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## Local Women on History Map

by Virginia Beauchamp

A Greenbelt landmark, the Eleanor Roosevelt memorial tree, is named on a new map of Maryland that was presented on March 4 at a Baltimore reception sponsored by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Commission for Women. The map, called Maryland Women's Heritage Trail, is the latest contribution in the annual Women's History Month project that has made Maryland a national leader in helping to fill a gap in the public school curriculum.

The project began informally when the two groups collaborated to help celebrate what was first designated as Women's History Week under an act sponsored by the unlikely team of Senators Orrin Hatch and Barbara Mikulski and passed by the U.S. Congress. The first Maryland packet to celebrate women's history was issued in March 1982.

At that time women's contributions were invisible in almost all social studies texts. For instance, the standard fourth grade text in which students study Maryland history mentioned

only one woman – Harriet Tubman, the Eastern Shore slave who led hundreds of runaway slaves to freedom prior to the Civil War. Similar omissions characterized college texts as well.

Curiously, even today probably few persons are aware that six of Maryland's counties, as well as the state itself, are named for women. That information is provided in this year's Maryland Heritage resource kit.

### Greenbelt Contributors

From the first year of the project Greenbelters have been involved. On the first committee of volunteers, one of two members to select the original 10 women featured in the 1982 packet was News Review reporter Virginia Beauchamp. Since 1983 Linda Shevitz, in her official capacity as Equity Specialist with the Maryland State Department of Education, has coordinated the project.

Through all those years Jill Moss Greenberg of Hyattsville, then a member of the Maryland Commission for Women, and currently executive director of the National Association for Multi-

cultural Education, has worked with the project. She and Shevitz conceived of this year's map as the culmination of the previous 21 years of attention to highlighting the achievements of Maryland's women.

### The 2003 Map

On the map five regions of the state – Western Maryland, Central Maryland, the Eastern Shore, Southern Maryland, and the Capital Region – are highlighted in different colors.

On all four margins are conventional markings of letters of the alphabet and a set of numbers to coordinate in locating any particular area. These are designated in an accompanying book, the resource kit, where Greenbelt appears under F-13.

Besides the Roosevelt tree, the Community Center's friezes and the mother and child statue in the Roosevelt Center by Lenore Thomas and the Gladys Noon Spellman overpass are also described. Other nearby sites are the University of Maryland's Judith Resnick Auditorium, named for the late astronaut, and Adele H. Stamp Student Union,

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## Treasurer Expects City May Overspend Budget

While city revenues may exceed this fiscal year's estimates, three unforeseen major expenses will make it difficult for total expenses to remain below the fiscal year (FY) 2003 budget according to Greenbelt City Treasurer Jeffrey Williams. After completing eight months of FY 2003, which ends June 30, Williams advised the city manager and council that revenues were one percent greater than expected with revenues from real estate, personal property and income taxes better than expected. "Staff is hopeful that as we progress through the remainder of the fiscal year that good news will continue," Williams said.

Current expenses are four percent of budget greater than usual through February. Williams attributes this to the timing of pay days with one extra occurring this year through February. However, three other unforeseen demands on expenses will make it difficult to stay below budget.

When council approved a new retirement plan for its police officers for this year, it expected to have to pay an extra \$54,000 to fund unfunded liability based on state pension plan estimates as well as doubling the

annual city cost for each officer. However, the bill the state submitted for unfunded liability is over \$136,000. The city will meet with state retirement officials on this matter but not until May. This invoice has not yet been paid.

The city's worker compensation premium for this year was also \$150,000 higher than budgeted. After several meetings with Injured Workers Insurance Fund representatives, no relief has come forth. Several costly injuries are affecting the city premiums.

The third factor for cost overrun is the President Day weekend snow storm. Overtime costs alone could account for an additional expenditure of \$50,000. Other costs from the storm are repairs to vehicles and bills from outside vendors for their assistance in moving snow off of city streets and parking lots.

Departments have been advised of the situation, Williams told the council and manager. Future expenditures will be scrutinized, but at this time there is no freeze in place. Williams is still cautiously optimistic that the city will end the year with revenues offsetting expenditures.

## M-NCPPC Cut in Funds Opposed by City Council

by Bay Woods

A staff memo recently sent to City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) proposes to reduce by a third over the next three years the amount of support to the city "until direct financial support is eliminated." At the Greenbelt City Council meeting on February 24, McLaughlin recommended that the city send a letter to M-NCPPC expressing concern about this new policy, with copies to County Councilmember Douglas Peters and to other affected municipalities.

Council agreed and authorized the sending of such a letter. During the ensuing discussion Mayor pro tem Rodney Roberts suggested, "If they're going to reduce funding, [I think they should] reduce taxes." He expressed surprise over the M-NCPPC's course of action. "I'm kind of blindsided by this, to tell the truth," he said. Mayor Judith Davis was absent from the meeting and unavailable for comment.

### State Legislation

Following staff recommendation, council voted unanimously to support House Bill 738 and "communicate that support to the city's state delegation." HB 738 – Pedestrian Right of Way Crosswalks would require a driver to stop for any pedestrian in a crosswalk. Presently, the law only requires a driver to yield to a

pedestrian in the same travel lane as the car itself. The city is not alone in supporting this bill. McLaughlin reported that on February 12, the Maryland Municipal League (MML) Legislative Committee also voted to support it.

On House Bill 841, Collection of Red Light Penalties, council again followed the staff recommendation, this time voting unanimously to oppose the bill and convey its opposition to the state delegation. According to the bill, responsibility for collecting fines generated by automated traffic control monitoring systems, or red light cameras, would be given to the District Court, to which the penalties collected would also accrue.

David Moran, assistant to the city manager, advised council that "it is prudent to be on record as opposing it."

### Mower

Council voted to buy a backyard power mower from the lowest bidder. The mower will replace the city's 1989 front-cut mower. The vote was unanimous, despite the fact that the lowest bid, \$15,378, is \$1,378 in excess of the amount budgeted. With snow still covering the ground, the question arose as to whether the mower would be compatible with a snow blower. Kenny Hall, director of public works, assured council that a snow blower could be attached for an additional cost of \$3,100.

## Make-up Days For Schools Set

State School Superintendent Nancy S. Grasmick has approved the county's request for a waiver of two days of school due to snow. The schools have used nine snow days. Four of these days were built into the school calendar – June 18, 19, 20 and 23.

In addition, students made up one day on March 10, which had been a staff development day. They will also attend school on April 11 and on Easter Monday, April 21.

## What Goes On

**Tuesday, March 18**  
7:30 p.m., Arts Advisory Board Meeting, Community Center

**Wednesday, March 19**  
7 p.m., Public Forum by Public Safety Advisory Committee on Public Safety Issues and Concerns in Greenbelt East, Greenbriar Community Room

7 p.m., Neighborhood Meeting on Street Improvement Work, Woodland Way and Northway

8 p.m., Council Stakeholders' meeting with civic associations, Community Center

## Committee Wants to Know Citizen's Safety Concerns

by Ann Sucher

Do you feel safe in Greenbelt? That's what the Public Safety Advisory Committee (PSAC) was trying to find out at the first of several public forums held March 4 in the Community Center. About 25 people showed up to voice their concerns to the seven appointed members of the committee, who are gathering data to take back to the council. Council will then make its recommendations regarding budget allocations for various programs.

Committee members Mary Crawford, Edward Hickey, Walter Moody, Silke Pope, Ted Shafer, James Thompson and Sherre Washington represent the various neighborhoods of Greenbelt. Councilmember Edward Putens was also in attendance, as was Connie Harris, staff liaison to the council. Committee members emphasized that the goal of these meetings is to hear from Greenbelt residents.

At issue were wide-ranging concerns, including the placing of telephone boxes in troubled areas; red-light camera projects; the skateboard park; emergency planning for floods, snow emergencies, power outages and medical emergencies caused by terrorist acts. Some decried the foul language at Roosevelt Center, others felt police, fire and rescue equipment, manpower and budget resources are issues.

The first member of the public to speak was Al Geiger, who complained about pedestrians walking with their backs to the drivers where there are no sidewalks. He said he almost hit someone. The committee responded by noting that the police have a pedestrian-safety pamphlet that could be used to educate the public. Would a volunteer like to help with the distribution of this pamphlet?

