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A Dozen GHI Staff Positions Eliminated, With Other Cuts, Pares Budget by \$428,000

by Mary Lou Williamson

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc., Board of Directors met its obligation to cut the budget by \$428,700 at a four-and-a-half hour meeting on December 19. As a result of the actions taken, 12½ staff positions have been eliminated. Eight employees were given two weeks notice the following day. Four vacant positions will remain unfilled; one employee is now on disability leave at half pay.

At the meeting, a continuation of the previous Thursday's regular meeting, Deputy General Manager Ken Kopstein said management looked for those items which would have the least long-term impact on the corporation. "We took something from each department," he said. The board then proceeded down that list.

Comptroller Don McGinn had to remind the board from time to time that cash will be short during January, February and March, when GHI must pay for more than half of its oil for the coming year—close to a million dollars. "We paid out \$44,000 for oil last week," he said. "And it was a warm week." He knows the weekly bills will be higher during the next three months.

Almost half of the budget cuts would come in the most difficult area: eliminating staff positions—in all, \$195,000. Board Member

Wayne Williams was greatly distressed at the prospect of laying off seven people. Whatever firing is approved by the board, "do it (only) as it becomes necessary," he pleaded.

"It is necessary now to meet the budget," advised Kopstein.

"We did not make this decision (to so drastically cut the budget)," said board member Margaret Hogensen; it was the members who did not approve the 21.66 percent increase recommended by board and management.

Reduction in Staff

Board member Jim Smith moved the first item—reduction of five positions in the heating staff. Kopstein indicated that three of those positions had been created for the purpose of converting the steam plants to hot water several years ago and were slated for elimination soon anyway; the other two were mechanics. In response to a question by board member Bobbi McCarthy, Kopstein said, "We can still provide all the emergency and routine maintenance for the heating system," with the remaining 20 employees.

Smith said he shared Williams' concern for the individuals who would lose their jobs, but he found this to be a "responsible recommendation by management." Board member Virginia Moryadas preferred to "furlough"

the men rather than eliminate the jobs. "If we don't get going on conversion of the heating system, some of these men will have to come back to get the old plants in shape for next fall." Williams strongly objected to the idea of firing now and then hiring back. "I hang my head in shame," said James Foster, GHI's treasurer, summing up the feeling of the board, "but we have to be brutal." He called for the vote: only Williams voted "no." The decision is expected to be permanent.

Grounds Crew

The board moved on to the next item: elimination of four and a half positions from the grounds crew. Here only one person would actually be laid-off, since one position was already vacant and two represent the part-time summer crew. The remaining two positions would be transferred to the Structures Section.

McCarthy was unhappy. "It is traditionally the grounds crew that takes up the slack in emergencies. You're cutting out things you can't do without," she warned the board. Moryadas, Williams and McCarthy voted against the motion, board member Ed James abstained.

No Cash Payments

The board had little problem with eliminating the new vacant position of cashier in the fiscal

See GHI, Page 5, Col. 1

Council Hears Presentation Of Cross Country Cable TV

by Leta Mach

Cross Country Cable TV became the second cable television company to woo the city of Greenbelt when its representatives appeared before council on November 19. Although the "state of the art" Cross Country could offer Greenbelt was essentially the same as that of Storer Cable TV, Cross Country representatives did enliven its presentation with a videotape of the kind of local programs possible with the system.

Gary R. Alexander, attorney for Cross Country, emphasized that Cross Country was a limited partnership. He pointed out that unlike members of a corporation, the partners were personally liable and "intend to be held accountable" for any agreements made by Cross Country. Alexander also noted that Cross Country has a local management group with offices on Edmondston Road. Cross Country currently has 19 franchises in New Jersey.

"The real significant difference is the commitment to the community, to local origination and public access," Alexander felt. Of the 35 channels Cross Country would provide, 4 would be originated locally. Other channels would be used for better local reception, Madison Square Garden sports; Reuter News Service; Data channels; Home Box Office; Calliope, Children's films; and Nickelodeon, children's programs. Parental control devices would also be available.

George Ring, one of the 3 partners of Cross Country, invited council to compare the company's "competitive rates." Alexander said the company had done a street by street analysis as a basis for the rates. There would be free installation for 45 days after service was initiated with a 15-day money back guarantee. The basic rate per month is projected to be about \$7.50. Home Box office would cost \$8. The company also pledges no rate increase for 2 years after completion of the system.

Alexander thought it would take 2 years to construct the system. A 7-8,000 square foot facility for offices and studios would be constructed, as well as a satellite receiving station. City Manager James Giese asked whether an old movie theater would make a suitable studio. Although it would be suitable, it would not be exactly the kind Cross Country would propose. The company would build a fixed studio and provide mobile units to municipalities. Councilman Thomas White was told there would be enough equipment to handle two events simultaneously and if there were more events to cover equipment would be rented. While some programs would be shown live, others would be taped for later use.

Cross Country also stated its dedication to hiring local individuals. Ring stated that the company's goal was to have a minimum of 80% local employees. Michael Wex, programming director, explained that the company's philosophy was to train local organizations to use their equipment for local origination programs. The company also uses college and local school interns for credits. Furthermore, they also help find outside funding, federal or state, for these local programs.

"Could Greenbelt stand alone?" asked Giese. Although he was informed that Greenbelt could, the city could not have all the facilities at the lowest rates. To enjoy the low rates, 10,000 homes would be needed in Northern Prince Georges County.

Another Cable TV Approach to Council

by Mary Lou Williamson

When the city council heard its third Cable TV presentation on December 3, the message was new. Gerard Holcombe, president of Cable Com, asked the "City of Greenbelt to wait and see what the county system has to offer and then compare with other offers" such as those council has already heard. Holcombe's company plans to bid on the county system and would hope that municipalities like Greenbelt would then join in that system.

Holcomb did not offer the city a franchise, even though in response to a question by the city manager, he did say Greenbelt by itself "could support a fair system. It is one of the few communities in Prince Georges County where you could make money," because of the layout of the homes. However, he questioned whether such a limited system could have "the diversity of programming" that would be possible under a larger, county-wide system.

Locally Owned

"We are a community-based group," Holcomb emphasized to council, "backed up by the best specialists." Because the company is locally owned, he said, it would be operated in the interests of the local community; Cable Com is not part of a large chain whose decisions might be based on the national needs of the parent company. "This would be our only system. This is where we live and work and we will concentrate our effort here."

