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County Planning Board Gives Go-ahead to South Core Plans

by Thomas X. White

At its meeting on Thursday, February 2 the Prince George's County Planning Board considered and approved the Preliminary Plan and revised Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) for the South Core of the Greenbelt Station development. The action rectifies flaws inherent in the original July 2001 CSP for the development which was successfully challenged by the City of Greenbelt and remanded by the Maryland Court of Appeals in 2004.

The Planning Board action, which included some 65 conditions, went a long way in addressing concerns expressed by its technical staff and the cities of Greenbelt and College Park.

The many conditions that the planning staff of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) would ultimately recommend to the Planning Board before its approval for the revised CSP were hammered out among all of the above parties in meetings with representatives of Greenbelt Metropark LLC prior to the Planning Board's consideration.

At the Planning Board meeting later that day, the board received formal testimony from Gary Wagner, the M-NCPPC planning coordinator; Norman Rivera, the developers' representative;

Celia Craze, Greenbelt's director of Planning and Community Development; the planning director for College Park and private citizens representing either themselves or neighborhood associations. At the end of the day the Planning Board added new conditions, deleted some conditions or modified the language of others before crafting a motion that was approved unanimously by its members. The board action now paves the way for consideration of a Detailed Site Plan (DSP) for the South Core development that will likely be on upcoming agendas of the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board and city council this spring. For the developers and the City of Greenbelt and its citizens, the planning saga for Greenbelt Station continues. It now enters a more detailed phase in terms of refining the agreedupon requirements that are outlined in the approved CSP and its attendant conditions.

City Conditions

In her testimony to the Planning Board, Craze announced that with completion of the proposed annexation, ". . . as of January 26, 2006, the entire Greenbelt Station project is now located within the City of Greenbelt's municipal boundaries." In her comments, she reiterated Greenbelt's position as outlined in a January 27

letter to the Planning Board from Greenbelt's Mayor Pro-Tem Rodney Roberts.

That letter said the city was pleased that the majority of conditions important to Greenbelt were included in the M-NCPPC technical staff report. However, the city's letter highlighted several conditions approved by the council but not referenced in the technical staff's report. Roberts requested the Planning Board adopt the following conditions setting forth requirements for the applicant:

(1) At the time of the review of the first DSP for each core area, provide a plan showing all proposed private and public trails, including identification of public access points to the proposed stream valley trail system.

(2) Provide at the time of the first DSP for the South Core a proposed schedule, subject to approval of the State of Maryland and the City of Greenbelt, for the transfer of the remaining land (36 acres) to be given to the state.

(3) Not exceed the cumulative environmental impacts associated with previously approved variation requests by any proposed development or construction within the project area.

See **SOUTH CORE**, page 6

20th Century Textile Expert Is Greenbelt Museum Staff Intern

by Enid Y. Grempler

Years ago Julie Geschwind began her journey with textiles by launching a hand-woven clothing business. Today she deals with textiles in a museum setting. It is her love of fabrics and materials from the 20th century that brought her to the Greenbelt Museum about a month ago for an internship.

Previously she had looked into working at several different historical landmark museums in the Washington Metropolitan Area: The Hillwood House, Tudor Place and the Pope-Leighey House.

"Many people going through my program are interested in the 18th and 19th century," she said, "but I'm strictly interested in the 20th century. Greenbelt is a rare opportunity for me to be surrounded by the objects and history that I want to focus on in my career. I was also interested in the fact that there have been few clothing and textile shows at the museum and I would have an opportunity to work on one for the future."

Her day at the museum in-

volves cataloguing data into the computer about all the clothing and textiles in the available collections. Geschwind provides a detailed description of the materials and records their condition. Finally she constructs a plan of where to place each object in the museum. The internship benefits her as well since she is currently pursuing her master's degreein decorative art with an emphasis on textiles.

Geschwind also works in the education department at the Textile Museum doing special projects. Two years ago she and a fellow textile enthusiast June Pearson Bland gave a talk on native fabrics from Gambia and Mali. Geschwind, an Alexandria resident, has taught at the Art League School's Springwater Fiber Workshop and also served on its board of directors.

Each job puts her closer to her ultimate goal of becoming a curator working with textiles and clothing of the 20th century. Not only is she interested in 20th century textiles, she is also enamored of the style of archi-

tecture found throughout Greenbelt.

"The Art Deco style is one aspect that is very appealing to me. It is also an interesting part of history during the Great Depression and not one that is usually displayed in a museum, other than for a specific exhibit," she said. If the pieces of her life seem connected like the threads in a tapestry, that's because they are. Even the City of Greenbelt bears a slight resemblance to the development where she resides.

"I live in an area just south of Old Town Alexandria called Hollin Hills which is a mid-century modern development. We are in the process of being registered on the list of Historic Communities." As far as she's concerned about this historic community, Geschwind adds one final thought: "I think that Greenbelt is a fantastic glimpse of an important part of history, of the Depression, the so-called Progressive Era, the New Deal and how people lived during that period."

Acting Postmaster to Guide Move to New Post Office

by Carol Griffith

Galo Tolentino, acting postmaster of the Greenbelt Post Office, will be in charge of the Post Office's move from the current Centerway location to the facility under construction on Hanover Parkway. Tolentino was requested to come to the Greenbelt Post Office in the prolonged absence of Postmaster Cooper and has been in charge since the last week of December. Tolentino has been a postal employee since 1981. His usual assignment is in Huntingtown, Calvert County. He lives in Waldorf.

At this time Tolentino is unable to provide information about the move, as by United States Postal Service rules he is not allowed to discuss any aspect until plans are final. He did, however, say that there are "minor problems" with the new facility and that no firm date for the move has been set. He added that when plans for the move are formalized, a letter announcing the move and giving necessary information will be mailed to each postal customer and posted on each post office box.

Greenbelt Elementary Takes First in State "First in Math"

by Anne Gardner

Students at Greenbelt Elementary School are excited about math these days, thanks to an online computer game called the "First in Math 24 Game." In fact they are doing so well that the school is currently ranked first in the state.

The "First in Math" program was implemented in the fifth grade at Greenbelt Elementary School in the fall of 2005. Since that time, students have logged many hours practicing math problems, from simple addition and subtraction facts through decimals, fractions, exponents and complex algebra. The game can be played on any computer with internet access, so the students can play at home or the library as well as at school. In January the program was extended to include the third, fourth and sixth grades, plus a group of 14 second grade students who are working on third grade math.

The original 24 Game was invented in 1988 by Robert Sun, of Suntex International. He "wanted to demonstrate that mathematics can be powerful, engaging and most of all fun." The current online version, "First in Math," has been available since 2002. Students progress at

their own pace, earning electronic "award stickers" for each level completed and a record is kept of individual member and team progress. When teachers log on they can track progress through Assessment Reports which allows them to assist students who are struggling. They also can check the ranking of individuals or their team against other students, class to class, school to school and even at state and national levels.

There are many areas to explore, including the "Workout Gym" which gives students extra practice to pump up their math muscles, and "Show What You Know" which provides an interesting and fun way for students to experience the type of problems found in standardized tests. Puzzles, bonus games and congratulatory messages are included to keep students excited and interested.

According to Pamela Bauer, teacher of the top-performing fifth grade class, "This program engages students in the learning process. We love this program and continue to see success among all of our students."

The current online version, "First in Math," has been available the game go to http://since 2002. Students progress at www.firstinmath.com.

LOVE NOTES ARE BACK!

See page 12 to find out if there is one for you!

What Goes On

Saturday, February 11

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between City Offices and Community Center

Monday, February 12

8 p.m., Regular City Council Meeting, Municipal Building (Live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, February 14

7:30 p.m., Advisory Committee on Trees, Community Center, Room 112 Wednesday, February 15

7:30 p.m., Joint Meeting of the Park and Recreation Advisory Board/Advisory Planning Board, Community Center, Room 112

Editorial

Significant Achievements

It makes sense for the South Core development at Greenbelt Station including the wetlands tract along Indian Creek to become part of the City of Greenbelt. We congratulate the city council and the city's planning staff on this accomplishment.

