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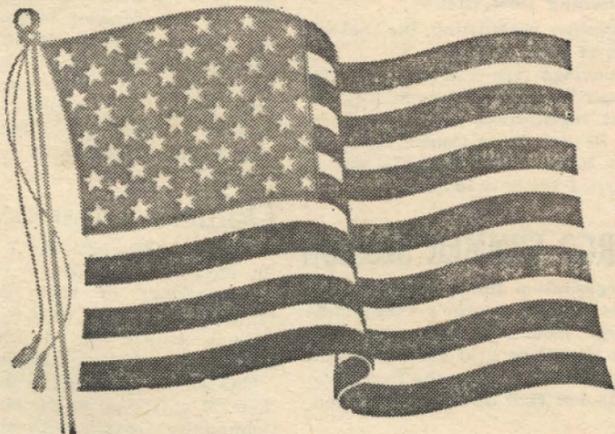
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GREENBELT, MARYLAND

Thursday, June 28, 1973

Grand and Glorious Fourth Our Flag - Show It Proudly!



by Joel Kastner

This year's Fourth of July evening celebration opens with the Greenbelt Concert Band performing at 7:30 p.m. John Del Homme will direct a program including works by Bach, Weber, Gershwin, patriotic airs, and climaxed with the 1812 Overture to provide the lead into the fireworks. Emory Harman will be Master of Ceremonies.

The Zambelli Manufacturing Company is again supplying the display at a cost of \$1800, a \$200 increase from last year. The fireworks contain 12 ground and 231 aerial displays.

Featured on the ground are such creations as a transformation star, Niagara Falls, a seal with a ball, and even a battleship with a cannon. The aerial display includes all-new chrysanthemum flower shells, multiple-explosion blasts, flying serpents, and a machine gun. The grand finale will be in two parts, first a light display and then a noise barrage.

Parking will be in the lake park parking lot and along Crescent Road. Police will be on hand to help with parking and direct traffic. Those living within walking distance should do so, since the display usually attracts large crowds.

The best view is from the lake park. Those residents who have boat permits may view the display from the water, provided they do not go too near the launch area.

The Greenbelt Police Department reminds the public that setting off fireworks by private citizens is both dangerous and illegal.

Booth Benefits Jaycees

The Greenbelt Jaycees will be selling sno-cones at the firework display at Greenbelt Lake on July 4. All proceeds are to be used for charitable projects in the Greenbelt area. They also will have an information booth for anyone interested in joining the Greenbelt Jaycees.

Women's Slow Pitch Softball

Women's slow pitch softball league standings places Greenbelt fourth in the Northern Division with three wins and four losses. The leagues are sponsored by the Dept. of Parks and Recreation of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

Holiday Refuse Collection

Due to the July 4 Holiday the following change in the refuse collection schedule will take place. For this one week only the Wednesday paper collection will be eliminated. Those residents who regularly receive collection on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday are asked to save their paper until the following week when normal collections will be resumed. All other collections next week will be on the regularly scheduled days.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., June 28, 7:45 p.m. Greenbelt Homes Board Meeting. Hamilton Pl.

Friday, June 29, 8 p.m. Twin Pines Bylaw Meeting, Council Chambers, Municipal Building
Wed., July 4, 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Concert Band - Lake Park. Fireworks to follow

Reception for Robert Ellis

Approximately 100 members and friends of Center School PTA gathered to honor Robert Ellis, principal, at a surprise reception on Sunday afternoon, June 24 in the school auditorium. Ellis is leaving Center after having served as principal for seven years.

John Bogumill, newly elected president of Center's PTA, presented Ellis with two rosebushes and a plant for his garden as a token of appreciation for his many services to the school. Bogumill praised Ellis for his continued work for and interest in the children of Center school.

Requirements To Vote, Run In City Election on Sept. 18

Election day for the Greenbelt City Council is just three months away, on September 18, to be exact. All citizens should be aware of the requirements to make them eligible to vote or run for office. Do you know, for example, whether you are qualified to vote, or how to nominate the candidate of your choice, or when and where to register?

Here are the regulations for citizen participation in Greenbelt City elections.

Anyone who is eligible to vote in Greenbelt City elections is eligible to run for one of the five seats on the city council. ELECTION DAY is September 18, 1973; the term of office is 2 years. Councilmen get a salary of \$2,000 a year; the Mayor \$2,400 (if pending legislation goes into effect.)

Registration

REGISTRATION DAY for voters is ANY DAY, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. — just go to the city offices and sign up with the city clerk. If you work during the day and can't register then, wait until special registration days, which are announced later in the summer. The last day to register is August 20.

Once you have registered for Greenbelt elections, you need not register again as long as you live here continuously, provided you have voted in at least one of the two previous city general elections. If you've never registered here or if you moved out of town and then moved back or if you missed voting in two successive general elections, it will be necessary to register again under the same provisions.

Eligibility

To be eligible to vote in Greenbelt council elections you must be a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years of age, must have lived in Greenbelt at least 29 days immediately preceding the election. Employees of the U.S. government residing in Greenbelt, are eligible to vote in the city election and run for city council posts.

If you — or your candidate — are eligible to vote, here's what must be done to get a place on the ballot for City Councilman:

1-Get at least 50 and not more than 60 of the qualified registered voters to sign a nomination petition form — which may be obtained from the city clerk; she also has an information form that will be helpful. There were roughly 3,500 registered voters as of the last general election.

2-Submit the signed petition to the city clerk (together with a \$3

filing fee) no earlier than July 20 and not later than August 20 at 5 p.m. Only registered voters' signatures are valid, and a voter may sign only ONE nomination petition even though he may vote for five candidates. Therefore, the city clerk will disqualify a voters' signature on the second and all subsequent petitions she receives on which it appears.

This means a voter should think twice before signing a nomination petition for someone he isn't really eager to back; it would make him unable to nominate anyone else. This also means that the candidate (or the backers of a candidate) who file their petitions early in the July 20 - August 20 period will have more time in which to get additional signatures to validate the petition.

Married women signers of petitions should use the form Mary Doe, not Mrs. John Doe. The records show them as Mary Doe and if the city clerk doesn't recognize the name in its married form, she may not be able to check and accept it.