Cable Com was established in 1972, but has not operated any cable TV system. According to Holcomb, one of their stockholders, John Walson, is the largest independent operator in the country; Holcomb called him the father of CTV.

Among the group of 17 stockholders is Albert Turner (part owner of Springhill Lake), T. Hammond Walsh, Fred Ford (past head of the FCC) and Lee Lovett, a prominent cable TV attorney.

The company is capitalized at present at a quarter of a million

See CABLE TV, page 4, col. 5.

Yellow Reporter and Men in Green Check Out Late-Night Greenbelt Scene

by Hally Ahearn

When Cpl. James R. Craze first suggested that a good way for a reporter to find out what police work is all about is to ride along on patrol, I was interested, but reluctant. When he called on Saturday night, I hedged. "I'm awfully tired."

"Aw, you're not going to back out on me," he said. I agreed to take a midnight ride.

I tried to nap before our rendezvous, but my eyes were cocked open. What is a cop? I remembered a story in my elementary reader about the nice man in blue who led Sally and Timmy home when they were lost. I remembered the swinging night sticks on TV news in the sixties. I remembered, rubbing together moist palms, a stream of shoot-outs and high-speed chases from the tube. I was curious. I was also yellow.

At midnight I plunged into the passenger side of the patrol car. My knee was wedged against the butt of a 12-gauge police riot gun (shotgun) held in a brace attached to the floor on my side, its barrel pointed toward the roof of the car. Definitely a third presence, I thought, and my palms were sticky again. "It's

locked," Craze explained. "Nobody can just grab it out of there." We were off down Crescent toward Capital Office Park, part of A sector, which includes old Greenbelt and Lakeside North.

The first shift (11 p.m. to 7 a.m.) patrol focuses on three objectives—crime prevention, preserving the peace, and security checks of city businesses—in that order, Craze explained. We pulled into the parking area under the Capital Office Park building.

"Look over there," said Craze. With the searchlight he pinned our first suspect. The suspect's race was indeterminate—black with white stripes—but the criminal type was easy to identify. He was a real skunk. Craze carefully herded him out of the building with the light and as we came back down the drive we caught sight of an accomplice, escaping in a fast waddle up the bank.

I even stifled a yawn. How, I wondered, do patrolmen manage to shift their sleep schedules around and work through week-ends? "The first night out," Craze said, "I'm sometimes tired, but then you adjust to it." Patrols get two days off between shifts, which last for seven days, and four days off after completing a rotation of all three shifts

(11 p.m.-7 a.m., 7 a.m.-3 p.m., 3 p.m.-11 p.m.). "I love it. It's great. You don't have to fight the crowds to go shopping," Craze said.

We cruised the parking lot in front of Beltway Plaza, part of B sector which includes the north side of Greenbelt Road, Springhill Lake, Kenilworth Avenue from Greenbelt Road to Calvert and Greenbelt Road to the Parkway. The movie had just let out and there were lots of people around, standing in clumps or walking to their cars. All of them glanced at us, at the patrol car. Many stopped moving or talking and followed the car with their eyes. This phenomenon, Craze told me, was hard for him to get used to when he first became a policeman.

A call over the radio said the B-sector patrol had a pullover. The B-sector patrolman, Pvt. Tony DiPietro gave a description of the car and the license number. "We give a description and the license number," Craze explained, "for our own protection."

As the officer in charge, or patrol leader, Craze is on roving patrol, on call to any of the three sectors. C sector includes Greenbriar, Windsor Green, Eleanor See REPORTER, page 8, col. 2

News Review

Holiday Hours

The News Review office will be closed Monday, Dec. 31, but will be open on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 1, 1980 between 8 and 10 p.m. The display advertising deadline is extended until 10 p.m. Tuesday.

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Christmas Tree Disposal

Christmas trees may be dropped off at the following areas for pickup by the City beginning January 2, 1980:

Playground opposite 73 Court Ridge Road; corner of Research and Hillside Roads; playground at Plateau Place and Ridge Road; corner of Eastway and Crescent Roads; entrance to 21 Court of Ridge Road (across from Green Ridge House); area adjacent to Candy Cane City; playground at junction of Crescent and Ridge Roads; playground at Ivy Lane and Lastner Lane; Charlestowne Village and Charlestowne North - adjacent to Lake Park service road;

University Square - in front of swimming pool; Lakeside North - near swimming pool; Springhill Lake Community Building; Greenbriar - between buildings 7708 and 7710, 7728 and 7730, 7826 and 7828 Hanover Parkway, 8003 and 8009 Mandan Road; Glen Oaks - between buildings 7903 and 7905, 7509 and 7511 Mandan Road; Windsor Green - adjacent to playground on Canning Terrace, between 7248 and 7294 Mandan Road.

Boys & Girls Club

by Ernest Varda

Basketball for the Boys and Girls Club began on November 3 with an open registration for all Greenbelt youths between the ages of 8 and 18. Registration has been high particularly in the junior high school age group. The reason for this is as Larry Hogan stated in the Washington Star on November 12, 1979, in the article P.G. Survives First Year of Tax Freeze with Few Problems. "But these reductions have, so far, not been felt by most county residents. Only a handful of programs, mostly in the recreation area, have actually been eliminated."

The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club will place 18-year-old boys basketball team in the Youth Franchise League. The 10 thru 17 year old teams will play in the County Boys and Girls League. The 18-year-old girls team, coached by Joanne Rowe, will also play in the Boys and Girls League. The nine and eight-year-old boys will play in the intramural league. There are five teams in the intramural league for a total of 16 Greenbelt basketball teams. With so many participants, the Club is awaiting the county schedules to determine if they will rent Center School on Saturday mornings for intramural games since space is extremely limited.

The history of basketball in Greenbelt shows there has always been a heavy turnout, but this year the number has been extra large. The Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club believe that this is true because of TRIM and because the 7th and 8th Grade Catholic Youth Organization has

Open Letter to City Council

I'm a nature-lover. I like trees, birds and unlit Greenbelt walkways. I also like people—some of the time.

You see, I can't go out for a walk through old-town Greenbelt anymore without encountering either whole or broken bottles, and whistling to the tune of crunched glass beneath my feet.

