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City Council Remains Stalemated Over Selection of a Fifth Member

by Mary Lou Williamson

Another hour of listening to candidates and their supporters on Monday, January 24, did not effect a change in council's stalemate over filling its vacant seat.

Council's first and last act on the issue was the taking of secret ballots. The results were read, dispassionately, by city manager James K. Giese: "Mrs. Bram. (Pause.) Mr. Zugby. (Pause.) Mrs. Mrs. Bram. (Longer Pause.) Mr. Zugby."

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld revealed his choice after the secret ballot by announcing, "I think people should know where the councilmen stand and why." He then listed the qualifications of his candidate, Boxwood resident Toni Bram: "... formal background in urban studies; graduate work in urban history and criminology; professional experience in teaching; resident over 20 years; knows pulse of the city; active in community affairs; concerned with young people; served on the most active city boards — APB and PRAB." Her special qualities he listed as "independent" and "creative thinker." Appointing a woman to the council would offer a bonus, Weidenfeld said. "It is ironic in Prince Georges County, where Greenbelt is one of the most progressive towns," Greenbelt is almost the only municipality without a woman serving on council.

Indicating that this is the "toughest and roughest" decision he has had to make while on council, Edward V. J. Putens said, "It is good to be out in the open." He too supported Bram.

Councilman Thomas X. White countered with equally strong support for Greenbriar resident Bob Zugby, "based," he said, "on his excellent qualifications, leadership, and effectiveness in representing a major segment of the community (he is the president of the combined boards of directors for Greenbriar condo-

miniums) . . . Zugby impressed me (during the Greenbriar sewage crisis several years ago) with his ability to face issues, deal with people very evenly, and predictably arrive at an optimum solution." Weidenfeld's move to make his own vote public had surprised White. "If I'd known you were going to do that we could have dispensed with the secret ballot."

White called council to task: "It is extremely important to fill the seat. Issues and budget items will need the decision of (at least) three members of council."

Councilman Richard Pilski began by chiding his fellow council members: "Too bad no one listened at the first meeting of this council when I proposed that any vacancy on council be filled by a special election." Turning then to the vote, he said "I now support Bob Zugby." He called attention to Zugby's "active service to the city, fulfillment of representation of Greenbriar, ability to relate to people, easy going, knowledgeable . . . In answer to my question at the public hearing on January 4, 'What was the most important aspect of being a member of council?' Pilski related, 'Zugby's answer was 'to be sensitive.'" That's very important, Pilski continued, "sensitive to the needs and wants of the citizens — whether they 'can have them or can't have them.'" Pilski also gave higher points to those candidates who had run in the last election — "those who sought the office . . . and still want it."

The Candidates

Five candidates, all except Francis White, who did not attend the meeting, appeared in the order in which they received the sign-up sheet passed around. Zugby spoke first.

Zugby, too, had been surprised when council members announced their votes. He had originally expected to speak to that issue, he said, "to the necessity to reach a decision and reach it

by open ballot." In talking to the members of council throughout the process "about where I've stood . . . I know that as a candidate, I am acceptable to every one of you," Zugby reminded the four. He called for council to make a decision. "It is important not to let all of this energy go to waste." To "come up with nothing now," he said, offers only embarrassment. Where would council then turn, he queried, "to those candidates previously considered and eliminated? To a new person not yet considered?"

"Get to work," he admonished council. "Choose Toni Bram or myself. Fill this position."

J Davis repeated qualifications she had just heard used by each of the councilmen in support of either Bram or Zugby. Put together, "these qualifications are mine," she said poignantly. "I have not withdrawn my name and I plan to run for election to council in September. I have started my campaign."

"If I am appointed to this vacancy," pledged Toni Bram, "it is my firm intention to cooperate with all other council members . . . I will represent citizens by independent . . . and mature judgments." She reminded the four councilmen she would be available to represent council "at those daytime meetings that require a strong Greenbelt advocate." Her perspective, she said, See APPOINTMENT, pg. 6, col. 1

\$17,500 Settlement For Greenbelt Group

The City of Greenbelt has agreed in a pretrial settlement to pay \$17,500 to a small group of Greenbriar Phase I homeowners claiming consequential damages because the city took adjacent Greenbriar land for a pathway to link the Parkway pedestrian overpass with Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Jury trial on the condominium owners' claim was scheduled to begin on February 7. The \$17,500 will be divided among individual homeowners who intervened in this suit. This payment for damages claimed by individuals is in addition to \$29,000 previously awarded by court action and paid by the city to the Greenbriar Phase I Council-of-owners for the condominium "common land" taken by city condemnation action.

City Solicitor Emmett Nanna told city council about the settlement during council's regular meeting on January 24, and asked council for its approval. The council members unanimously accepted the settlement amount. They also scheduled a special meeting on Tuesday, February 1, at 8 p.m., at which time they will appropriate the funds to pay the settlement.

Research Center to Undergo Another "Evaluation" by GSA

by Elaine Skolnik

Another attempt to chip away at the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (BARC) is emerging at the same time that two parcels totaling 260 acres — already declared surplus — are going through the disposal process. The latest move involves the evaluation of the 7,000-acre center by a special General Services Administration survey team, to determine if the land is being properly utilized and if it should be sold to other federal governmental agencies or to state or local governments or be auctioned off to private developers.

