

# ...Little leagues may fold

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its first chairman of the board Bert Shannon Jr. — often referred to as "Mr. Little League," the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay leagues became entrenched in the folklore of the community.

Many lifetime residents of the area well remember the little leagues annual parade on the first day of May which marked the opening day of the season.

Earl Smith and Al Fekays are typical of the kind of men who dedicated themselves so totally to the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Junior and Pony Leagues.

Smith has been active in the leagues almost since their inception. Beginning as a manager in 1956, Earl soon found his true calling as an umpire. He umpired 70 games a year for 22 years and "enjoyed every minute of it."

"One day my wife bumped into Bert Shannon and he said to her 'Your husband knows baseball, why don't you have him come up on the hill and help out?'" Smith said. "I did go up and I've been helping out ever since. Seeing this league die probably hurts me more than the kids."

Smith remembers Bert Shannon as the "backbone" of Brooklyn-Curtis Bay's little leagues and as the man who built the organization from scratch.

"Bert was a good man. He worked hard to get sponsors and to raise funds to support the teams," Smith said. "Bert was 100% little league."

Fekays, a Brooklyn native and a self-confessed "baseball addict," began his association with the BCBJPL as a player in the late 1960's. When he got older, he became more deeply involved as a manager and umpire.

In 1982 he took over as president of the leagues. Throughout those years, Al has directed several traveling Brooklyn-Curtis Bay teams which play in the state American Legion league and against teams from up and down the East Coast.

"I've given over 11 years of my life to the leagues and it's saddening to think they might be gone forever," Fekays said. "I wish there was a way to save them. The kids of this area need it."

Other area residents actively involved in the leagues include Bill and Joan Stump, Glen Lowery, Jerry Miller, Jerry Bemmerich, Dave Broseker and many more.

Fekays said a grassroots effort would be the only way to regenerate the leagues.

"I often say to myself 'Wouldn't it be nice if we could get a grassroots group together that would be committed to bringing the leagues back?'" Fekays said. "We have the

equipment and we have the facilities. If the community were to step up and say 'we need this' then we could do it. But we've tried everything to spark interest in the community and have gotten no response."

So, barring any last minute changes, the group of eight little league officers will meet in the spring to inventory the property owned by the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay Junior and Pony Leagues and determine what should be done with it.

A clause in BCBJPL's charter stipulates that if the leagues should dissolve, all its assets must be given to a similar organization.

City councilman Joseph J. DiBlasi, whose reputation as a little league president helped get him elected to council, was upset when he heard the BCBJPL might be folding.

"It's unfortunate, very unfortunate. It seems kids just aren't as interested in athletics as much as previous generations were," Councilman DiBlasi said. "During the time the Brooklyn-Curtis Bay leagues have been around they have built the character of a lot of young men."

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your determination of lack of conformance.

"Please respond to this letter promptly. I understand that BFI requested your determination in June 1989. I wrote to you on September 22, 1989 to urge you to respond."

In conclusion, Nelson told Balog that he would interpret a lack of response as "tacit agreement" that the facility is in conformance with the plan.

Balog has been out of town for the past week and could not be reached for comment.

The possibility that the transfer station could be approved has Lakeland community leaders concerned.

"I don't understand what the hold up is," Edward "Pete" Abbott, president of the LCA, said. "We thought this was done and over with."

"We hope this is just a foul-up in paperwork, because Mayor Schmoke and Mr. Balog gave us their word that the facility was denied and we expect that decision to be final."

Joe Comma, vice-president of the LCA said, "I don't know what's going on. I believe things will be okay because the mayor has said he

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Photo courtesy of Duane Tressler

The Brooklyn Curtis Bay Dodgers participated in the Brooklyn Curtis Bay leagues in 1965.

## ...Masonville ready

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is planned for it."

MPA owns a total of 300 acres in Masonville — a region located on the south side of the Middle Branch of the Patapsco River near Fairfield. In the past, much of the acreage has been used as a dredge disposal site.