The walk that I take starts with picking up beer bottles from the grass along the road. When I reach the playground with my two year old and my five year old, I find the ground strewn and imbedded with jagged broken glass. On the way to the center, my eagle eye is ready to spot any danger to my kids in the way of shards. But alas, I soon realize I am one mere mortal against the unceasing tide of broken glass along life's way . . . and then! the inevitable happens—my daughter, ignorant of the destiny awaiting her nimble limbs, breaks away with youthful enthusiasm. I watch helplessly as she stumbles and skids two feet along the path with a 1/4-inch piece of broken milk bottle imbedded in her knee. Four stitches and a \$70 hospital bill later, I am wondering how to save other nature lovers from Greenbelt's bottle throwers.

Therefore, I propose a "Save Your Glass and Your Faith in Humanity Campaign": (1) To all Greenbelters—let's pick up all the broken glass when we see it! (before it comes to the primitive ritual of forming rings around the growing numbers and mountains of glass shards in our community.) (2) To the City Council—how about a \$25 fine for those caught breaking bottles on the streets, pathways, and common grounds within the confines of Greenbelt? If the guilty party does not wish to submit to this fine, the alternative penalty could be picking up all the broken glass, piece by piece, within a two block radius of the incident.

Too harsh a penalty? Wait 'til your child gaily stumbles on a lurking fragment of glass.

What value to repairing walkways within beautiful old town Greenbelt if these are impassable because of broken crystal?

John R. Gorman

At Greenbelt Library

Prince Georges County Memorial Library system will be closing at 5 p.m. on December 31 and will remain closed on January 1 in observance of New Year's.

HAPPY 1980!

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Thursday, January 3: Afternoon Drop-In Stories. Ages 3-5. 2 p.m. Fingerplays, books, records and filmstrips. Series will continue on Thursdays throughout January.

dropped basketball from its program.

GCS Celebrates 40th Year at Gala Party

In celebration of the 40th anniversary of Greenbelt Consumer Services (now Greenbelt Cooperative Inc.) first organizing meeting, an evening of special festivities will be held on Friday, Jan. 4, 1980, at the Center School in Greenbelt.

According to GCI Board Member Bruce Bowman, who is helping to organize the event, activities will include exhibits by area co-ops in the Rexford Guy Tugwell room of the Greenbelt library, slide shows depicting GCI history and development of other co-ops, and reports from Board and management.

Attempts are also being made to locate members of the first Co-op Organizing Committee, in order that they may be invited to attend.

Festivities will begin at 7 p.m., although exhibits may be viewed 4-7 p.m.

Bowman points out that all Co-op members and friends are urged to attend, but that in order to properly plan and order refreshments, celebration organizers must know how many guests to expect.

Persons planning to attend write to Bowman at 1423 Laurel Hill Rd., Greenbelt, Md. 20770, by the end of the year. There is no charge for the event.

Local Persons Fluent In Foreign Languages Needed

To the Editor:

I would like to call upon those Greenbelters who are fluent in other languages to assist the English as a Second Language program based at Parkdale Senior High. This program reaches out to those for whom communicating in our culture is difficult and helps them to learn coping skills for their daily lives and to become literate in English.

The classes are conducted in English, but we need to prepare advertising materials in as many languages as possible. Volunteers will be asked to translate a short written passage and, if possible, to include their phone numbers so that prospective students can ask questions in their own language. Information on how to tap into the grapevine channels of communication used by foreign-language speakers would be very useful.

We are in particular need of the following languages: Korean, Japanese, Chinese, Vietnamese, Hindi, Arabic, and Greek, but there's a whole world represented locally, so any languages are welcome.

The translations will be needed in January and the phone calls would come in early February.

Please call 474-0490 for more details. Cathie Meetre

P. G. Community College Off-Campus Registration

Prince Georges Community College will hold off-campus registration for over 200 courses being offered this spring on Tuesday, Jan. 8. E. Roosevelt H.S., 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Extension Centers off-campus collegiate credit course offerings include: anthropology, art, biology, business, data processing, developmental math/reading/composition, economics, mechanical drawing, English, geography, history, law enforcement, math, music, physical education, philosophy, physical science, political science, psychology, secretarial science, sociology, and speech.

For 24 hour information, call 322-0781 or the Extension Centers, 322-0783, Mon.-Fri., 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

New County Directory For Sale at Libraries

The new edition of the Directory of Organizations in Prince Georges County, a quick reference guide to Prince Georges County organizations not usually found in telephone books or directories, is hot off the presses.

The 1980 edition is divided into 22 categories which range from amateur radio and CB clubs through civic organizations, mayors, political clubs, senior citizen groups to women's clubs. New categories this year include environment, ethnic, genealogy and professional and retirement associations. Each listing includes the president's name and mailing address.

The Directory can assist program planners locate speakers/performers and help newcomers to the county find clubs/groups to join. It may be purchased from any Prince Georges County Memorial Library branch library or by mail from:

Office of Extension and Special Services, Prince Georges County Memorial Library System, 6532 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782.

Golden Agers' Xmas Party

The Greenbelt Golden Age Club celebrated Christmas early, on Dec. 19, at the Greenbelt Youth Center. They gathered at noon-time for a covered dish dinner. Tables were spread with holiday decorations and place favors. After an invocation by the Rev. Kenneth Buker, double lines formed around the buffet table.

Following the meal, all joined in singing Christmas Carols, accompanied on the piano by Clare Jacobs. Hank Irving, Director of the Recreation Department, presented Christmas Greetings and Santa Claus paid a visit with greetings to each and every one.

A surprise feature was a puppet show with puppets "Willie" and "Wallie" in a hilarious dialogue, presented by the Rev. Sidney Conger of the Berwyn United Presbyterian Church.

Door prizes, compliments of Greenbelt merchants, were awarded to those holding lucky numbers.