3-Within 7 days of filing of a valid petition, the city clerk notifies the candidate. The latter then must indicate acceptance of nomination. (In some cases petitions are circulated without the candidates say-so). The ballot carries only persons nominated this way. But you can write in names when you vote.

That's all there is to it. On September 18 there will be an election. If five candidates fail to win at least 40 percent of the votes cast, there will be a run-off election 7 days later. In the run-off election the ballot will consist of those unsuccessful candidates receiving the highest number of votes, up to twice as many names as there are positions to be filled.

News Review Deadline

All News Review articles and advertisements must be in by Monday, July 2, at 8-10 p.m. due to the 4th of July Holiday. The paper will be distributed on Thursday night.

City Council Sensitive Over Cable TV Issue

by Al and Elaine Skolnik

Cable television again popped into the news last week with the disclosure that Mrs. Claire Pilski, wife of Greenbelt Mayor Richard Pilski, is a stockholder in a cable television corporation that has submitted a proposal to obtain a franchise from the city of College Park.

Members of city council (Charles Schwan, Gil Weidenfeld, and Elizabeth Maffay) said they first learned of this development at the Municipal League Conference at Ocean City last week and immediately issued a statement informing the press of Mrs. Pilski's interest.

"We have a firm conviction that there should be a full disclosure by public officials of any interest they may have, direct or indirect, in

cable television companies," said Schwan. "We have so informed the mayor of our feelings."

Last March the Greenbelt city council had before it a proposed amendment to the charter to clarify the city's right to grant a cable television franchise, introduced by Weidenfeld. The amendment was not acted upon, but council chose instead to appoint a citizen committee to study and make recommendations on cable television service in Greenbelt. Such a committee has not yet been appointed.

At that time, Weidenfeld said, neither he, Schwan, nor Mrs. Maffay had any knowledge of Mrs. Pilski's interest in a cable television company. Council member Rhea Cohen could not be reached for comment.

Mrs. Pilski told the News Review that she didn't understand what all the excitement was about. She said she is one of the vice-presidents of the College Park Cable Vision Corporation which has about 23 stockholders. Her investment is about \$1,500, she said.

"This is a College Park matter," she said. "It is a personal thing and has nothing to do with the City of Greenbelt. It is not as if we were looking for a franchise from the city of Greenbelt." Mrs. Pilski, who was contacted in Ocean City, said she would be happy to discuss the matter further upon her return.

Background

City manager James Giese said that for many years the question of cable TV in suburban communities and the possibility of franchising and regulating such systems have been discussed. The city solicitor has expressed the view that the Greenbelt charter as presently written grants authority to the city to regulate cable TV. But because of doubts raised, Giese said he recommended last March a proposed change in the charter that would specifically provide the city with authority to grant franchises for community antenna and cable television systems. Giese said he was not aware of any interest of any city council member in television cable companies at that time.

Giese said that he was not recommending the granting of a cable TV franchise at this time but he saw certain advantages for the city if it had clear-cut authority. For one, the county might be precluded from granting franchises within the city because of a State constitutional provision which restricts the county from acting in certain areas which have been preempted by a municipality. Giese said that the city would also have the advantage of reserving certain cables for public use.

A cable TV franchise is permission given by a government body to a cable operator allowing him exclusive rights to sell his service to residents in the area. Cable TV is supposed to offer clearer pictures than home antennas, particularly for color television and can offer as many as 80 to 100 channels. Many systems feature separate channels for weather, stock market reports, wire service news, and FM radio. On the average, the monthly fee to the homeowner is \$5 to \$6 for service, with installation fees ranging from about \$10 to \$20.

Giese said that there are no active or recent requests for a city cable TV franchise. If the city decides to grant a franchise, Giese said he would recommend that the franchise be based on public bids with the names of all participants made public.

If the reaction of council to the disclosure of Mrs. Pilski's interest is any indication, even the proposal for having a citizen's group study, the issue may be dead.

Hearing on GHI Suit

In preparation for a hearing on Thursday, June 28, James F. Vance, attorney for the ten Greenbelt Homes, Inc. members seeking redress against GHI and seven GHI board members, has filed a response to GHI's demurrer requesting dismissal of the suit on technical grounds.

The petitioners (Eunice Coxon, et al.) deny that they have failed to state a cause of action against the respondents in equity or in law. They state that their petition for a writ of mandamus and declaratory judgment requests the court to order the GHI board to take specific action, e.g. to cease their improper conduct, to account to GHI members for certain funds, and not to repeat their improper conduct. Vance disputed the contention of GHI's attorney, Albert Ginsberg, that the general relief sought by the petitioners cannot be obtained in a mandamus action.

The answer to the demurrer concluded with a declaration that the petition sets out a justiciable controversy and that the relief sought is neither moot nor abstract, as charged by Ginsberg. Vance contended that the respondents are guilty of wrongful conduct.

"The respondents," Vance said, "have insisted to the petitioners that their conduct is not improper and that under similar circumstances in the past, respondents may expect a repetition of said wrongful conduct." Hence, the relief sought is one for which there is no adequate remedy at law and monetary damages are inadequate.

Vance asked the court for a judgment which would correct the wrongs of which the petitioners complain and prevent their repetition by the GHI board in the future.

Environment Award

The Prince Georges Environment Coalition held its Second Annual Membership Meeting at the Greenbelt Public Library June 7 to elect officers and to present awards.

The Coalition presented its first "Earth Keeper Awards" to twelve persons and groups "for rendering outstanding service on behalf of environmental protection" during the past year in Prince Georges County, naming Rhea L. Cohen of Greenbelt as "Earth Keeper of the Year" "In recognition of her outstanding efforts as a citizen advocate to save Prince Georges County from the ravages of over-development . . . and for her diligent and effective utilization of legal/administrative strategies to preserve our environment . . ."

Councilman White on TV

Francis W. White, former mayor of Greenbelt and now vice-chairman of Prince Georges County Council will be the guest of WT-OP's Caution Consumer show Saturday at 7:30 p.m. White was asked to appear and demonstrate how unwary citizens are clipped at carnivals. White will show the various games that gyp the innocent carnival patron. White will emphasize that most carnivals are honest but a few need regulation.

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In Reply to Schwan

To the Editor:

In reply to Charles Schwan, who has an amazing capacity for self delusion. In part I am replying so that his delusion may not spread to many of our citizens, and in part, I am replying because here, Mayor Pilski cannot interrupt me.

