilot program.

Additional shadow itineraries include experiences for students in the Academy of Health and Human Services to shadow professionals at the Department of Education and elementary schools. Marriott Corporation will host students enrolled in the school's Academies of Business and Computer Information Management and Law, Global Affairs and Public Service at the Greenbelt Marriott. The Washington Times is planning a Shadow Day activity for students in the Academy of Arts and Communication.

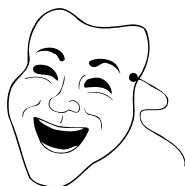
Greenbelt's Movie Is Gosford Park

Director Rober Altman's "Gosford Park" is playing at the Old Greenbelt Theatre again this week. Altman has won director of the year for this film both from the American Film Institute and Golden Globe.

A mystery set in a 1930s country estate in England, the comedy stars Maggie Smith, Kristin Scott Thomas, Helen Mirren, Michael Gambon and others. The story is about "selfishness, greed, snobbery and class eccentricity - a joyous and audacious achievement" according to reviewer Roger Ebert.

Theater patrons may wish to come early this weekend. The staff reports that seats were almost sold out last Friday and Saturday nights.

Other good films owner Paul Sanchez hopes to show are The Closet, The Endurance, A Beautiful Mind and The Royal Tennenbaums.



The "Moms Morning Out" children took a walk in the 70° weather yesterday. Greenbelt Recreation Department's Gaye Houchens, on left runs the program.

PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald
President Ima Davis presided at the January 23 meeting. She asked for suggestions to encourage new members to attend meetings and be active. A suggestion sheet was passed out.

The meeting was interrupted by a fire drill and all present filed out in an orderly manner. We were glad to hear that it was only a drill.

Ellie Rimar from the sunshine committee sent a card to John Taylor, who had fallen on the ice and broken his arm. He attended the meeting wearing a blue sling. The group was glad Shirley Egenreider was able to attend with the help of a cane.

Bill Souser reported he had copies of the updated bylaws.

Lori Moran from the travel committee confirmed the June 20 trip to see "Daniel" at the Sight and Sound. She also mentioned the upcoming trips and that they all sound great. Check with the travel committee for details and fees.

The 50/50 winners were Theresa Scullen and Mary Gardner.

Joanne McCarthy, a new member, was welcomed to the club.

Ellie Rimar introduced the film, "Touring Alaska." She gave highlights of her trip with a bit of history. Alaska was called "Seward's Folly" when it was purchased but eventually became the 49th state and a wonderful place to visit.

GEAC to Meet Feb. 7

The Greenbelt East Advisory Committee will meet Thursday, Feb. 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the community room at Greenbriar. Greenbelt's community resource advocate, Ann MacKenzie, will make a presentation at the meeting. New business on the agenda will include CB-40, a bill adopted by the County Council loosening restrictions on development that would result in overcrowding in local schools.

City Notes

The week of January 25, the horticulture crew pruned branches to correct the growth habit of trees on Hanover Parkway from Greenbelt Road to Good Luck Road, on Megan Lane and Springshire Way, the parking lot at Schrom Hills Park, and the city right-of-way near Hunting Ridge. The crew also removed a pine tree which was leaning on a bus shelter in Lakewood, and a tree which had fallen over the path at Buddy Attick Park.

The parks crew cleared the woods around McDonald Field of underbrush and briars and collected Christmas trees around the city. The crew also cleared underbrush and dead trees on Crescent Road.

The streets crew repaired potholes around the city, cleaned storm drains and underpasses and made temporary repairs to an uneven sidewalk between 232 and 234 Lastner Lane. The crew also assisted the Recycling Committee by taking boxes of Christmas cards to the Post Office and set up the boxes for the electronics recycling day.

Simplicity Circle Forming Monday

A group devoted to voluntary simplicity is hoping to form a circle in Greenbelt. Plans are to have a first meeting on Monday evening, February 4; however, a location had not been secured at press time. Interested persons are invited to attend to learn more about this movement. For additional information, and the location, contact Lore Rosenthal at SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com.

Poetry Plus Meets

Poetry Plus, a group for poets and poetry lovers to listen and talk, an appreciative audience for new poems or old, poems people love, hate or don't understand, will meet on Saturday, February 9, at the Greenbelt Library, 10:30 a.m. to noon. The suggested topic is "Love and Friendship." The discussion is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry. It will help to bring five to 10 copies of poems to be read.