### Evacuation Plans

A woman put forth her concern about evacuation plans, should disaster strike Greenbelt. She expressed a wish that the old-fashioned air raid siren might be reinstated as a method to alert Greenbelters. Now alerts are given on radio and television. She explained that these days, if you are not watching TV or listening to the radio, there is no way to know if something is afoot. No one argued with her on this point, but Putens stated that FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Association) has said they will not implement the siren system again because of costs.

Regarding locations where people can go during an emergency, one attendee said that the Red Cross usually uses schools for evacuation centers. Which

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## Sun after Snow

Saturday's sun brought out the snowbound singly and in groups to enjoy the day at Greenbelt Lake. Dozens of children cavorted on the hill and throughout and over the playground. Grownups sunned themselves on the stone benches beside the water. Several small dogs with their owners on leashes (or was it the other way around?) trotted along the path, some still snug in colorful coats. Joggers seemed to think that being coatless was okay. The path was still icy in places and treacherous, but mostly it was only muddy. Gulls dipped and soared over the water, but the geese of winter seemed to have gone elsewhere.

With the great meltdown now going on, can spring be far behind?

## Letters to the Editor

### Kudos to Greenbelt

Ottawa and Chicago – places we have ventured to see our son's Greenbelt-produced animated films appear in international festivals. Next week one of his works will appear in East Lansing, Michigan and his pieces have been requested for showing in Newport Beach, Nashville, Florida, and at three other film galas.

Now, of course, the boy is talented, but the truth is that is probably not why his films are being selected. In Ottawa last year, where four Greenbelt-produced films were picked for the show, there were people from all over the world. Joel Mason-Gaines, at age 11, was a good 10 to 15 years younger than just about all the other participants. Turns out most "student animators" are college and graduate students. At the Chicago festival, a celebration of films for children from around the globe, there were very few actually produced by kids. That netted the request from other venues for Joel's work.

The point of this letter is to let others know that Greenbelt appears to be unique in the country, and even the world, in teaching younger-than-college-aged students animation. The younger age group of nine- to 12-year-olds seems particularly barren of competition.

Kudos to Greenbelt for being on the cutting edge and providing yet another opportunity for our citizens, including children, to expand and grow. It's great to live here.

Elizabeth Gaines

### Corrections

AIMCO, the Springhill Lake apartment development owner, was incorrectly identified in last week's story on Springhill Lake.

A.R. Meyers Associates Architects, Inc. was incorrectly identified in the same article.

The News Review regrets the errors.

### OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

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### THANKS

My family and I were simply overwhelmed by the many acts of caring and kindness shown us after Henry's death. I want to thank our wonderful neighbors and friends for the food, flowers, cards and prayers. Thanks also to Father Crowley of St. Hugh's and to American Legion Post 136 for making the services so meaningful and comforting. Special thanks to Carmen and the Greenbelt Connection for their help with transportation the past two years.

Kathleen McFarland  
and Family

### Funds Allocated For Space Project

Congressman Steny Hoyer recently announced that \$135,000 is included in the Fiscal Year 2003 Omnibus Appropriations Conference Report, approved by the House of Representatives, for a project being developed by the Prince George's Economic Development Center. This project is a Space Camp and Aviation Challenge, an educational and tourism amenity to be located at the existing Goddard Visitors Center.

The space camp would be similar to one that has operated for several years at the space facility in Huntsville, Ala. The local space camp will take advantage of the presence of both NASA/Goddard and Andrews Air Force Base in developing its program.

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named for the university's long-time dean of women.

The Riversdale Mansion, presided over by its original occupant Rosalie Calvert and later by the first female U.S. Senator to be elected in her own right, Hattie Caraway, is also listed. So is Glenn Dale's Grigsby Station, where Belva Lockwood, the first female candidate, announced her intention in 1884 to run for the presidency of the United States. Lockwood was also the first American woman permitted to practice law after an act of Congress overturned a U.S. Supreme Court decision denying women that right.

The College Park Aviation Museum is noted for a number of female aviation pioneers, including Vera Rollo, who is also a member of Greenbelt's Writers Club. The Thomas Johnson Middle School in Lanham is cited for its memorial display for its former teacher Christa McCauliffe, who perished with Resnick in the Challenger shuttle disaster.

### Annual Packets

Like earlier curricular packets prepared by the Women's History Month project and distributed by the Maryland State Department of Education, the 2003 packet provides materials on women for grades K through 12. Packets are provided free to every school and public library in Maryland.

Each contains a wealth of suggested topics or research ideas and resources at every grade level for students to discover or learn about the contributions of women to American life. A number of student activities are also included in each annual packet. This year's packet was funded by the Sylvan Learning Foundation, the Maryland State Teachers Association and The Baltimore Sun.

As a long-term goal, the Women's History Month committee hopes to establish a Maryland Women's Heritage Center. Such a facility, at some central location within the state, would function year-round as both museum and archive for Maryland's unsung and famous heroines.

## The Old Curmudgeon



"I didn't run out of gas... I ran out of money!"

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### City Notes

During the week of March 3, city crews again concentrated on snow removal and servicing and repairing equipment. Sidewalks were cleared and piles of snow were removed. Icy spots were treated all week and storm drains were checked and cleared.

The facilities maintenance crew continued work in the dark room at the Community Center.

The cleaning crew did routine cleaning in all city buildings.

The streets crew repaired potholes around the city and cleaned, serviced and repaired snow plows and salt spreaders.

The parks crew installed a plaque on an Adopt-a-Bench at the Lake Park and cleared sidewalks on Ridge Road and repaired snow plows.

The horticulture crew repaired the greenhouse which was damaged when snow fell off the roof of the Public Works warehouse. The crew began planting seeds and plugs for spring landscaping, assisted with snow removal in Greenbelt East and on Ivy Lane and replanted and staked a leaning tree on Hanover Parkway.

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**At the Library**

**Children's Programs**

Tuesday, March 18, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.

Wednesday, March 19, 10:15 and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months.

Thursday, March 20, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.

11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year olds with caregiver.

**Adult Programs**

Wednesday, March 19, 2 p.m. Book Discussion for Amy Tan's "Bonesetter's Daughter."

In the display case for March is children's art work from Greenbelt Nursery School.

**Art Quiz for Kids At Gallery Exhibit**

Children ages 10 and under may register through March 21 for a prize drawing in connection with the current exhibition at the Greenbelt Community Center art gallery. To enter the drawing, children answer questions about works of art in the show, "Emily S. Conover and Patrick M. Craig: Selections from the Studio." The questions are included in a new children's gallery guide called "I SPY," which is designed to help make the Community Center exhibits fun and accessible to children and families. The "I SPY" activities encourage children to be close observers and use their imaginations when viewing art. The guide explains technical and aesthetic issues related to the work on display and sometimes includes related art projects for children to enjoy at home. The guide related to the current exhibit includes a collage activity created by the two featured artists.

Copies of "I SPY" are available in the art gallery which is open daily from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. whenever the room is not reserved for special use. Children may complete their entries at any time and leave them in the gallery where the drawing will be held. A winning entry will be chosen at 3 p.m. at the next Artful Afternoon on Sunday, April 6. The prize will be a "creativity box," which may contain art materials, books, project ideas or other surprises for children to enjoy. Other activities scheduled to take place on April 6 include an Easter bunny card and jewelry workshop, an artist's studio open house, a reception for the new student and interns' art exhibition, a pottery sale and Greenbelt Museum historic house tours. All activities are free and open to the public. The Greenbelt Community Center is located at 15 Crescent Road. For more information, call Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, at 301-397-2208.

**Greenbelt CARES**

The week of March 3, Judge Hering provided a tutor recruitment and training program on campus at the University of Maryland. University students learned about the needs of students from the community who are having difficulty in school. There were 25 university students who enrolled as volunteer tutors.

Although interrupted by several snow closings, Wendy Wexler just completed her eight-week Teen Discussion Group at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Next week Wexler will be interviewing new students for the next group. Various topics ranging from school performance to communication skills are tackled by the group.

**Community Events**

**Golden Age Club**

by Bunny Fitzgerald

President Ellie Rimar presided over the business meeting on March 5. The greeter for the day was Bud Hinson. The club was saddened to learn of the death of Shep Odom's brother in an accident during the cold and snow.

The Sunshine committee co-chair Pearl Keeney sent get well cards to Pat Cantwell, Jane Love and Leney Holohan and a sympathy card to the McFarland family.

The 50/50 winners were Mary Gieger and Louvain Townsend.