First, Charles, the people of Greenbelt are not interested in your feelings about my temperament or my passion. I am sure they have made up their minds on that score long ago.

Second, Charles, you didn't even answer the points I made in the letter. Don't you agree that the county and state have erred in granting approval and building permits for a project that has no sewer? It is true that the developer's request for a right-of-way across NASA property is under study and may not be granted for environmental reasons. Don't you also agree, Charles, that the State Health Department has a very inconsistent stance on package sewage plants, when at the same time they approve Greenbriar with minimal (your conditions notwithstanding) standards, they are threatening to close down over a score of them that are malfunctioning and polluting Maryland rivers and streams, as reported in the Stars-News last month? And don't you also agree, Charles, that the overwhelming majority of citizens who have spoken on this issue have urged city council to oppose the plant, and you must be aware that the package sewage plant is contrary to the adopted community goals and Master Plan for Greenbelt.

There is one thing that I don't expect you to agree on, however, and that is my thesis, arrived at after two long hard years of fighting this intrusion on Greenbelt, that the cruelest blow to the efforts of citizens to defeat it was the equivocal Schwan resolution that effectively neutralized the official city position and allowed the developer, the former mayor, and the present mayor to state in public and in private lobbying efforts that, and I quote, "the City of Greenbelt is not opposed to this package plant."

Charles, it is not a question of whether you are right, or I am right, in the final analysis we have all been had. I can assure you that the citizens to whom I have spoken, and who have supported Councilwoman Cohen in this fight, are not interested in a sewage plant with honor; they are unquestionably decided that they want no temporary package treatment plant in Greenbelt at all.

Charles, it is you who has been inflexible. No matter what evidence was presented you, you absolutely refused to oppose the plant, whereas on the other hand, it is I who am flexible. I promise that I will do anything to prevent a package sewage plant from being located in this city that I love.

Thomas X. White

Unnerving Experience

To the Editor:

This is to thank the good neighbor who turned in my billfold to the police station early on Sunday morning. It was an unnerving experience to have had my purse snatched the night before. However, when the billfold was returned to me with all my ID cards intact, as well as my shopping plate, I was very grateful not to have to go through all the trouble of replacing them.

Otilie Van Allen

It Can Happen Here!

To the Editor:

This past Saturday evening, my brother-in-law who was visiting from New Jersey told me of a mugging that took place there recently at 5:30 in the afternoon when a friend of his returned from a shopping tour and was robbed and beaten so severely he had to be hospitalized. He asked me if we had any such problems in Greenbelt. I replied that I didn't know of any such grave difficulties and that it was safe to walk around Greenbelt without any concern.

I no sooner finished making this statement (about 9:45 p.m.) when a neighbor of mine and her friend, who was visiting from Columbia, Md., told me that some teen-aged boys stole a wallet from them while they were walking near the library on their way home from the Center. They further said that they were told that this was the fourth such incident that happened. Shortly thereafter, I saw a police car come by and the office flashed his spotlight on an inner walkway, but by that time it was too late to apprehend the juveniles.

To prevent further such experiences, it may be well for the city to assign some officers to plain-clothes duty to patrol the streets and walkways on foot or to get a plain-clothes police woman on detail from some other jurisdiction to help apprehend the thieves. After they are caught, perhaps the use of stocks in the Center Mall for such courageous culprits who prey on unsuspecting women shoppers may be one way of stopping these cowardly actions.

Worried Greenbelter

Twin Pines

To the Editor:

The Special Membership Meeting of Twin Pines tomorrow night - June 29 - is an opportunity for Greenbelt to prove that a savings and loan association can operate within the confines of state insurance regulations and still continue to be a true cooperative in the Rochdale tradition.

The proposed by-laws distributed to the members last week do not have to be given a rubber-stamp verbatim approval. True, a new set of by-laws must be adopted at this time if Twin Pines is not to risk losing out on obtaining insured status by July 1 as the state law requires. This does not mean that the members have to swallow the offered draft without even chewing it - typographical errors and all!

We have about the soundest and fastest-growing savings and loan institution in the state; which must mean that we are doing some things right. It means, most certainly, that Twin Pines understands Greenbelt's special needs - and keeps its doors open all day long and into the night in order to provide the fullest service possible. And we understand it - its informality, its individuality.

Or do we?

by Miriam Cornelius

MISHKAN TORAH

Rabbi Charles Kraus, of Far Rockaway, New York, a candidate for rabbi of the Mishkan Torah, will be with the congregation for the weekend of June 29.

The rabbi will conduct services on Friday, June 29 at 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 30, at 9:30 a.m. The congregation and friends of Mishkan Torah are invited to meet with the rabbi and his wife.

Rabbi Maurice Weisenberg, spiritual leader of the congregation for seven years, has accepted the rabbinic position at Olev Shalom Congregation in Kansas City.

Request a Reply

To the Editor:

Several weeks ago in your column I drew attention to an advertisement that appeared in the News Review during the GHI election campaign. The ad was reprinted and used as a primary piece of campaign literature which contributed to the election of three in a field of five, extending the power of an established majority of the Board.

My letter asked the ad's authors to specify the thrust of a concern they professed. It also asked them to pin down and spell out background for inferences they tied to the ad as "cause".

There has been no reply.

The News Review may be able to ignore the silence. I can't.

I believe the members of this Corporation deserve no less than complete candor in representing an election which affects the largest investment most of us will ever make, one which in turn directly affects the security and comfort of our families and our old age. My own statements have always reflected this belief and I think I should ask no less in return.

I am also convinced that this Corporation can rightly afford no less.

Indeed, if it continues the present manner of vacillating between a "busv work" least administrative effort and a frenzied approach to major decisions, I can see but one disastrous result for all of us. We need make no other mistakes.

My minority report from the Audit Committee reflected this concern.

But as an example of the "concern" now exercised over our investments, let me remind you all that loss of a primary department head from our staff in mid-election has not yet produced any great effort to check the department's outstanding assets and liabilities. This is the least we can do to insure that a new man will not start out with two strikes against him.

It is also the least that can be done to reassure this member that the Board's concern is alive and in the interests of all the members. Perhaps I should publicly question the right individuals direct.