Even if it proves less economically beneficial than city staff estimates, the South Core will become an important part of the Greenbelt Station project, a mixed-use transit-oriented commu-

With the North Core (the Metro station parking lots, to be overbuilt with a complex of major structures) already within the city, the entire project will be subject to the same jurisdictional regulations. Prior to annexation, the city's western boundary jutted out around an irregularly-shaped peninsula, the North Core. Now the CSX railroad tracks, an established barrier from the Beltway to Branchville Road, will separate Greenbelt from College Park.

To accomplish annexation of the South Core, the city undertook extensive bargaining with Greenbelt Metropark LLC. Such bargaining, of course, entails much give and take and we believe Greenbelt achieved many important concessions from the developer. On the other hand, providing financial assistance for construction of the north-south connector road through Greenbelt Station constituted a major concession on the part of the city. Yet this assistance will be carried out without the city's having to pledge any part of municipal resources toward payment of this debt. Instead a portion of property taxes from Greenbelt Station to be realized from the new development will be dedicated to this purpose. The debt, which will be temporary, can assure a superior development of Greenbelt Station. The annexation will be permanent.

Neither this annexation nor the many other concessions the city has received from the developers could have been achieved if the city had not pursued its legal objections to the developmental procedures all the way to the Maryland Court of Special Appeals. Nor would it have been accomplished without able and effective negotiations on the part of the city council and its professional and dedicated administrative and planning staff. Not only did Greenbelt benefit from the city's deteremined efforts but College Park and Berwyn Heights were then able to obtain concessions from the developer also.

We applaud our city council and the city staff for these significant achievements.

Letters to the Editor

New Post Office: Some Perspective

Readers of last week's letter to the editor regarding the post office need more historical context to get the full picture. Greenbelt has long been in need of a new post office. The current facility is undersized for patrons and very undersized for the carriers in the back. Almost 10 years ago, postal service officials indicated that they were taking steps to find new accommodations for the current post office. They could find no suitable locations in Greenbelt and were looking for a site outside of the city that might also be combined with a postal facility for the Glenn Dale area.

We found this possibility unacceptable and said so to the postal service. In order to improve the likelihood of a facility in Greenbelt, the city worked to identify sites that were large enough and had appropriate access for the postal service. Five potential sites were identified.

After consideration, the postal service identified the parcel at Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive as its preferred site. It did not infringe on nearby residential neighborhoods and was large enough to meet the postal service's needs while being buffered from the adjacent Windsor Green community.

The property did not come easily. There was a limitation placed on the property by an earlier owner who had been foreclosed on. It required the threat of a city lawsuit to clean up this matter. As part of the agreement with the landowners, the city was also able to acquire the 10-acre undeveloped Sunrise property at the end of Hanover Drive, which the city had been interested in doing for a number of years.

From the very beginning of this process, we made it clear that we expected the postal service to retain service in Roosevelt Center. Representatives from the postal service understood this position and were supportive of it. It was only in the last two years that the financial difficulties facing the postal service forced it to pull back from making continued service in Roosevelt Center a reality.

The claims of inadequate access are not accurate. There is plenty of roadway access on Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive. Hanover Parkway is three lanes wide in this section and there is a traffic light at the intersection of Hanover and Ora Glen. Sidewalks that will connect with existing sidewalks on Hanover and Ora Glen are being installed as part of the project. Bus stops exist right across the street from the new post office on Hanover Parkway. Bicycle access from Greenbelt East will be easy along existing trails and walkways and pedestrians and cyclists from historic Greenbelt can access these paths via the Spellman Overpass.

Understandably, the relocation of the post office will benefit some residents and inconvenience others. However, the city was faced with the possibility of not having a post office at all, which would have been a loss for everyone. We believe the new post office will serve the city well for many years.

Greenbelt City Council Judith Davis, Rodney M. Roberts. Edward Putens, Leta Mach, Konrad Herling

Prefers Activists Be Constructive

We have a pretty nice community here in Greenbelt. Not perfect but pretty nice.

Most of the good things we enjoy, activities and facilities, are the results of citizens working together, often with our city government.

Actually one reason why Greenbelt is a better place to live may be because it has more constructive activists than other places. This certainly includes those willing to serve on the city council and its boards.

But, occasionally, something doesn't work out and a different type of "activist" appears - to castigate and blame.

Frankly, I strongly prefer those activists who anticipate and participate to build our community. They are pretty nice people.

David Lange

Not Everything Must Be in Old Greenbelt

Why is it so hard to accept that some services need not be in the center of Greenbelt?

I write this letter, first of all, to demonstrate that Greenbelt East does have public transportation for accessing the new post office soon to be opened at the intersection of Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive, contrary to what was stated in a letter in the February 2 edition of the News Review.

I know from extensive experience riding buses through various parts of Greenbelt that Metrobus route R12 passes the post office and that the T16/17 service is only a block away. The Prince George's County The Bus routes 15 and 16 have a stop right next to the post office; and students, staff and faculty can ride the University of Maryland Shuttle to the same block as the post office. What more is needed? Apparently a sidewalk and this is required to be built when the post office construction is completed.

Secondly, as for the unfortunate situation that the center of Greenbelt will not have a contract postal unit, despite good faith efforts by city leaders, my recollection is that Greenbelt might not have had a post office at all had it not been for efforts by the city council and Congressman Steny Hoyer.

Beyond this, as a resident of Greenbelt East I feel I must write that the center of our city is fortunate to have a branch of the county library system, the Greenbelt Community Center, the Municipal Building, a performing arts facility and a cinema, all patronized and/or supported by taxes paid by residents of Greenbelt East as well as those of Greenbelt Center and other parts of our city.

Any letter that criticizes people cannot be given much credence if it contains inaccuracies. Mr. Goldberg, by reason of being elected chair of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee, can speak for citizens of Greenbelt East; and he also has a 20-year experience of city affairs in Greenbelt as a whole. Even though, unlike me, he does not ride public transportation in Greenbelt, the efforts of Mr. Goldberg on behalf of Greenbelt are appreciated by persons like me, who can set the record straight.

> Derek Thompson Ora Glen Court



"Through rain, through sleet, through snow, through hail . . I will (somehow) get to the new Post Office!"

Hire Somebody to Run Postal Unit

contract postal unit in Roosevelt Center, I have not heard mention of what will be done with the current post office space.

Just a suggestion: couldn't the space be modified to use one

In all the discussions about a half the present area, create the CPU there and put an ad in the Greenbelt News Review to hire people to run it? Why is the search limited to only current businesses in Roosevelt Center?

Laurie E. Siegel

Correction

The space for the legend below the map of Greenbelt Station that appeared on page one in last week's issue was blank. Best we can tell this happened because the legend was arranged behind the map after it was edited.

There was also an incorrect date given for the start of the new Islamic calendar year in the "What is Islam?" ad on page 4. The month of Muharram is determined by the lunar calendar and officially started on January 31 not February 2.

The News Review regrets the errors.

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THANKS

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Cheerleaders have had a very successful season so far this year. The ERHS cheer teams have competed in one competition with their next one coming up shortly at the University of Maryland. Both JV and Varsity brought home a first place trophy and a bid to nationals on their first outing.

The cheer organization has been fundraising in order to attend a Nationals Cheer Competition this season. We would like to take this time to thank the following local businesses for their support of our endeavors: AAA Plaques, Trophies and Signs, Atlanta Bread Company, Beltway

Plaza Hardware, Bennigan's Restaurant, Chesapeake Bagel Bakery, Chevy's Restaurant, CVS, Giant, Greenway Liquors and Deli, Hargrove, Inc., Jeepers!, Modell's Sporting Goods, Party City, Pier One Imports, Safeway, Silver Diner Restaurant and T.G.I.Friday's Restaurant.