Remember to pay dues and sign up for the anniversary luncheon on April 6 at La Fontaine Bleu.

The March 19 meeting will combine the February and March birthdays at the pot luck luncheon. The March 26 meeting will be a "sing-a-long."

In April the club will have a park ranger tell more about Greenbelt Park.

**Simplify Life, Join Study Circle**

Interested in simplifying life? Tired of running on empty and want to discuss ways to deepen the meaning of life? A new "Voluntary Simplicity Group" is forming in Greenbelt. This meeting is rescheduled from January and February, when the weather deterred many people from coming. The meeting will be held at the New Deal Café on Wednesday, March 19 from 7 to 9 p.m. This is an organizational meeting to learn more about Simplicity Study Circles, to decide whether to join the group. The actual group will have eight to 12 members. The group will run for eight sessions. Study Group sessions will meet in private homes. No need to RSVP. For more information, contact Lore Rosenthal via email at SimplicityGrpsMD@aol.com or 301-570-7557.

**Pet Expo Nominated For Municipal Award**

This year's popular city-sponsored Pet Expo is scheduled for May 17. A large number of groups and organizations are expected to participate.

Meantime, Mayor Judith Davis has submitted information on last year's Pet Expo to the Maryland Municipal League for consideration in the Award for Excellence competition. Greenbelt's event last spring was the first of its kind ever sponsored by a municipality and the mayor pointed out that the only program costs were salary.

**Storyteller Mayhew At Greenbriar Condo**

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks children five to 12 years of age are invited to attend a storytelling event on Saturday, March 22 at 1 p.m. in the Terrace Room at the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt.

Be entertained by the storytelling of William Mayhew. Refreshments will be served. This is a free event, however, children must be registered by March 20. For more information, call Tina at 301-441-1096, extension 4.



**Jones to Perform At New Deal Café**

The Riverdale, Md., folk group The Jones Family will perform at 8 p.m. on Saturday, March 15 at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center.

The Joneses - father Chuck, mother Brenda, 18-year-old daughter Chenoa and 10-year-old son Trevor - will perform songs from "Unquiet," their debut CD on Shambling Gate Records, as well as material slated for their second CD, which they will record later this spring.

"Unquiet" was hailed by "Sing Out!" magazine as "a debut CD of unusual beauty and confidence" and "a rare treat." "Dirty Linen" praised The Jones Family's "strong, unpretentious singing." Described as a "family-spun folk record with attitude" by coproducer and recording engineer Heidi Gerber, the CD has received airplay throughout the country.

**Greenbelt East Safety Meeting**

A public forum focusing on safety in Greenbelt East will be held Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbriar Community Room. The forum is sponsored by the Public Safety Advisory Committee.

The committee wants to hear from Greenbelt East residents about their safety issues and concerns.

The first forum was held on March 4 and focused on the center city. For more information, call the city at 301-345-7203.

**Agape Meals Served**

Agape Lenten meals and brief devotions began at Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Roads, on March 12 and will be held each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. through April 9. Both members and non-members of the church are welcome to attend. The meals are simple, consisting of homemade soup, bread and crackers.

A free will offering will be taken for the benefit of Help-By-Phone of Prince George's County, which among its many services feeds the hungry. It is hoped that participants will contribute what they might otherwise have spent on a complete meal so that others may eat.

The devotions will be led by the Board of Worship and will focus on the topic "Other Faiths."

**College Savings Plans Evaluated**

Saving for the ever-increasing cost of college education is a challenge most parents face. Many state-sponsored plans are available to assist this effort. On Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. at Greenbelt Elementary School, the College Savings Plan of Maryland will present a free program on how to evaluate these plans. The program was rescheduled from an earlier date because of the snowstorms.

**Bone Marrow Donor Drive for PJ Siegel**

PJ Siegel, a life long resident of Greenbelt, is in need of a bone marrow transplant having been diagnosed last year with Acute Myelogenous Leukemia. Although a drive was held in Greenbelt last December, with 138 individuals being tested, a match has not so far been found for PJ.

A bone marrow blood testing drive will be held Wednesday, March 19 from 4 to 9 p.m. in the basement of Ritchie Coliseum on the University of Maryland campus. The Friends of Allison and Alpha Sigma Phi of the University of Maryland are sponsoring the drive. The blood test is a simple finger prick.

There are some limitations on who may become donors; for instance potential donors must be between 18 and 60. Other health concerns may also prevent individuals from being tested. There is a form to fill out that requests information about the health of the potential donor. The test will be sent to Minnesota to be typed and it will take anywhere from 8 to 10 weeks to determine if the donor is a match. Even if the donor is not a match for PJ, the donor's information will be placed in the National Registry for possible matches to others requiring a marrow transplant. For more information and directions please call Alletta Davidson at ahorsenaround@msn.com or 301-352-8372.

**Street Repairs Will Upset Parking**

Sometime in March or April, street improvement work will be undertaken on Northway between Hillside and Crescent Roads. The work will consist of replacing curbs and gutters on both sides of Northway. Driveway aprons will be upgraded as needed to conform with county standard specifications.

The work will cause interruptions at driveways as curb and gutters and part of the driveways will be replaced. Residents will not be able to use their driveways for one to three days but there will be on-street parking. Signs will be posted a week prior to the start of the construction. One of the first stages of construction will be removing speed bumps. They will be replaced after the street is resurfaced with asphalt.

City staff will host a neighborhood meeting Wednesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the corner of Woodland Way and Northway.

**Garden Club Holds Annual Meeting**

The Greenbelt Garden Club will hold its annual meeting on Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m. in the meeting room at the Greenbelt Police Station.

The original garden club in the city, the club oversees three fields. The fields are divided into plots which average 50 by 50 feet. Members sign up for plots at the annual meeting. Members can sign up again for the plot they have been using and then plots are assigned on a "first come, first served" basis. All are welcome to plant a garden.

There are plowed and unplowed plots. Water is not available on the fields - gardeners must bring in the water they need. The fields are located in the original part of the city. One field is at the end of Gardenway near the overpass. Two fields are near Hamilton Place. One field is just beyond the parking spaces at the GHI offices. The other field is just beyond GHI's boat and trailer storage yard and can be reached by the small lane off the end of Hamilton Place.

**Save the Woods From Ivy, Sunday**

The GHI Woodlands Committee will be removing invasive plants from Parcel W and other adjoining parcels on Sunday, March 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. Meet at the corner of Research and Greenhill Roads. Parcel W is on the west side of Research and north of Greenhill.

The Woodlands Committee urges anyone who wants to prevent herbicides from being used in these woods to show up and help. It advises volunteers to dress for the weather, and bring gloves and clippers with which to remove English ivy from the base of trees. High schoolers are welcome to seize this opportunity to get some community service hours in. For more information, call Jonathan Murray at 301-345-7933.

**Arts Board Meets**

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will be holding meetings at the Greenbelt Community Center at 7:30 p.m. on the following Tuesdays: March 18, March 25, and April 1.

**NARFE Meets**

NARFE chapter 2146 will hold its monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. Steve Molesky, a financial advisor, will discuss financial investments for the retired. Members are urged to attend and the meeting is open to the public.

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# Activities and Programs Reviewed by ACE, PTA

by Judy Bell and Mary Moien

The Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) met with local school PTA officers on February 10. PTA and PTSA representatives from Greenbelt Elementary and Eleanor Roosevelt High Schools were present.

ACE Chair Leta Mach brought those present up to date on a number of ACE activities. She announced the dates for the ACE Awards, with School-based Adult Awards taking place March 10. Each school is allowed one nomination. The ACE Student Awards presentation is set for May 12. Each school may nominate one girl and one boy who exemplify the "Greenbelt spirit" by contributing to the community, said Mach.

Mach indicated that ACE's Buy A Book program is still in progress at Bookland, now Books-a-Million bookstore in Beltway Plaza, where books may be purchased and donated to a Greenbelt school. The bookstore keeps wish lists of books that the schools would like. In addition, Mach announced that ACE is planning to sponsor a half-day tutor training program in the near future. This training will be for those who volunteer in Greenbelt schools.

### Greenbelt Elementary

A Before and After School program at Greenbelt Elementary School is "still not in place," according to PTA President Terry Henderson. She indicated that it had been promised for January. Henderson also addressed the issue that the kindergarten and first-graders from Lakeside North apartments (near the police station) will have to walk to school due to more stringent county re-

quirements that all elementary students must live at least 1.5 miles from the school in order to be bused.