Gordon Allen

Bike Trails Planned

Fourteen citizens including Greenbelter Sue Modgelewski, recently met with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission planners as the first step in developing a comprehensive system of hiker-biker-equestrian trails in Prince Georges County.

The trails will serve the county's residents for recreation and commuter needs. The trail system would provide safe access to the University of Maryland, community colleges, schools, parks, libraries, recreation centers, commercial areas, Metro stations, employment areas and historic sites.

The committee of citizens agreed to direct its work toward recommending countywide safety policies for trails which will serve as a guide in developing a Trails Plan.

The commission would have the primary responsibility for developing trails in the parks and would assist elsewhere.

A Zoning Attorney to Represent the People

"To protect the public interest" in the sensitive area of zoning, John J. Garrity and Councilman Francis B. Francois introduced a Prince Georges Council Chairman bill calling for the appointment of a people's zoning counsel to appear on the public's behalf at all hearings.

Offered at the June 19 session, the bill will come to public hearing on July 31 at 10 a.m. at the Upper Marlboro Courthouse. The measure is in response to a recent Court of Appeals ruling invalidating zoning sections of the Charter, thus making legislation necessary to keep a people's zoning counsel.

Under the bill's provisions, the counsel must be a member of the Maryland bar and experienced in zoning law and procedure. County Executive William W. Gullett has the option of appointing more than one people's attorney, all subject to Council confirmation.

Recreation Review

Singles and Doubles Horseshoe Tournament

Registration at Candy Cane City Wednesday, July 4 at 10 am. Winners will receive banquet hams.

Women's Softball Game

Greenbelt Gals challenge County women's team on Braden Field 4 p.m.

Youth Center Hours

Open Gym and Lounge from 9 am - 5 pm for basketball, bumper pool, carroms and ping pong. All regular classes and Camp Pine Tree cancelled.

Swimming Pool Hours

Weather permitting, the pool will open at 1 pm, July 4.

Openings are left in the City Closed Tennis Tournament. Tournament registration will be taken at the Braden Field Courts Saturday, June 30 at 9 am. Trophies will be awarded to the winners.

LARGO SUMMER SESSION

Registration for Summer Session II at Prince George's Community College from July 10 through August 10 will be held Thursday, July 5 from 1 to 7 p.m. in the Breezeway of Bladen Hall on the Largo Campus.

About 75 courses will be offered including special non-credit courses in developmental English and reading to prepare students for college level work in these areas. A high school diploma is not necessary for enrollment.

Tuition rates are \$10.50 per credit hour for Prince George's County residents. Applications and information are available from the Admissions and Records Office at Prince George's Community College, 336-6990, ext. 201.

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MON. THRU FRI.
9 to 8

SATURDAY
9 - 2

Lecture on Prison Reform

A lecture on "Prison Reform" will be given Sunday night, July 1, at the Mishkan Torah synagogue (Jewish Community Center of Prince Georges County) at Westway and Ridge Rd. The speaker will be James Irby, member of the board of the National Association for Justice, who is presently serving a 20-year term at the Minimum Security Facility in Lorton, Va. Refreshments will be served at 8 p.m. and the lecture begins at 8:30; entrance is free and the public is invited.

The National Association for Justice was formed less than a year ago to seek reforms in the prison system and better treatment of past convicts. The group has been active in settling the Lorton reformatory strike and is presently setting up a "crisis center" for mediating prison disorders.

Domchick-Barton

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Domchick, Sr. of 11-A Ridge Road announce the marriage of their daughter Margaret Elizabeth to Robert Earl Barton, son of Mr. & Mrs. Joel Barton of 44-N Ridge Road.

The wedding took place Saturday, June 23 at 1 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Church with the Rev. Robert L. Field officiating.

After a honeymoon in the Pocono mountain resort area, the couple will reside near Grissom Air Force Base where the groom is presently stationed.

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Twenty-Five Years Ago

"PHA Manager Charles Cormack today firmly squelched a rumor that negotiations are in progress for the sale of Greenbelt to a leading insurance company."

Cormack was also queried as to why "Mrs. Fanny Eubanks — who has done without window shades for three years" is still on a waiting list while "shades are offered to other residents who don't need them (we could name a few) . . ."

Letters to the Editor were limited to 150 words, and needless-to-say the **Cooperator (News Review)** felt some heat from this editorial policy.

Fourth of July plans were underway with a \$1,000 fireworks display, a parade, athletic events and concessions.

GCS grocery clerks became unionized, and the roof to the new supermarket was expected to be completed by the end of June.

Cormack announced the sale by the government to Prince Georges County of the Greenbelt schools and land. Sale of the Center school posed a problem in that it left Greenbelt without a community building, but it was hoped that the town would still be able to use the school for civic events for at least five years until a municipal building could be constructed.

The **Cooperator** decried the clannishness ascribed to the paper. In an editorial entitled "Wanted; Transfusion (Printer's Ink)", the editorialist wrote, "When you're still sleepy at three in the afternoon because lack of help kept you up till three that morning putting out a newspaper, and you hear someone in the food store say, 'You can't work on the **Cooperator** unless you're one of the 'inner circle'; when an already overworked reporter has to take over the work of publicity director for an organization in order to get news from the outfit, then hears that 'you can't get a story in the **Cooperator**'; it's then that you almost — but never quite, thank heavens — feel that the whole thing just isn't worth it." The writer then made a strong plea for reporters and workers to join the paper.

Veteran's Liquors, on U.S. Route #1 began advertising and offered "Free Delivery". "No order too small".

A summer Baby Playground was initiated to run in 8 playgrounds for children 4-7 years old. The Recreation Dept. announced its summer crafts program with classes in basketry, stenciling and splatter painting, general crafts, gimp and leather work. There was no charge except for materials.

Renovation of the Center Mall was planned. "FHA has signed a contract for concrete work at the Center. This contract calls for taking up the cobblestones . . . and paving the area with concrete . . . A sidewalk will be laid from the barber shop to the police station entrance. There will be steps leading down to the Radio Repair Shop and there will also be space provided for a bicycle parking rack. The main sidewalk will also be widened."

Compiled by Sandra Barnes

P.G. Co. Schools Decentralization

The Prince Georges County Public Schools, largest school system in the Washington Metropolitan Area, became a decentralized system on Monday, June 18, Superintendent Carl W. Hassell has announced. The system, comprising 234 schools and some 155,000 students, is now divided into Northern, Central, and Southern Areas, with a Director for each area. With the opening of the 1973-74 school year in September, each area will contain approximately 78 schools and 52,000 students.