If you are interested in seeing the ERHS Cheerleaders perform, please attend any of the remaining ERHS home men's varsity basketball games. If you would like to be one of our supporters, please contact Debbie Morgan at spiriteventz@aol.com for more information on any possible do-

Thank you all.

Debbie Morgan Manager ERHS Competition Registration

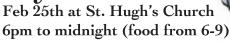


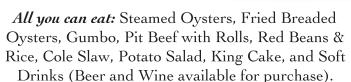
ERHS Varsity Team back row: Natalyn Obey, Jennifer Salaveria, Tayo Fatokimi, Brittany Jones, Kendra Davis, Chamika Bailey, Erica Lawson and Marian Sackey. Middle row: Shalay Ward, Brittany Trotter, Almonique Riley, Dionna Smoot, Morgan Whitehead, Amber Terrell, Johari Malik and Jessica House. Front row: Lisa Alexandera and Janei Peterson. Not pictured: Lauren Holly and Itika Johnson.



ERHS Junior Varsity Team back row: Nicole Cummings, Kerri Best, Sara Martin, Courtney Young, Brittany Mason and Crystal Obeng. Middle row: Tiffany Hayes, Ebony Broadnax, Tran Chau, Cheri Bailey and Shadawn Reddick-Smith. Front row: Alandrea Whitaker, Brianna Clare and Tiazia Coleman.

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Community Events

Menu for Senior **Nutrition Program**

The Senior Nutrition "Food and Friendship" program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before participants are planning to eat to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2008, ext. 4125 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for Monday through Friday, February 13 through 17 include:

Monday - Split pea soup with crackers, meatloaf with parsley gravy, whole boiled potatoes, green beans, orange sections.

Tuesday - Grape juice, vegetable lasagna, stewed tomatoes with okra, lettuce and tomato salad, coconut cake.

Wednesday - Orange juice, beef stew with vegetables, brown rice, cole slaw, two gingerbread

Thursday - Cream of broccoli soup with crackers, oven fried chicken, potato salad, mixed greens, strawberry parfait.

Friday - Cranapple juice, ham steak with fruit sauce, au gratin potatoes, broccoli flowers, red Jello with fruit.

Greenbriar Meetings

On Tuesday, February 14 Greenbriar Phase board meetings will be held in the Greenbriar Commons Room. The Phase III board meeting will be held at 6 p.m.; Phases I and II will meet at 7:30 p.m.

At the Library Children

Tuesday, February 14, 10:30 a.m. - Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, February 15, 10:30 a.m. - Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, February 16, 10:30 a.m. - Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

Adults

Saturday, February 11, 10:30 a.m. - Poetry Plus Club. The poet to be discussed is May Sarton. Participants are asked to bring 10 copies of any of her poems that they wish to discuss.

Wednesday, February 15, 7 p.m. Adult Book Discussion, "A Way in the World" by V.S. Naipaul.

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New Musical Opening at GAC

by Chris Cherry

Since the new year began, 26 young performers have been hard at work memorizing lines, songs and dances for the annual winter youth musical presented by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Greenbelt Arts Center. Their weeks of preparation will culminate on opening night, Friday, February 17 when the lights go up at the Arts Center on "Perseus and the Gorgon," a new musical by Chris Cherry.

Based on Greek myth, the story features two kings, two queens, a prince raised as a humble fisherman's son, assorted gods and goddesses and, of course, the Gorgon, a monster so hideous that the sight of it turns people to stone. Before venturing into the Gorgon's cave, Perseus receives three magical gifts: the sword of Hermes, the shield of Athena and the veil of Persephone. Perseus will succeed in his quest only if he has the insight to use the gifts in unexpected ways - and to see past the Gorgon's monstrous appear-

An early version of the show was presented this summer during Creative Kids Camp as Snakehead and Stoneface, which was a narrated story with songs. Families who enjoyed Snakehead will delight in seeing this fully developed incarnation of the show with a complete libretto and score. Not only has dialogue replaced all the narration but there are additional characters and songs, a dramatic sword fight, beautiful choreography and costumes and a captivating magical finale.

The cast of "Perseus and the Gorgon" includes Greenbelters Cody Sanders as King Acrisius, Annie Loutsch as Queen Danae, Dina Goldberg-Strassler as the Seneschal and Elise Flynn, who plays the Gorgon at three performances. Show times at the Greenbelt Arts Center are February 17, 18, 19, 24 and 25 at 7 p.m., with a 2 p.m. matinee on February 19. For tickets, call the Greenbelt Community Center at 301-397-2208. There is a fee.

Crochet Class At Greenbrian

On February 18 there will be an opportunity to learn to crochet or get some expert help with projects in progress. The class will meet in the Greenbriar Commons Room from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants must register in advance in the Greenbriar office. Ages 8 and up are welcome. There is a small fee per person. Crocheters are also to bring a skein of light colored yarn and a crochet hook. Call Ramona Davis for details at 301-441-1096, ext. 11.

Fire Safety Focus At Mamas & Papas

The next meeting of the Greenbelt Mamas & Papas will feature a fire safety and prevention presentation by the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department.

Parents and pre-schoolers are invited to the presentation Wednesday, February 15 at 11 a.m. during the regular meeting, which is held in the Youth Center Multipurpose Room. The presentation is aimed at educating and informing parents and children on what actions are key to preventing fires and fire-related casualties, as well as what to do in the event of a fire.

New Deal Board To Meet Feb. 21

The Board of Directors of New Deal Café Cooperative will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, February 21 at 7 p.m. The meeting will be held on the first floor of the community center. Check the sign board in the hallway for the room number.

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Obituaries

William H. Blacker

William Henry Blacker, Jr. was born July 2, 1917, in Evanston, Ill., the son of Violet Leaf and William Henry, Sr. Mr. Blacker died on



February 1, 2006, at the age of 88 years and 6 months.

Bill (as he was known by his friends) graduated from Evanston High School in 1935. He attended Northwestern University and then came to Greenbelt from Evanston with his bride, Lorraine in 1941.

He worked for the US Government in the Department of Revenue for 30 years as a supervisor. His favorite hobbies were golf, tennis and, of course, gardening - he had the most beautiful azaleas in Greenbelt.

He is survived by his daughter Susan and her partner Irene, who reside in New Mexico; his son Tom and his wife Andrea of Vermont; his two granddaughters Heidi and Skye of New York City; grandson Michael in California; his sister Lucille in Illinois; several cousins, nieces, nephews and many close neighbors and friends.

Mr. Blacker was preceded in death by his wife Lorraine in September 2004 and his sisters Joyce and Marie.

He was a generous and dedicated husband, father and grandfather and was deeply loved by his family. He had a great sense of humor and was known as a very positive man.

Memorial services were held on February 4 at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 610 Main Street in Colchester,



Lorraine and Bill Blacker



Baha'i Faith

"O Friend! In the garden of thy heart, plant naught but the rose of love." -Baha'u'llah

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Sundays 10 A.M. Municipal Building

Film Festival At Mishkan Torah

A two day film festival, February 12 and February 18 will be held at Mishkan Torah. On February 12 at 2 p.m. there will be a showing of "The Frisco Kid." This is a movie about a newlyordained orthodox rabbi from the pale of settlement of Eastern Europe, who sets out on horseback from Philadelphia to San Francisco knowing only that California is somewhere near New York. It is a comedy and stars Gene Wilder and a young Harrison Ford. The film will be shown on a 65 inch TV set that the Men's Club of Mishkan Torah rented to show this film festival.

On February 18 at 7 p.m. there will be a double feature: The first feature will be "Like Father Like Clown," a comedy cartoon. This film was made in 1991 and lasts 30 minutes. It was one of "The Simpsons" series. The voice of Rabbi Hyman Krustofski is that of Jackie Mason.