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Saturday
*1:45, *4:30, 7:25, 9:50

Sunday
*1:45, *4:30, 7:25

Monday - Thursday
7:30

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Planning Our Dream Retirement

by Cathie Meetre

We're at that stage of life where thoughts of retirement drift through the mind. In particular, one imagines moving. Perhaps, having been in the same frugal little house for about 15 years and in the same community for nearly 25, it's time for a change. Lots of people, when they retire, fulfill some domestic dream - moving to the country, living in a warm place, building the dream house, even emigrating to inexpensive and sunny havens in simpler societies. Possibly this is a wonderful plan.

Being analytical types, we decided that the best way to examine the issue was to perform the same process that software engineers go through in creating new programs. The first step is called 'requirements analysis' and this means writing down each verifiable task that the software must perform - for us this meant determining what needs we had for our house itself and what must be the attributes of its location.

We brainstormed. This step is not particularly impressive when we do it because our brains are small and the storm they produce noticeable only for its general feebleness. But the result was a set of criteria that would help us identify the correct design for our future life. We identified several major elements: walk easily to all major services like food store, community facili-

ties and sports, post office, banking, hair cutting, and movies; use public transportation to get to places in the wider world; have three bedrooms but not too much space; no cars directly outside our house (quirky, but there you go); stairs that are straight so that a stair-climbing machine can be attached; we must be where we have friends and family in the vicinity and be part of a community; access to the cultural, educational and medical amenities of a major urban area.

After all this cogitating, we realized one simple fact. We had moved into our retirement home - a GHI brick next to the inner walkway and within spitting distance of the center - about 30 years earlier than we needed to. We also realized that there was nowhere else that even came close.

So, here we are and here, it seems, we stay.

My spirit of adventure is mortified by this discovery. I feel I should immediately rush off and blunder through successive stressful real estate transactions in far-flung places just to prove that I'm still capable of spontaneity. But common sense prevails. I can go on vacation to sunny climes and idyllic pastoral places. I can rent a room with a view. I can try out the delights of everywhere. But then, by golly, I can come home.

GIVES Board Meets With Ann MacKenzie

At a recent executive board meeting, the Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) met with Greenbelt's Community Resource Advocate, Ann MacKenzie to share information linking seniors to appropriate resources.

GIVES is a service organization in which members volunteer to help the frail, disabled, and elderly live independently as long as possible. Anyone may join, even the home-bound may help.

Office Manager Kate Connolly reported that during the last quarter, ending November 10, 43 requests for assistance had been filled. The majority were for transportation, either for medical, or grocery shopping, with friendly visitors being the next most requested service. Other services provided were minor home repairs not covered by Greenbelt Homes Co-op, assisting with paperwork, sewing and mending, telephone reassurance, and pet-walking for the home-bound.

Connolly wishes to remind those needing it that there are members available on weekends ready to help, but requests for services must be made during the week by calling 301-507-6580. All requests require a notice of 24 hours. "And, don't forget," says Connolly, "the library book delivery service."

The GIVES board also authorized the donation of \$100 to assist the city with its First Night Celebration.

GIVES welcomes newcomers, from Springhill Lake to Greenbelt East, all ages, to join. For further information call the number listed above or visit the GIVES office in the senior lounge in Greenbelt's Community Center any weekday morning from 10 a.m. until noon.

Methodist Church Lenten Services

Mowatt's plans for the forthcoming Lenten season include a pancake supper on Shrove Tuesday, February 12 at 6 p.m. The community is invited.

Boy Scout Sunday will be celebrated February 17 during 11 a.m. worship.

Special services for Lent include Ash Wednesday Service on February 13 at 7 p.m.

This year the study theme concerns seven words from the crucifixion of Jesus Christ - "The

Word of Scorn," "The Late Word," "The Word of Indifference," "The Word of Faith," "The Word of Testimony," "The Courageous Word," and "The Futile Word." These are different from the last words of Christ previously studied. Study will be held in the chapel upstairs and a light meal will be served.

Poisoned? Call New Number for Advice

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Congratulations to Robert Anthony Iacovazzi, Jr. who received a doctor of philosophy degree from the State University of New York, at Albany.



Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.
Municipal Building

Baha'i Faith

"O Son of Being! Thy heart is My home; sanctify it for My descent. Thy spirit is My place of revelation; cleanse it for My manifestation."
-Baha'i Sacred Writings

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CLERGY APPRECIATION WEEK

February 3 through 9

Parkway Civitan Club Honors Greenbelt Clergy

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MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m.
Saturday 5 p.m.

Daily Mass: As announced
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.
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9:00 am Christian Education for All Ages
10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted

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Diversity Career Job Fair at PGCC

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission and Prince George's Community College are sponsoring their third Diversity Career Job Fair 2002.

The job fair will be held on Saturday, February 2, at the college's Largo Student Center from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This year about 40 vendors from local government agencies and businesses will be on hand to recruit applicants for technical, health care, finance, administrative/clerical, protective service and service maintenance positions. Participants are encouraged to bring several copies of their resume.

For more information, call 301-454-1411 or 301-454-1406 and ask for Edward Moseley.



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Hoyer Supports Telecommuting

Recently, Congressman Steny Hoyer and Office of Personnel Management Director Kay Coles James tried working at the Bowie State Telecommuting Center, one of 15 telecenters in the area. Six are in Maryland. While there, they spoke with the federal employees who regularly work at the center.

"I have been a big supporter of telecommuting centers for almost a decade," said Congressman Hoyer. "Telecommuting is a way for us to improve employees' lives by reducing their total commute time, while benefiting the larger community by putting fewer cars on the road. I am going to try to help this program continue to grow in the future."

The Washington, D.C. area has the second worst traffic congestion in the nation, just behind Los Angeles. The average commute is 30 minutes each way - second worst again, just behind New York. Commuters in the region waste more time (82 hours a year) and more money (\$1,290 per driver) in traffic delays than in any other large city. Telecommuting centers reduce demands and wear on government-funded infrastructure and ease congestion on roadways.

Telecommuting is slowly becoming a part of life and a transportation solution in the metropolitan region. More than 11% of the Washington area's 2.3 million households now include employees who regularly telecommute. It is estimated that 423 workers from numerous federal agencies use the region's telecenters.

Radio Station Needs Help for Telethon

WAMU-FM 88.5 will hold a volunteer recruitment telethon for the metro area on February 14 from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. One location will be the Prince George's Volunteer Center, 5012 Rhode Island Avenue in Hyattsville. Call 301-699-2800 to register for a two hour shift. Refreshments will be served throughout the day.

Visually Impaired Need Readers

The Metropolitan Washington Ear, Inc. needs readers to record newspapers and magazines for their free telephone access by the visually impaired. Volunteers are asked to read at least two hours once a week every other week as available. An audition is required and hours are flexible. For more information call on weekdays at 301-681-6636. The office address is 35 University Boulevard East, Silver Spring.

Shows on the Stars At Science Center

"More than Meets the Eye," a planetarium show at the Howard B. Owens Science Center, describes what can be seen, from planets to galaxies, through small backyard telescopes. A second show, "Saving the Night," details why light pollution makes it hard to see the night sky. Both programs will be presented on Friday, February 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m. The two shows will be followed by a viewing of the current night sky to point out stars, constellations, and planets. The program is suitable for all ages. There is a fee.

The Howard B. Owens Science Center is located at 9601 Greenbelt Road, Lanham. For information, call 301-918-8750 or e-mail rwaugh@pgcps.org.

Adult Ed Needs Help

The Prince George's County Adult Basic Education program is encouraging county residents to volunteer for two hours a week to help adults acquire basic reading, writing and math skills and prepare for GED tests. Call Joyce or Jean at 301-985-1780 to register for an orientation.

Carpools Forming For BC/BS Meeting

Persons concerned about the privatization of Blue Cross / Blue Shield are urged to attend a meeting Monday, February 11 at 5 p.m. at Montgomery College in Rockville. Car pools are being organized for persons needing rides. Those who can drive are asked to call 301-474-6668.

U. S. Navy Band At U. of Md.

The United States Navy Band with guest French horn soloist Greg Miller, of the Empire Brass Quintet, will perform free at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland on Friday, February 8 at 8 p.m.

Under the direction of Commander Ralph M. Gambone, this special "Music of the Masters" program features Paul Hindemith's "Symphony in B-flat," Peter I. Tchaikovsky's "Capriccio Italien," Malcolm Arnold's "Tam O'Shanter" and Dmitri Shostakovich's "Festive Overture."

