

The Bugle

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STRATHMORE BEL-PRE 29th Annual Yard Sale

Spring is here and that means it's time again for the annual Strathmore Bel-Pre community yard sale. It's a fun and easy way to turn that unwanted clutter into cash. We take care of all the advertising and bring a large pool of potential buyers to you.

WHEN: Saturday, June 5th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
(rain date, Sunday, June 6th)

WHERE: BPRA pool parking lot (on Bethpage Lane)
GATES OPEN FOR SET UP AT 8:30 am

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New with 2010, if you have paid your \$15.00 membership dues to the Strathmore-Bel Pre Civic Association, you will receive a \$2.00 member discount off the registration fee of \$12.00 per space.

TO REGISTER: Fill out and return the registration form below, along with a check for the registration fee. Tables (including 2 chairs) are available for rent for an additional \$5.00, but numbers are limited, so reserve early.

At the door registration will be accepted as space permits. The fee will be \$15.00.

Call Linda Bea for additional information: (301) 460-0497.

YARD SALE REGISTRATION FORM

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of Tables: ____ x \$5.00 each: \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

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Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association (SBPCA)

P.O. Box 6836

Silver Spring, MD 20916

e-mail: Strathmo@strathmore-belpre.org

Web site: www.strathmore-belpre.org

Annual SBPCA membership: \$15.00

**[NOTE: Your Civic Association is separate from
the Recreation Association]**

The SBPCA Board of Directors meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm at the Genesis Center Nursing Home on Bel Pre Road. All meetings are open to the public.

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The President's Corner

-by Nancy Bechtol, President SBPCA

Somehow we have all survived this past winter and are now enjoying this beautiful spring season. We have all no doubt been very busy working in our gardens, washing our windows and performing basic home repairs. Your civic association has been planning and performing some neighborhood repairs as well. Lilla Hammond and Arlene Thorne researched and put together a proposal to repair the entrance sign to our neighborhood along Layhill Road last fall. This spring the board decided to contract with Marafatsos & Sons, Inc., the owner of which lives in our community, to totally refurbish the sign. Please swing by and take a look at the beautiful job this company performed to totally rebuild the brick columns which hold the entrance sign to our community. I would like to thank Lilla and Arlene for working tirelessly on this project and for Marafatsos & Sons, Inc. for offering our association a much reduced price for this exceptional job.

I was asked to join the "4th District Advisory Committee" by Captain Nancy Demme, Commander of the MCPD 4th District. This committee is comprised of community association leaders in our area and she plans to hold bimonthly meetings to discuss issues and concerns regarding the quality of life for all community members. They plan to offer opportunities to walk with us throughout our community with the police in the 4th District to become more familiar with our potential security challenges. The Commander held the first meeting on March 31st and everyone who was invited attended this first meeting. She encouraged all Montgomery County residents to sign up for the Alert Montgomery program* if they haven't already done so. I will be including information on this program in a future newsletter. She has 110 Officers working two shifts per day, 7 days per week to keep our communities safe. We met many of her staff, and I must say all were most impressive as they reported on various police initiatives. I left the meeting feeling very comfortable and impressed by our 4th District police organization.

I hope to see many of you at our upcoming Yard Sale and 4th of July activities at the Pool. Yes, summer will be here soon! The Civic Association is already busy planning these great events. They depend on volunteers to make them happen, so please let any of us on the board know if you are interested in helping. We would love to work with you!

Community Signage Gets a Facelift

– by Lilla Hammond, SBPCA Board

The Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association Board is pleased to notify our community that the brick wall for our community sign at Layhill Road and Hathaway Drive has been re-built.

Over the years, the bricks that support our signage continued to deteriorate due to crumbling mortar, moisture damage and possibly a wayward car. After several bids, Marafatsos & Sons, a skilled stone and brick work company owned and operated by members of our community, was selected to do the work.

The company was able to match the bricks beautifully! After many years of missing the top portion of the pillars on each side of the sign, the pillars now have solid-looking and finished tops. Also, a complete section of bricks on one side were replaced and a number of bricks were added to the other side.

We are grateful to Marafatsos & Sons for their workmanship and we are glad to have a sign that our community can once again take pride in.