The second feature will be "A Thousand Clowns." This film stars Jason Robards and Martin Balsam and was made in 1965. It is 118 minutes long. Martin Balsam won an Oscar for an actor in a supporting role in this film. The black and white film, nominated for six Oscars, is serious but has some comic aspects. A social worker is threatening to separate the nephew from the influence of his iconoclastic uncle.

There is no charge to attend but there will be a donations basket to help defray the large screen TV rental.

UM Faculty Recital At Smith Center

On Monday, February 13 at 8 p.m. the UM School of Music will present a faculty recital featuring double reed artists and introducing new Artist-in-residence Sue Heineman, principal bassoon of the National Symphony Orchestra. This recital will take place in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts

Tu B'Shevat Seder At Mishkan Torah

On Saturday, February 11 at the end of Sabbath services, instead of the normal Musaf service, there will be a substitution of a Tu B'Shevat Seder to celebrate the holiday of Tu B'Shevat, i.e., the holiday marking the birthdate of trees. All people who will be attending Sabbath services at Mishkan Torah are invited to participate. A haggadah written by Mishkan Torah's Rabbi Cohen will be used. The haggadah explores the traditional themes of the land of Israel, ecological awareness and people's mystic connection to nature. Participants will sample a variety of specially chosen fruits and nuts and will mix various combinations of red and white grape juice. For further information call the office at Mishkan Torah at 301- 474-4223 or just show up at Sabbath services. Admission is free.

Donation Drop-off This Saturday

On Saturday, February 11 from 9 a.m. to noon the American Rescue Workers van will be parked between the Municipal Building and the Community Center. Accepted will be donations of usable household goods (clothing, furniture, small appliances, curtains, towels, bedding, books, puzzles and toys).

For further information call the City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8303.

Modern Music Played At Smith Center

Lisa Cella, flute, and Franklin Cox, cello, present an evening of modern music featuring works by David Ward-Steinmann, Sidney Corbett, Franklin Cox, Barbara Rettagliati, Elliott Carter, Kajia Saariaho and Jason Eckardt. It will be held on Tuesday, February 14 at 8 p.m. in the Gildenhorn Recital Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. This event is free and open to the public.

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Explore World Travel by Video

Explorations Unlimited will show two travel videos hosted by Rick Steves on February 17. Steves will take participants on a tour through Scandinavia and Included in the Austria. Scandinavia video is a bicycle tour through the capital of Denmark and a glance at that city's summer jazz festival. Next, visit Sweden and experience the daily parade that signifies the changing of the guard at the Royal Palace. Visit the Viking Ship Museum in Norway and observe the medieval ships that fought in European waters in the 9th century.

The Austria video explores Vienna and travels the Danube, then visits the famous Staatsopera. Listen to the echoes of Austria's famous sons Mozart, Beethoven and Strauss and visit Mozart's birthplace in Salzburg. The Austrian tour ends with an underground train ride through the ancient salt mines at Hallstatt.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center. This presentation will be held in the Senior Lounge, Room 111. Everyone is welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. Call 301-397-2208 for more information.

Greenbelters were saddened to hear of the death of former Greenbelter William H. Blacker who died February 1, 2006.

Adrianna Terrell, a freshman Japanese major at the University of Findlay near Toledo, Ohio, is active in theater there, recently performing



in the university's annual Triage Theatre production, in which she directed the play "Lost in Paleface." Terrell, a 2005 ERHS graduate, is the daughter of Kate and Alan Terrell of Hedgewood

It's a girl! Heather and Bret Howard of Greendale Place are pleased to announce the arrival of Ava Linelle on December 16, 2005. Ava made her debut at Sibley Hospital, weighing 7 lbs., 8 oz. She joins big sister Alyssa and big brother Adam. Proud relatives are her uncle, Sean Sparks and her grandparents, Dusty and Margie Sparks and Janet Harris.

Friends and neighbors are very saddened to learn that Terri Gates, who is just home from the hospital, is facing a life-threatening illness. Terry is a member of the News Review staff.

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What IS Islam?

Today, February 9, marks the 10th day of Muharram which is known as Ashurah.

The 10th day of the Islamic month of Muharram marks the commemoration of the day when the Prophet Moses (peace be upon him) and his people were delivered from

the tryanny of the Pharoah. The story of the flight of the Bani Israel from Egypt is well known in all monotheistic faiths and the day is recognized with fasting by both Jews and Muslims alike. Upon instruction from the Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him) Muslims are encouraged to fast for two days.

To find out more about the Prophet Moses from an Islamic perspective, e-mail us at searchislam@mail.com or call 301-982-9463 or visit the website www.islamguide.com.

G. Ivey, G. Mathews To Address Dems

by Pat Unger

This month's regular meeting of the Eleanor & Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club of Greenbelt will feature two speakers on local and county crime prevention and statistics. Prince George's County State's Attorney Glenn Ivey will present these issues from a county-wide prospective.

Then, as in earlier years, the club will recognize a city employee in February as its "Greenbelt Sweetheart." This year that honor goes to Officer George Mathews of the Greenbelt Police Department. He will speak on law enforcement from the municipal point of view.

President Pat Unger will conduct a brief business meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, February 17 in the Terrace Room of the Greenbriar Community Building, 7600 Hanover Parkway, at the corner of Greenbelt Road, Rt. 193. Members, prospective members and the public are all welcome. A social hour will follow the program. Members are asked to bring desserts or snacks to share. Coffee, tea and soft drinks will be provided.

Upcoming events will also be discussed. A Social Night Out on Friday, March 17 will replace the regular meeting for that month, beginning with dinner at the Beijing Restaurant at 6:30 p.m., followed by the Irish comedy, "The Riot Act" at the Greenbelt Arts Center at 8 p.m. Call Bob or Lyn Doyle at 301-441-2585 for ticket information.

Plans will also be completed for a Bowie Baysox Tailgate Supper and game on Friday, June 23, co-sponsored with the Governor Oden Bowie Democratic Club of Bowie.

With the Democratic Primary Election scheduled for Tuesday, September 12 both Congressman Benjamin Cardin (MD-3) and former Congressman Kweisi Mfume (MD-7), candidates for the U.S. Senate seat being vacated by retiring Senator Paul Sarbanes, are expected to speak at the meeting on Friday, April 21. For program information call Sandra Eichbaum, 301-277-3072

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The business meeting on February 2 was well attended. We were very pleased to learn that Lori Moran volunteered to chair the travel committee with Pearl Siegel and Lydia Goldstein as assistants. Thanks to all of you; it's a tough job and means a lot to the club.

Congratulation to Ima and Don Davis who celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary with a delicious cake served by their daughter Donna. We love happy occasions at the Golden Age Club.

Bob Swain will entertain us on February 22. Bill Souser tells us that Bob has lots of interesting facts about bicycles, antique and otherwise. He may even bring some for display.

We wish Jack Owens a speedy recovery from his knee replacement. He would enjoy cards.

February is a short month and the meeting on March 1 will be a business meeting.

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GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting-Municipal Building February 13, 2006 - 8:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

Presentations

Petitions and Requests (Petitions received at the meeting will not be acted upon by the City Council at this meeting unless Council waives its Standing Rules.)

* Committee Reports (Items on the Consent Agenda marked by * will be approved as recommended by staff, subject to removal from the Consent Agenda by Council.)

LEGISLATION

Closing of Unemployment Compensation Reserve and Temporary Disability Reserve Funds

- A. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, "Administration," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Repealing Section 2-26, "Unemployment Compensation Reserve Fund" (1st Reading)
- B. An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, "Administration," of the Greenbelt City Code for the Purpose of Repealing Section 2-28, "Temporary Disability Reserve Fund" (1st Reading)

An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 2, "Administration," of the Greenbelt City Code in Order to Revise Sections 2-41 and 2-42 for the Purpose of Increasing the Maximum Threshold for Minor Purchases (1st Reading)

A Resolution of Negotiated Purchase for the Repair of the Hydraulic Arm on the Bucket Truck by RMS of Westminster, Maryland (1st Reading)

OTHER BUSINESS

- Eligibility Criteria for Recognition/Contribution Groups Proposed Revisions
- Award of Contract Street Work
- State Legislation
- *Application for Recognition Group Status Greenbelt Brownie Troop 2329
- *Resignation from Advisory Group
- *Reappointments to Advisory Group

MEETINGS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda, subject to change. Regular Council meetings are open to the public, and all interested citizens are invited to attend. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-474-8000 no later than 10am on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov to reach the City Clerk.