French horn soloist Greg Miller is featured in Richard Strauss' "Concerto for Horn, No. 1." In addition, Professor John Wakefield, director of bands at the university, will guest conduct the ensemble on Percy A. Grainger's "Irish Tune from County Derry" and "Shepherds Hey."

For information, call 301-405-ARTS (2787).

Abstract Paintings At U. of Maryland

The art gallery in the art/sociology building at the University of Maryland will present a free exhibition, "Steven Cushner: Recent Paintings". The show consists of 24 works comprised of large acrylic-on-canvas and smaller watercolor paintings from the nationally recognized Washington D.C. area abstract painter. The exhibition opens February 7 and closes on March 9.

The art gallery is open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., except that on Thursdays the gallery is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For information, call 301-405-2763, or visit the website at www.artgallery.umd.edu.



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Beth Sherrill is soaking up the sun at the Center Wednesday morning, sipping her coffee and putting off going to work as long as possible.



City Information



CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS & WORK SESSIONS FEBRUARY 2002

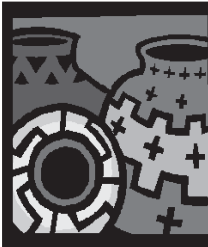
Work Sessions		
RFP for Visual Arts	2/4	8:00pm CC
SCAC Open Forum Mtg.	2/6	8:00pm CC
Regular Meeting	2/11	8:00pm MB
Midterm Legislative Dinner	2/12	6:30pm Annapolis
Four Cities Meeting	2/14	7:30pm College Pk.
Work Sessions		
City Goals	2/16	10am-5pm MB
TBA	2/20	8:00pm MB
Regular Meeting	2/25	8:00pm MB
Work Session		
GHI Board (Stakeholder)	2/27	8:00pm CC

MB=Municipal Building CC=Community Center
This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation call 301-474-8000. Regular meetings and work sessions are open to the public. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 or TTY 301-474-2046.

ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Arts Advisory Board- Thursday, 2/7 at 7:30pm at the Community Center.

Openings exist on the following City Council Advisory Boards and Committees: Arts Advisory Board; Park and Recreation Advisory Committee; and the Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee. For information call 301-474-8000.



Artful Afternoon at the Greenbelt Community Center

Sunday, February 3

- Pottery sale and art studio open house, 1-5pm
- Free postal art workshop, all ages, 2-4pm
- Also tour the Greenbelt Museum's documentary photography exhibit at the Community Center and tour the house museum at 10-B Crescent Road, 12-5pm.

OPEN GYM HOURS

Community Center

Thursdays and Fridays from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, beginning Thursday, February 7, 2002. Participants must be 18 years old or younger and present a valid School or Greenbelt Recreation ID in order to enter the gym. For more information, please call the Community Center at 301-397-2208.

Youth Center

Sundays from 5pm-9:45pm
Mondays from 7:30pm-9:45pm
Saturdays from 1pm-9:45pm

Springhill Lake Recreation Center

Sundays from 4pm-9:45pm
Mondays -Wednesdays from 2pm-5:30pm
Thursdays from 3pm-3:30pm
Friday from 2pm-4:30pm
Saturdays from 4pm-9:45pm

Valid Greenbelt Recreation Facility ID needed for City facilities. Please call 301-397-2200.

Greenbelt Middle School

Sunday from 1-5pm



GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access 301-474-8000: Tuesday and Thursday, 2/5 & 2/7: 7pm-COG-Meeting the Challenge; 7:15pm Smart Growth-Transforming Landscapes & Lives; 7:30pm Race and Realism in Farm Security Administration Photography.

Public Access 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, 2/6 & 2/8: 7pm-Greenbelt Lion's Club 50th Anniversary; 8:15pm-"Preserving the Future"; 9pm "Peace and Justice Coalition Nuclear Missile Public Forum.

The child tax credit goes to \$600

There was good news for families in the 2001 tax law. The tax credit for every child under age 17 increased from \$500 to \$600. The new law also makes the child credit refundable in more situations. That means you could get a refund of the credit even if you paid no income tax or paid less tax than the credit amount. For more information about the credit or for assistance in preparing your 2001 tax return, call our office.

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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.

Burglaries

5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, January 18, 7:47 p.m. Two 16-year-old youths, a 15-year-old, and a 14-year-old, all residents, were arrested for burglary and malicious destruction. When officers responded to a report of vandalism in a vacant apartment, the four youths were observed inside the apartment and apprehended upon attempting to flee on foot. All four were released to parents or guardians pending action by the Juvenile Justice System.