Gleanings from Meetings

- by Max Bronstein

The February meeting of the Montgomery County Civic Federation was cancelled due to weather conditions. As I recall, it snowed a lot.

At the March meeting of the Federation, the delegates heard a presentation on the county's Capital Improvements Program (CIP) budget. The speakers were Jackie Carter from the county's Office of Management and Budget and Glenn Orlin, Deputy Director of the County Council's staff. Capital improvements refer to long-term items such as buildings, roads, mechanical equipment, etc. The full CIP budgets are submitted in even-numbered years by the County Executive with amendments made in the odd-numbered years. Also, the CIP budgets from the Board of Education, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, and Parks & Planning will be sent by them directly to the County Council. The Executive's recommendations on those budgets are included in his CIP message. Mr. Leggett made the point that with costs held down by the recession this is a good time to contract for capital items. Another interesting fact that emerged from the discussion was that 20-year general obligation bonds are the main source of funds to pay for the CIP costs. Furthermore, the limit on the dollar amount of those bonds that may be issued is based on the assessed value of all the private property (residential & commercial) in the county. Is it possible that some political leaders are excessively interested in growth and development in order to attempt to constantly increase the size of that assessable base? We would have to be suspicious cynics to agree with that belief, wouldn't we? (Ho, Ho)

The meeting of April 12th concerned the Operating Budget covering the period 7/1/10 to 6/30/11, known as the fiscal year '11 Operating Budget. The OB is for salaries and benefits (80% of the budget) plus current expenses for running offices and county facilities and operations. The program's presenters were Steve Farber, Director of the County Council's staff, and Joe Beach, Director of the Office of Management and Budget. It was notable that this budget represented the first year-over-year decrease (a 3.8% drop) in 42 years. It was noted, as it has been previously, that the OB has not kept up with the maintenance costs for caring for already built facilities, so how can we justify building new projects. At this writing, the Executive is scheduled to send revised budgeting to the County Council on April 22nd, with the knowledge that expected revenue was much less than anticipated. The County Council decides on the final budget by the end of May.

The February and March meetings of the Montgomery County Taxpayers League were very interesting in that it was pointed out that the League has been endeavoring for some time to get the county to realize that continuing to budget expenditures as they had been was unsustainable. They referred particularly to the 80% of the budget that goes for the salaries and benefits granted to employees of the county, including 11,000 teachers plus approximately 20,000 additional employees of other departments. The total is around 34,000 employees of the county who have been receiving what has turned out to be excessively generous pay increases and pension benefits. As to pension benefits, last year there were even pension payments scheduled on the basis of unreceived salary. They are known as the phantom pensions. Take notice of these budget shortfalls: FY08, \$173.7 mill; FY09, \$400.9 mill; FY10, \$587.5 mill; and FY11, \$778.9 mill. The watchword is: budget on what you have, (cont. on page 9, see Gleanings)

BPRA NEWS

Bel Pre Recreation Association Notes

by Dan Keating

The Bel Pre Recreation Association is focused this year on making improvements to the facilities available to all members. Your annual assessment as a member of the Association pays for your pool, tennis courts, volleyball, playground, picnic area, bath house, snack bar and pavilion on the Association's property to be open from noon on Saturday May 29, 2010 through the end of Labor Day (Monday, September 6, 2010).

Last year the large pool was resurfaced with new whitecoat and tiling, and the pavilion's original 20-year-old roof was replaced.

This year, the board is hoping to level and improve the volleyball area, add picnic tables, make the parking lot lighting more reliable, improve the rusty tennis court fence and fix up the chairs and umbrellas. We also hope to add a defibrillator machine. On the long-term view, we are getting a new engineering report on the long-term maintenance and replacement costs to make sure we have adequate funds to keep the facilities in good shape and avoid unnecessary expenses.

Please feel free to contact board members if you have any questions. We meet at 7:30pm on the fourth Monday of every month, at the pool during the summer months and at Bel Pre Elementary School the rest of the year.

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Board Meetings are held the 4th Monday of each month, 7:30 pm at Bel Pre Elementary School and during summer months at the Pool Pavilion.