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Meetings for February 13-17

Monday, February 13, 8:00pm, **Regular Council Meeting**, Municipal Building (live on Channel 71)

Tuesday, February 14, 7:30pm, **Advisory Committee on Trees**, Community Center, Room 112. All interested persons are invited to attend. For information, please call Public Works at 301-474-8004

Wednesday, February 15, 7:30pm, Joint Meeting of the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board / Advisory Planning Board, Greenbelt Community Center, Room 112, Senior Gallery/Conference. <u>AGENDA</u>: I. Call to Order, II. Approval of Agenda, III. Approval of Minutes, IV. Northway Fields Master Plan – 30 minutes, V. Adjourn. For information call 301-345-5417.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call the number listed above, or contact the City Clerk at 301-474-8000 or kgallagher@greenbeltmd.gov.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

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Monday, February 13 at 8pm: Regular City Council

Meeting (live) Tuesday&Thursday, February 14 & 16:
10am & 6pm "Ask the Expert-Emergency Preparedness,"
7pm "ACE Reading Club presents Greenbelt Elementary,"
8:00pm Replay of Regular Council Meeting.
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Wednesday & Friday, February 15 & 17: 7pm "Family
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SOUTH CORE continued from page 1

(4) Provide an appropriate mix of residential unit types to encourage diversity in ownership. Give consideration to providing cooperative housing, senior housing, work-force housing, various price points or other alternatives which will increase housing choices and opportunities.

(5) In the South Core, narrow the loop road between the civic open space and the adjacent open space leading to the stream valley to the minimum width necessary for two travel lanes and prohibit parking between the civic open space and the open space adjacent to the stream valley. Use a decorative pavement material for the no parking area to demonstrate the connection between the adjacent open spaces.

(6) Be responsible for the clean-up, removal of debris, rough grading and installation of utilities (up to the property line) for the 3.7 acre open space parcel dedicated to the city. For any other land dedicated to the city be responsible for removal of debris and invasive species as agreed with the city.

(7) Provide a civic/open space area in the South Core, measuring approximately 200 feet in width by 700 feet in length, extending from the north-south connector road to the Indian Creek stream valley as shown on the illustrative conceptual site plan. The civic/ open space is to be designed to include, at a minimum, a formal gathering place, seating areas, a building for civic/public use and other design elements to define the total civic/open space and relate the space and uses to the neighborhood streetscape, landscaping and community in general. Prior to the issuance of the 200th building permit, the applicant shall submit proof of compliance with this condition.

Robert's letter noted, "the applicant has been working with the city over the past four years to address the city's concerns as they relate to development density, open space, transportation, the environment and urban design principles." In May 2005 the city entered into a development agreement with the applicant setting the framework for the funding and implementation of a number of city improvements, defining the amount of development involved and defining minimum and maximum percent land use types.

The city believes the development agreement served as the catalyst for the applicant to revise the 2001 CSP to reflect the vision of both the city and the approved Sector Plan and Sectional Map amendment for the Greenbelt Metro Area.

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Conditions Rejected

During the meeting, in an exchange between Planning Board members and the technical staff, all but two of the city's additional conditions were accommodated or made part of the conditions. For the condition relating to housing types and forms of ownership, Elizabeth Hewlett, chair of the Planning Board, was sympathetic to the city's objectives but noted that such a provision was beyond the purview of the Planning Board's legislative mandate.

Similarly, for the condition relating to the applicant's schedule for the transfer of the re-

maining open space land to the State, the technical staff advised the Planning Board that such a condition would not be enforceable by M-NCPPC. When the technical staff also balked on the condition relating to the applicant's responsibility for the clean-up and removal of debris for lands ultimately to be dedicated to the city, Rivera, speaking for the developers, said they would proffer such a condition between themselves and the city. Four other city-requested conditions were acceptable to the technical staff and were either incorporated into the recommended conditions or added.

Greenbelt was not able to convince the Planning Board that the cap on residential units for the South Core should remain at 983 units. Rather, the technical staff had been persuaded that the extra 39 units were fair to compensate for the loss of units because of the enlargement of the civic/open space.

Additional language for that provision was added to read: "Up to 1,022 dwelling units may be permitted subject to verification by the Transportation Planning Section (M-NCPPC) that the additional dwelling units do not exceed the overall trip caps for the development." The Planning Board also was cognizant that the 983 cap was part of the development agreement between the city and the applicant and it felt that the cap number could either be enforced by that agreement or considered more fully at the time of the DSP.

Flood Impacts

Testimony provided by the planning director for the City of College Park, representatives of Berwyn Heights, the Berwyn District Citizens Association and the Committee to Restore Indian Creek focused on concern of neighboring and downstream communities regarding storm water management and 100-year flood plain impacts.

In response, the technical staff presented modified language to require that, at the time of each DSP review, the applicant shall submit plans to the Maryland Department of the Environment for review and comment and notify the City of College Park of each plan submittal for any area that includes 100-year flood plain impacts. College Park would also be notified of any proposed changes to flood plain elevations

One area where Planning Board members were more engaged was the applicant's efforts to get a more flexible condition regarding the minimum amount of commercial/retail space required for the South Core. Planning Board member John Squire, who led the discussion, wanted more assurance that any reduction in the minimum level of retail/commercial space take place only after all efforts to lease such space were exhausted and that tests had been applied that the reductions were not just convenient for the developers.

The condition was modified by the technical staff to read, "A minimum of 80,000 square feet of commercial/retail/office shall be constructed prior to the issuance of building permits in excess of 785 dwelling units. The minimum square footage may be reduced to 60,000

square feet upon a demonstration that the space has not been determined to be commercially feasible."

The definition of feasibility requires the applicant continuously market the space for 180 days through an exclusive listing agent and be unable to obtain a user. Such an effort would justify a waiver or modification of the requirement. The space could then be converted for residential spaces.

Squire was concerned that the original concept for transitoriented, mixed-use neighborhood development would be
lost and the development would
end up just like any suburban
development subdivision.
Rivera assured him that the applicant looked only for flexibility and that "it was not a question of whether, but when."

Piecemeal

Greenbelt citizen William Orleans expressed his view that the development proposal before them should be considered with the proposed redevelopment of Springhill Lake and possible changes for the rear of the Beltway plaza shopping mall as a comprehensive package. He said that to do otherwise would be planning in a piecemeal fashion.

Hewlett responded that the board and the staff agreed with his basic premise and that the technical staff had been aware of the other proposed developments in Greenbelt West as it considered the Greenbelt Station CSP. The board is constrained, however, because the process is designed for discrete development proposals from individual applicants and it cannot control the timing for review, she said.

Other speakers from Berwyn Heights, College Park and Greenbelt raised strong concerns about the lack of planning by the Board of Education to anticipate school facility needs in light of the expected increases in residential development from Greenbelt Station, Springhill Lake and any residential development being considered by the owners of Beltway Plaza.

The response was that the proposed developments were in the "developed" tier in Prince George's County's General Plan and, thus, the residential units would be subject to the required developer fees for new residential units.

After consideration, with all of the modifications to the original list of conditions that the technical staff was recommending and with some additions and deletions, the final tally of conditions recommended and approved by the Planning Board numbered about 65.