This follows an earlier review, in 1978-79, which was conducted by the General Services Administration. GSA proposed at that time that 3,390 acres of the 8,220-acre Beltsville facility should be declared surplus. But on October 3 of that year, GSA accepted the Department of Agriculture's compromise, reducing to 1,050 the acres to be declared surplus.

Of these, 350 acres were turned over to the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center, and 500 to 600 acres to the Goddard Space Flight Center. Neither facility made any change in the basic undeveloped character of the land. A small amount was later given up for use by the Secret Service.

City's Response

Concerned about the latest action, the Greenbelt City Council on Monday, January 24, directed the mayor to write a letter to federal, state and county officials expressing council's displeasure. His letter, directed to Senators Charles McC. Mathias and Paul S. Sarbanes and to Congressman Steny Hoyer, who in past years have all consistently opposed federal efforts to dispose of BARC acreage, noted the conclusion which had been reached in prior similar studies — "that it would be far more costly to relocate the research center operations to another facility location than the government would receive from the sale of the land. Beyond the fact that previous reviews have all determined that this is a cost ineffective proposal," the letter continues, "it has been noted that numerous research experiments conducted over extended periods of time would be wiped out by any relocation of the facility." Copies of the letter will be sent to county and state officials.

Current Reduction

The two parcels totaling approximately 260 acres, currently

on the market, include a 13-acre tract adjacent to the research library at BARC and a 247-acre parcel bordered by Odell and Springfield Roads, south of Laurel along the Baltimore-Washington Parkway.

According to GSA officials, there has been no interest to date in the land by federal, state or local bodies. A deadline, February 3, has been set for receiving proposals for use of the land, but the date is not cast in concrete. The Reagan administration has said that generally all interested non-federal and federal agencies will have to bid for the available land at a fair market value.

This policy is a departure from past procedures, which allowed other government agencies to acquire federal lands less expensively. However, if GSA, the selling agent, recommends that the property, or a portion of it, should be transferred at less than the fair market value for public benefit, then the Property Review Board would become involved in the review.

Environmental Impact

A new complication was added this month in a letter from Tyler Bastian, State Archaeologist, with the Maryland Geological Survey. Bastian notes that "historically significant and scientifically valuable archaeological resources are known to be present at the Beltsville Center." He stressed the importance of developing a detailed Environmental Impact Statement, including archaeology, prior to deciding to transfer or sell any BARC land, including the 260 acres already designated for sale.

History

Over the last 40 years BARC acreage has been reduced from the approximately 14,000-acre original tract.

GSA's earlier proposal to dras- See RESEARCH, page 6 col. 3



NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

The Greenbelt City Council

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for

Tuesday, February 1, 1983 at 8 p.m.

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Life-Saving Efforts Win Valor Awards

by Eleanor Santoro

The commendable efforts of three remarkable men and a boy, committed to the safety and well-being of Greenbelt, were honored at the Greenbelt American Legion, Post 136, first annual "Valor Awards" dinner and banquet.

Fireman Ronnie Walters, Policemen Edward D. Blake and James D. Love, and Center School Patrol George Clinedinst received awards for their outstanding services rendered in the line of duty.

Chief of the Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, Michael Dutton, submitted Walters as the entry for "Fireman of the year" because of Walter's ability to "think quick" in a situation where time was crucial. Ronnie Walters' quick response to a call allowed a life, which might otherwise have succumbed, to be saved.

Walters, 17, said that he started working for the Fire Department when he was 13. "I started out as a Junior Associate," said Walters. "I would help wash the trucks and just learn about procedures. I didn't start riding (on trucks) until I was 16." Walters added that the most fulfilling aspect of being a fireman is the "opportunity to help out people in the community."

Chief of the Greenbelt Police Department, William T. Lane, selected Corp. Blake and Officer Love as "Policemen of the Year" for their outstanding lifesaving efforts.

Blake was commended for de-

termining an emotionally disturbed female from jumping from a seventh floor apartment balcony in Greenbelt.

Blake, 35, who has been with the force for 11 years, said that he doesn't wish to be considered a hero because he was just doing his job. "I enjoy public service work," added Blake.

Love, 26, who has been with the force for about four years, was commended for his prompt actions in removing an obstruction from a choking female's throat in Denny's restaurant. Love, who works around the clock on regular patrol duty of an assigned area, said that he has faced similar situations while on duty. Love said this is what he likes best about being a policeman. "The opportunity to help people on a first hand basis," he said without hesitation.

Greenbelt Center School Principal, John VanSchoonhoven, said that sixth-grader George Clinedinst was chosen as "AAA Patrol of the Year" because of his "responsible and conscientious attitude toward his duties as a patrol." VanSchoonhoven said that Clinedinst is the "best one to provide leadership and works well with others." He continued, "Clinedinst was not chosen just because he was a good patrol, but because he is basically a good citizen." Clinedinst, 11, who was elected Captain of the Patrols, said that he enjoys being a patrol because he likes to help people.

While this was the first "Valor Awards" ceremony the Legion has had, former Ways and Means Chairman of the Greenbelt American Legion said that he hopes to continue having a yearly presentation.

at the time.

At 145 Westway the door of a ground floor terrace apartment had been pried off its track. Cash was stolen. The occupants were out.