### ERHS

PTSA President Deb Tasky and vice president, Allen Elliott represented ERHS. They brought the committee up to date on school activities. Grad Night will be May 27 and is always a major PTSA undertaking. For the first time in the history of the high school, Eleanor Roosevelt will have two Back to School nights this school year to give parents a second chance to meet with teachers.

### Mayor Speaks

Mayor Judith Davis attended the meeting and clarified that Greenbelt's new classification in the county General Plan as being in the developed tier (rather than the developing tier) will not impact on Adequate Public Facilities funding for ERHS. Overcrowding at ERHS has been an issue for a number of years and collecting fees from housing developers is one way to raise funds to build schools. It had been reported that development in "developed tier" locations was not subject to the fees. While this is true, there is little land in Greenbelt that could be developed. Additionally, funds from the developer fees will be used countywide and will not preclude assistance to ERHS or other schools in Greenbelt.

Regarding Greenbelt Middle School, Davis announced that the city council will be writing a letter to County Executive Jack Johnson regarding the delay of funding for the planned renovation.

## SHL Elementary Groups Successful

Twenty-four third and fourth graders at Springhill Lake Elementary School had the opportunity to participate in one of four groups run by Greenbelt CARES this winter. Two were identified as decision-making groups, and two were billed as "I Care and We All Get Along" (also known as anger management groups). Each of the groups met for seven weeks.

"Much improvement" was seen in both groups, according to James Harbin, a graduate intern with CARES and co-leader of the groups. With only one week left to go, "children in the decision-making groups show a clear understanding of the process of making good decisions . . ." said Harbin.

He added that "Children in the anger management groups have shown that they are better able to identify their emotions (e.g., anger) . . . before they act out inappropriately (e.g., getting in fights) than they could at week one."

Harbin concluded that "the groups appear to have been quite successful."

## Mowatt Game Night

Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church invites people to Game Night on Friday, March 21, 7:30 p.m. Game Night is one of the church's service events by opening their space to the community.

Monthly Game Nights are held on the third Friday of each month, March through October. Games such as chess, dominoes, Scrabble and pinochle will be played. Refreshments will be served. Young and old are welcome.

The Mowatt family who have been here since Greenbelt's beginning would like to share time and space to build love and friendship.

The church is located at 40 Ridge Road. Feel free to stop by on March 21.

## Obituaries



### Jeffrey R. Stevens

Jeffrey R. Stevens, 60, of Riverdale died March 4, 2003 in Annapolis after a lengthy illness.

Born in Washington, D.C. on March 1, 1943, he lived most of his life in Greenbelt and Riverdale. Mr. Stevens was a computer sign technician, working for several sign companies in the area. His interests were history and tackling cryptograms. He was noted for being a math-whiz.

He is survived by his father Raymond and stepmother Nell Stevens of Venice, Fla., son Michael Stevens of Seattle, Wash., sister Maria Wesley of Shady Side, Md., a niece Heidi Wesley, great-niece Mia Wesley of Columbus, N.C. and nephew William Wesley of Shady Side and many close friends in Riverdale.

A memorial gathering will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 22 at the S&J Restaurant in Riverdale.

Interment services will be private.

To place an online testimonial, visit their website at <http://www.adamsfuneralcare.com>. Professional services were provided by Adams of Annapolis Funeral & Memorial Care.

Congratulations to Yanliu He, who received a master's degree in communication studies last fall at the University of Northern Iowa.

Congratulations also to Michael John Wilson for his inclusion on the University of Maryland Dean's list for the fall semester. Wilson completed at least 12 credits with a grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Nakita D. Lanier, daughter of Greenbelter Pamela Lanier, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

Airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Amber Flora Penney arrived on March 10, 2003 in N.C. She weighed 8 lb., 2oz. and has red hair (like, among others, her grandmother and great grandfather). The radiant parents are Bernard and Julie Penney. She joins her three year old sister Skylar and is the 11th grandchild of staff member Leonie Penney.


News Review staffer Dorothy Sucher is recovering nicely following hip replacement surgery and will soon be back at the News Review. Welcome home Dorothy.

## Mishkan Torah Seder Honors Liberation


The Mishkan Torah Sisterhood has planned a special Seder on March 29 at 6 p.m. at the synagogue. This reconstructed Seder will offer new ideas for individuals and families to enrich their home celebrations. The Haggadah, compiled by Sisterhood members, combines the stories of the liberations from Egypt with personal stories of modern liberation.

Seating is limited, tickets must be purchased in advance. Call Annie Haber or visit the website [www.miskantorah.org](http://www.miskantorah.org) for more information.



Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church  
3215 Powder Mill Road, Beltsville/Adelphi (301-937-3666)  
*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*  
March 16, 10 a.m.  
"Turn the World Right Side Up: The Journey of Sojourner Truth" by Barbara Wells, co-minister with Jennifer Grant, worship associate  
 Barbara Wells and Jaco B. ten Hove, co-ministers

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

**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.  
Rev. Thomas F. Crowley, Pastor  
Rev. R. Scott Hurd, Pastoral Associate  
Part Time Ministry  
**ST. HUGH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Md.


**GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH**  
Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org) [greenbelt\\_baptist@verizon.net](mailto:greenbelt_baptist@verizon.net)  
Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor  
  
Sun. Worship 8:35 am, 11:00 am, 6:00 pm  
Wed. Praise and Prayer 7:00 pm  
Wed. Living Proof, Youth Event 7:00 pm  
*"Building Bridges to the Family of God thru the Love of Christ"*

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

  
**St. George's Episcopal/Anglican Church**  
7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road and Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [stgeog@aol.com](mailto:stgeog@aol.com) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)  
Sundays: 8:00 am A Simple, Quiet Mass  
9:00 am Christian Education for All Ages  
10:00 am Sung Mass with Organ and Folk Music, ASL Interpreted  
 Nursery Provided 9:00-11:30 am  
*An inclusive congregation!*

**Baha'i Faith**  
We invite you to . . .  
Interfaith Devotions and Classes for Children & Adults  
Sunday, March 16 at 10 AM  
Springhill Lake Elementary School  
"O Friends! Abandon not the everlasting beauty for a beauty that must die, and set not your affections on this mortal world of dust."  
-Baha'i Sacred Writings  
Greenbelt Baha'i Community  
P.O. Box 245  
Greenbelt, MD 20770  
301-345-2918 301-220-3160  
[www.bahai.org/](http://www.bahai.org/)

  
**LENTEN SERIES**  
Wednesdays, March 12-April 9  
6:30 - 8:00 PM  
**Michael Newheart**, Associate Professor at Howard University, will discuss the **Gospel of John** from his book "Word and Soul". A light soup dinner will be served. Free child care provided. Donations welcome.  
  
**Berwyn Presbyterian Church**  
6301 Greenbelt Rd./ 301-474-7573

**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church  
  
40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt  
301-474-9410  
SUNDAY  
Children and Adults 9:45 am  
Bible Study 11:00 am  
Worship Service  
Mon. Disciple Bible Study 7:00 p.m.  
Tues. Lectionary Study 8:00 a.m.  
Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:45 p.m.  
**Rev. DaeHwa Park, Pastor**  
March 16, Second Sunday of Lent  
Sermon: "Blessed Life Through Faith"  
March 19, Lenten Dinner and Study, 6:00 p.m.

**Canada Geese, Florida Flamingos. . .  
What's Next?**



**A flock of the pink birds flew into 73 Court Ridge Road to celebrate the 62nd birthday of Caroline Perini. St Hugh's principal Liz Whalen was seen assisting the birds to establish their new habitat. With an eye on a well-deserved retirement, this birthday has a special meaning for Sweet Caroline. Greenbelt sends best wishes for both occasions.**

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ones specifically, he didn't know. He advised checking the Greenbelt website but said if something did happen, the Red Cross would move in and put up signs letting people know where to go.

Another woman, Mrs. Walter Moody, reiterated that citizens should visit the city's website for advice on where to go during an emergency. Her husband stated, "Everybody should have a plan about where to go in their home in case of an emergency, such as a tornado." What else can be done? There were jocular comments from committee members about "duct tape, plastic and a three-day supply of water." The committee asked for a volunteer to research what other things could be done. Mrs. Moody said, "I volunteer my husband," which got a big laugh.