UM Presents Blair Thomas

On Tuesday, February 14 at 5:30 p.m. Blair Thomas, puppeteer, stage director, writer, actor and designer, will lead an exploration of his unique approach to theater. This event is also an introduction to Blair's year-long appointment as a resident guest artist with the UM Department of Theater in 2006-2007. This free event will take place in the Laboratory Theatre of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

Peace and Justice Film February 18

Next in the Progressive Film Series by the Peace & Justice Coalition of Prince George's County and co-sponsored by Neighbors for Justice and Peace will be "Dance of Death: The Plight of U.S. Soldiers in Iraq."

This film is a segment from "Shocking and Awful," a study of the U.S. occupation of Iraq from Deep Dish T.V. Network. Mark Read coordinated "Dance of Death," in which young combat veterans and their families discuss how they've coped day-to-day in Iraq and why they oppose this war.

The film will be shown on Saturday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m. at Joe's Movement Emporium, 3802 34th Street in Mt. Rainier (one block from traffic circle at Rhode Island Ave. and 34th St.). There will be a discussion afterward, which will be videotaped for cablecasting on local stations.

For information contact Lucy Duff, Peace & Justice Coalition, by phone at 301-577-2350; or by email justpeacepg@earthlink.net or Neighbors for Justice and Peace, Joe Robbins at robbins629@msn.com.

Hospital Offers Women's Program

Doctors Community Hospital invites women to its new Women's Health lecture series, "Ladies Night Out!" This series of free, monthly health lectures focuses on health issues of importance to women. These include women's health education, a question/answer session with physician specialists and the healing energy of women coming together to foster good health.

This month's lecture will be held on February 22. It focuses on cardiac health and will be led by Dr. Jan Webber and Dr. Hitesh Patel.

"Ladies Night Out!" is scheduled for the fourth Wednesday of each month through May. It is held in the DSE Room on the 5th floor of the Medical Office Building at Doctors Community Hospital, 8118 Good Luck Road, Lanham. Sessions begin at 6:30 p.m. and light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited to 60 participants and registration is required. For more information and/or to register call Community Relations at 301-552-8060.

Free Puppet Theater For Ages 3 to 8

The Black Cherry Puppet Theatre will present a free performance of "Billy Goats Gruff-kin" for children ages 3 to 8 on Sunday, February 12 at 3 p.m. at the Old Parish House at 4711 Knox Road in College Park.

The performance features lavishly designed puppets performing a classic Scandinavian story as interpreted by Michael T. Lamason. It also uses a sound track by the performance art group "Laughing Tree."

Advance registration is appreciated. For more information contact the College Park Arts Exchange at 301-927-3013 or by email at info@cpae.org.

Board of Education Meets February 16

The Prince George's County Board of Education will meet on Thursday, February 16 at 7:05 p.m. in the Sasscer Administration Building Board Meeting Room, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. The meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may speak for two minutes by registering with the Board Office by 4 p.m. the day of the meeting.

Bird Count Day At Patuxent Refuge

The public is invited to participate in the National Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count on Presidents' Day weekend, February 17 through 20.

An Audubon member will lead a bird walk and demonstration count on Saturday, February 18, 9 a.m. at the North Tract of the Patuxent Research Refuge. The North Tract entrance to the refuge is located off Rt. 198, just 1.4 miles east of the Baltimore/ Washington Parkway in Laurel.

Even those not participating in the demonstration walk can report bird sightings at both the refuge North Tract or at the National Wildlife Visitor Center (except on February 20 when the refuge will be closed for Presidents' Day). Individuals can also report bird sightings in their own backyards, community parks or school yards. For more information or to participate in the count, visit www.birdsource.org/gbbc.

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Saturday, Feb. 11, 10 am

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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.

Robberies

January 28, 8:51 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, the victims reported that they were walking to a residence when they observed two men running toward them. One of the men pushed one of the victims to the ground and demanded money, as the second man pulled a knife on the other victim. The second victim stated that he did not have any money, at which time he was punched by one of the men. After obtaining money from the first victim, both men fled the scene on foot. The suspects are described as two black males in their 20s, tall with thin builds, black hair and brown eyes, wearing black clothes and black skull caps. The victims declined treatment for minor inju-

January 30, 2:38 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a man reported that he was speaking on his cell phone while standing in a courtyard area when he was approached by two men. One of the men grabbed the phone from his hand and fled the scene along with the second suspect. They were last seen running across the Spellman Overpass toward Gardenway. The suspects are described as two black males, both 16 to 18 years of age and wearing dark clothing. One was 5'8" to 6', with a thin build, black hair and brown eyes; the other was 5'2" to 5'6" and heavy-set.

January 31, 10:07 p.m., 7900 block Winterwood Place, a food delivery person reported that he was walking to a residence to make a delivery when he was approached by a man who displayed a handgun and demanded money and the food delivery. The man struck the delivery person in the face with the gun and took money from him. He fled the scene on foot in an unknown direction. The victim declined treatment for minor injuries. The suspect is described as a black male, 6', 300 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes, wearing dark clothing and a dark hat.

Assaults

January 29, 11:28 p.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a woman reported that she was in a parking lot when she was approached from behind by an unknown number of persons who kicked her to the ground. She was transported by ambulance to the hospital for treatment. There is no description of the suspects.

February 2, 7:38 p.m., 7100 block Mathew Street, a resident youth was arrested for second-degree assault and malicious destruction after he allegedly struck his sister and vandalized her vehicle. He was released to a guardian pending action by the juvenile justice system.

Drug Arrest

January 26, 2:30 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, a nonresident youth was arrested for possession of prescription pills with intent to distribute on school grounds and possession of a concealed deadly weapon. He was found to be in possession of a quantity of prescription pills and a knife during the investigation of a theft at the school. He was released to a parent pending action by the School Board and the juvenile justice system.

DWIArrest

January 19, Greenway Center, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision during the investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

Thefts

January 27, 11:20 p.m., 5700 block Cherrywood Lane, a woman reported that she went into the Shell FoodMart, leaving her dog unattended outside. When she came back out of the store, she saw a man in a van holding her dog. Upon seeing the woman, the man let the dog out of the van and fled the scene. The suspects are described as two Latino males with black hair; their vehicle is described as a blue minivan.

January 29, 1:16 p.m., 7700 block Mandan Road, it was reported that a Taurus .357 handgun was taken from a residence.

Trespass

January 27, 8:34 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a resident man was arrested and charged with trespass. He was observed on the grounds of the mall after having been banned by agents of the property. He was released on citation pending

Vandalism

January 27, 2:57 p.m., Ridge Road and Plateau Place, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with malicious destruction. He damaged city property by driving onto the sidewalk and over a tree while trying to make a delivery. He damaged both the tree and the sidewalk and was released on citation pending trial.

Hindering

February 1, 3:50 p.m., 7400 block Frankfort Drive, a resident youth was petitioned for hindering after he refused a lawful order given by a police officer investigating a large fight in the area.

Burglaries

January 28, 11:10 a.m., 19 court Ridge Road, it was reported that unknown person(s) attempted to enter a residence by tampering with a window screen sometime between January 19 and 28. Entry was not gained.

January 30, 2:16 p.m., Roosevelt Center, a commercial burglary was reported.

February 1, 9:36 a.m., 6800 block Springshire Way, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered the residence by breaking out a rear window. Money was

Vehicle Crimes

There were no vehicles reported stolen.

One vehicle was recovered by Greenbelt police with no arrest

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: 7600 block Hanover Parkway, 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive, 6100 block Breezewood Court, 9300 block Edmonston Road, 5900 block Springhill Drive and Beltway Plaza.

Other incidents handled by the police for which no narrative is

Suspect Arrested In Jan. 22 Assault

Gilberto E. Franco, 28, of 9132 Edmonston Terrace has been arrested and charged with four counts of attempted first-degree murder and four counts of first-degree assault for an attack on three men that occurred January 22 in the 6200 block of Springhill Court, according to information provided by the Greenbelt Police Department. One of the victims was grazed by a bullet that discharged while he was being pistol-whipped. The other two victims suffered cuts to their faces and necks, possibly by a hatchet.