"The decision to decentralize has been under consideration for several years," Dr. Hassell said, "and has now been taken in order to make management more effective by breaking the system into smaller components and moving management and leadership services closer to the local school."

Taking office as Area Directors are G. James Gholson, Director of the Northern Area; Dr. Annabelle E. Ferguson, Director of the Central Area; and Dr. Allan I. Chotiner, Director of the Southern Area.

Schools which Greenbelt students attend are **Northern Area:** Parkdale, Greenbelt Junior High, Center Elementary and North End Elementary, **Central Area:** Mary Bethune, Oakcrest and John Carroll.

The center for the Northern Area will be the old Berwyn Elementary School at 49th Avenue and Greenbelt Road in College Park.

The Central Area center will be the former Highland Park Elementary School at Hill Road and L Street in Landover.

The Southern center, headquarters for Dr. Chotiner and staff, will be the old Oxon Hill Junior High School at 7711 Livingston Road in Oxon Hill.

All three Area Directors now have temporary offices at Highland Park Elementary School. Each has a separate phone number — Northern Area (Mr. Gholson): 336-6131; Central Area (Dr. Ferguson): 336-6100; and Southern Area (Dr. Chotiner): 336-6355.

Scout Troop 746

The summer Court of Honor for Boy Scout Troop 746 was held on Friday, June 15, at the Mowatt Methodist Church. The following scouts were invested as tenderfeet — Craig Fitzenreiter, Mike Freeman, Jim Thurston, Sudi Dwivedi, Doug Wimsatt, Quentin Williams and Scott Fitzenreiter. Jim Sinden, Alex Likowski, Clint Boushell, Craig Fitzenreiter, Jon Freeman, Gary Hibbs, Neil O'Shea, Tom Han-yok, and Warren Halsey were made second class scouts while the first class scouts installed were Andy Webster, Paul Felsher, Alex Likowski, Clint Boushell, and Pete Bracken. Erik Winkler received his Star rank, and merit badges were earned by Tim Moore, Erik Winkler, Gary Cousin, and Mark Felsher.

The troop climaxed the glass drive which it had conducted from December, through May, by announcing the names of the scouts who had led in glass collecting. William Aleshire, assistant Scoutmaster, presented the first place award to Tim Moore, with Mark Felsher, Pete Bracken, and Paul Felsher winning second, third, and fourth place medals.

Other awards presented at the Court of Honor included the President's Award earned by the troop for its exhibit on glass recycling prepared by Tim Moore for the Scout Exposition in Gaithersburg. In addition, Troop 746, under the direction of Committee Chairman, Ruth Dee, and Cub Pack 746, under the direction of Cubmaster Steve Sinden and Drive Chairman, Pete Bracken, received awards for their performances in the annual sustaining membership drive of the Scouts.

The Court of Honor concluded with the Senior Patrol members presenting a cake and a uniform to assistant Scoutmaster Jim Hanna for his many years of service to the troop.

The Police Blotter

A 26-year-old male non-resident was arrested for indecent exposure around Breezewood Terrace in Springhill Lake. The arrest is expected to close the cases of six such incidents in that part of town.

S. Klein's reported the theft of 5 watches worth \$198 from an unlocked display case.

There was a strong arm robbery in front of 40-A Crescent. Two boys ran past a woman walking back from the Center. When she got to her apartment, one of the boys was in the doorway and he grabbed her purse as she set down her packages. There was about \$3.00 in the purse. When found the boy will be charged with robbery, which is a felony.

The police now have a description of the juvenile who has been snatching pocketbooks along Southway and Crescent Roads. He is a white male, 13-15 years old, medium weight. When last seen, he wore dark trousers and a white and green athletic "T" shirt with a numeral on it. The youth involved tends to follow his victim before he snatches her purse. Most of the incidents have happened in the early evening hours. There is a possibility two youths are involved.

In two different cases of larceny, the police recovered a mini-bike and a mini-go-cart.

In a housebreaking of an apartment on Westway, an \$80 portable TV was taken. The thief made his entrance through a sliding glass door. Chief Lane suggests that people who have sliding doors should place a steel bar or even a stick the length of the track behind the movable door to prevent a thief from entering that way.

By use of a propane torch an unknown amount of coins was taken from the coin boxes on 2 washing machines in the basements of two apartment buildings, one on Westway, and the other on Lakeside Drive.

Recently seven boys around 15 and 16 years old were caught sniffing cleaning fluid in the wooded area of the lake park around 2:45 a.m. Officers were able to apprehend three of them and a lookout has been posted for the rest. Police remind parents that they may be charged under a state law for failure to maintain the care and supervision of minors. This applies to any juvenile found out after 10 p.m. without reason.

Police were on the lookout for four runaways: A 12 and a 14 year old boy, and a 14 and 15 year old girl. One boy returned on his own; the other was apprehended by the police, and the 14 year old girl was apprehended by police in Howard County and her parents were notified to come and get her.

The police auction of bicycles netted the city approximately \$900. Sgt. Van Valkenburgh was the auctioneer.



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Notice of Charter Amendments

On June 11, 1973, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland adopted the following Amendments to the Charter of the City of Greenbelt Charter Amendment Resolution 1973-2 and Charter Amendment Resolution 1973-3. Titles of the Resolutions, which are a fair summary of the amendments, are as follows:

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 1973-2

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUBTITLE "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SECTION 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SUBSECTION (C), TITLE "ADOPTION" OF SECTION 40-50, TITLE "COUNCIL ACTION ON BUDGET", TO PROVIDE THAT COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT THE BUDGET ON OR BEFORE THE TWENTIETH DAY OF JUNE OF THE FISCAL YEAR CURRENTLY ENDING.

CHARTER AMENDMENT RESOLUTION 1973-3

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The above amendments shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendments, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 31st day of July, 1973, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 21st day of July, 1973, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that both or either of the above Charter Amendments be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

Copies of the above Charter Amendments Resolutions are posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland, Telephone 474-8000.