Funcoland, January 19, 4:18 a.m., unknown persons broke into the store, taking several game players and video games.

7500 block Mandan Road, January 23, 6:04 p.m., a television set was taken after a rear window was broken out of the residence.

Theft

AMC 8 Theatres, January 21, 7:10 p.m. a victim's purse was grabbed after she placed it on the floor in the lobby. The suspect was observed getting into a vehicle described as a green Jeep Grand Cherokee, Maryland tags M457378. She is described as a black female, 23 to 26 years of age, 5'5" and 150 lbs., with black hair, wearing a black leather jacket and blue jeans.

Bank of America, January 18, 8:01 a.m., an individual reported accidentally leaving his ATM card in the machine; it was later used to withdraw money by an unknown person.

Last Stop clothing store, January 18, 2:47 p.m. an unattended cellular phone was taken.

7600 block of Hanover Parkway, January 22, 2:20 p.m., a 15-year-old male resident was arrested after he was found to be in possession of a jacket allegedly taken from an unsecured locker at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. He was released to a parent pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Bally's Health and Fitness, January 18, 5:51 p.m., a wallet and ring were taken from a secured locker.

Martin's Crosswinds, January 21, 12:24 a.m., a coat was taken from a closet.

Robbery

6900 block Hanover Parkway, January 24, 2:38 p.m., a resident was asleep when he awoke to find the suspect in his bedroom. The suspect threatened to shoot the victim but displayed no weapon. He tied up the victim, then took a laptop computer and several CDs. The suspect is described as a black male in his twenties, 6' with a medium build, wearing a black baseball cap, a dark jacket, dark pants and black horn-rimmed glasses.

Drug Violations

6000 block Springhill Drive, January 18, 6:40 p.m. a male nonresident was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

Officers responded to a report of suspicious persons possibly selling drugs and a description was provided. A suspect matching the description was found in possession of a quantity of possible "crack" cocaine. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

Deadly Weapon

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, January 18, 1:10 p.m., a 16-year-old nonresident, a 17-year-old and a 15-year-old both residents, were arrested for possession of a deadly weapon on school property after school administrators prevented a fight at the school. All three were released pending action by the School Board and the Juvenile Justice System.

Trespass

T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, January 19, 9:24 p.m. a male non-resident was arrested and charged with trespass when he refused to leave upon being requested to do so after a verbal altercation. He was released on citation pending trial.

T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant, January 19, 12:38 a.m., a male non-resident was arrested and charged with trespass when he refused to leave upon being requested to do so after a verbal altercation. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vehicle Crimes

The following vehicles were reported stolen:

A 1997 Toyota Corolla 4-door, reported stolen, was recovered January 17 in the 6900 block of Hanover Parkway. No arrests were made.

A maroon 1997 Buick Park Avenue 4-door, reported stolen, was recovered January 23 in the 8000 block of Mandan Road. No arrests were made.

A 2002 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, reported stolen January 21, was recovered the same day near Suitland Road in Washington D.C. No arrests were made.

A 1996 Dodge Neon 2-door, reported stolen January 23, was recovered the same day in the 100 block of V Street N.W., Washington, D.C. No arrests were made.

A 1997 Dodge Intrepid 4-door, reported stolen, was recovered January 19 in the area of Edmonston Court and Edmonston Road. A male non-resident was stopped in the attempt to drive the vehicle away, and was arrested after fleeing the scene on foot. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

A black 1997 Honda Accord 4-door, Mass. tags YEY6185 from the 7800 block of Walker Drive.

Cherrywood Lane and Greenbelt Road, January 21, a male non-resident was arrested and charged with theft and driving with a suspended license. He was stopped for a traffic violation

and a computer check revealed that the tags had been reported stolen to the Fairfax County Police Department. He was released on citations pending trial.

Southway and Crescent Road, a male non-resident was arrested and charged with theft, driving while intoxicated, and driving with a suspended license, and a female non-resident was arrested and charged with theft. The vehicle they were in was observed being driven erratically. When it was stopped, a computer check revealed that the tags had been reported stolen to the Greenbelt Police Department. Both suspects were released on citations pending trial.