Another concern was from a woman who said she spends a lot of time walking in Greenbelt and feels that the police speed while driving, sometimes while talking on a cell phone. Who can she talk to about this? Committee member Silke Pope advised calling or emailing the chief of police. Mary Crawford recommended, "If it's a particular agency, contact them with the date, time and location of the incident, so they can know whether the officer in question was on duty at the time."

**Drug Dealing**

The same woman expressed concern regarding drug-dealing at Roosevelt Center and the Youth Center. During the Labor Day weekend, she said, she witnessed the exchange of money and overheard conversations. "Many people don't think this is a real issue. How can we get the city to take action?"

Putens responded, "The police cannot be everywhere at every time. We've heard these things before. At this time, the committee is just noting the public's concerns in order to go back and make recommendations to the council about ways to allocate funds."

A man spoke. "I have two young daughters and am concerned about the safety of the underpasses," where some believe youth congregate and make drug deals. He proposed delineating a crosswalk between the two bus stops on Crescent Rd., right above the underpass that leads

into Roosevelt Center. One of the committee members quickly answered, "No one has ever been attacked in the underpass. There may be some dirt, but now there's bright lighting and they've gotten rid of graffiti. It's much better than it was 10 years ago. In fact I use it everyday."

**Hangouts**

A heated topic of discussion was where teenagers, who aren't necessarily "up to no good," can go to just hang out - a place where they don't have to pay, or be forced into some kind of organized activity. Silke Pope again brought up the impending skateboard park as a possible magical solution to where kids can go.

There was a general consensus that because of real or perceived drug dealing, the center of town has become less appealing to the older population and others who simply don't feel safe there. It's anticipated that in springtime during early evening hours this will get worse. Activity in Roosevelt Center is currently being captured by video cameras. There was a proposal to hire public-safety officers and implement a curfew, something that had apparently been suggested before.

"Regarding the issue of 'mall-rats,'" one man suggested, "volunteer citizens might patrol the areas, wearing some kind of badge that the kids could see which would discourage them." However, this approach could lead to a round-robin, where the kids simply move from place to place, winding up in the previously-mentioned underpass. Another suggestion included a more positive form of dealing with those who hang about, such as adding more structured activities, like concerts or craft fairs at the Center, to bring all ages together.

As another outspoken woman put it toward the end of the meeting, "The key to having a safe environment is having people using it. When I am somewhere with a lot of police cars patrolling, I get nervous." At any rate, there are only so many police and so many resources. The city must measure the need and use them wisely.

To add comments about safety concerns in Greenbelt, call Connie Harris, committee liaison to the council at 301-345-7203 or email [charris@greenbelt.md.us](mailto:charris@greenbelt.md.us).

**Blood Supplies Low, Donors Needed**

Rebuilding the community blood supply remains a challenge. Low donor turnout due to weather conditions since February 26 and anticipated low weekend collections mean the loss of over 1,400 units of life-saving blood needed for patients in over 80 area hospitals. To recover from this critical shortage, donors are needed immediately and are asked to call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) to schedule appointments to donate as soon as possible.

The immediate support of the public is vitally important to help rebuild the blood supply to adequate levels.

Visit [www.my-redcross.org](http://www.my-redcross.org) or call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (1-800-448-3543) for further information about American Red Cross Donor Center and

community blood drive schedules.

Donors must be in generally good health; be at least 17 years of age or, in the state of Maryland only, 16 years of age with parental consent; weigh no less than 110 pounds; have not received a tattoo within the past year; and have not donated whole blood within the past 56 days.

In addition to asking individual members of the community to donate blood, the American Red Cross strongly encourages businesses and community groups to schedule and organize blood drives. Any groups interested in scheduling a drive or obtaining further information can call 1-800-787-9282, ext. 4925.

The next blood drive in Greenbelt will be on Friday, April 25 from noon to 6 p.m.

**Ice Skaters Compete At Wells Rink Sunday**

Herbert Wells Ice Rink announces its annual spring inter-rink figure skating competition on Sunday, March 16 from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Over 70 skaters of all ages representing seven area ice rinks will compete.

In 2002 the Wells figure skating team won top honors for skating in their musical production. This year the "Wells Waves" will be skating to a medley of tropically themed music including Hawaiian slide guitar and the theme from "Jaws." Come see future Olympic competitors skate in a variety of events.

The Wells figure skating team will be having an all day bake sale and sponsoring a skate swap. For further information contact Susy Murphy, 301-257-8351.



**City Information**

**MEETINGS FOR MARCH 17-21**

**Tuesday, March 18, 7:30pm, Arts Advisory Board, Community Center.**

**Wednesday, March 19, 7:00pm, Neighborhood Meeting on Street Improvement Work, Woodland Way and Northway.**

**Wednesday, March 19, 7:00pm, Public Safety Advisory Committee PUBLIC FORUM, on Greenbelt East Public Safety issues, Greenbriar Community Room.**

**Wednesday, March 19, 8:00pm, STAKEHOLDERS MEETING, Civic Associations, Community Center.**

**PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE PUBLIC FORUM**

**Wednesday, March 19~7:00pm  
Greenbriar Community Room**

This is the second in a series of forums that will be held throughout the city. The Public Safety Committee wants to hear about your Public Safety issues and concerns. At this forum, public safety issues in **Greenbelt East** will be discussed. For more information call 301-345-7203.

**CITY OF GREENBELT RECREATION DEPARTMENT  
JOB OPENINGS**

**Darkroom Manager**

Part-time Darkroom Manager. Position coordinates use and maintenance of facility, provides orientation and training for darkroom users, and assists with the development of educational programs in photography. Experience with black and white photo processing required. \$12/hr, 6 hrs/wk, 50 wks/yr plus darkroom use privileges. Flexible hours. Some evenings and weekends required. Open until filled. For information call Nicole DeWald, Arts Coordinator: 301-397-2208.

**Babysitters Needed:** Fit and Fun Aerobics Program M/W/F 9:15am to 11:00am at Greenbelt Community Center. First Aid and CPR Preferred. \$7.25/hr. EOE 301-397-2208.

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**Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery  
Children's Art Prize Drawing for Children 10 & Under**

Children may register for a drawing for a "Creativity Box" filled with Art Materials and much more, by answering questions in the "I SPY" guide available at the current exhibit, "Emily S. Conover and Patrick M. Craig: Selections from the Studio." The gallery is open daily from 9am-10pm. Children must register by MARCH 21st to be included in the drawing. Info: Nicole Dewald at 301-397-2208.

**GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS  
CHANNEL 71**

**Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, March 18 & 20, 6pm "ACE Reading Club at Greenbelt Elementary" 6:30pm Reading is Fundamental- "Reading Beyond the Classroom" 7:30pm "ACE Educators 2003"**

**Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, March 19 & 21, 7pm "Love Foundation" 7:30pm "Preserving the Future", 9:00pm "Greenbelt Filmworks Festival" Sunday, March 16, 9am & 6pm "Love Foundation"**

**OPENINGS ON  
BOARDS &  
COMMITTEES**

*Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the: SENIOR CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE*

*All applications are welcome. Volunteers from Greenbelt East and Springhill Lake are especially encouraged. For more information, please call 301-474-8000.*



**NORTHWAY  
STREET  
IMPROVEMENTS**

The City will undertake street improvement work on Northway between Hillside and Crescent Road. This work will consist of replacing curbs and gutters. This will cause disruption of driveway use for some residents during this time. The City will hold 2 informational neighborhood meetings to discuss the upcoming project. The second of these 2 meetings will be held:

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH AT 7PM  
at the corner of  
WOODLAND WAY AND  
NORTHWAY**

**Anyone with questions  
may call Public Works  
at 301-474-8004.**

**CITY OF GREENBELT  
SUMMER CAMP  
REGISTRATION FOR  
RESIDENTS BEGAN ON  
MARCH 3rd. NON-  
RESIDENTS MAY BEGIN  
REGISTERING ON MON-  
DAY, MARCH 17th at 9am.  
Brochures can be found  
at  
[www.ci.greenbelt.md.us](http://www.ci.greenbelt.md.us).  
More info at 301-397-2200.**

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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.

## Robbery

Jasper's restaurant, February 28, 6:34 p.m., individuals walking in the parking lot of the restaurant were approached by two men, both of whom displayed handguns. The men took jewelry, a cellular telephone and a watch from the victims before fleeing on foot. The suspects are described as (1) a black male, 27 to 35, 6'2", 180 lbs. wearing jeans, black jacket, hooded sweatshirt and boots, and (2) a black male wearing a black bomber-type jacket and a hooded sweatshirt.