Hospitality Chairman Esther Miller and her supporting committee were in charge of the party.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
Episcopal
Baltimore Blvd. at Powder Mill Rd., Beltsville
8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
Rev. John G. Bals, Rector
422-8057

MOWATT MEMORIAL
United Methodist Church
40 Ridge Rd. 474-9410
Church School 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 11 a.m.
Rev. Ira C. Keperling, Pastor
474-1924

Greenbelt Community Church
(United Church of Christ)
Hillside and Crescent Roads
Phone 474-6171 mornings
Church School for All Ages - 9:45 a.m.
Family Worship Service - 11 a.m.
Nursery provided at 2B Hillside
Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor co-pastors

YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GO IT ALONE
You are invited to worship with us
GREENBELT BAPTIST CHURCH
474-4212 Crescent & Greenhill Roads
Bible Study for all ages (Sun.) 9:45 am
Worship services 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Mid-week Prayer service (Wed.) 8:00 pm
For bus transportation, call Church office 8:30-12:30 weekdays.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
6905 Greenbelt Road
Worship Services: 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.
Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.
Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.
Edward H. Birner, Pastor Phone 345-5111

New Year's Eve Party And Coffee House Planned

by Konrad Herling

The Citizens for a Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center announced last Sunday that both a coffee house, scheduled for Saturday, from 8 p.m. to 12 midnight, and a New Year's Eve Party, set for Monday night, from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., will be held at the old theatre in the shopping center. The weekend's activities are an effort to raise funds and to increase community awareness of the ingredients essential to the project's success.

The fund-raising drive has resulted in a total of \$3,300 collected up to this point. The group is still \$1,200 shy of its goal of \$4,500 to help pay for operating expenses required as part of a potential January 1, 1980 lease. Additionally, the organization would like to raise this amount as evidence of community support for the theatre.

At its weekly meeting, John Ward pointed out the need for a carefully designed assessments study as an additional tool in determining community support. It will also provide citizens the opportunity to express the type of activities they would support in such a cultural center. Ward's motion for a study was largely the result of recommendations by staff members of the Park and Planning Commission's Arts Division within the Recreation Department, at a meeting at the Cheverly Publick Playhouse, December 19. "Almost all foundations and businesses require a needs assessment before they will seriously consider a funding request," said Barbara Funk of Park and Planning's staff. Ward will devise an assessment questionnaire this week which will be used in conjunction with the canvassing taking place currently throughout the community.

The organization will be meeting in the near future to negotiate a lease with the theatre's owner, George Christacos. In an informal discussion two months ago, Christacos' conditions were \$5 a square foot, or a yearly figure of \$36,000 (7,200 square feet). The organization is still seeking experienced negotiators to work out a lease contract. Those interested are urged to contact Konrad Herling at 345-9369.

E. Hilgenberg Receives Top Service Award

Greenbelter Edward P. Hilgenberg received the Exceptional Civilian Service Award upon his retirement from the Hydrographic/Topographic Center, Defense Mapping Agency (HTC). The award was presented by Colonel John R. Lund, HTC Director, at a retirement luncheon held in honor of Hilgenberg.

Before his retirement Hilgenberg was Chief, Records Management Division, Administration and Communications Office. He had served the Defense Mapping Agency for 28 of his 36 years in federal service. Previously he had served in the Navy aboard the USS Omaha and also had worked for the Veterans' Administration.

Hilgenberg was responsible for the records management program for the HTC field offices. He also conducted lectures and a seminar on the records program. He is a member of the Interagency Records Administration Conference.

After retirement Hilgenberg intends to bowl, fish, travel and he also plans to learn to play music, and to enroll in a technical school to learn auto and outboard

Our Neighbors

Congratulations to Ron and Pam Landis of Greenbelt Plaza Apartments on the birth of their first child. Zachary Ryan arrived at George Washington Hospital on December 21, weighing 9 lbs. 9 oz.

Tsai-yun Phillips of 131 Westway Drive, wife of Bob Phillips and mother of Pamela and Sean Phillips, who are students at St. Hugh's School, graduated Magna Cum Laude on December 18 from the University of Maryland. She received her B.S. in Computer Science and will begin work toward a Master of Science in Computer Science at the University in January.

Sorry to learn that Betty Roberts died in October. She and her husband, Wayne, were Greenbelt Pioneers.

A group of members of the Peabody Opera Company of 1947 and 1948 met on November 17 at the home of Lillian and Marvin Gardner, 8003 Mandan Road.

Linda Maureen Donahue, 14-F Ridge, was named to the Dean's List at Indiana University (3.5 grade average or better).

Airman Robert O. Reamy, son of Jewell S. Reamy, Breezewood Ct., has graduated from the U.S. Air Force jet engine mechanics course at Chanute Air Force Base. Graduates earn credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force. Reamy is a 1979 graduate of Roosevelt.

Non-Credit Courses Offered at PGCC

The Prince Georges Community College Community Services office is offering over 300 non-credit, special interest, course selections this spring at 40 off-campus locations throughout the county beginning February 25.

Courses are designed to appeal to a wide range of interests, hobbies and occupations. Some of the categories are:

Americana - Furniture refinishing and repair, antiques for the collector; Art/Photography; Athletics; College Prep - English, reading, mathematics; Communications - Talk to the deaf, creative writing, principles of good speaking; Consumer - Real estate, interior home design, estates, trusts, wills and taxes, indoor gardening, basic nutrition; Do It Yourself - Basic carpentry, home repair, electrical workshop, auto maintenance;

Gourmet Cooking; Health Services - Stress, CPR recertification; Languages; Music; Non-Profit Clubs and Organizations; Proposal Writing, Basic Editing, Market Strategy Planning; Occupational - Restaurant management, basic electricity, how to pass the post office test, basic offset printing, keypunch training; Office Skills; Civil Service Test Preparation; Real Estate; Skill Building - Speed reading, grammar, English, mathematics, preparation for SAT.

To register for any of these courses and receive a free copy of the new 1980 spring non-credit catalog, contact the Community Services at 322-0869. Most classes are filling up now so prompt registration is a must.

motor mechanics. Some of his time will be spent working part time with his brothers and stepson.

Hilgenberg, who is married and has 4 step-children, lives in Boxwood with his wife and stepdaughter, Sherree Norton. He plans to live part time summers in Edgewater, Md., and winters in Inverness, Fla.

Citizens for Greenbelt Hear Herling and Virta

by Stephen Polaschik

The Citizens for Greenbelt Association meeting on December 5 featured two Greenbelt speakers. Konrad Herling, Springhill Lake, who is spearheading efforts to acquire Greenbelt's vacant theater as the site for the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center, reported on the urgent need for financial as well as personal involvement of many of our citizens to make this project a reality.

Alan Virta, Windsor Green, made a presentation on the procedures and guidelines which are used to qualify structures or places for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. Virta said that the Governor's Consulting Commission on the National Register of Historic Places reviews Maryland applications and makes recommendations on those which should be sent to the National Register of Historic Places for consideration.