Franco appeared before a district court commissioner on February 3, where he was ordered held without bond.

Craze Appointed To IACP Board

On February 2 Greenbelt Police Chief James R. Craze was appointed to the board of directors of the Foundation of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP). Founded in 1893, the IACP, with more than 20,000 members in 101 countries, is the oldest and largest association of police executives and line officers in the world. The IACP's mission is to identify, address and provide solutions to urgent law enforcement issues.

The IACP Foundation is a not-for profit organization with the goal of advancement of professional policing. The board recently established a scholarship program to benefit family members of officers killed, permanently injured or disabled in the line of duty. It has also created the Center for Police Leadership to assist chiefs of police in their efforts to promote leadership within their organizations.

Craze has served with the Greenbelt Police Department for 35 years, 20 as chief. He is currently a member of the IACP Executive Board and past president of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association and the Police Chiefs Association of Prince George's

Eleven Graduate From CERT

On Sunday, January 15, 11 more Greenbelt residents graduated from a Community Response Team (CERT) training session. They are David Alexander, Don Comis, Calvin Hicks, Irena Hull, Kateri Hull, Larry Hull, Ginny Jones, Clement Lau, Katy Pape, Leonie Penney and Michele Touchet. That makes for a total of 20 graduated Greenbelters plus one city employee.

Anyone interested in volunteering or wanting further information can contact Bill Holland at billholland@msn.com.

available included shoplifting (three), emergency psychiatric commitment (four), missing person (one), child in need of supervision (one) and vehicle accidents (six).

Fire & Rescue Log

The Fire Department Log is a monthly report of the activities and news from the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Inc. (GVFD&RS) The report includes recent incidents, news and upcoming events, fire safety and other fire department related information.

Incident Report

In January, the GVFD&RS responded to a total of 138 engine and 145 ambulance calls. Among those, 26 were reports of smoke or fire, 22 automatic fire alarms, 11 gas leaks, 60 motor vehicle accidents and 109 medical calls.

Busy 24 Hours

The 24-hour period from February 3 to 4 was a busy one for the GVFD&RS. Members responded to one working fire and three serious motor vehicle accidents in addition to other more routine calls.

Just before noon on February 3 Greenbelt was alerted to respond to the 8800 block of Hunting Lane in Laurel for a reported apartment fire. Three units from Greenbelt responded from Greenbelt. Upon arrival, units found a fire on the third floor and in the attic of a three-story apartment building. Greenbelt's engine was part of the team protecting the adjacent building from the fire. Chief 35 (Brian Rudy) was in charge of operations and Chief 35A (Jason Morgal) was the interior safety officer.

Late in the evening on February three units from Greenbelt were first on the scene of a serious accident on the Outer Loop of the Beltway just west of Kenilworth Avenue. Two people were ejected from a vehicle and a third person suffered injuries in a second car. Two helicopters were requested to transport the critical patients to area hospitals. Chief Morgal had command.

Potpourri

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Just after 3 a.m. on February 4 units from Greenbelt were dispatched to respond to a motor vehicle accident on the northbound Baltimore-Washington Parkway south of Powder Mill Road with one person reportedly unconscious. Upon arrival, units found a single vehicle off the roadway and into a tree. The driver was extricated by the rescue squad from Berwyn Heights while Greenbelt's ambulance assisted with transport of the patient, along with county paramedics, to an area hospital.

Before returning to the station, Greenbelt's engine ran two additional motor vehicle accidents, including another requiring an extrication on Greenbelt Road in the area of Southway. One patient was transported to an area hospital from that accident.

Volunteers Sought

The GVFD is looking for volunteers age 16 and up. Become a firefighter, EMT or work in an administrative role. All training is provided and the time commitment is flexible. To find out more, call the station at 301-345-7000, visit the website at www.engine35.com or stop by the station and ask to speak to an of-

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Dentist Attends Progressive Forum

Dr. Monica Mattson, a cosmetic and restorative dentist with the Mc-Carl Dental Group Green-belt, was invited to par-



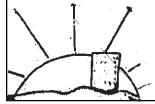
ticipate in the Progressive Dentist Forum on January 13-14 in Salt Lake City.

This workshop was sponsored by BECDEN Dental Laboratory, which specializes in cosmetic and full mouth smile makeovers. Mattson was chosen from more than 350 BECDEN clients around the country to be part of a group of 10 doctors to attend the forum. During the two-day workshop attendees met with their team of technicians, received instruction on the latest products and techniques available for their patients and shared educational experience and technical knowledge with other likeminded dentists.

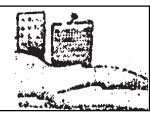
Over the last five years, consumer demand for cosmetic dental services has increased by 31.9 percent according to an American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry survey.

"It was a tremendous opportunity to be invited to rub shoulders with industry experts and learn new procedures and materials in cosmetic dentistry," stated Mattson.

BECDEN Dental Laboratory in Salt Lake City, specializes in the manufactures of cosmetic restorations. To learn more about cosmetic dentistry visit their



Greenbelt's Business



Giant Marks Black History Month

website at www.becdendental.com.

In conjunction with Black History Month, Giant Food will celebrate African American heritage with the release of its annual "Profiles in Excellence" brochure. The brochure, which recounts African American heritage by highlighting significant accomplishments and milestones achieved by African Americans, will be available in all Giant and Super G stores throughout February. This year's edition of "Profiles in Excellence" features African Americans who have made significant contributions in the health and wellness field, from innovations such as improvements in blood storage for transfusions to performing the world's first open heart surgery. Several current Giant associates who contribute to the health and wellness field are featured as well. Giant commissioned Julia Wade, a student at Prince George's Community College to complete interpretive oil illustrations of this year's honorees profiled in the 2006 edition of Profiles in Excellence. David Ibata, currently a sophomore at the Corcoran College of Art and Design in Washington, D.C., completed pencil illustrations featured in the brochure.

Giant has also planned several other activities in recognition of Black History Month. Giant associates will have the opportunity to participate in a "Salute to Heritage" recipe contest where they can win prizes by submitting unique recipes with roots to African American culture. The company has also invited speakers to their corporate offices to discuss topics specific to black history and share African American culture.

Giant's corporate diversity staff is available to speak at community organizations celebrating Black History Month. For more information on the Giant Food Speakers Bureau, call 301-341-4710.

Volunteers Needed For Daffodil Days

The American Cancer Society seeks volunteers to distribute flowers and specially designed stuffed bears to friends, coworkers, family members and more as part of its annual Daffodil Days fundraiser. Flowers will be distributed the week of March 13. To participate call 301-933-9350.

> Greenbelt businesses are asked to share their news on the Business Page.

Giant Offers Health Booklet

As the New Year begins, many people will resolve to live healthier lifestyles. Giant Food will help by offering "Fresh Start . . . Healthy Rewards," a new, free, healthy-living booklet that offers consumers simple but important tips to help understand the importance of eating healthier foods and exercising. "Fresh Start . . . Healthy Rewards" is now available at all Giant stores.

"Fresh Start . . . Healthy Rewards" is based on three principles: 1) Include healthful food choices every day. 2) Enjoy food and take time to eat with family and friends. 3) Balance calories with activity. The "Fresh Start" booklet also provides consumers with useful information on calculating daily caloric needs, planning family meals and eating appropriate portions. In addition the booklet highlights the rewards of eating more whole grains, fruits and vegetables and fat-free and low-fat dairy products.

The guide was written by Giant in-house nutritionists and reviewed by its health and wellness advisor, Dr. George Blackburn, S. Daniel Abraham associate professor of nutrition and associate director of Nutrition. Division of Nutrition, Harvard Medical School.

Sir Walter Raleigh New Hours, Menu

Greenbelt Sir Walter Raleigh owner Gerald F. Cosker has announced changes to the hours and menu items offered by the restaurant.