6100 block Breezewood Court, March 3, 9:38 p.m., the victims were inside their residence when there was a knock on the door. One of them answered it, at which time three men forced their way into the apartment. All three were armed with handguns. They forced the victims into a rear bedroom where they were tied up and ordered to lie on the floor. The men then went through the victims' pockets and ransacked the apartment. One of the victims was able to free himself, after which he freed the other two victims and all three escaped through a bedroom window and called police. The men fled prior to an officer's arrival. One victim was treated and released on the scene for a minor hand injury sustained jumping out of the window. All three perpetrators are described as black males with Jamaican accents. One was 6', thin, wearing a black mask, black hooded sweatshirt, dark-colored coat, dark-colored pants and black gloves; a second was 6'1", thin, wearing a black shirt over his face, a grey hooded sweatshirt and gloves; and the third was 6'2", muscular build, wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, black pants, black shoes and gloves.

## Assault

Area of Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue, March 5, 1:36 a.m., after a traffic stop, an officer obtained driver information and went to her cruiser. When she returned to the suspect vehicle, the driver sped away onto I-495, almost striking the officer. The suspect is described as a black male, 20, 5'6", 150 lbs. Investigation is continuing.

## Weapon

Eleanor Roosevelt High School, March 6, 8:38 p.m., after an officer approached a suspicious occupied vehicle, he heard the sound of metal falling to the parking lot and there found a Ruger .22 caliber semiautomatic handgun. A 19-year-old non-resident who was standing beside the vehicle was subsequently charged with possession of a deadly weapon on school property and other charges including possession of a firearm and drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

## Theft

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, February 27, 12:13 a.m., a non-resident man, 25, was arrested and charged with theft, disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after having been asked to leave the restaurant for violating restaurant policy. Investigation revealed that he did not have the funds to pay his tab. The suspect was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

6400 block Ivy Lane, February 28, 9:16 p.m., someone took an unattended purse from a work station in an office suite. A credit card inside the purse was later used to make an unauthorized purchase outside Greenbelt.

7800 block Belle Point Drive, March 6, 10:42 a.m., someone took an unattended wallet from atop a desk in an office suite.

## Burglary

Beltway Plaza, March 1, 12:46 p.m., someone broke into the Academy 6 Theatres and took a portable CD player and amplifier.

5800 block Cherrywood Lane, March 5, 9:25 p.m., someone used unknown means to enter a residence and took two computers, two cameras, clothing, a DVD player, money and jewelry.

## Drugs

7800 block Mandan Road, March 2, 2:46 a.m., after an officer saw a suspicious occupied vehicle in a parking lot, he found marijuana paraphernalia inside and arrested a non-resident, 21, and a 17-year-old non-resident juvenile. The adult was released on citation pending trial and the juvenile was released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

## Disorderly

T.G.I. Friday restaurant, February 14, 10:40 p.m., a non-resident man, 27, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after having been asked to leave the restaurant. In the parking lot, he shouted profanities and caused a crowd of onlookers to form. The man was released on citation pending trial.

## Vehicle Crime

The following vehicles were reported stolen: a 1990 Jeep Cherokee Laredo, February 27, from the 7800 block Mandan Road, which was recovered March 1 by county police in Riverdale; a blue 1998 Isuzu Esteem four-door, Md. tags FYR278, March 1, from the 7900 block Mandan Road; a 2002 Hyundai Elantra four door, March 1, from the 8200 block Mandan Court, which was recovered March 2 by park police in New Carrollton; a 1995 Nissan Altima four-door, March 1, from the 9100 block Springhill Lane, which was recovered the same day by state police in Cheverly; a dark blue 1994 Honda Accord four-door, Md. tags KCF153, March 2, from the 7900 block Mandan Road.

In the 6100 block of

## Learn Victim Rights

Anyone who is the victim of a crime in Maryland has certain legal rights and available services. Those rights entitle them to be active participants in the criminal justice process. They may also be eligible to recover some of their financial losses. Call the Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center victim help line at 301-952-0063 in the D.C. Metro area to find out more about how to use those rights and obtain support services in the criminal justice system.

Greenbelt Road on March 3, an officer observed a suspicious 2002 Dodge Caravan being operated with a broken vent window. A computer check revealed the vehicle to be stolen, so the driver was arrested and taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner.

In Beltway Plaza on March 6, a 19-year-old non-resident man was arrested and charged with theft after a computer check showed that the tag on his vehicle had been reported stolen. The suspect was released on citation pending trial.

In the 7000 block of Greenbelt Road on March 7, an officer saw a 1985 Jeep truck on the side of the road with flames coming from under the vehicle. A computer check showed that the tags were stolen; further investigation found that the driver also had a suspended license and three open arrest warrants with the Sheriff's Department. He was taken to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a District Court Commissioner and for service of the warrants.

A vehicle stolen before the period of this report was recovered - no arrest was made.

Vandalism to, thefts from and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7200 block Mandan Road; Beltway Plaza (five incidents); 7900 block Mandan Road; 7500 block Greenbelt Road; 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace; 9200 block Springhill Lane; 9300 block Edmonston Road; 6900 block Hanover Parkway (two incidents); 9100 block Edmonston Court; 6500 block Lake Park Drive; unit block Centerway.

## St. Patrick's Day At UM Arts Center

There will be two special free concerts on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland.

At 7:30 p.m. popular Irish melodies will be featured in a program of works for solo harp and chamber ensembles to be performed in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall.

At 8 p.m., The Philharmonia Ensemble will perform in Dekelboum Concert Hall.

## Criminal Justice Course Now Offered at Roosevelt

In 1994, as part of its Community Oriented Policing (COP) program, the Greenbelt City Council initiated a School Resource Officer (SRO) program. The program, which places a Greenbelt police officer directly at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, has been an unqualified success, according to city officials. It has grown to include two full-time officers who are dedicated to the city's schools.

Part of the success of the SRO program has been the dedication of the officers and their interest and relationship with the students. Corporal David Buerger has been at Eleanor Roosevelt High School for over seven years. Master Patrol Officer Marty Parker has been stationed throughout the city's schools for the past four years.

Several years ago as a spin-off to another popular COP program, the Citizens' Police Academy, Buerger and Parker initiated a Youth Police Academy. The program was taught after school and gave students a real-life look at the criminal justice system through a series of guest speakers, real-life demonstrations and exercises and field trips. Unfortu-

nately, due to some of the students' commitments to other after-school activities and jobs, about one-third of the students did not complete the program.

Since the interest was there, Buerger decided to pursue the possibility of incorporating a class, "Introduction to Criminal Justice," into the school's elective offerings. Buerger worked for a few years with the school's administration and Social Studies Department to develop a curriculum that would fit in with the school's advanced studies program. Finally, in 2002, the class was offered in the fall semester.

The program, which has just finished its first semester, has been a great success. Over 30 students completed "Introduction to Criminal Justice." The college-level class covered all aspects of criminal justice from the viewpoint of people who actually work in the field. Students who took the course were recommended by a Social Studies teacher, a requirement of registering for the class. Many of Corporal Buerger's students have shown an interest in pursuing a career in some aspect of criminal justice.



## ATTENTION GREENBELT BASEBALL



### Registration for New Players

#### Coach-Pitch / Machine-Pitch

Born 8-1-94 thru 7-31-96

and

#### Major League Players

Born 8-1-90 thru 7-31-94

Contact Greg Fisanich, 301-441-4647

Joe Fulton, 301-474-6034

e-mail: [jwhite@GreenbeltBaseball.org](mailto:jwhite@GreenbeltBaseball.org)

#### Fees:

Resident \$25

Sibling \$15

Non-Resident \$60

Sibling \$30

Copy of birth certificate is required.

### VOLUNTEER COACHES NEEDED

#### Clinic for NEW Major League Players

Sat., March 15 from 10 a.m. to noon

at McDonald Field 7 Court Southway

Clinic Rain Date Sat., Mar. 22

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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.



A Review

# "Deathtrap" Thrills And Amuses Audiences

by Sabine Hentrich

"Deathtrap," a "thriller in two acts. One set, five characters. A juicy murder in Act One, unexpected developments in Act Two. Sound construction, good dialogue, laughs in the right places. Highly commercial," opened on Friday at the Greenbelt Arts Center. The preceding quote, taken from the opening lines of Ira Levin's infamous thriller, perfectly summarizes the play.