A pane of glass on the back door of a residence at 1 Gardenway was broken while occupants were away. Forty Kennedy half-dollars were taken.

Corporal Blake arrested a local resident for possession of marijuana. Blake also arrested a local resident for trespassing as a peeping-Tom.

Several stolen cars were recovered.

The Department hosted the Prince Georges County Police Chief's meeting on Jan. 25.

Sgt. Craze and Sgt. Coombes will be attending a Police Supervisors' Seminar being conducted by the University of Delaware.

Sarah Lilley Hunt

Sarah Lilley Hunt, age 92, of Greenbelt died on January 13. She is survived by a daughter, Betty L. Wertz, and son-in-law Leonard of Greenbelt; four grandchildren, Mary Ann Hafer, Carol Louise Ellis, the Rev. Richard Wertz and Thomas L. Wertz, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Formerly of Westerville, Ohio, Mrs. Hunt was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church, Westerville and Mizpah Chapter 38 of Ohio Eastern Star for 35 years.

Graveside services and interment were at Otterbein Cemetery in Westerville with grandson the Rev. Richard Wertz, officiating.

City Staff Distributes Food to PG's Needy

On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 19, 20 and 21, approximately 450 five-pound blocks of cheese and 900 pounds of butter were distributed at the Municipal Building to elderly and needy Prince Georges County residents. Greenbelt City staff had been asked by the Prince Georges County United Communities Against Poverty (UCAP) to participate in the county-wide program for distribution of surplus foods donated by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The staff was helped by 20 volunteers, mainly retired local residents, who assisted in verifying eligibility and distributing the food all three days from noon to 7 p.m. Also, the Parks crew picked up the 77 cases of cheese and 29 cases of butter in Landover.

GHI NOTES

The GHI Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, January 27 after a brief GDC Board of Directors meeting which will begin at 8 p.m. Items on the GHI agenda include use of boiler plants, window maintenance, reserves for non-standard heating systems and painting of masonry units.

The Engineering and Maintenance Committee will meet on February 1 at 8 p.m. in the GHI Lunch Room.

Also scheduled for February 1 at 8 p.m. is a new member orientation in the Board Room. New and interested "old" members are encouraged to attend. For information and to RSVP, call 474-6644.

Blood pressure testing for the next two months, February and March, will be conducted on the first Thursday, instead of the first Wednesday of the month. The next blood pressure testing is scheduled for February 3 from 2-4 p.m.

This week, GHI sent members letters about the rehab loan deferral program. Qualifying members will be able to defer \$35.00 a month of their rehab payment. Anyone who did not receive the letter should call 474-6644.

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3215 Powder Mill Road
(near Cherry Hill Road)

Forum: 9:30 a.m. Commission for Higher Education - Dr. George Fumaro.

Service: 10:45 a.m. Johrei, A Channeling of Energy, Lorna McMurray, Mary Snowden.

Rev. R. W. Kelley 937-3666

P. G. Geneological Society

The Prince Georges Geneological Society will meet Wednesday, February 2, 1983 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbelt Library. Thelma Dossell, C.G. will be speaking on "Our American-African Heritage." Visitors are welcome. For further information call James McCafferty at 839-5812.

Mowatt Memorial

United Methodist Church
 40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
 (for all ages)
 Morning Worship 11:00 A.M.
 Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor
 474-1924

Make mention of Me on My earth, that in My heaven I may remember thee. — from the Baha'i Sacred Writings

Baha'i Faith

Greenbelt Community
 P.O. Box 245
 Greenbelt, Md. 20770
 474-4090/345-2918

At the Library

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 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
 First and third Sundays
 10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
 Second and fourth Sundays
 Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
 422-8057

IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

The Greenbelt Baha'i Community cordially invites the public to a presentation on the coming of the most recent messenger of God. The presentation will be held on Friday, Jan. 28 at 8:00 p.m. at 120 Rosewood Dr., Greenbelt, phone 474-4090. Refreshments will be served.

Greenbelt Community Church



(United Church of Christ)
 Hillside and Crescent Roads
 Phone 474-6171 mornings
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 11 a.m. - Sunday Morning Worship and Church School

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Sunday 8, 9:30, 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m.

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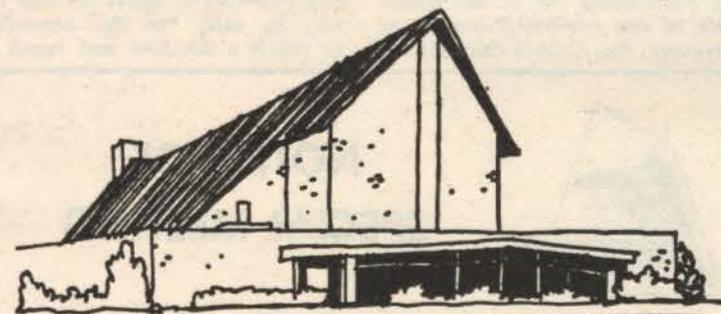
Police Blotter

Compiled by Elaine Skolnik

Enterings into residences continued to be a problem over the weekend. Some money was stolen at a home in 6 Court of Ridge. Entry was gained from a second story unlocked bedroom window via a porch roof. The occupants were not home.

At 19 Ridge, entry was attempted through the kitchen window while the occupants were upstairs. Coins were removed from a residence in the 2 Court of Eastway. There was no sign of forced entry.