Last year, the port agency said they would be willing to spend money to help develop Masonville and budgeted 2.5 million to prepare the 48 acre parcel.

Eventually, the agency plans to landscape 150 acres in preparation for a user. "We haven't decided whether all 300 acres will be reclaimed," Gring said.

MPA would prefer that Masonville become a car-handling facility, primarily because Toyota Motor Sales USA Inc. already operates an import-export terminal directly adja-

cent to the proposed Masonville terminal.

The lease governing Toyota's facility specifies that other shippers be allowed to use the company's dock facilities to berth ships unloading for Masonville.

"The site can always be used for overflow parking for, or expansion of, Toyota's operations," Gring said, making a decision because we recently had a reduction of function in Baltimore ... we shifted a lot of our assembly work back here to Detroit."

Meanwhile, at a cost of \$2.5 million, 48 acres of Masonville are graded and waiting for a customer.

"We just prepared the site for any potential development that may go on," Jim Gring, an MPA spokesman said. "Presently, no one has contracted to use the site and no project

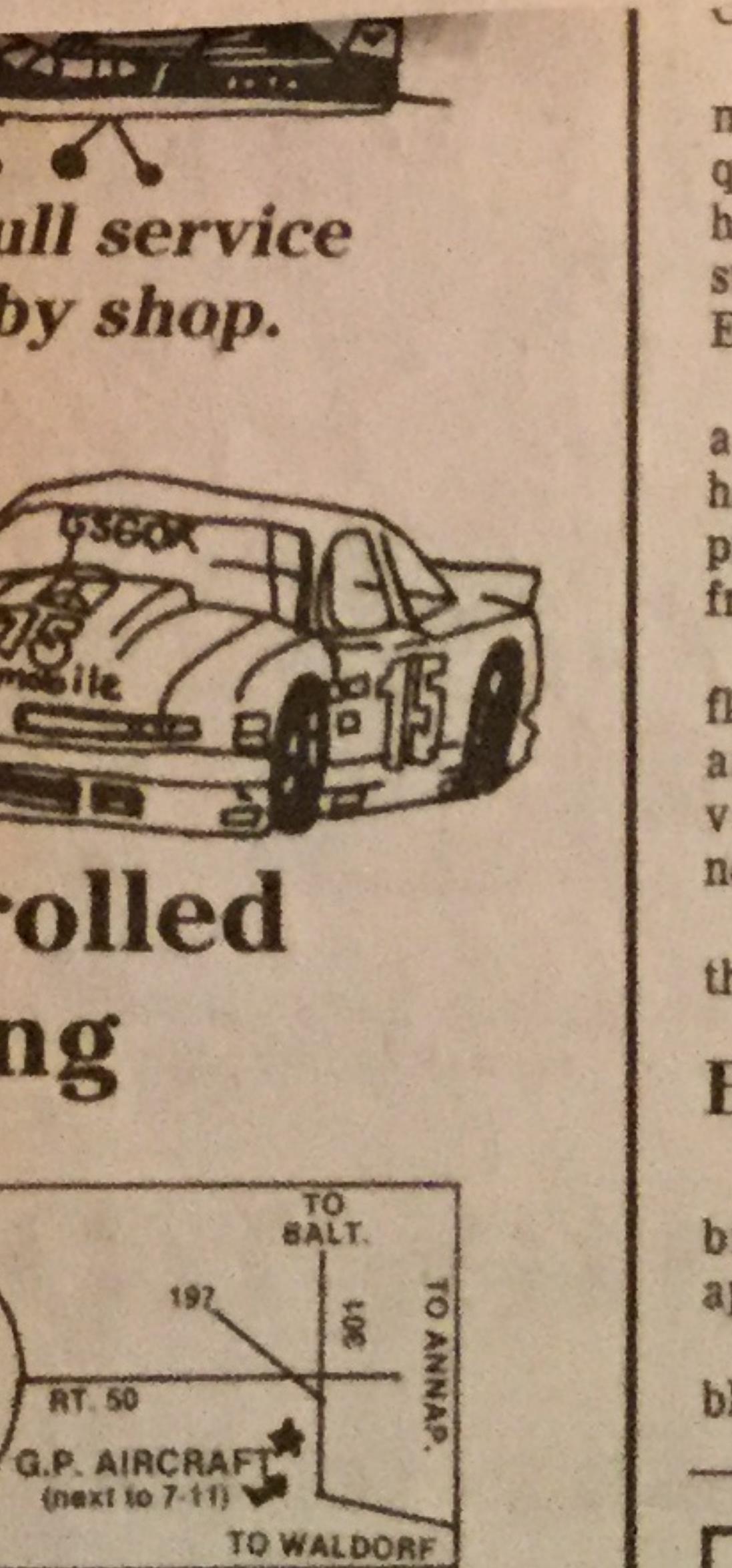
change can occur to your body, caused by the fat particles being eliminated.