Dolphins Update

- by Claire Pak

Swim season is nearly here! Our first event of the season, the annual fundraising "envelope stuffing" party, took place last month. Our annual fundraising campaign is underway, so if you haven't yet received your envelope, you'll be receiving it soon. Because we receive no financial support from the BPRA, we have reached out to the community for the last few years, and the response has been amazingly generous. Your donations have helped the Dolphins organization ensure that our community's children will continue to benefit from the presence of this wonderful community team. We're fortunate to be part of a neighborhood with such great community spirit. We're preparing this season's calendar of meets and events, and while our meet schedule is not yet set, we do have some dates for your calendars:

Tuesday, June 1: First swimmers' meeting at the pavilion at 4:00 pm. Coach Terry will hold a brief meeting for new and returning Dolphins on the day after Memorial Day.

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Save Money While Saving the Planet

Green Neighborhood Challenge Extended to August 31st!

By John Bogasky

In the Bugle's Winter edition, I introduced the *Green Neighborhood Challenge* and the chance to lower your electric bill by switching to wind power. Since then, despite the snow-delayed distribution of the Winter Bugle, Strathmore Bel Pre emerged as a *Green Neighborhood Challenge* leader, ranking 13th out of 70+ participants across Maryland as of April 5th.


Not sure what the *Green Neighborhood Challenge* is all about? As a Maryland resident, you have the right to choose your energy supplier. Clean Currents is the clean energy alternative to PEPCO and sponsors the *Green Neighborhood Challenge*. Clean Currents offers MD residents wind power-derived electricity at rates that are currently LOWER than PEPCO.

Clean Currents wind power rates are between 10.3 cents and 10.8 cents/KWH. Standard PEPCO power rates are between 10.7 and 13.35 cents/KWH depending on the season and time of day. The highest PEPCO rate applies during summer daytime hours when electricity usage is highest as our air conditioners run full blast. Clean Currents also lets you lock in your lower rates for up to two years.

Remember that no matter who *generates* your power, Pepco still *delivers* your power and responds to power outages. Wind power has saved money for my family since September with no problems.

To sign up for wind power, find your PEPCO bill (you need your PEPCO account number) and go to www.cleancurrents.com. Select "Wind Power for Home" from the menu bar at the top, then click "Wind Power for Home Sign-up" from the drop-down menu. Simply follow directions from there.



Make the switch to
clean, renewable,
wind generated
electricity and
Clean  **Currents**
will donate \$10.00
to the SBPCA

Under the *Green Neighborhood Challenge*, Clean Currents will donate \$10 to your Strathmore Bel Pre Civic Association for every Strathmore Bel Pre home that signs up. When you sign up, please select "Strathmore Bel Pre" in the "How did you hear about us?" box on the wind power signup form. If you have Clean Currents wind power but aren't sure if you checked "Strathmore Bel Pre", simply send me an email (johnbogasky@hotmail.com) with your name and street address. I will follow up with Clean Currents so that our Civic Association gets the credit. You have until August 31st to sign up and still support SBP in the *Green Neighborhood Challenge*.

What happens to my power if the wind stops blowing?

In short, nothing. PEPCO will distribute power to your home no matter the wind speed. Think of PEPCO's power supply as a water bucket filled by multiple spigots (coal, nuclear, wind, gas, etc.) PEPCO takes "water" from the bucket to supply your home no matter which spigot filled the bucket. When you switch to wind power, you are simply directing PEPCO to fill its bucket with enough "water" from the wind power "spigot" to match your power usage.

Does PEPCO need to install anything at my house?

No, nothing needs to change at your house. PEPCO will continue to supply power as it always has. By signing up for wind power, you are only asking PEPCO to buy more wind power for its distribution system. The Clean Currents web site has answers to many more questions or just send me an email. **A Clean Current representative will also answer questions and accept signups at the SBP Yard Sale on Saturday, June 5th.** More than 6,000 DC & Maryland residents and businesses have switched to clean wind-power through Clean Currents. Please join us, help save the planet **and** save some money for yourself!

Announcing the New Civic Association Email Group

By John Bogasky, SBPcivic group moderator

Early this year, the Civic Association board voted to set up a listserve for Civic Association members. Our goal is to provide our community with a new, timely and interactive communication channel to supplement *The Bugle*. (Don't worry, there are NO plans to use email to replace *The Bugle*.)

We sent out the first invitations in late March to Civic Association members who supplied their email addresses during last year's membership drive. As of April 18th, the group had 33 members.