An apartment at 135 Westway was entered by someone who climbed to the third floor balcony. Although things were disturbed in the apartment, nothing was taken. Occupants were away



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Letters to the Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE:

The News Review received 11 letters last week relating to the council vacancy. As a rule we choose not to print endorsement letters. This week we received the first letter below. It makes us realize that we erred in not printing the second and third letters below. All three letters present criticism of our coverage of a major story and of our treatment of Joe Isaacs. Only secondarily do these letters endorse Isaacs' candidacy.

Last week we expressed (on page 1) our regret for incorrectly printing Isaacs' first name.

Selective Editorial Policy

To the Editor:

We, the undersigned, are appalled that the News Review's editors have the audacity to deny us our right of freedom of speech. They refused to print our previous letters to the editor which were critical of the newspaper's coverage of the recent hearing for City Council candidates. We contended that the extremely limited review of Joe Isaacs' extensive statement before the Council was an unfortunate disservice to Mr. Isaacs and all Greenbelters, who were denied the opportunity to hear the views of this very thoughtful and qualified candidate. To add insult to injury, the News Review even reported his name incorrectly as "Bob."

According to its explanation to the City Manager, our criticisms were not published because it is the newspaper's policy not to publish letters of support. Yet Hugh Donovan's and Ed and Jean Cook's letters on behalf of Ron Ott were printed. Pearl Siegel's letter in support of J Davis was printed. And Delores Capotosto's endorsement of Toni Bram was printed. Thus, neither Mr. Isaacs' sentiments nor ours have been given equal treatment. While denial of the former could be attributed to (though not excused by) sloppy journalism, there is no justifiable rationale for the latter in light of the precedent cited above. The News Review is not beyond reproach. The selectivity with which the editorial policy has been wielded can only be viewed as hypocritical, arbitrary and capricious.

If the News Review wishes to relieve, at least somewhat, this stain on its professed impartiality, it will publish our letters in their entirety. We demand our right to be heard.

Robert Jolliffe
and Deborah A. Cox

Objectivity Lacking

Sandra Barnes' treatment of Joe Isaacs, or "Bob" as she referred to him, in your January 12 coverage of the City Council's hearing for candidates was unfair and unfortunate. Joe's presentation was called "lengthy" by Barnes, yet she failed to quote one word from this extremely thoughtful and impressive statement which clearly demonstrated that Mr. Isaacs is a most qualified candidate for our city's governing panel. As a concerned citizen, I want to be informed about the candidate's views and not just given one word subjective descriptions of his extensive statement.

I believe it is a responsibility of honest journalism to be objective in reporting. The News Review did not treat the candidates equally and introduced unnecessary bias to the competition.

Therefore, Mr. Isaacs, a very deserving individual, was done a great disservice by you and is owed a sincere apology.

Robert Jolliffe

Candidate's Views Glossed Over

To the Editor:

As one of many supporters of Joe Isaacs' candidacy for the City Council vacancy, I read with great disappointment today's News Review coverage of the special January 4th public hearing held to hear from the candidates. Perhaps it was appropriate that the News Review's article referred to Joe as "Bob Isaacs," for Joe's statement was a great deal more meaningful than what was attributed by your reporter to "Bob."

Mr. Isaacs' excellent presentation was described solely as "lengthy" and his genuinely heartfelt sentiments about Greenbelt were stated merely to have been reiterated. First of all, Mr. Isaacs wasn't repeating any views that your reporter had heard before so her reporting them as being reiterated was simply erroneous. Secondly, his statement was intended to be long. Mr. Isaacs went to great lengths to be comprehensive because he knew that he couldn't be present due to a commitment to his parents made long before the City Council established the date of the hearing. Moreover, since the City Council did not establish the time limit on presentations in advance of the hearing, Mr. Isaacs provided at his own expense numerous copies of his complete statement for those in attendance in order to ensure that Greenbelt citizens would be fully informed of his views. Yet the News Review did not excerpt from this at all and deprived readers of a fair examination of an extremely qualified civic leader who is unselfish in his desire to serve them. I strongly believe this fact and the News Review's failure to even publish his name correctly was a great injustice to him.

Deborah A. Cox

PHYSICAL FITNESS CLASS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Ten 90-minute physical fitness sessions are being offered free to senior citizens starting in February. Co-sponsored with the Prince Georges Community College, weekly classes are held at the Greenbelt Youth Center on Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Myra Elfenbein is the instructor.

This course is designed to improve physical fitness. The goals in the class will be to maintain and improve muscle tone, muscle strength, flexibility, coordination, balance, cardiac functioning, respiration, circulation and body alignment. Interested seniors may register Tuesday, February 1, 9:30 a.m., at the Youth Center.

Motherly Advice Neglected

An open letter to Besse Bendow, Green Ridge House:

Dear Mother,

I went to a City Council meeting last night. . . . As far back as I can remember, you have always been saying, "Never, ever sign your name to anything without first reading it through quite thoroughly. I'm sorry, Mom. . . . I forgot!"

Elaine (Nussbaum)

City Seeks Outside Help for Arts Center

Financial help for the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center was one of the city's annual "want list" items presented by Greenbelt's top officials to its state legislation delegation and its county council representative at a dinner meeting in mid-December. City officials expressed hope to the legislators that funds will be found from the state, the county, and/or other sources to maintain the Cultural Arts Center's program and upgrade its building.