Naturally reviewers dislike giving plot summaries of thrillers. One must tell enough to entice an audience to go see the play, yet not enough to give away its perfectly crafted twists and turns. A play like "Deathtrap," however, is so well known that many an audience is already on intimate terms with its contents.

Despite this concern, the popular play, which premiered at The Music Box Theater in New York in 1978, went on to succeed on Broadway. It was subsequently made into a movie in 1982 (starring Michael Caine and Christopher Reeve) and re-

mains a delight to thriller lovers after all these years.

The play revolves around Sidney Bruhl, an aging playwright with writer's block, who is about to become upstaged by a young drama student of his, Clifford Anderson. Anderson wrote a promising new play, "Deathtrap," borrowing heavily from one of Bruhl's original ideas. The student mails the play to his teacher in order to get some ideas and subsequently visits him at his home for an editing session.

Bruhl's wife, Myra, encourages them to collaborate because she, too, is convinced that her husband's writing days are over. The following action involves a murder, an intentionally over-the-top psychic predicting the course of the play, a lawyer who is himself an aspiring playwright and quite a few surprises.

As Sidney Bruhl, Sam DePriest does a good job. DePriest's forte was how wonderfully he acted opposite Adam Roffman, who was fabulous in

the role of Clifford Anderson. Further, DePriest has many of the play's humorous lines and hits most of them dead-on. Initially, he seemed slightly uncomfortable, especially in interacting with his wife. During the second act, however, DePriest was completely in charge of his role, showing off his range as an actor and dominating the play at exactly the right moments.

Melissa Leebaert, as Myra Bruhl, is convincing as the delicate, domestic wife. Leebaert not only has a great voice for the theater, she also knows how to express herself with her body and face.

As the gifted young playwright, Roffman swept away the audience. It was clear that he loved to plunge into the role. He did an admirable job of covering up a prop gaffe at a very important point in the play – never losing his flow in the performance and remaining in character throughout.

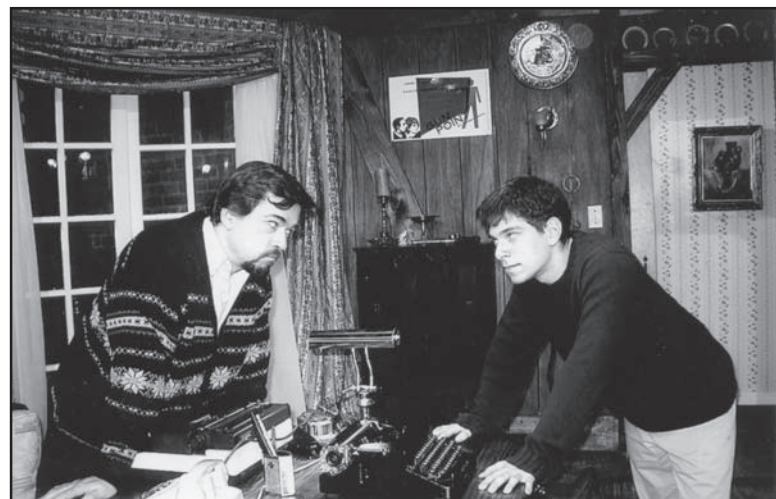
The last two actors in the play, Sherrionne Brown and Denis L. Latkowski, as Helga Ten Dorp and Porter Milgrim respectively, were also amazing. Brown, as the comic relief with a heavy Dutch accent, was hysterical. It is obvious that she is a gifted actress with great comic talent.

Latkowski, as the "dull, but sharp" lawyer and friend of Sidney Bruhl, could not have been better cast. His facial expressions are an absolute riot – he almost steals the show at times, although he only appears in a minor role.

Roy Hammond beautifully directed his talented cast from



Sherrionne Brown as Helga Ten Dorp and Denis L. Latkowski as Porter Milgrim.



Sam DePriest as Sidney Bruhl and Adam Roffman as Clifford Anderson.

the comic scenes to the impressive struggles, masterly choreographed by Ted Paulsen. Hammond certainly has the audience laugh as well as bite their nails and sit at the edges of their seats – even the people who already knew the play. The play, as over-the-top as it of course is, actually seems believable for those enjoyable two hours in the theater.

The director also designed the marvelous set, which is very important in this particular case. The same goes for the lighting and sound, craftily designed by Nicholas John and Guy W. Noce, respectively.

With "Deathtrap," a difficult show to put on, the right timing is paramount. The play depends heavily on props, choreography, lighting, sound and other special effects. The company managed to master these effects without overwhelming either the actors or the audience.

Anyone interested in a "juicy murder," "good dialogue, and laughs in the right places," is urged to go to the Greenbelt Arts Center for performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. through March 29, with Sunday matinees on March 16 and 23 at 2 p.m.

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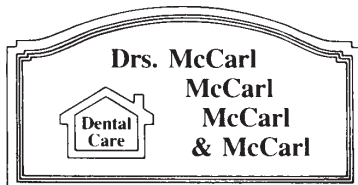
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"Huey" the duck and mallards enjoyed warm weather last year on the Hanover Parkway pond.

## Nature Promises Spring But Brings a Winter Loss

by Barbara Hopkins

The pond on Hanover Parkway was still about 90 percent ice-covered a few days before The Big Snow, but the small amount of open water was enough to encourage a few ducks to believe that spring is coming. I watched two hooded merganser drakes spar for a single hen by repeatedly flashing their beautiful black and white hoods and chasing one another through water and air.

A pair of mallards engaged in head-bobbing behavior, a part of their courtship. For every two bobs of the drake's head, the hen bobbed once, but it was apparently enough to synchronize whatever it takes to bring them together. For the hen it was largely an underwater event and I marveled at her ability to remain completely submerged in that icy water with the larger male on her back for what seemed like several minutes. Now and then I could see her beak barely come above the surface of the water and I imagined her gulping enough air to last a bit longer.

When her mate left her she reared out of the water and stretched and flapped her wings, seemingly undaunted, perhaps even pleased in some duck fashion by her ordeal.

In the trees nearby I was surprised to see and hear male red-winged blackbirds noisily claiming their territory with their "conker-ee" calls.

Despite the snow still on the ground from the last storm, despite the forecast of an even bigger storm soon to come, despite the frozen landscape of the pond, I could hear Nature proclaiming that spring is coming. It was enough to see me through the heavy dose of winter that began a few days later.

Sadly, one critter that won't be enjoying the return of spring on the pond is the gray domestic duck with pinioned wings that I and a few concerned others have tried to help make a living for, oh, at least 8 years now. One of three similar birds that someone apparently dropped off at the pond when they no longer wanted or could no longer care for them, the one I called Huey (with great originality, I admit) had been the sole survivor of the trio for the past five years or so. Those I named Dewey and Louie had earlier appointments with Nature and disappeared at different times.

Huey would be confined in freezing weather to small areas of the pond near the drainage pipes where the movement of inflowing water kept it free of ice. It was difficult to get food to him then, but he seemed to

recognize me and would even walk across the ice for the corn I would bring.

A few days after the storm I couldn't find an access to the pond, nor could I see over the heaping piles of snow to check on Huey. By the following Sunday, when some snow melted, I went again with my bag of crumbs and corn. But though I saw mallards and gulls on the pond, I saw no sign of Huey. Eventually I began to resign myself to the notion that winter had claimed him.

Two weeks after the storm I walked all around the pond, looking everywhere with my binoculars, but didn't find a trace of him. Not one feather. Perhaps the hawk I saw hanging out there had finally gotten hungry enough to try to tackle such a big bird; perhaps Huey got weak enough that he became easier prey for a hawk or a feral cat. Perhaps the pond froze over completely and he went in search of water and food and succumbed to a car or some other predator. I guess I will never know.

Swimming on the pond on the first Sunday in March were even more mallards, the mergansers (now paired up with no extra males), gulls, Canada geese, even a coot, which I rarely have seen there. The water was again mostly water with just a small patch of ice. Soon even more birds will gather there, including a hen mallard, looking like a pendant hanging from a chain of ducklings strung out behind her. But without the familiar silhouette of the gray duck who couldn't fly, the one I called Huey, the pond will seem strangely empty to me.