Vandalisms to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas:

5600 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 6000 block Greenbelt Road, 6200 block Breezewood Drive, 6400 block Capitol Drive, 7400 block Greenway Center Drive, 8100 block Craddock Road, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 9100 block Edmonston Road, 9100 block Springhill Lane, and Mandan Road (7500, 7800 and 8000 blocks).

Police Update Barnes Attack

The investigation is ongoing regarding the attack in Roosevelt Center on Alex Barnes, according to Greenbelt Police Officer George Matthews. He reported that there are "strong leads" but no arrests have been made. City Manager Michael McLaughlin had stated in the January 14 city council meeting that a suspect from Lanham had been identified because Barnes had been able to get a license plate number.

Anyone with information about the incident may call 301-507-6533.

OFFICERS

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example occurred during the annual Maryland Chiefs of Police challenge for seatbelt safety. Gonzalez led the department in writing the most seatbelt warnings and tickets. He was honored for that at a banquet hosted by the Maryland Chiefs.

In addition to his conscientious police work, Gonzalez volunteered to be the department's on-call Spanish-language interpreter. He has also become a liaison to the Latino community. Describing his work in this area, Craze praised Gonzalez at the banquet. "Always understanding and helpful, he provides an invaluable service by calming and assisting the Latino victims of crime and by interpreting for the police investigators," he said.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

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A Greenbelt Gardener

by Rosie Rhubarb

In the heart of winter there are still beautiful things to see in the garden. The plants that are still green are very much appreciated now. And some plants add interest to the garden with colorful berries or interesting shape.

The true beauty of a well-formed tree can really be seen and appreciated in the winter when it stands without leaves. Think of a tall, well-grown tree standing by itself fully formed in the shape natural to its species. All the intricate network of branches can be seen only in the winter.

In recent years there has been a trend in gardening circles to include plants that because of their shapes or other characteristics add interest to the winter landscape. Colored berries are the most common example, such as the red berries on a holly tree. Other plants that have colored berries are nandina (pictured above), which has clusters of red or orange berries at the end of the branches; barberry, small berries on a thorny bush; winterberry; and privet.

Some species of roses have bright colored hips - the swollen part which is right under the flower - that persist into winter.

Some species of grasses are planted for their pleasing shapes. Some are tall enough to be used as a privacy screen. The tufts blowing in the wind can be quite interesting to see. There are ornamental grasses planted on



PHOTO BY MARY LOU WILLIAMSON

Southway near the intersection of Greenbelt Road, and next to some garages to partially hide them.

Some plants retain their dried seed pods or parts of their flowering structure. Hydrangea shrubs still have flower heads though they are now brown. Sedum is a perennial flower that holds its shape through the winter. The seedpods can be seen, for example, the round middle part of the black-eyed Susan.

Garden Tasks

This is the slow season in the garden year, though a gardener can still find things to do if the desire to putter in the garden is strong. For most gardeners, the best garden activity is planning this year's garden. Seeds are in the stores. Look at garden books in the store or library for ideas.

On a warmish day the garden can be cleaned up or the soil prepared for next year's planting. If cleaning up, remember to call the city's Department of Public Works at 301-474-8004 for pick-up of yard debris right off your property.

Interesting Briefs On Agriculture

Latest research briefs from the Agricultural Research Service discuss, among other things,

- How brightly colored purple, red and orange potatoes high in antioxidants may someday soon appear at a grocer near you.

- An interactive nutrition survey showing that while homocysteine levels were associated with memory loss among the over-60 set, those whose blood folate levels were up appeared to garner some measure of protection.

- That lab tests using cell cultures, berry and grape extracts were used to suppress breast cancer cell growth.

- that a test may be developed that would detect the presence and amount of a protein that could help telegraph risk of heart attack and stroke.

Research Briefs is a quarterly newsletter containing the latest findings in human nutrition, food freshness and safety, and new foods and varieties. People can search the newsletter, including past issues, by accessing <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/np/fnr/b>. To subscribe to future issues of the Briefs, visit <http://www.ars.usda.gov/is/np/fnr/b/subscribe.htm>.

Gardeners Needed For the Arboretum

The National Arboretum, the nation's only federally funded garden of 446 gardens, is seeking volunteers to help the horticultural staff maintain its gardens and plant collections. Volunteers receive 20 hours of training in botany, plant identification, pruning, mulching and weeding, and work weekdays, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Call Mary Ann Jarvis at 202-245-4565.

The National Arboretum is located at 3501 New York Ave., N.E., Washington, D. C.