They now offer Sunday brunch from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Brunch includes favorite breakfast items, a fresh omelet station, carving station, a variety of creative entrees and their soup, salad and sandwich bar. Also included is a complimentary dessert table and coffee.

The restaurant is now open every day for lunch, adding Saturday and Sunday lunches, from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, including salad bar. Also new are afternoon specials every day.

Dinner hours have been changed to 4 to 9 p.m. The menu includes prime rib and custom-cut-on-premises steaks, dinner specials and favorite menu selections. The salad bar is complimentary with dinner entrees.

One change Cosker refuses to make is in preparation of food everything is freshly prepared in house.

Cosker, a former math teacher, has been with Sir Walter Raleigh Restaurant & Grill for over 35 years, rising from waiter to central buyer to sole owner.

The restaurant is located at 6323 Greenbelt Road, Berwyn Heights, across from Greenbelt Middle School. The telephone number is 301-474-6501 or 301-Its website is 474-3420. www.sirwalterraleigh.com.

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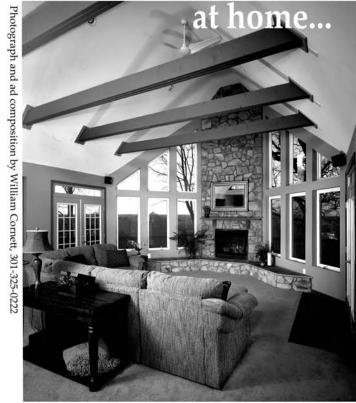
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Cookie Face -

My darling Sarah, what we have has surpassed my wildest dreams of love. This summer. I can't wait to say 'I Do.'

Always yours, Lori

I can hear your heart beat for a thousand miles And the heavens open every time you smile And when I come to you that's where I belong Yet I'm running to you like a river's song

Happy V Day Beeb

My Love I'd climb the highest mountain, Sail the deepest ocean, Cross the widest desert, Even raft the Grand Canyon Just to be with you

Your Lover

To My Valentine -How do I love thee Let me count the ways. Alas, I can't do it There's not enough days!

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Robert

Roses are red; violets are blue. Kristen and Allen, I love you.

Grandma

Feets, Nearly 25, dearly another 25. Love,

Sweet Babou

********** The changes I have made since I met

va – Avis my Love Have brought me happiness and faith in God above.

Every moment I love you, Yes I truly Every day is a blessing for us to

share. You are the woman I did seek and I

love to be with you every day of the week! I know that I want us to go through

life and through eternity as man and

I love you with all my heart,

Tommy

Kristel and Billy - you are so great m giad being your Dad was my late We've been through troubled times, that's for sure

But our love for each other has been the cure! Know how proud I am of you

The love in my heart for you is true!

Love, Dad

Hold you, squeeze you, Kiss you, tease you, Charm you, laugh you Pamper you, please you, Need you, want you, Just you.

Happy Valentine's Day Honey Bunny I love just you

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Our love endures through all things, Even when we know not what the

We struggle here and struggle there, But always end up in God's precious

God's Holy Word we try to employ, As we raise our three bundles of joy. I thank the Lord each day, That he brought me you . . and that you stay. I pray for 50 plus years, indeed! And that life support won't be a need.

Seventeen years is not enough, Together we can handle all the rotten Love and laughter fill our years, And that's what fights off any tears.

My life wouldn't be complete,

Without the man that swept me

off my feet!! ******

Dear Janet, Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Birthday!

We love you, Pookie! Liser, Romer and Jeff

To Gerald J.:

You are the one I hold dear to my heart.

You are the one I hold true. I am the one that melts in your arms when I look in your eyes of sky blue. You are the one who makes coffee at night,

and takes out the trash in the morn, I am the one who would be lost without you,

and have known this since the day I was born. Love, hugs & all that stuff!

Caryn Mae

Marcmou I Love You!!

A gentle breeze brought me to you; I cling to you as the wind calms. I find shelter within your dark red

petals, Drinking your sweet nectar wine. We are here together As nature has made us,

I'm your Yin you are my Yang Said the Butterfly to the Rose! With all my love,

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Dear M n E You are a special "two" I owe much thanks to you For all your care And the time we share. Without this, what would I do? Love you,

The frequent diner

My heart's in bonnie England Across the ocean wide Georgia Marie and Julian You are my joy and pride All my love,

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10 years, house, 3 kids and 3 pets later . . Still feels like our first kiss. Happy Valentine's Day, Η

For my Mother, you are still my favorite Valentine.

Robbie, Chester & Petie, My three little cuties, I love your little snooties! Silly little guys, They make me laugh, When sick, I cry. Once homeless little boys Now they're safe, now they're mine, As you've guessed, They are, my favorite little Valentines. Happy Valentine's Day to My Harley Hubby Vroom!! Vroom!!

Happy First Valentine's Day to our dear Grandsons Timothy V. Duncan and

Alexander N. Duncan and to their wonderful parents Tim and Aida and Jon and Tiffany

Captain and Mimi

Dear Bill, With every year, With all we share, I understand even more deeply what it means to love and be loved by you. You're still the one! Happy Valentine's Day

With love,

Love,

Shobha Duncan

Marriott Sweepstakes

The drawing will be held in the News Review office on Monday, February 13 at 3 p.m. Anyone still wishing to enter the "Marriott Sweepstakes" can drop off a 3x5 paper with their name, address, phone number and the words "Love Notes" at the News Review office before noon on Monday. Entries are limited to one entry per person; News Review staffers are excluded. The winner will receive a free weekend stay at the Greenbelt Marriott.

My Dear Shobha, You are the wind that fills my sails and the star that I steer by.

All my love,

Roses are Red Violets are Blue Key Largo or Topton It's up to you.

Bill



Valentine's Day Dinner

for two includes a complimentary dessert.

Dinner starts at 4:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Reservations Suggested



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- Deluxe accommodations for two in newly renovated guest room
- Virtual Concierge Service will accommodate special requests and Room Service orders in advance.
- Full bottle of champagne or bottle of sparkling cider and chocolate-dipped strawberries in room at arrival (quaranteed within 30 minutes of arrival)
- Dinner for two in Silver Moon Café from Chef's Special Valentine's Day Menu at right
- Breakfast for Two in Silver Moon Café the following
- Saturday night stay only \$269; Sunday/Monday night stay \$214; Tuesday night stay \$299
- Please note that taxes and food and beverage gratuities are included in this price.

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Chef's Special Valentine's Day Menu Saturday, Feb. 11 thru Tuesday, Feb. 14

Appetizers Lobster Bisque

Creole Shrimp Cocktail
Jumbo Shrimp (4) With Spicy Baby Shrimp Cocktail Sauce Mixed Baby Lettuce

With Fresh Raspberries, Pine Nuts, Crumbled Bleu Cheese and Raspberry Vinaigrette Caesar Salad

Crisp Romaine, Creamy Caesar Dressing, Grated Parmesan and Garlic Croutons

Entrées

Peppercorn Crusted Sirloin Steak Served With Lobster Mashed Potatoes, Haricot Vert, And Bordelaise Sauce Grilled Fillet Mignon & Jumbo Shrimp Roasted Fingerling Potatoes, Fresh Asparagus & Merlot Demi Glace

Red Passion Snapper With Rosé Buerre Blanc, Lemon Scented Jasmine Rice & Grilled Baby Vegetables Chicken Florentine

Pan Seared Breast of Chicken filled with Sautéed Spinach, Shallot, White Cheddar and Cheese and Tarragon Buerre Bland Sauce Served with Wild Rice and Baby Vegetables

> <u>Desserts</u> Crème Brulée

With Fresh Berries and Chantilly Cream Strawberry Cheesecake With Chocolate Covered Strawberry and Crème Anglaise

Valentine's Day Dinner Package from the above menu includes a choice of an appetizer, entrée and dessert \$39.95 Per Person