We are using Yahoo's free groups service. Yahoo's service is well established and offers features that allow members to customize the format and frequency of messages. Messages can be received as individual messages, as a daily digest of all messages that day, or viewed on the Yahoo site without ever receiving messages. Message format can be fully-featured (with formatting and color similar to a web page) or plain text only. Finally, Yahoo allows members to hide their email address from group members if they choose.

There are two ways to join the group. The best way is to create a Yahoo ID, or use an existing one, and use that ID to request membership in the group. Follow the steps in the nearby box to join the group this way. This method allows you to access the message customization features mentioned above. Alternatively, you can join the group by sending me an email (johnbogasky@hotmail.com) from the address where you wish to receive group messages. This will add you to the group with the default customization options. Under either method, I will need your name and street address to verify that you are a Civic Association member in good standing.

It's easy to join the Civic Association if you want to join the group. All Strathmore Bel Pre residents can join the Civic Association at any time simply by paying the \$15 annual membership fee. If you wish to join, simply contact any member of the Civic Association board. You can find contact information for all board members on the back front cover of any edition of *The Bugle*.

All of us on the Civic Association Board hope that all members will join this group. We are excited about the possibilities the group offers to improve our ability to work together as a community. If you have any questions about the group, please contact me.

How to Join the SBPcivic Yahoo Group

- 1) Go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/SBPcivic/> and click on the "Join this Group" button.
- 2) Sign-In to Yahoo or Create A New Yahoo Account. If you have a Yahoo ID, sign in. If not, you will need to create one. (Click "Sign Up" under the "Don't have a Yahoo ID?" heading.) Note, Yahoo creates a new email address when you create your Yahoo ID but don't worry, you don't need to use this email address to join the group.
- 3) After you sign-in to Yahoo, Yahoo presents options for customizing your SBPcivic group membership. To use your personal email address instead of the Yahoo address click "add new email address" and add your personal email address. Yahoo will provide instructions to verify this address. Once the address is verified, you can set it as your primary address for receiving SBPcivic messages.
- 4) If you wish to keep your personal email address private, click the "Hide my email and IP address from the group moderators" check box. Note that hiding your email address will prevent you from sending messages to the group.
- 5) Please identify your real name and street address in the "Comment to Owner" box.
- 6) Choose a message delivery preference. I recommend "individual emails" since message volume on the group is still low.
- 7) Choose a message preference. Most users should select the "fully-featured" option. The "traditional" option is for those who prefer plain-text email.
- 8) Enter the code displayed in the box and then press "Join" in the lower right corner.
- 9) Yahoo will send your membership request to me as the group moderator. Once I approve your SBPcivic membership request, you will receive a confirmation email and a welcome email.

STRATHMORE BEL PRE JULY 4th 2010 CELEBRATION!!

Help Our Community Celebrate July 4th 2010!

As many of you know, StrathmoreBel Pre Community likes to celebrate July 4th!

There is always plenty of planning to do and we get great assistance from our fun-loving, patriotic neighbors.

Would you like to help us this year?



***Help make our July 4th
Celebration the best yet!
Thanks!***

If you would like to volunteer to make our community's celebration special this year, select from the list below.

We welcome your ideas, and talents!

- ☐ Parade Committee
- ☐ Entertainment
- ☐ Field Day –Games
- ☐ July 4th Picnic

YES! I would like to help with Strathmore Bel Pre's July 4th Celebration.

NAME _____

PHONE: _____ **OR EMAIL:** _____

- ☐ **PARADE** for the kids.....Volunteers needed: 11:45am - 1:15pm
- ☐ **FIELD GAMES**.....Volunteers needed: 2pm - 4pm
- ☐ **PICNIC** set up at Pool Pavillion...Volunteers needed: 4pm - 5pm
- ☐ **PICNIC** tickets, servers and wrap up..Volunteers: 5pm - 7:30pm

For more information about volunteering, please contact:
Harry Klapper at hjksbk@msn.com or Lilla Hammond at lilla.hammond@verizon.net
Or call 301-518-7818 (Lilla)

To volunteer, please: fill out the above information and send form to:
SBPCA PO Box 6836, Silver Spring, MD 20916 Thank you!