The News Review gave a summary of the legislative want list, but not including the above item, in a January 13 article. The list in that article was based on a city document from which the Cultural Arts Center item had inadvertently been omitted.

Perrine-Gough

Mrs. Rose Blanch of Uniontown, Pennsylvania and Mr. Foster Perrine of McClellantown, Pennsylvania announce the marriage of their daughter, Kimberly Susan, to Michael Lane Gough, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Gough of White Birch Court.

Kimberly is a graduate of Pennsylvania State University and will be a graduate student in Operations Research at the University of Maryland. Michael, who is a systems analyst with P. and P. Industries, is currently in Peking, China and will next travel to Argentina, developing ground stations for the NOAA 7 satellite.

The couple will honeymoon in Argentina and make their home in Springhill Lake.

PG COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFERS LOCAL COURSES

Prince Georges Community College has announced that the following courses will be offered in the Greenbelt area:

1) "Indonesian Cooking," is a one-day course to be held on Monday, Feb. 7, from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. (Register by Feb. 3.)

2) "Accounting I, section I" (dealing with accounting fundamentals) will be offered in 13 sessions at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning Feb. 8. (Register by Feb. 2.)

3) "Portrait Photography" will be given in four sessions at the Roosevelt, on Mondays, beginning Feb. 7. (Photography Introduction, or its equivalent, is a prerequisite. Register by Feb. 2.)

4) "Photography Part II," a six-session course, will be offered at Roosevelt on Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m., starting Feb. 28.

For more information on above courses, call 322-0875.

5) Of special interest to senior citizens is the course "Income Tax Preparation and Savings Techniques for Senior Citizens" which will be offered at Springhill Lake Community House on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., beginning Feb. 7. This course is free but pre-registration is required. Call 322-0879 for more information.

CITY NOTES

The parks crew removed dead wood from the Attick Park (Greenbelt Lake Park). Members of the crew had the leaf vacuum and chipper out two days. The parks crew assisted the electrician when he installed pathway lights on the Gladys Noon Spellman Overpass. The electrician also replaced various electrical appliances in the pump room of the pool.

The building maintenance crew performed routine work on all the city buildings. One member of the crew constructed cabinets for the Police Department.

The general crew cleaned drainage structures and ditches and worked on traffic control signs.

The parks crew operated the leaf vacuum and chipper while collecting leaves and roadside debris. General maintenance was also done on the Center.

Our Neighbors

The Duplicate Bridge Club met on Friday evening, Jan. 14. The team of Ruth Schutze and Peg Vainscott emerged in first place while Doris and Bob Johnson tied for second with Tony Pisano and Jim Kanegas.



GHI PRESENTS

ENERGY MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS

On the third Wednesday of each month, GHI holds an Energy Management Workshop for members. At these workshops, you can learn how to conserve energy and lower your energy bills. GHI staff members and outside speakers are available to help you. The workshops are held from 8-9:30 p.m. in the GHI Office Building. Each workshop presents general tips on energy and bills before focusing on a specific topic.

Upcoming Workshops

March 16—HOW TO USE WINDOW QUILTS & SHUTTERS

February 16 — HOW TO WEATHERSTRIP, CAULK, & INSULATE

THE FORCE IS COMING!



STAR WARS

FEBRUARY ON

STORER CABLE

Who Will Oversee Programming For Community Access TV Channels?

by Leta Mach

Knotty problems about how to set up a corporation to oversee local community access programming and what sort of a corporation to set up were discussed briefly by the city council in a work session on January 18. Without trying to resolve them that evening, council approved a recommendation by administrative aide Michael McLaughlin to name a special committee to look into the matter. Council also reviewed a recommendation by the Crime Prevention Committee.

Under the provisions of Greenbelt's Cable Television Ordinance and the franchise agreement with Storer Cable TV, the city may set up a corporation to oversee local community access programming. Further, the franchise agreement provides that the corporation will be funded with a \$10,000 start-up grant and an annual grant of 1 percent of programming revenues. The corporation could be responsible for distributing these funds and working with Storer on local access programming.

How this corporation would be formed and operated is not spelled out in the ordinance or franchise agreement. McLaughlin has recommended a non-profit corporation or cooperative. One question council considered was how much control it should have over the corporation. McLaughlin emphasized that if the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) felt the city had too much control, the city might jeopardize the 1 percent annual grant for the local access corporation. (The FCC could view the 1 percent as part of the city's franchise fees, which are limited). City liability from charges of censorship or questions about program content and scheduling might also increase, it was pointed out, if the city exerted too much control over the corporation. Council felt these two questions of fees and liability should be referred to the city solicitor.

Generally, council members felt as mayor Gil Weidenfeld did, that "a separate corporation would keep council out of operational problems." Council's relationship with Green Ridge House, the Cultural Arts Center or the Labor Day Festival Committee were suggested as possible models for council's relationship to the corporation.

Councilman Thomas White pre-

ferred the Green Ridge House model because, "the city retains some control." He suggested that council could appoint the board of directors. Councilman Richard Pilski also felt council should have appointive powers, especially since the corporation would control the local access channel. Councilman Ed Putens, however, felt control should be in the form of the review process.