After Virta's presentation, the Association voted to send a letter to the Governor's Consulting Commission supporting the City of Greenbelt's application for certain sections of Greenbelt to be

Council/Post Office Meeting January 14

The meeting between the Greenbelt City Council and officials of the United States Postal Service (USPS) has been rescheduled for Monday, January 14, at 8 p.m. in the city offices. The December 19 meeting was postponed because of the illness of E. E. Fleming, Jr., District Manager, Maryland/D.C., USPS.

considered for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places.

Barry Schlesinger was approved as chairman of the Planning and zoning Committee. The status of the rezoning petition for Parcels 3 & 4 was to have been on the agenda for discussion, but no current information was available as to when the county's rezoning hearings will be scheduled.

The next meeting of Citizens for Greenbelt will be held on Monday evening, January 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library meeting room. Members are urged to attend as interest was expressed in trying to see what can be done to provide some sort of bus or shuttle services to shopping centers or to Metro stations on Sundays.

Police Blotter

The Department recommends that all residents who own vehicles purchase a lockable gas cap or other device to prevent theft of gas. As gas prices go up, it is anticipated that the number of this type of thefts will also increase.

While on patrol, Pfc O'Neil observed two males—one adult and one juvenile—tampering with a parked vehicle in the Greenbriar section of the city. Both were arrested after he found they were stealing gas. Both were charged with tampering and theft from an auto.

Two male juveniles were apprehended inside the old Klein's store where they had committed some vandalism. Two other male juveniles were apprehended after they had broken a pin-ball type machine at the Beltway Plaza Mall.

Approximately 120 School Safety Patrols attended the Department's annual Holiday Party at the Youth Center. The Chief and Officer Watkins welcomed the Patrols and thanked them for their service. Refreshments were served, movies were shown and a gift was provided to each boy and girl.

WE PRESENT A

Coffee House

AND

New Year's Eve Party

FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO SEE A

Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center In 1980

Saturday, December 29th - Coffee House

8 p.m. - 12 midnight

featuring violinists

AMY WALDER &
BETSY TURKIEWICZ

folksingers

RICK LA ROCCA &
DARYL BEARD

poetry

JUDY SKILLMAN

Monday, December 31st - New Year's Eve Party

8 p.m. - 2 a.m.

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City Council, PRAB and APB Hold "Overdue" Work Session

by Hally Ahern

Saying he would like to see a meeting of the boards with council every two years, Mayor Gil Weidenfeld called the December 3 work session of the Advisory Planning Board (APB), the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB) and the City Council "overdue." Bearing on all the issues which the boards wished to discuss with council is the formal adoption of a city master plan showing how highways, parks and land would be developed in the future.

Councilman Richard Castaldi called for the formal adoption of a master plan because it "sets the stage for influencing the county." APB member Tom Greer pointed out that a formally adopted plan would give Greenbelt "that position to present" in negotiations with county and state agencies over developments impinging on the city's parameters. The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (MNCPPC) is currently preparing its own master plan and is looking to the city for input. Said Mayor Gil Weidenfeld, "Now there is a real pressure on us to come up with a city plan."

PRAB is concerned that a Lake Park-Braden Field master plan has never been formally adopted even though a landscape architect has prepared one such plan and city staff has prepared another which PRAB has commented on. But a Lake Park plan was never adopted because "politically council didn't have a consensus," said Councilman Thomas X. White. The Lake Park plan would be considered a detail plan in the overall master plan.

While members of Council explained that the pressure of other issues has delayed consideration of such plans, members of PRAB said, "We need a goal." Mayor Gil Weidenfeld called for "a balancing of priorities and staff hours available" toward development and adoption of both the Lake Park and city master plans, and for a public hearing in 1980 on the master plan.

Concerning council's apparent deadlock on the Lake Park plan—over development of the ballfield on Parcel 7—Councilman Thomas X. White suggested that council "leave the problem areas in abeyance, and then build on them later."

Lake Park Improvement

City Manager James K. Giese asserted that one area where PRAB is seeing results is in getting improvements to the Lake Park budgeted. Some of the improvements budgeted for the current fiscal year have been accomplished: eroded shoreline near the dam has been regraded, the area near the concession stand has been stabilized, new picnic tables have been built (but not yet installed), work to complete the lake trail between the bandstand and dam has been

started, and silt basins have been cleaned out. Other work, including building a bridge at the peninsula end, cleaning the wooded area between the parking lot and Jaycee Club House and undertaking a second area of lawn for renovation, has not been completed. An entrance plan for Lake Park and the location of a new service road across from Lastner Lane are still being reviewed.

O'Sullivan Wins Alumna Award

Greenbelt resident Judith O'Sullivan received one of 23 outstanding alumnae awards at the annual Homecoming Reunion at Carlow College.

A recipient of the Service Through Arts and Communication Award, she is a 1958 graduate of Carlow College and holds her Ph.D. from the University of Maryland.

Dr. O'Sullivan has also recently been appointed the new Executive Director of the Maryland Committee for the Humanities, a position she began on December 3.

The Maryland Committee for the Humanities is a state program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. The MCH gives grants to non-profit organizations to run programs that discuss history, literature and philosophy and other human-

ities disciplines.

Dr. O'Sullivan has served as Editor of the American Film Institute Catalog, Associate Program Coordinator for the Smithsonian Resident Associates and since 1978, Director of Institutional Development at the National Archives. She also served as a consultant to the Smithsonian Traveling Exhibition Service and an exhibition depicting women's contributions to the American labor movement which highlighted the International Women's Year celebration in Houston.

She has had many publications published by the University of Maryland and the Smithsonian Press and was awarded the 1971 Prize for General Excellence by the Printing Industries of America for the exhibition catalogue, **Workers and Allies.**

Dr. O'Sullivan, her husband, Jim, and children, Kathryn and Jimmy, reside at 17-F Ridge Road.

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dollars, but Holcomb told council "we have the ability to get more money when we need it."

Cable Com's track record, Holcomb told council, is in the records of the 17 individuals who make up the company. He feels these individuals can put together as good a system as any of the companies who have expressed an interest in the county.

Holcomb is an enthusiastic promoter of cable TV for the county. "It's a fine medium," he said, "the county should have been using it for the past 5 years. The county council has always been for it."

Next Presentation

Robert Sikorski, who heads the Prince Georges County Cable TV Commission, will speak to the council at its next meeting, January 7. He, too, is expected to recommend to the city that they wait and see what the county will have to offer.