Gleanings

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not on what you wish you had. For more great financial information refer to the League's website (www.mctaxpayersleague.org).

The monthly meeting of the Mid-County Citizen's Advisory Board took place on April 20th and featured a discussion of the ambulance transport fee legislation, which has been proposed by the County Executive in order to raise about \$12,000,000 per year. Bear in mind that of the 106,785 fire and rescue calls in calendar year 2009, about 75% were emergency medical service requests. The great, great majority of residents have medical insurance which covers the cost of emergency ambulance transport fees, and the legislation calls for billing to be made to the resident's insurance company. Those without insurance or who are unable to pay will not be invoiced. So, if there are 81,000 ambulance calls vs. a population of 972,000 people in the county, the contention that insurance premiums will go up is a very weak argument since approximately 890,000+ people who made no calls will be subsidizing those that made calls. However, with the foregoing having been said, there is much room for improvement in the legislation as written to address some shortcomings in what has been proposed, and to address some genuine concerns voiced by the volunteer fire and rescue community. Additionally, the meeting heard an interesting report on the recent General Assembly session from Senator Rona Kramer and Delegate Ben Kramer, plus a report from County Council President Nancy Floreen on the status of current issues before the council.

Stay tuned for more notes from *The Bugle!*

50 Plus Club News

- by Charlotte Potosky

The winter schedule of events included meetings at the homes of Iris Hyman and Michael & Ricki Weiser. We thank them for making their homes available and hosting the meetings. The club also went as a group to see the Hexagon Players in their new venue at the Takoma Park/ Silver Spring Performing Arts Center at Montgomery College in Silver Spring. It was a wonderful show in a delightful auditorium.

Over the next few months we will be meet on Wednesdays May 12, June 2, and July 14, with the June and July meetings tentatively scheduled to take place at the swim club Pavilion.

The next show the group is scheduled to see at Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia is "Hairspray" on June 16. Following that we will be going to the Newseum in DC on July 28.

For the rest of the year the Toby's schedule includes "Nunsense" and "Rent". For further information please call Charlotte Potosky at 301-460-9008

Dolphins

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Wednesday, June 2: First practice of the season! Developmental and 8 and Unders practice at 4:00 pm. Juniors (9-14) are at 4:30 pm and Seniors (15-18) are at 5:30 pm. Afternoon practices will continue each weekday until Montgomery County schools close for the summer.

Thursday, June 17: First morning practice. Seniors practice at 7:30 am, Juniors at 8:30 am, 8 and Unders are at 9:30 am, and Developmental swimmers practice at 9:45 am. From June 17 until the end of the season (late July, exact dates TBA), morning and afternoon practices take place on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Wednesdays and Fridays are morning-only practice days.

Friday, June 4: First parents' meeting, 6:30 pm, pool pavilion.

Friday, June 11: Ice Cream Social, 6:30 pm at the pool pavilion. All community residents are invited!

Saturday, June 12: Blue/White Meet. This is an intramural time trials meet, at home.

Friday, June 18: First Pasta Party.

Saturday, June 19: First dual meet of the season. Opponent and location TBA.

All SBP children up to age 18 are welcome and encouraged to join the Dolphins! If you are new to the community or if you're considering joining the team this year, please feel free to contact Greg Miller, SBP Dolphins Association President (winstonhen@aol.com), Head Coach Terry Kominski (mermade1967@aol.com), or me (cdaltonpak@yahoo.com) for more information. Once I have your email address, I will add you to my distribution list so you'll be sure to receive Dolphins communications. We look forward to seeing you at the pool!

Free Tennis Clinic In June

-by Dan Keating

The Bel Pre Recreation Association is hosting a Free Tennis Clinic at the association tennis courts on Saturday, June 19, from 1:00-3:00 pm. The event for children and adults will focus on fun with a mix of games, contests and instruction. Bring a tennis racket and tennis shoes (no black soles allowed). The event will be run by tennis pro Harvey Rattner. Look for fliers at the pool for more information.