McLaughlin suggested and council supported the appointment of an ad hoc committee to think about the issue and make recommendations. If a non-profit corporation is recommended, new bylaws would be needed. One question the bylaws would address would be membership. Would the corporation be composed only of cable TV subscribers, all those in the service area or perhaps those who paid a membership fee? In the meantime, "Let's see what the committee comes up with," suggested Weidenfeld.

Crime Prevention

In another matter, council was reluctant to support a request from the Crime Prevention Committee to support changes in Maryland Criminal Law. Without debating the merits of the particular legislation, council agreed with Pilski, who didn't want "to get involved with legislation issues." Weidenfeld elaborated that there was "nothing particular dealing with municipalities," and the items were not in Greenbelt's legislators' areas of expertise. White suggested referring the items to the Maryland Municipal League Public Safety Committee, although Weidenfeld doubted that the Public Safety Committee was involved in such matters. Council asked staff to write a memo to the Crime Prevention Committee about its request, which Putens as liaison to the committee could personally deliver.

P.G. Community College Offers Courses on TV

Through the cooperative efforts of Prince Georges Community College and the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting, county residents may take college courses at home. Beginning with the spring semester, Feb. 6, credit courses will be broadcast over TV Channels 22 and 26.

Students who register for these courses will be assigned an on-

campus instructor. They will maintain contact with their instructor by telephone or mail. Only two trips to the campus are required during the semester—one for optional seminars with the instructor and one for the mandatory final exam.

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Members are reminded of the fact that kerosene heaters are illegal in multi-family houses in Prince Georges County and against GHI regulations. They are considered to be a hazard, not only for the possibility of fire, but also the danger of unsafe fumes.

Consumers Offered Help In Paying Energy Bills

There is help for people who cannot pay their electric bills. The Maryland Energy Assistance Program, the Fuel Funds and other energy assistance programs still have over \$12.5 million to aid homeowners and renters with heating bills.

People should first call PEP-SCO at 833-7500 to talk to a representative who is professionally trained to help them obtain aid. They will be directed to an agency that can make direct payments to the energy supplier in the consumer's behalf.

The Customer Representative will work with the consumer to make special arrangements with those who do not qualify for energy assistance.

PEPCO will begin next week to install a service limiter for 10 days on the meters of certain Maryland residential customers with delinquent accounts instead of immediate disconnection. PEPCO received the Maryland Public Service Commission's approval for the pilot program on December 17, 1982. The device limits a customer's electric usage to a below-normal level but it allows the individual ten more days to make arrangements to pay the overdue bill without the hardship of full service disconnection.

The device allows the customer enough electricity to operate a heating system motor, a refrigerator and several lights. Power would be shut off automatically if more electricity was used. The customer could immediately reset the circuit breaker in the service limiter and restore power once usage is reduced.

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To be eligible, a renter must have attained the age of 65 or be totally and permanently disabled if under 65. Also, the combined gross income of the applicant and all other persons within the household shall not exceed \$5,000 for the preceding calendar year and the applicant must reside within the city at the time of making application, as well as having paid rent for an apartment in the city.

Applications may be filed until February 15, 1983 for assistance for the grant year 1982. Applications are available from the City Treasurer's Office, 25 Crescent Road. It is not necessary to apply in person. Residents wishing to call the Treasurer's office may do so at 474-1552 and request that an application be mailed to them. Those who have applied for this program in the past have already had applications mailed to them.

Residents are also reminded that Prince Georges County offers a similar program of assistance to elderly renters. You must, however, have been receiving assistance, as no new applications are being accepted. Information concerning the County Program may be obtained by calling 952-3770.

The State of Maryland also has an assistance program that requires the filing of an application. Copies can be secured at the City Treasurer's office. Information concerning the State Program can be obtained by calling 1-800-492-3790.

Parents Anonymous

The Greenbelt Chapter of Parents Anonymous will hold meetings Thursday evenings from 8:30 until 10 p.m.

Parents will offer each other support by sharing their child-raising techniques and airing their problems. For further information call Peggy at 589-4363. There is no fee.

MNCPPC Holds Forum On Area Master Plan

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will hold a public forum on March 3 on its restudy of the Langley Park - College Park - Greenbelt and Vicinity Area Master Plan. The purpose of the forum is to (1) announce the MNCPPC intention to amend the master plan, (2) to present preliminary data concerning the planning area, and (3) to elicit public comment on the needs, concerns, and opportunities for the area's future.

The forum will be held on Thursday, March 3, at 7:30 p.m., at the University of Maryland Adult Education Center Auditorium, located on University Blvd. at Adelphi Road in College Park.

An information brochure, describing the area and containing background data, will be made available 30 days before the public hearing. In Greenbelt, copies will be available at the Municipal Offices, 25 Crescent Rd.

Persons wanting to speak are asked to call 952-3515 to register in advance, or they may register at the forum. Speakers will be asked to limit their comments to three minutes for an individual, and five minutes for an organization's spokesperson. Written comments may be submitted within 30 days after the forum to MNCPPC, County Administration Bldg., 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro, Md. 20772.