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PRAB Plan Ready For Council Action

by Roberta McNamara

PRAB is ready after a year and a half of study and three public hearings to give its recommendations to council for the improvement of Greenbelt Lake Park and Braden Field based on a plan submitted by the architectural firm of T. D. Donovan as modified by the city staff in September of 1971. Only five board members, chairman Joe Wilkinson, Hugh Jascourt, James Parochetti, Mike McMahon, and Rev. Kenneth Buker attended the Thursday night meeting which included nominations for officers. Also Darald Lofgren, the resigning city recreation director, was present.

According to the proposed plan, PRAB recommends that the main entrance of the lake be improved by moving the entrance to opposite Lastner Lane. This would improve traffic flow and also allow more parking facilities to be developed.

PRAB recommends that the parking lot should be separated by an ornamental hedge, fencing or wall.

The lake park would be enlarged to include parcels 7 and 8 (vacant lots across the road which border Boxwood), Crescent Road should be moved to go diagonally through parcels 7 and 8 to connect with Ridge Rd. and eventually Kenilworth Ave. at about the latitude of Ivy Lane. The northeastern triangle bordering Boxwood would then be for neighborhood recreation. The specifics should be done only after consultation with Boxwood citizens. On the southwestern triangle four tennis courts would be constructed. After a topographical study, that part of Crescent road which will be within the park would be reclaimed as parkland. A pedestrian underpass should be constructed from Boxwood to the lake park.

The old city staff plan had recommended a group pavilion where the present concession stand is now. PRAB disagreed. The feeling was that no structures should interfere with the overview of the lake; thus the bandstand should be removed and whenever a stage is needed the city should borrow the mobile stage from MNCPPC. The basketball courts should be removed and placed elsewhere. The present concession stand also should be moved and screened, perhaps even built into the bank. It was felt that the construction of a small ornamental shelter to be reserved for small family groups could be placed across the lake near the dam and more tables with shelter tops could be provided along the lake side.

According to PRAB, the north shore peninsula should be left natural; therefore, no ornamental structure at the tip of the peninsula. However, a warming pit will be constructed for skaters. The stream channel to the lake from Braden Field should be improved but not by weirs (small dams) as the city staff plan suggests since studies prove weirs ineffective. At the Jaycee Center between Braden Field and the lake, a play area that includes pre-teen equipment should be built.

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Braden Field Changes
Any Braden Field development plans except for the construction of tennis courts and handball courts placed near the present tennis courts must be held in abeyance until the city acquires land suitable for playing fields. The fields are used year round, thus, improvement without relocation will curtail organized sports as well as free play in that area. PRAB recommends the removal of the road around the pool because it causes erosion. The area now designated for horseshoes should be moved north for pedestrian safety. The city staff plan called for a larger sunbathing area at the pool, but PRAB disagreed.

Along the bay area, the city staff plan recommends the paving of the path; PRAB disagreed. However, it agreed with the development of basketball courts and more tennis courts on that side, but only after Braden Field is improved. The southeastern shore should be developed into a woodland garden.

Over on the west shore, PRAB felt the dam should be improved but a pier, as proposed, might in-

crease the hazards and could make "accidental" falling into the water attractive. PRAB also felt that a model airplane field should not be included but that the open area west of the dam is to be reserved for free play except for tree planting on the slope. Perhaps a softball field could be placed behind the public works building. There is to be no organic garden and definitely no lighted fountain spewing from the lake. In general the lake park should be as natural as a man made lake can be.

All pathways around the lake should be improved. New pathways should be developed from the parking lot to various areas in order to reclaim parts that have eroded. The lake service road should be just that, not open to unauthorized vehicle traffic. PRAB suggests a park patrol on motorcycles to prevent vehicle traffic. The park patrolled in such a manner would cut down erosion due to heavy vehicle trails.

Even if council accepts PRAB's proposal, the plan will be handicapped by the lack of funds. Initially, the city had planned to pay for the improvements with funds from the 1968 bond issue matched by a federal grant from HUD. Because of federal budget cutbacks, the city will have to look for funds elsewhere.

Size of PRAB

Earlier in the meeting, PRAB indicated it would fight council's proposal to cut the size of PRAB's board from twelve to nine members. Wilkinson felt that perhaps if council and the board could screen prospective board members attendance would improve. He also said that if the chairman was told by council who finally is appointed the chairman could welcome the new member. Jascourt felt that applicants for the board had not in the past understood that PRAB is a working body that makes studies before it make recommendations.

In general, the feeling was that in order to represent all segments of the city including two representatives apiece from GHI and Spring-

Boys-Girls Club News

The Greenbelt Boys-Girls club anticipates an active year with the help of \$800, raised by magazine subscriptions and donations during its recent fund drive. Several programs are planned for next fall.

Pre-sign-up for the fall programs will be on Saturday, July 14, at the Youth Center from noon until 4 and on Saturday, July 28, at Springhill Lake from noon to 4.

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A film program for preschoolers (ages 3 to 6 years) and their parents, will be on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., July 11 through August 15.

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Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik - 474-6060
In a close battle at last Friday's duplicate bridge session, Tony Pisano and Sid Barnett emerged victorious by ½ point over Claire Jacobs and Marian Hettenhous. Third place went to the team of Joe Nusinov and Joe Reid. Next game: Friday, July 13.

Congratulations to Esther Kiel, 47-C Ridge, who was elected secretary of the Washington Chapter of the Federal Government Accountant's Association. She is a senior accountant for the National Science Foundation.

James O. Ragwar, 9124 Edmonston Road, received the B.S. degree in Chemistry from Florida A&M University.

Joining her sister, Mrs. Ruth Wexler of Israel, for a reunion with their mother, Mrs. Evelyn Wagner, 3-C Crescent, is Mrs. Deborah Rashkin of North Hollywood, Calif.

Vincent Palacino Jr., 7908 Lakecrest Dr. received his Ph.D. in Psychology at Michigan State University.

Leslie Moore of 1 Lakeview Circle, a 1973 graduate of Parkdale High School, has been admitted to Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania. Leslie, a recipient of a gubernatorial Award of Merit for graduating in the top five percent of her class, was also installed recently as Honored Queen of Bethel 34, International Order of Job's Daughters at Beltsville.

Air Force Sergeant David C. Wigley, son of Mrs. Ruth L. Wigley, 29 Woodland Way, has arrived for duty at Beale AFB, California. An administration specialist, he is assigned to a unit of the Strategic Air Command.