PROPERTY TAX CREDITS

By: Arlene Thorne

Montgomery County offers property tax credits on residential, owner-occupied structures equipped with solar, geothermal and energy conservation devices. Solar and geothermal systems that heat or cool a structure, provide hot water for a structure, or generate electricity for on-site use in a structure are eligible for a tax credit. Energy conservation devices include a variety of common energy efficiency related improvements but do not include standard household appliances such as washing machines or clothes dryers. Examples of energy conservation devices include: caulking and weather stripping doors and windows; furnace efficiency modifications; programmable thermostats; ceiling, attic, wall or floor insulation; water heater insulation; and storm windows or doors.

The geothermal and solar property tax credit is equal to 50% of the cost of the system, up to \$5,000 for heating, cooling systems and electricity generating systems, and \$1,500 for water heating systems. Residents may claim only one geothermal or solar energy tax credit per year. The tax credit for energy conservation devices is limited to the cost of the measure up to \$250 per fiscal year. Eligible costs include parts, components and accessories necessary to operate the device as well as reasonable installation costs. Only costs incurred during the 12 months preceding a credit application are eligible for a tax credit.

The application form (referred to as "Property Tax Credit - Renewable Energy" form) and more information is available on the web site for Montgomery County's Department of Finance at <http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/govtmpl.asp?url=/content/finance/index.asp> or by calling 240-777-8931.

An additional website with helpful information is <http://www.dsireusa.org/incentives>. Once on the site, scroll down to "Maryland" and then to "Montgomery County" to locate links to the property tax credit information.

NOTE: Pepco customers can get a rebate on the following energy-efficient appliances:

- ENERGY STAR qualified refrigerators (\$50 rebate)

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All purchases must be made after September 15, 2009. Rebate forms and program information are available on Pepco's web site.

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Sept. 28.....Yom Kippur No School
Oct. 2.....Early Release K-12
Oct. 16.....MSTA Convention No School
Nov. 2.....Professional Day, No School
Nov. 11.....Parent Conferences, Report Cards, Early Release K-8
Nov. 12.....Parent Conferences, Early Release K-8
Nov. 25.....Early Release K-12, Interim/Planning
Nov. 26-27.....Holiday—Thanksgiving
Dec. 24 & 25.....Holiday—Christmas
Dec. 28-31.....Winter Break

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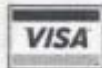
Jan. 1.....Holiday-New Year's Day
Jan. 18.....Holiday-Martin L. King Jr., Day
Jan. 25.....Professional Day, No School
Feb. 3.....Report Cards
Feb. 15.....Holiday-Presidents' Day, No School
Feb. 26.....Early Release K-12
Mar. 29-April 1.....Spring Break, No School
Apr. 2, 5.....Holiday, Easter
Apr. 6.....Professional Day No School
Apr. 14.....Report Cards
May 31.....Holiday-Memorial Day No School
Jun. 16.....Last Day of School, Students dismissed after Lunch
Jun. 23.....Report Cards Mailed

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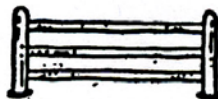
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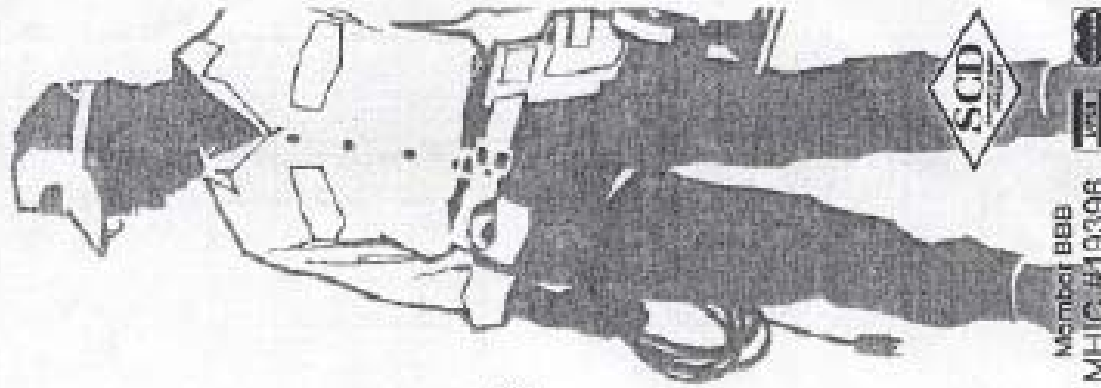
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