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GHI Offers Rehab Bill Payment Relief to Low Income Members

by Peter Durantine

Approval has just been given to GHI for a Rehab Loan Deferral Program (RLDP) that will alleviate some of the cost of Rehab, giving participants an extra \$35 a month towards other living expenses. The program, which has been approved by Prince Georges County, will be open to an initial two hundred members who meet the specific guidelines set by GHI and the county.

Since the advent of rehab, GHI has been looking for a program that would help people, specifically those in the lower and moderate income brackets, to meet the additional costs that have accompanied rehab. GHI, aware that rehab costs could cause a financial burden to some members, proposed this program to the county.

The program operates as follows: Up to \$35 will be deferred from the monthly charges of those members who meet eligibility requirements, giving those members an increased cash flow of up to \$420 a year. The \$35 that has been deferred from the monthly charge, with an accrued 3% interest, will not have to be paid back until the member has sold his home or at any earlier time convenient to the member.

As the money is paid back, it will be put into a revolving loan account so that other members can participate in the RLDP.

The sum, \$35, was arrived at in 1978 when the RLDP proposal was submitted to the county. The \$35 rate was the projected average increase for members monthly charges. Since that time, the monthly charges have been dropped.

The RLDP guidelines are based on the principles of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Section 8 program and since RLDP has been approved, Prince Georges County has allocated \$270,000 to GHI for the program.

According to Dennis Lewis, Coordinator of Members Services at GHI, a mass mailing has already gone out to the GHI membership and a series of ads will be appearing in the News Review to inform members of the pro-

State Board Vacancies

State Senator Leo Green (23rd Legislative District) invites recommendations of persons to fill upcoming vacancies on a number of gubernatorial boards and commissions requiring confirmation by the Senate. Among the many boards and commissions are the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, the State Board of Education, the State Board of Medical Examiners, the Maryland Parole Commission and the Thoroughbred Racing Board.

Resumes of interested individuals should be received by Senator Green by February 1. Green's address in Annapolis is Room 214, James Senate Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991. For further information call 858-3631 (toll-free).

feels good to know that there is a program now available to help those members in need."

gram. Also, applications may be picked up at the GHI offices.

"I get calls on a regular basis from people seeking assistance," said Lewis, as he explained that applicants will need to furnish GHI with information on the number of people in their households, housing costs, and documentation of family incomes and assets.

Lewis expects deferrals to begin for a majority of participants on or about March 1, 1983. Says Lewis of the program: "It

Free Income Tax Help Available in Greenbelt

Free tax assistance is available to taxpayers who need help in filling out a tax return and cannot afford to pay for professional assistance at the Greenbelt Library, Wednesday, February 9, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

VITA, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program, is sponsored by the Prince Georges County Memorial Library System. VITA volunteers are trained in basic returns preparation

by the Internal Revenue Service.

VITA assists taxpayers with the Form 1040A and the basic Form 1040, as well as with exemptions, deductions and special credits for which some taxpayers may be eligible.

Taxpayers interested in free tax help should bring their tax packages, W-2 Forms, interest statements and other pertinent tax documents. The program at Greenbelt will be interpreted for the deaf and hearing impaired. Call 699-3500 for further information., TTY callers only should call 699-9113.

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is that of a long-time resident whose participation on advisory boards and "interest in the unique vitality of Greenbelt," can represent ". . . all geographic areas of the city." As a middle-aged woman, she feels she can represent all ages as well as the more than 50 percent of the city's population — its women. "Greenbelt is very special to me."

Joe Isaacs, unable to be present at the January 4 hearing, presented himself to both council and audience and spoke briefly. He particularly wanted to "let my neighbors know I would do a good job for them." He added: "All of us are qualified." He, too, urged council to make a decision. "You need a fifth, an odd number."

"I could be a good compromise candidate," suggested Ron Ott, a self-declared "non-partisan. You four up there are only non-partisan once every two years." Charles Mathias "and I are the only two liberal Republicans left in the State of Maryland." Tongue in cheek, he said he hoped that his slight Republican ties had not affected council's votes. Then more seriously, he added, "I might be a sensible solution to a serious problem."

The Supporters

The rest of the hour was taken up with a litany of public support, almost exclusively for Bram. Some of the more than 20 speakers had come for the first time, but many had also presented their views at the January 4 public hearing.

In support of Toni Bram — "Her husband's work took the family out of town, to Rome and Florida and Indiana. Toni has made a deliberate choice to come back to Greenbelt," (Jim Smith). ". . . a woman on council, it's about time," (Joe Scheibel). "I have served on APB two years with Toni. From working with her, she will be an effective council member," (Mike Shepherd). "Can't foresee council going down the road with just four. Need to move ahead now" (Richard Bagster-Collins). "Toni is passionate about issues, very intense," (Elaine Nussbaum). "The difference is Toni Bram has lived here (20 years); grown here, experienced Greenbelt and has tried to keep Greenbelt the way a large number of people want it. We are comfortable with Toni."

Outstanding City Employee

The City Council has authorized a program to recognize a City employee for outstanding service to Greenbelt each year. The selection shall be made by the City Council based upon the employee's overall work record with the City, and, in particular, his or her record with the City during the past year. A particular event, such as a heroic feat, might be a factor considered, but the general work record of the employee is of prime importance in making the award.

Any citizen or employee of the City may nominate one or more employees for this award. Nomination blanks may be obtained from the City Offices or by simply submitting in writing the nomination of an employee and the reasons why the nominee deserves recognition.