Winter has exacted its price. I hope spring will come with a bonus.

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# City Tells Douglas Peters About Its County Issues

by James Giese

The city has provided its new representative to the county council, Douglas Peters, with a tentative list of issues of interest to the city. They were presented to Peters' aide, Ric Santos in a memorandum by David Moran, assistant to the city manager. One of the issues is already in the works, as Peters has received and the city is reviewing draft enabling legislation. That legislation, a county council resolution, would approve a memorandum of understanding between the city and the county, if executed, that would enable the city to undertake the enforcement of county zoning regulations. Last year, the City of College Park executed a similar agreement. According to Moran's memorandum Greenbelt would like to wait six months to a year before requesting similar authority, in order to monitor College Park's experience in undertaking zoning enforcement. However, City Manager Michael McLaughlin said that the city would be ready to go ahead with undertaking zoning enforcement as soon as the necessary authorization was completed.

With this authority the city would be able to initiate and pursue enforcement action for any property which is being used in a manner not permitted by the county zoning code and for which use the owner(s) does not have the required permits for such use. College Park has been the leader in seeking this authority because it believes there are continuing problems with zoning violations in regard to student housing. McLaughlin does not believe that Greenbelt has much in the way of zoning violations.

The city of Bowie is also seeking zoning enforcement authority.

## Landfill Fees

Another matter of concern to the city, according to Moran, are the county landfill fees. For many years the city has received a landfill fee rebate from the county based upon its population. County municipalities achieved the rebate at a time that the county raised its landfill fees to be equal to the higher Montgomery County fees, in order to keep outside county trash haulers from using county landfills. The Maryland courts had ruled that non-county trash haulers could not be prohibited from using the county landfills.

Once as much as \$157,000, the then new County Executive Wayne Curry, in 1995, arbitrarily reduced the rebate at a time he faced a serious budget crunch. The city would like the original rebate restored, according to Moran, or at least increased.

Also, the county increased its fee for receiving recyclable materials such as leaves, grass clippings and yard trash in bags at the Western Branch center from \$10 to \$25. The city is asking for the fee to be returned to what it was.

## Grants

For 25 years Greenbelt and the other municipalities have partnered with the county to spend federal Community Development Block Grants. These grants are to be used to fund

public improvements and redevelopment in the lower income areas of the county. When Gil Weidenfeld was mayor, he had worked out an agreement between the county's municipalities and the county as to how the block grant funds would be divided among the jurisdictions. With municipal participation the county was able to receive more funds and in return municipalities received amounts which they used primarily for street and sidewalk repair work.

However, in the past two years, according to Moran, the county has changed this unwritten agreement and reduced the amount it shares with the municipalities. The county has also shifted the focus of the use of these funds away from repairs to street infrastructure, using the monies instead for housing redevelopment. The city would like their former share of the grant funds restored.

Also, Moran raised the matter of how Peters would use county funds which can be distributed to community groups at his discretion. He noted that former County Councilmember Audrey Scott had provided small sums ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 to various community groups in Greenbelt such as Greenbelt CARES, Friends of the Greenbelt Museum and the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club and that these small grants were greatly appreciated.

As to Greenbelt CARES, Moran noted that state funding is now distributed through a Local Management Board which over the past five years has been overwhelmingly weighted in the county's favor. As a result, municipal agencies such as CARES have not been able to compete for additional funding. Moran hoped that Peters could ensure the opportunity for municipal youth service bureaus to compete for additional funding.

## Haseley and Hall Honored For Community Service

by Pat Unger

Members of the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club met on Friday, February 21 for their Annual Greenbelt Sweethearts Night. This year's honored guests were Karen Haseley from the Department of Recreation and Kenneth Hall, director of Greenbelt's Public Works Department.

Both speakers received traditional Valentines from club officers, represented by club historian J Davis.

The group's next meeting will be the annual Social Night Out on Friday, March 21. It will begin at 6 p.m. with a group dinner at the Beijing Restaurant, to be followed by attendance at the 8 p.m. performance of "Death-trap" by Ira Levin at the Greenbelt Arts Center. Ticket information for both parts of the evening, or for either one, is available from Sylvia Lewis, club treasurer, at 301-474-3635.

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Moran said that the city would like to see eliminated a \$7,000 fee charged by the county for equipment Greenbelt police lease from the county in order to obtain criminal information.

Greenbelt also seeks a larger share of funds from the Maryland-National Park and Planning Commission for recreation programming. He said that Greenbelt taxpayers pay over \$700,000 to the county in recreation taxes, but get back only about \$100,000.

The city continues to seek county support for the city being authorized to do its own planning and zoning by the Maryland legislature.

At one time, the county government paid half of the dues of the cities of Bowie, College Park and Greenbelt for membership in the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. The rationale for this was that the county benefited by having the added populations of the cities when it came to voting on COG issues. However, under Curry, the county stopped paying the approximately \$20,000 for its share of the dues and the city would like to have the county return to its former policy.

Moran said that the city supports the county council revisiting CB-40, which provides for when developers can and cannot undertake development in areas with inadequate school facilities. Moran said there is enough evidence that CB-40 is not working.

Moran also reiterated the city's position in opposition to the present development proposal at Greenbelt Station/Metroland which the city considers to be too dense or without enough mixed use.

He also asked that Peters give the city a "heads up" on development and transit issues.

## St. Hugh's Seahawks: Top Cheerleaders

by Leslie Hilliard

St. Hugh's Seahawk cheerleaders outperformed 32 competitor groups at the Maryland Cup Regional Championship Competition held on January 25 at the Showplace Arena in Upper Marlboro.

"I think what really fired them up was seeing other families from their school cheer them on," said Coach Lorrie Hall.

The Varsity Squad placed first in the Small Middle School Division and first in the CYO Championship Competition. The Rookie Squad received second place in the CYO Championship Competition. In addition, the Seahawk Cheerleaders were awarded first place for Best Overall Performance Group.

On the Varsity Squad, with girls from grades three to eight, are: Captain KayLa Miranda, Himabindu Bichali, Alexis Davidson, Amanda Dorsey, Tiffany Edwards, Devin Fendlay, Marcella and Vercella Fidelis, Kelsey Hall, Paige Jacobs, Alexandra Lopez, Kelsey Shaffer, Stephanie Treacy, Lindsey West and Cassandra Winfrey.

On the Rookie Squad, with girls from grades one to four are: Captain Soraya Pracht, Kellie Achstetter, Tiara Crowder, Erin Grady, Katherine Hussey, Molly Jankowski, Tiffany Johannes, Samantha Korns, Mary Loutsch, Kaitlyn McVeigh, Taylor Montford, Bella Onwumbiko and Stephanie Tallman.



St. Hugh's cheerleading squad poses after a winning performance.

## Students at St. Hugh's Receive Honors Awards

by Leslie Hilliard

Ending Catholic Schools Week on January 31, 43 students at St. Hugh's School were recognized for their academic achievements. The school assembly for the Honors Award presentation was also attended by the friends and families of the honorees.

Students in grades 5 through 8, who maintain grades of A or B, are eligible for the award. In addition to academic achievement, the Honor Award also encompasses attributes of respect, spirituality and responsibility.

Students achieving First Honors must maintain an A in every subject except one, where a B is permissible. Nineteen students received the distinction of First Honors. They are: 5th grade – John Culhane, Alexander Dwivendi, Devin Fendlay, Marcella Fidelis, Ramesh Katta, Scot Kincaid, Rachael Rogers and Zachary Viola; 6th grade –

Sarah Layton and Nolan Soter; 7th grade – Nicholas Gunawan, Edward Kim, Eleanor Lomax and Gregory Meyer; 8th grade – Jeffrey Grant and Sara Witter.

Students earning Second Honors must receive either A or B in every core subject. Twenty four students received the distinction of Second Honors. They are: 5th grade – William Holt, Paige Jacobs, Sean Kennedy, Alexander Scott McGee, Ryan Nguyen, Matthew Elsasser, Robert Lewey and Colleen McAndrew; 6th grade – Erin Cocchiaro, Eric Didion, Jonathan Nguyen, James Riordon and Kyra Simon; 7th grade – Joseph Chang, Laurence Fitzgerald, Jeffrey Han, Peter Morrison, Thomas Rogers and Nicholas Viktor; 8th grade – Megan Didion, Angela Kim, Andrew Perrin, Justin Van Den Bossche and Antania Whitlow.

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