Duck Stamp Contest Open to Students

The Patuxent National Wildlife Visitor Center, Laurel, is one of four Maryland facilities where winners of a national contest on winning duck stamp designs will be shown. Developed to help youngsters learn the importance of wetland environments to waterfowl and other wildlife, the Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program and Scholarship Competition is sponsored by the United States Department of the Interior, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Local sponsors are the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Patuxent Research Refuge, Prince George's Arts Council, and the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

The 2002 Maryland Federal Junior Duck Stamp design contest is open to all students, kindergarten through 12th grade.

The deadline for postmark of contest entries is Friday, March 15. Information and contest materials are available at <http://duckstamp.fws.gov> by calling 301-497-5761 or 301-454-1461.

The national winning design is used to print the Federal Junior Duck Stamp.

Black History Exhibit at Montpelier

There are currently two separate shows on exhibit at the Montpelier Cultural Arts Center, 12826 Laurel-Bowie Road in Laurel. To celebrate Black History Month, the Center presents "What's Hair Got to Do with It? The Historical and Cultural Significance of African American Hair and Hairstyles" in the Main Gallery and the Resident Artists' Gallery. The exhibition runs through February 24.

The works of Maria-Theresa Fernandes, entitled "Mixed Media Installation," will be displayed in the Library Gallery through February 21.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days per week. There will be receptions on February 3 from 2 to 4 p.m.

For information, contact 301-953-1993, TTY 301-490-2329.

IRS Has Information Available in Spanish

Tax assistance for Spanish speakers is available from the Internal Revenue Service. Free Spanish publications are available by calling 1-800-TAX-FORM (1-800-829-3676).

Who must file a 2001 return?

Not everyone is required to file a tax return. Generally, a 2001 return must be filed if your gross income is more than the following:

- Married filing jointly.....\$13,400
- Head of household.....\$9,550
- Single taxpayer\$7,450

Different limits apply for seniors, children, and in special situations. Call us for details or assistance with your filings.

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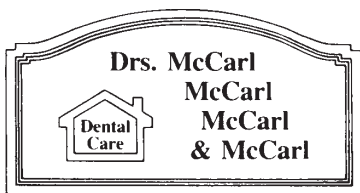
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Goldenagers Take Lessons on How to Report News

by James Giese

On January 29, approximately 40 Greenbelt Goldenagers went to the big city to see some of the sights. The group's planning committee, led by John Taylor, outdid themselves this time by selecting a balmy day in the middle of the winter, so that the group could walk around in complete comfort—except for those who might have dressed too warmly for the occasion thinking that January is a winter month. The traveler's destinations for the day were the Newseum and Arlington Cemetery.

I went along because I felt that I might be able to learn something that might be helpful to my being a better newspaper person and because lunch was scheduled at a well known Rosslyn restaurant noted for good food. Also, my wife paid the way.

Newseum

The Newseum, a museum of the Freedom Foundation devoted to how news is made and presented, will close shortly. A new Newseum is planned to be open in the District in the future.

After an introductory, large screen film about newsmaking and newsgathering, the group was able to see two floors of interactive exhibits. There were interesting video and movie minitheaters featuring clips on reporters and how they handled news stories. One could also listen to radio reports of major news events such as the Hindenburg disaster. A special display related to the reporting of September 11, 2001 and included dramatic photographs and video clips. It brought back sad memories of the horror of the day.

I was particularly interested in the interactive section dealing

with the various aspects of making a newspaper. One opportunity was to personally make decisions on editing a newspaper. You had to first choose which of the possible stories taking place should be fitted into the paper's limited space. Since the problem at this paper is finding enough volunteers to cover everything that goes on in town, this is not a problem we are used to dealing with.

I most enjoyed a section on newspaper ethics. The computer display presented case studies of actual ethical problems, some well known, facing newspapers in reporting. Two had to deal with doctoring news pictures to enhance the story. In the Civil War, for example, photographers would pull dead bodies out of trenches so that they wouldn't be hidden in shadows and the readers would get a better idea of the carnage taking place. The other had to do with a television program modifying a vehicle so that it would explode in a crash to prove its claim that a particular kind of vehicle was unsafe.

For each dilemma posed, you were given four choices as to how you should handle the problem faced by reporters. In each case, I sided with the most popular viewpoint expressed by others participating in the ethics problems at the museum. However, these positions were not always the ones that were actually taken by the news organizations dealing with the problem.