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office. This means the corporation will no longer accept cash payment of monthly charges. Only checks and money orders will now be accepted. Weyel voted "no." He felt strongly that the corporation is legally required to accept cash payments.

Next Smith moved for the elimination of the position of resales inspector. This task will now be handled under the supervision of the engineer. James voted "no."

Administration

The only real argument of the evening came on Moryadas' effort to cut an extra \$8,800 by reducing by 50 percent the cost of one individual in the administrative staff. Earlier she had pin-pointed which position: the Coordinator of Member Services. Moryadas also felt that the recent addition of a third secretarial position "wasn't justified until rehab starts. Over the history of the corporation," she said, "the largest increase has been in the manager's office."

Smith argued strongly against the motion and offered an amendment which would, in effect, permit the board to vote on the original proposal by management. In the nine months following General Manager Roy Breashears' retirement, \$6,000 would be saved because both the new manager and the new deputy manager would receive \$3,000 less than at present.

"We ought to be careful here," cautioned Smith. "The business of our corporation has become more and more complex; let's not strip our administrative staff." He spoke of the heavy workload in the manager's office, the need for top management to meet with representatives of public institutions, particularly the county and HUD, and with financial institutions. "We haven't begun to see the workload rehab will bring; we're just getting going."

"Just imagine what our current situation would be like if we had not been successful in developing a rehab program," said member Charles F. Schwan. "We'd be in a hopeless situation. Most of the credit (for that program) is due to Ken (Kopstein), but we couldn't have afforded to give Ken all that time unless other administrative personnel were available to handle day-to-day business."

"We have to cut the budget by \$428,700," Moryadas reminded her colleagues. "We're in bad shape."

Kopstein, too, argued for keeping the administrative staff intact. "The corporation is a lot different today than 4 or 5 years ago. A lot more people feed into the manager's office. The workload level is difficult to manage now," he said. "The results will haunt you if you cut here."

McCarthy felt the coordinator's job would be an essential position following Breashears' retirement, taking up the slack until a deputy general manager could be hired. Most board members felt there would be a vacancy there for maybe six months. Moryadas, on the other hand, thought it essential for Kopstein to hire a deputy the day he becomes manager.

In the only real split of the evening, Don Volk, in his role as president, broke a tie by voting in favor of not cutting the administrative staff. Smith, Foster, Weyel and Williams also voted "yes." Moryadas, James, Hogensen and McCarthy voted "no."

Income

In a compromise with management's recommendations, the

board opted for a 3 percent commission on resales, but did not change the membership fee of \$300 or the sub-lease fee of 7 percent. The inspection fee is currently considered to be part of the \$550 processing fee paid by a selling member; this policy decision was not altered.

At Hogensen's request the board took up last the question of earmarking \$130,600 toward next year's rehab amortization costs. The board found that the money will be needed for heat. After some discussion, the board decided that while they didn't think it likely, if any money is not needed for heat, it will be toward rehab.

The board was still short about \$10,000. Smith asked McGinn to refigure the cost of oil at \$1 per gallon instead of 95c and "then tell us how we can save 90,000 gallons of fuel oil during the year. It is realistic, but will be difficult; we'll be cutting back everywhere possible. We have a heating deficit from last year we didn't even figure in. We need to budget realistically, but as close as possible."

"We missed it by \$200,000 the last two years; why quibble on \$10,000?" asked Foster. The board agreed.

Another Increase?

McCarthy then asked the board to go back to the membership and ask for a specific increase for rehab and one for fuel oil. Williams appeared to speak for the board when he said "no" to any quick return to the members for more money; the members had already said "no."

The board was inclined to wait four to six months, at which time, they would know more about the cost of fuel and the possibility of converting to individual electric heat.

Moryadas moved for adoption of the 1980 budget as amended. Williams alone voted "no."

Walk-in Counseling Center

An evening walk-in counseling center is open at Du Val Senior High School on Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m., except for school vacation days. One of several centers under the direction of the Department of Pupil Services, P.G. County Schools, the center is open to county students and their parents to provide professional counseling, information and referral services.

No appointments are necessary, no records kept and all contacts are confidential. People need not identify themselves and no fee is required.

For further information, call Dr. Jean Phillips at 952-4620.

Budget Cut Summary

SAVINGS

- 1) **Maintenance Department**
Heating staff: eliminate 5 positions; **\$81,000**
Grounds staff: eliminate 4½ positions; **\$70,000**
Materials: eliminate **\$18,200**
Pest Control: savings, **\$2,000**
- 2) **Fiscal Department**
eliminate 1 position (cashier), **\$10,500**
- 3) **Engineering Department:**
eliminate 1 position (resales inspector) **\$17,600**
- 4) **Manager's office:**
savings in salaries **\$6,000**
- 5) **Real Estate taxes:**
(revised estimate) savings, **\$12,000**
- 6) **Administration Building:**
eliminate custodian, **\$10,500**
reduce heat/maintenance **\$2,000**
- 7) **Rehab charges**
eliminate, savings, **\$130,600.**

INCOME

- 1) **Sales Department**
3% sales commission, **\$54,000**
- 2) **Garage, boat trailer park:**
rent increase \$1/month, **\$4,000**

County School Board Budget Hearings

The Prince Georges County Board of Education has scheduled public hearings and work sessions on the Superintendent's proposed budget for fiscal year 1981, with one hearing to be held in each of the school system's three administrative areas.

The Northern Area's hearing will be Jan. 14 at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School.

Each hearing will begin at 7:30 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget will be sent to all public schools in Prince Georges County, and will be available for study by parents and other interested citizens in the schools' libraries prior to the hearings.

Anyone wishing to speak at one of the public hearings should register in advance by calling 952-4350. Individuals will be allowed three minutes each, for presentations, and organizations will be given five minutes for presentations by one representative.

After the public hearings, the Board of Education will hold a series of work sessions on the budget with the Superintendent and staff. All work sessions, which will be open to the public for observation only, will be held in the Board of Education meeting room in Upper Marlboro at 7:30 p.m. as follows: January 16, 17, 23, 29, 30 (when straw votes will be held), and February 6, if needed. On February 11 the board will adopt the budget.