Shelby Best, secretary of the Greenbelt Jaycees, has been selected to represent the Maryland Jay-

MNCPPC, P.G. Chapter Role Conflict Defined

Commenting on the recent decision of the Maryland Court of Appeals upholding a lower court decision that the Prince Georges County Charter does not supersede or amend the powers of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Vice Chairman Philip R. Hogue said, "We applaud the ruling but at the same time we want to work in harmony with the county government to make Prince Georges County the best county possible."

In the earlier decision, the court held "the Maryland-Washington Regional District Act is a public general law. The county may not exercise the powers of planning and zoning within the 'Regional District' and that provisions of the Prince Georges County Charter are not applicable to that portion of Prince Georges County within the 'Regional District.'"

According to M-NCPPC counsel, the Regional Act gives the District Council the power to zone nearly all of Prince Georges County. But this does not make the Charter invalid. The Charter is valid when applied to areas not covered by the Act. Right now the Charter has no geography to control as it relates to zoning.

The public general law governing the Commission has the overriding power because it pertains to two counties, Prince Georges and Montgomery, rather than just one as the Charter does.

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Leo Gerton was awarded the Heart Association's Tom Heilman Memorial Award for his outstanding volunteer service in coordinating the Greenbelt Heart Disease Screening Project. Gerton served as Heart Sunday Chairman for the Berwyn District.

Welcome home to Sid and Bernice Kastner of Northway. They recently visited England and the Netherlands.

Gene Rodefer of 8421 Greenbelt Road, has received a Pacesetter Award from Southwestern Life Insurance Company for outstanding service during his first three months with the firm.

Arlene Dortch, 5831 Cherrywood Tr. received a BA cum laude; honors in English, at Hofstra College in Hempstead, N. Y.

Roving Ronald Allan Charles, 2-D Gardenway, is now home after a seven-year trip around the world. He visited 75 countries by hitchhiking and back-packing, teaching judo in many places. Welcome home, Ronald!

County Rents Controls

Prince Georges County Council voted 8-1 recently to adopt an emergency rent control bill, legislating a six percent ceiling on rent increases and placing enforcement powers in the hands of the county's Landlord-Tenant Commission.

Council's action during the June 19 legislative session prompted Chairman John J. Garrity to call on County Executive William W. Gullett to submit a slate of appointees who would "give the Commission instant credibility with tenant and landlord organizations and with the public at large."

The emergency rent control measure was approved with Councilman Samuel W. Bogley casting the lone dissenting vote. Vice Chairman Francis W. White was absent. The bill provides for a flat six percent ceiling on rent increases until Dec. 31, making mandatory the rent ceiling with which at least 90 percent of the county's landlords voluntarily complied in April. County Executive Gullett signed the bill into law June 21.

Garrity said the measure remedies two major problems in the rent control bill enacted in April by the state legislature.

The state bill requires a tenant seeking redress of a violation to hire an attorney and file suit, while enforcement of the local law will be vested in the landlord-tenant commission. Tenants will incur no costs in filing a complaint with the commission.

The state bill also allows landlords to "pass through" to tenants increased costs such as taxes and utilities over and above the permitted five percent increase. The Prince Georges rent control law sets a flat ceiling on increases over rents charged as of Jan. 11, when federal guidelines were lifted, with no "pass throughs."

TRAFFIC TIPS

One of the most dangerous things about freeways comes after having just left one. Drivers have to re-adjust their thinking, get back to old speeds, watch each intersection and other things they don't have to do on freeways.

Fatigue impairs driving ability. Recent tests have shown that after four hours on the road, drivers took 20 percent longer to make steering corrections and drifted twice as far from the center line. The message is obvious. Keep rested and alert when driving.

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Greenbelt Cares

Greenbelt Cares, the bureau that will provide services to youth in this area, is located at 133 Centerway, room 201 (over the theater). The office is open on Monday through Friday 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Saturday, 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The services offered will be emergency crisis intervention, referral service to other county and state agencies, and information about training in behavior modification. The counseling service will still be held as usual in the Community Church, Crescent and Hillside Roads, on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9.

People may register with the center if wishing to hire a youth to work around their homes. Youth may also register with the center if they wish to work. The phone number is 345-3456.

NOTICE

The Greenbelt CARES counseling center in the Community Church will be closed next Wednesday July 4. It will reopen the following Wednesday for the usual 7 to 9 session.

The Partridgeberry School, Inc.

of Greenbelt, located in the new classroom wing of Mishkan Torah, offers children 5-10 an innovative academic program with child-appeal. The school welcomes applications from families of all backgrounds (racial, ethnic, economic, religious). Parent training program for comfortable and effective parent classroom participation. State authorized. Information: 474-4609.

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THE WHITE HOUSE on the "hill" is always the dream, but we have one that is in a dell that will serve the needs of the executive that needs a home for advertising. It is all here! **LARGE CUSTOM BUILT HOME LOCATED ON PRIVATE ESTATE SIZED GROUNDS OF APPROX. 6 ACRES. CALL FOR DETAILS. \$159,000**

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Burning at the FDR School Site Exceeds Smoke Regulations

by Elaine Skolnik

With the clearing of the Board of Education tract for the Franklin D. Roosevelt senior High School in its last week, complaints of a major order were received for the first time regarding the operation of the air curtain destructor (ACD) method. On Tuesday afternoon, June 19, the city received a report from council member Rhea Cohen that a passerby had just seen black smoke arising from the school board property on the Smith-Ewing tract east of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

Reportedly the city inspector at the time was examining the Greenbriar operation at the other end of the tract. City Public Works Director Albert Attick was immediately dispatched to the scene and stopped the operation. Part of the wall had caved in, causing part of the flare up. Attick said the air, instead of blowing across the pit, was going wild. The operator had also improperly loaded the pit, putting into it unsuitable material that resulted in ineffective burning, causing a smothered fire which registered about number 3 on the Ringelmann Chart. The city ordinance prohibits smoke that has a density in excess of 1 on the Ringelmann Chart.

Warning Issued

The county inspector Fred Wooten had been present at the site in the morning and had warned the contractor about the operation. He said that the general practice, when specifications are not being met, is to give warnings and advise the operator what corrective action to take. Since the contractor in this instance immediately undertook corrective work, no orders to close down the operation at that time were issued. The city inspector, who also was on the scene, followed a similar procedure.