"Automatically" Lose Fat

According to one of the inventors, Dr. William Shell, heart specialist and associate professor of medicine at UCLA medical school, "the new fat-burning process is a 'lazy way' to lose

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# ...Brooklyn is cleaning

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But after some initial success in cleaning up some long-standing problems in the area, Curtis Bay's housing committee has suddenly become lax.

"We were doing real well, I was seeing a lot of problems getting taken care of," Ms. Lamke said. "Now no one comes to the meetings anymore. I hope Brooklyn has better luck sustaining theirs."

Woodrum said Brooklyn-Curtis Bay's sanitation problems aren't as serious as other neighborhoods in the city. With a little education, he said, the area's problems could be addressed.

officer, and he was charged with allegedly resisting arrest and disorderly conduct, police said.

The officer also found a pipe in Hynes pocket and charged him with possession of paraphernalia, police said.

### Burning incident

A Baltimore man told police his company car was damaged by vandals who set a fire in the front seat of the vehicle while it was parked in Curtis Bay, according to a report.

The man, an employee of Penniman and Browne Inc., a firm headquartered on Falls Road, told police he parked his company owned Ford station wagon in the 1500 block of Elmtree Street at 5:15 p.m. Friday.

He returned to the vehicle at 10 a.m. Saturday to find that vandals had broken into it and set fire to a piece of paper on the floor of the front seat.

The fire caused damage to the floor, passenger seat and dashboard and glove box area of the car. The value of the property damage could not be determined, police said.

Police found no one who witnessed the fire.

### Bike stolen

A Brooklyn man had his \$300 bicycle stolen from outside his apartment, police said.

David Pasko, a resident of the 800 block Jack Street, told police he left

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"That's where a neighborhood committee could help out concerned residents and educate others on what's available for various types of vehicles," he said. "We have a good relationship with the there and together I clean up and improve."

The following are a neighborhood service line and Curtis Bay residents to report problems:

- Housing complaints
- Bulk trash removal
- Alley and sidewalk
- 396-6949.
- Abandoned vehicles

root six, including a dark green jacket.

The victim told police her social service mon-

### Purse snatching

A Baltimore woman was the victim of a purse snatching this afternoon, police said.

The 21-year-old woman was trying to get in her vehicle in a lot of Ames on Ritchie Highway.

Ordnance Road when a man in a blue Chevette stopped and asked her a question. He took her purse from her shoulder bag and drove off.

A check of the area turned up negative results.

### \$10 taken

A Brooklyn man reported his female acquaintance stolen his pants pocket, police said.

Ronald Gayles, a resident of the 100 block of W. Jeffrey Street, told police he let the suspect, a female, into his apartment around 1 a.m. Thursday.

A little later, the suspect was at the apartment at which time she noticed the cash was missing. A pair of his pants that were on the couch in the living room.

The victim told police she was the only person in the house at the time of the theft.

### Obituary

### Dok Soon Y.

Funeral services for Dr. Dok Soon Y. were held Dec. 4, 1988.

Open.