GHI Board member Wayne Williams and his daughter, Theresa, study an historic blueprint showing the original layout of housing in Greenbelt. The blueprints are being microfilmed under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to preserve them for use by architecture students. The awarding of the grant was celebrated at a tea in the Maryland Room of McKeldin Library, the University of Maryland, on Sunday, December 16. Photo by J. Hensen

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CITY NOTES

The general crew spent two days excavating at Green Ridge House to determine the cause of the drainage problem in the foundation near the electrical meter room and boiler room. The rear parking lot of the Firehouse was enlarged. Maintenance was done on the snow removal equipment. Potholes were repaired at various locations throughout the City.

The parks crew added topsoil to the football field on Braden Field. The baseball infields were leveled and the bleachers were secured to the backstops. The underpass at Gardenway was cleaned. The crew has finished seeding around the basketball court on Eastway Road. They have also begun work on the basketball court on Plateau Place. The greens on the Springhill Lake Golf Course have been cut for the last time this season. Grass was also cut at the Green Ridge House.

The building maintenance crew is continuing work at the Police Department. The walls in the detention area were insulated last week. A partition was installed between the interrogation and processing rooms.

Trash pickups are increasing as new residents move to the Windsor Green Development.

Arnold Parreco and Sons, Inc., have been hired to do grading work on the shoulder of Crescent Road between the entrance to the Lake and Parkway Road. Work will also be done on the Lake Path Road between the bandstand and the dam, and on the Recreation Park at the end of Northway Road.

CARES

On November 14, Jim Holmes and Wendy Wexler met with Officer Charles Watkins, the Police Department's Juvenile Officer, to confer on the proposed Community Arbitration Program.

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GHI NOTES

GHI pays more than half its fuel bill—estimated to be nearly \$2 million in 1980—in January, February, and March. During this critical period, members are strongly requested to keep windows closed and turn down radiators if their homes are too warm. GHI has developed a hand-out on other energy saving means members can use which will be sent to those who call 474-5566 and request it.

Monthly charges for 1980 will be late in coming out because the budget was not approved by the board until Wed., December 19. The comptroller will try to get the statements on 1980 monthly charges to members by the end of December.

Senior citizens and handicapped persons on fixed incomes, particularly those who have applied for Section 8 under the rehabilitation program, may qualify for the deferral of increases in monthly charges. Under this program, the member's charges remain at the current level, while the increase is paid back at the time of resale or when Section 8 becomes available. Members interested in this program may call Sandra Barnes, Coordinator of Member Services, 474-5566.

Parkdale Class of '74

Members of the Parkdale Senior High School class of 1974 will be holding an informal reunion on Friday, December 28 at 8 p.m. at Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity, Fraternity Row, University of Maryland. All Parkdale alumni and faculty are invited. For information call Chris Needham, 577-0228, or Bob Everett, 474-2118.

The Board and management extend their thanks to John Heeley and his sons, J. J. and Willy, whose quick actions on Wednesday, December 12, averted a major fire on Laurel Hill Road. After the Heeleys heard a loud popping noise in the neighboring unit, one son called the fire department while Mr. Heeley put the fire out with a garden hose. Origin of the fire is still undetermined.

The corporation celebrated the 25th anniversary of two employees recently: Eleanor Hoo-ven, the processing agent in the sales office, and Herbert Stewart, the storekeeper in the warehouse and former grounds foreman. Don Volk, President, congratulated both employees on their long and faithful service to the corporation.

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Greenbelt Grab-bag

by PUNCHIN' JUDY

"Mr. Time, the News Review has asked me to interview you. Are you really Greenbelt's oldest resident?"

"Call me Father—everybody does. Yes, I've been in Greenbelt for over forty years. And even before there was a Greenbelt, I was here."

"You must have seen a lot of changes. Could you tell us about them?"

"I remember when this was forest land, and it makes me happy to see some old trees still standing. You've built a lot of houses and I hear that you are planning to make them snug and comfortable. All in good Time, if you will pardon the expression."

"I hear people saying 'there's no Time'. Would you comment on that?"

"That's like saying there's no Santa Claus. Ridiculous. Poor old Santa Claus has had a hard time this year, though. Inflation, you know."

"You mean even Santa has been affected by inflation?"

"Why, certainly. You have no idea of the increase in the cost of reindeer feed. And think of all those elves he has to educate! But he gets by with the aid of his friends. I try to help by letting him buy on Time, but you know, it's not really true that Time is money."

"Father Time, what do you think of the energy crisis?"

"That is certainly a real problem. I was just talking about it to a friend of mine. She's sure her daughter will come up with a solution."

"Is your friend somebody I know?"

"Probably. Her name is Necessity."

"Oh, yes, another Greenbelter. We know her well. Tell us, Father Time, how do you feel about Time travel?"

"Time travel? We do it all the Time. Forward, of course. That's the only way to go. Going backward is OK, but only for reminiscing."

"And in the fullness of Time . . ."

"I wish you wouldn't put it just that way. I may have put on a few pounds, but it's the holidays, you know."

"I didn't mean that, Father Time. I was just thinking about 1980."

"Ah, yes, 1980. And before you know it, the year will be 2000! The Guy Lombardo orchestra will be playing the golden oldies from the seventies and the kids will laugh at their parents doing the ancient disco dances. And the crowds will be gathered as usual in Times Square. Named after me, you know."

"Father Time, what is it right now that bothers you the most?"

"That's easy. It's when people use the expression 'at this point in time'. I don't mind telling you it gives me a pain in the . . ."

"Yes, I think we all understand. Father Time, what advice do you have for the citizens of Greenbelt?"

"Make friends with my colleagues Hope and Faith, be good to each other, and have the Time of your life. Happy New Year!"

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

"Research in Ireland" will be discussed at the Prince Georges Genealogical Society meeting on Wednesday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library. Gordon Ebersole, a research specialist, will speak.

For further information, write William E. Miller, Jr., president, at 262-0665 or to P.O. Box 819, Bowie, Md. 20715.

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Roosevelt High School—most of the communities on both sides of Greenbelt Road from the Armory to NASA. The C-sector car is also on call.

We patrolled C sector. Windsor Green, according to Craze, is so far a very safe place to live, partly because of the way it's laid out, with only one exit. Greenbriar, too, is quiet, except for a recent rash of professionally executed spare-tire thefts.