Goldenager John Henry Jones, who has always been young at heart, joined a line of grade school students, to become a television reporter. His job was to read a news story from a teleprompter as the TV camera was going. A suitable background for the story being told was imposed behind each re-

porter. John Henry stood in front of the White House to announce that Laura Bush had donated her inaugural ball gown to the Smithsonian. It contained a description of the gown. A fashion reporter John Henry is not, but he still did pretty well for an amateur. He claimed that the teleprompter screen was too small or too far away for him to easily read. After each news report is taped, it is displayed on video screens for others to hear and view. I thought the best was by a very young man with the widest grin I have ever seen on a TV reporter.

Outside the Newseum is the Freedom Park. Beginning at street level, it bridges over Wilson Boulevard to connect to streets and office buildings on the other side. I expect that will stay in Rosslyn. The walk is landscaped and has Icons of Freedom, representative displays of efforts for freedom, along its way beginning with several sections of the Berlin Wall. (There are also sections of the Berlin Wall in the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, for those interested in seeing it.) One icon deals with women getting the vote and has women's suffrage banners. Other icons are Martin Luther King, Jr.'s jail-cell door, a Cuban refugee boat, a South African ballot box, Warsaw ghetto cobble-

stones, and a statue of Lenin. The walk's highlight is a glass monument, a memorial to journalists who have died in the line of duty that is located on the bridge over the street.

Arlington Cemetery

At the Arlington Cemetery Goldenagers got a Tourmobile ride of the cemetery with stops at the Kennedy gravesites, the Tomb of the Unknowns and Arlington House. We chose to stop at the home of Martha Custis Washington's granddaughter and Robert E. Lee, which was confiscated for unpaid taxes during the Civil War and whose grounds became the national cemetery. The building is currently under restoration and repair in some places. It has one of the most commanding views of our nation's capital and its major monuments. From its front you could also see the section of the Pentagon damaged on September 11. It is now just a missing section of the building with a large crane at either end of the gap. Through the gap, the center courtyard can be seen.

Goldenager Elsie Forbes was particularly interested in finding out the location of dear ones who have been buried at the cemetery. She learned that the Information Center has both a computer gravesite locator and information

people that will help you locate any person buried there. Although the cemetery is closed to most vehicles, immediate family members may obtain automobile passes to permit them to drive to burial sites. The cemetery is still actively being used for burials, with a fill out date of 2025.

New at Arlington is the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, just outside the gates. A main feature of the memorial is a computer register of women who have served in the military. We checked the register to find the names of Greenbelters past and present who had served and were able to find limited, if not complete information on each. Those we sought in the register were Betty Beers, Jacquelyn Shabe-Rochefort, the late Velma Chapman and former Greenbelter Katherine Keene.

For the seniors on the trip, it proved to be an enjoyable, but tiring, day. I particularly admired the tenacity of those plagued with physical handicaps who managed walks when required and steps when other choices were not available. Of particular note in this group is longtime member and former leader Florence Holly, now approaching her ninth decade and still going strong.

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Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2002-1

A Resolution of the City of Greenbelt, Adopted Pursuant to the Authority of Article XI-E of the Constitution of Maryland and Section 13 of Article 23a of the Annotated Code of Maryland, (2001 Replacement Volume as Amended), Title "Corporations-Municipal," Subtitle "Charter Amendments," to Amend the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Found, in Whole or in Part, in the Compilation of Municipal Charters of Maryland (1983 Edition as Amended), as Prepared by the Department of Legislative Reference Pursuant to Chapter 77 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland of 1983, by Repealing and Re-enacting with Amendments Section 55 (a), Titled "Bonds-Issuance, Authorization."

The purpose of the above-titled resolution is to revise the statement of the City's debt limitation in order to conform with the new state law, Ch. 80, Acts of 2000, also known as the Truth in Taxation law, which changed the real property assessment law from a program of fractional property assessments to a system of full market value assessments. Limits previously stated as ten (10) percent of valuation will be amended to four (4) percent of valuation, in order that the City's actual debt limitations will remain essentially unchanged.

Charter Amendment Resolution No. 2002-2

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The purpose of the above-titled resolution is to correct a typographical error in Section 14(b) to clarify that the Council may place on the ballot at regular or special elections not only questions required by law to be submitted to the voters but also such questions as Council may wish to submit to the voters.

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