Wooten noted that the school board land-clearing contractor was inexperienced in the operation of the ACD. With the job coming to a close, he had apparently also become careless, Wooten said. The inspector said that when he returned to the scene later in the afternoon, he found further infringements and cited the company for violations of the ACD guidelines. He added that "This company will have to do back bends and flips for us before they will be given another ACD burning permit."

Greenbriar Burning

Work had begun on the school board tract on May 16 and burning had continued intermittently for a total of 21 days. As for the ACD operation on the Greenbriar site which began about 10 burning-days later, no citations for violations have been issued. Wooten said that the soil of the Greenbriar tract was more stable and had heavier clay than that of the sandy school board property, causing fewer problems with collapsing pit walls. Also, according to Wooten, the Greenbriar operator was an experienced hand in the operation of ACD. The clearing of the Greenbriar tract is expected to be finished by the end of the month.

City manager James Giese also reported that the ACD operation at Greenbriar has functioned more satisfactorily than the school operation. Greenbriar, he said, has been able to burn their stumps in a relatively smokeless fashion by building up the heat of the fire with other tree material and then carefully laying stumps upon the fire. "The great majority of Greenbriar trees, Giese said, are being chipped, however, and not burned."

As of this date, the county has reported some ten complaints from the two operations and the city two. Approximately six complaints came on Friday, June 15, from NASA. These were not due to the ACD operation, but to the spontaneous combustion of wood chips on the Greenbriar tract. A pile of chips caught fire and smoldered through the night. The smoke was sucked into NASA's air conditioners and circulated within some buildings.

The city council will discuss the ACD operation at its next council meeting on July 9.

Environmental News

by Gabe Huck

ENERGY CRISIS! It's as close as the BP station on Southway. Last Sunday night at 9:30 there wasn't a station open on Greenbelt Road. Where has all the gas gone? The papers are full of theories as to whether the crisis is real or is the creation of the big oil companies. Those who hold the later viewpoint believe that the "crisis" will help drive out independent dealers and, more important, that the public demand for fuel for the big chariots we all drive around will force the repeal of such weak environmental restrictions now in force on the oil companies. What better way to get that pipeline for Alaskan oil, quickly and with no care for environmental disruption, than 100 million vehicles starving for their black gold?

The commercial radio and TV stations are telling us to slow down and save a gallon a week. Ecologists have been giving advice like that for some time. But watch what is happening. The burden of the crisis is placed on you and me. And it belongs there, but only in part. Profits in the oil companies have been higher than ever this year and the federal government has refused to make meaningful cuts in the military's use of fuel. Let's share the "crisis" a little.

Instead of gratifying the oil companies with an outcry for more gas (at any price) we can cut down on our consumption. Fix up the bicycles. Get the legs into shape. Use Amtrak for the family vacation (inexpensive, relaxing, exciting — a lark the first time you do it, maybe but after that you'll come back for better reasons). If you don't have small children, check out Greyhound's vacation rates. You pay a fixed amount and can travel as much as you wish, anywhere you wish, during a specified number of days. Easily the cheapest way, especially if you can travel and sleep on the bus by night and save hotel bills too.

Make all trips in the car count. Wait until several errands can be done at once. Why should a two-ton assembly of metal and glass be put into motion to move just one small person. Set a limit on the amount you will spend for gas in any one day period and stick to it.

Greenbelt Grab-Bag

by Punchin' Judy

"Traffic is moving well on New York Avenue at this time and it's clear sailing all the way to the Baltimore Washington Parkway." These cheerful words came through my radio as I sat helplessly enmeshed in a monumental traffic jam on — you guessed it — New York Avenue.

Not for the first time I wondered where the good captain in his helicopter gathered his information. Every night, on my way home from work, I listen to the traffic information from the helicopters of two radio stations. Seldom does it happen that they have any agreement with each other, never mind the actual traffic situation.

Traffic Reports

But, I hear you cry, those helicopters passed over your location perhaps a half hour ago, and traffic conditions have changed. OK, but how do you explain what happened the other day. An ambulance passed me as I was getting on the Beltway at New Hampshire Ave. A short distance later, it could be seen that it was going to the scene of a two-car accident. Although both the cars and the ambulance were well off the road, a traffic jam instantly developed, since all the cars passing by naturally had to slow down to see what was going on. The eye in the sky quickly sent in a report. "There is a three-car accident on the Beltway near New Hampshire Avenue," the captain reported, "but traffic is moving well." Crawling along at 5 mph in a 65 mph zone, I wondered where he saw a third car or whether we were looking at the same accident.

Then I pushed the radio button and got the other traffic reporter. "There is a heavy build up on the Beltway near New Hampshire Avenue," he confirmed. "But there is no sign of any accident so it appears to be the usual load of rush hour traffic."

As you might have guessed, I have several theories on why I find a clear road when the report is bumper-to-bumper and get bogged down when there allegedly isn't another car on the highway. On my paranoid days, of course, I am convinced that this is a conspiracy involving the radio stations, the police department, and probably the FBI, CIA, and PTA.

Practical Jokes

However, I am not always paranoid. On some days, I believe this is a practical joke played by the Joy Boys and other disc jockeys. At still other times, I entertain the possibility that the traffic fellows pre-record a number of reports and then go out to play golf, leaving the radio stations to play them at random at 15 minute intervals.

There is another possibility of course, and that is that when the helicopter leaves the ground, it goes into a different space-time continuum. This is a science fiction type of idea, but then so are helicopters. Everybody knows they can't possibly fly. I know it, and don't bother me about Leonardo Da Vinci.

The worst experience I ever had was the other day, when the cop-ter entreated me not to use the Parkway but to take some other route which he described in detail and which I swear I never heard of. By brain seething with visions of paranoia, practical jokes, and Da Vinci, I almost abandoned my car in mid-traffic. Just in time I heard the rest of the report: "And if at all possible, avoid Michigan Blvd." With great relief, I realized that I was getting a Chicago station, a freak of radio reception caused, no doubt, by a disturbance on the sun.

Hey, maybe that's it! Sun spots! I'll have lots of time to think about that tomorrow when I'm watching my car standing there and overheating, while the captain assures me that "You'll have no problem all the way to the Baltimore Washington Pky."

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