Alarm Check

The alarm in the Texaco station on Greenbelt Road had been set off. This is out of the official B-sector area, but "we" checked it out. That is, Craze circled the building on foot, checking all the doors and windows, while I hunched down in the seat of the car, waiting for the armed robber to appear. Then I remembered what Craze had said as we started out, that it is always good to have someone else along on patrol since he can't look and drive at the same time. I sat back up and looked in all directions. No one in sight.

Back in the car Craze explained that these alarms can, and often do, go off by themselves, especially when the wind rattles the telephone wires to which they are connected.

Behind the stores at Beltway Plaza Craze threw his spotlight on a place in the wall where new bricks had been laid. "Somebody took \$3,000 worth of clothes out of Webster's through that hole a couple of weeks ago," he said.

We pulled up next to the B-sector patrol car in a lot in Springhill Lake. The man whom DiPietro had pulled over didn't want to sign his citations, one for failing to stop at a stop sign, the other for carrying both a D.C. and a Maryland driver's license. I watched through the windshield as Craze talked to him. He nodded his head supportively as the man explained. He smiled. The man shook his head vehemently. He scowled. Finally he reached for his pen and signed. "What did you tell him?" I asked Craze as we pulled away. "I told him," said Craze, smiling again, "that he didn't want to go down to the station and be booked."

We had been advised to stay away from a certain section of town by the officer from C-sector who was on a stake-out. He had learned from an informant of a planned break-in and was waiting in the bushes. He was still waiting at 2:40 a.m. when Craze and I parted. It was, at least, a warm night.

As we drove slowly around Roosevelt High School gym Craze bent forward and pointed up. "Look at those stars," he said. We rolled off the crest of the hill toward the cup of the Big Dipper, its scoop touching down on the horizon. Craze grew up in Frostburg, made it through high school "for the football games and parties," entered the Air Force, and then joined the Greenbelt City Police right out of the service. "I never thought, I never even dreamed I'd go to college," he said. "But I came here and a lot of the guys were taking courses. They encouraged me to do it, too." He got his degree last year.

A call came in, a reported vehicle tampering. We careened onto Greenbelt Road and sped off in a cloud of red and blue light, a haze of sound. The speedometer read 92. As we entered Springhill Lake again ("This place never stops," he had told me earlier) Craze cut off the siren and the light. We pulled into a lot alongside the B-sector car and I sat back for another

silent movie.

The suspect, leaning against a parked car, was valiantly holding his head above his neck. He was, without a doubt, very drunk. The officers conferred, then talked to the man, who talked back sharply and wagged his finger loosely in the air. As the officers returned to their cars he wobbled off. "What's the story?" I asked.

"He was probably bent over between two cars, you know (unloading the contents of his stomach) and somebody thought he was tampering," Craze said. "He asked us to leave," Craze added, "because he has a friend in a rock band who's coming to pick him up. He said his friend doesn't like cops." He chuckled wryly. A subtle remark for someone in that guy's condition, I thought, laughing too.

Springhill Lake Again

Once again we connected with Officer DiPietro in a Springhill Lake parking lot. While the officers were inside trying to locate the disturbance among the apartments at the address, a young woman appeared and stood in front of the headlights of the car I was in. She put her beer can on top of a parked car and stood tapping her foot nervously, although she was smiling. When the officers came out of the building she asked them for a ride home.

A man appeared. Where did she think she was going? Home. No, she wasn't. Yes, she was, and she dropped the beer can on his feet. She climbed in the back of Officer DiPietro's car. Since home was Bladensburg, way out of Greenbelt's parameters, Craze asked DiPietro to meet with him at the 7-11 to discuss how to get the young lady home.

As we traveled to the 7-11, DiPietro reported in his mileage over the radio. This, again, was to protect himself, since he had a woman in the car with him. In the 7-11 parking lot the two officers pulled alongside one another and conferred from their cars. The woman had, it seems, talked her way into the front seat. She said she and the man, her husband, had been visiting friends, who had begun fighting. Craze asked her how things had seemed when she left. The fight was over, but she did get a boo-boo. "Would you like to see my boo-boo?" she asked Craze, extending her elbow. "No," said Craze, "I might get in trouble looking at your boo-boo."

Craze asked if she had any friends or relatives she could call to get a ride home. He explained that Bladensburg was too far to send one of his cars. She was from out of state she said, and there was no one she knew to call. Craze tried this line of questioning one more time and then agreed to let Officer DiPietro drive the woman home. Later we heard DiPietro report in his mileage to Bladensburg.

"You see how easy it is to have coverage reduced," Craze told me, "with one man on stake-out, and the other on this errand." I was thinking about the nice man in blue (in this case green) as Craze called in to report the incident.

We checked the exit road off the Parkway which leads to NASA's back entrance gate. A woman had recently been raped here. She was on her way to Laurel and thought this was the exit. A man in a blue van followed her off the Parkway. "We don't know if he had been following her for a while, or what," Craze told me.

Driving on the pedestrian path on the north side of the lake, Craze threw the searchlight into

the woods and along the shore. As we passed the picnic tables he told me that not long ago someone had taken an ax and busted up the tables, apparently at night. Why? Neither of us had an answer. "The city had to replace them, and they're not cheap," he reminded me.

The dispatcher said Craze had a phone call. He gave the dispatcher a telephone number and we pulled up to the pay phone at the lake parking lot. It rang. "Hi," he said. "I'll see you in a little while." "My girlfriend," he explained. She was reporting in, home safe and sound from a party. I realized it must be almost "lunchtime."

As we pulled around the corner onto Parkway Road, we startled a tangle of young teenagers sprawled across the road. Two boys were fighting. As they separated to let us pass, one of them called out an epithet. "I know them (the two boys)," Craze said "I'll just drop you off and then go back and clean up

Gong Show to Benefit Cultural Arts Center

The Greenbelt Jaycees are sponsoring the Greenbelt Gong Show II on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 7:30 at St. Hugh's Grenoble Hall. The proceeds will benefit the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center.

Celebrity judges will be Maryland Terrapins running back, Charlie Wysocki, the Atlantic Coast Conference's leading rusher for 1979; Greenbelt's Mayor, Gil Weidenfeld and Miss Prince Georges County, Cindy Baker.

Entries are needed to compete for the prizes for the Best, Second Best and Most Outlandish acts. January 11 is the deadline for entries.

To enter and for ticket information, call Bob Phillips at 345-3038 or Jerry Morris at 474-7272.

that mess." I agreed readily, but I couldn't help wondering what I'd miss, home sleeping safely in my bed.



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