Nominations must be submitted not later than noon, February 18.

The outstanding City employee will receive a \$100 savings bond and an inscribed wall plaque.

We know where she sits," (Bob Grieg). "She has been in Greenbelt during the day over the years, sees the daily problems," (Betty Sonneveldt). "Her long tenure has to be recognized in terms of reward," (Toni McCarthy). "I got the Greenbelt fever from Toni," (Cass Cooney). "She deserves it," (Simone Bram, daughter). "The Bram family is prepared to make the sacrifices (needed for a council's family)" (Ralph Bram, husband). "Sensitivity, feeling for people, her priorities are first for Greenbelt," (Margaret Smith). "I support Toni, if the decision is between the two," (Joe Isaacs).

In support of Bob Zugby —

"Bob is a concerned individual, hard worker intelligent. Being a woman isn't everything. White and Pilski based their votes on issues, not friendship," (Lois Todd).

"In working with Bob, I'm impressed with his sense of dedication. He comes to the community relatively recently and immediately he feels his citizenship responsibilities. He has a rare quality — creative imagination to an extraordinary degree," said Albert K. Herling. Turning his focus to council, he said, "You are this issue at this point. We want a full council. I don't think you can accept checkmate."

". . . It is my feeling that a member of council must be someone who can work in harmony with the existing council in a composed, open-minded manner, always willing to listen and compromise. My experience with Bob Zugby has led me to conclude that he is indeed this type of individual. Bob's . . . calm, deliberate personality and ability to work under pressure in a variety of situations are unique qualifications," (Richard Castaldi — from a letter read into the record by Pilski).

John Churchill who supported Toni Bram, brought laughter and some giggles to an emotionally drained audience. "I'm not going to say sex isn't important." Rhetorically, he asked council, "Is this a waste of time?" He sensed that council, after listening to candidates and their supporters would not change its two-to-two vote. He offered "fool-mate" rather than checkmate as the appropriate word to describe council's condition.

RESEARCH CENTER

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tically reduce the size of BARC resulted from (1) a 1970 order under which various parts of BARC were declared "excess" in recent years and (2) a GSA survey performed in 1978. The survey was conducted in an effort to end a disagreement between GSA and the Agriculture Department over how BARC's land could best be put to use. GSA contended that optimal use of the land was not being made. The Agriculture Department countered that many research projects, by their very nature, required less than optimum use.

Historically federal land declared surplus is first put up for grabs by other federal agencies. If none wants it, next in line are state, county and municipal governments and finally individuals, in that order. The difference now is the fair market concept as applied to federal, local and state governments.

Both the disposal of the 260 acres already declared surplus and the creation of the new study are being accomplished under President Reagan's executive order 12348 (dated February 25, 1982), setting up the Federal Property Review Board to screen available federal lands for sale. The action was taken in the hope that proceeds would help reduce the federal deficit.

According to a GSA spokesman, BARC was tapped for the latest survey because the center is in "a viable market area and deemed to have significant property value." Most of BARC's land is zoned Rural Residential (2 units per acre) and O-S (one lot per five acres). However, if the Federal government conveys BARC land to another party then the property will be reclassified to O-S. Within six months after a conveyance, the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission must recommend to the District Council (Prince Georges County Council) a zoning plan and map for the land.

The two-person GSA survey team will need about 30 days to determine whether BARC has more acreage than it needs to carry out its mission. The team's findings will be sent to the Department of Agriculture for comments and, if there is agreement, it will be passed on to the Property Review Board. All reports will also be sent for review to GSA's Central office in Atlanta.

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Sec. 11-4 Emergency and temporary control of traffic or parking

The city manager may at times of emergency or temporary situations, including snow storms, maintenance and repair of roadways, curbing, walkways, parking shoulders and parking areas, and at times of parades, tree spraying, etc., temporarily erect or cause to be erected signs or other control devices to warn or guide traffic. Also, the city manager may temporarily restrict parking of automobiles, trucks or any other motor vehicles on any public right-of-way or parking area by placing "No Parking" signs, indicating the limited period of restriction, along the right-of-way or parking area. The signs declaring the temporary "No Parking" restrictions shall be placed in locations visible to motorists and owners of the vehicles at least twelve hours before the restriction becomes effective. (Ord. No. 681, § 4.)

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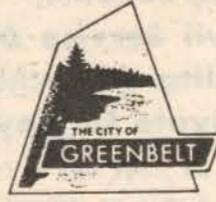
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Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Classes

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SHL Rec. Center

The Center will be open Monday thru Friday, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. for adults 18 years and over. The time is designed to benefit those who live or work in Greenbelt and are looking for constructive use of their lunch hour, or for residents whose schedule does not allow for evening use of the facility. There will be a minimum fee charged at the door.

Volleyball—Competitive and Recreational

Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at Greenbelt Center School Gym. Competitive games are played on Monday evenings with recreational play on Wednesday evenings. Both are from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Everyone, age 16 years and over, is welcome.

Roller Skating

Roller skating is held at Greenbelt's Center School Gym, from 4 to 6 p.m. on the following days: Kindergarten through 3rd graders on Wednesdays and 4th thru 6th graders on Fridays. A nominal fee will be charged at

the door. People can bring their own rink skates or rent them at the door.

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