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Golden Triangle Losing Glint, As Nothing Jells

by Elaine Skolnik

As the result of city urging, county attention has focused on the future development of the Golden Triangle — the 57-acre tract bounded by Greenbelt Road, Kenilworth Ave., and the Capital Beltway. The Prince Georges county council held a briefing meeting on the subject on Tuesday, January 18, and another meeting has been scheduled at the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission on Monday, January 31, at 2 p.m. at its Kenilworth Ave. office.

The Greenbelt city council has had reservations regarding the development plan ever since the county council last May approved water and sewer authorization for the relocation of the Capital Cadillac of D.C. auto agency on 8 acres of the tract.

On October 14, MNCPPC (county planning board) approved a subdivision plan for the commercially-zoned Golden Triangle, with a condition that there must be a review by the planning board of the site plan for each parcel prior to the releasing of a building permit and that the staff in its review must consult with the city of Greenbelt.

The county council originally favored Capital Cadillac on the grounds that it would lead to "quality development." The city is not convinced of this. Without the overall plan, the city sees the county decision as simply encouraging the Golden Triangle to "become just another hodge podge of small commercial developments."

According to reports in the *Prince George's Post*, the Golden Triangle has long been considered the choicest commercial land in the county and the fact that Capital Cadillac has committed itself to building a dealership on this site only increases the land's value. It would be the first Cadillac-only dealership in the county and one of two in the Maryland suburban area. County government estimates place the ceiling value of the property at about \$18.5 million.

No Overall Plan

At the January 18 county council meeting, the MNCPPC staff said that there was still no overall plan and that developer Kenneth H. Michael lists as possibilities at this time for the tract, an office building and medical center. An early proposal by the city and others of a hotel-convention center was explored by the developer with negative results thus far.

Attending the meeting from Greenbelt were city manager James K. Giese and city councilman Charles Schwan. They discussed the city's concerns not only with respect to piecemeal development and the absence of an overall plan, but also the effect of limited accesses on Greenbelt Road traffic, the lack of access to Indian Creek, and the preemption of 9 acres by the State Highway Administration for a ramp.

Also in attendance was a representative from the Greenbelt Regional Park. His concern was that development on the Golden Triangle should not interfere with the flow of the stream on parkland. He was also concerned about additional traffic on Greenbelt Road and interference with the egress and ingress to the Park from Greenbelt Rd.

County planning officials felt that it was not realistic to expect an overall plan for the Golden Triangle because the major ingredient to initiate the plan — a major department store or, in this case, a project such as a hotel-convention center — is missing. The severe traffic access problems of the tract have been the major bottleneck in the attraction of high-quality development and the realization of an overall plan.

Because of these problems, one county councilman thought that perhaps there should be a reevaluation of the expectations for the Golden Triangle.

Another Meeting

After a full and frank discussion, it was decided that it would be fruitful to have a meeting of various agencies and interested parties (MNCPPC, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, State Department of Transportation, owner-representative Kenneth Michael, Greenbelt city council, etc.) to explore the development potential of the tract and to determine how that potential could best be achieved. Participating also will be the county's Economic Development Committee which functions in two major areas. (1) promoting quality new businesses for the county and (2) working and helping existing industries.

The only concrete plans for the tract at this time is for the Capital Cadillac agency. In the past, Lustine's auto dealership had requested to move to the Triangle, but did not receive a favorable reception from city council. Reportedly, Capital Cadillac has stipulated in an agreement with the developer that no other car agency can be permitted to locate on the tract.

Choose Advisory Group On Elderly Housing

City council on Monday, January 24, appointed the following citizens to the 7-member Advisory Committee on Elderly Housing:

Ottile Van Allen, 18-X Ridge Road; Madeline Green, 18-B Ridge Road; Jose R. Morales, 5900 Cherrywood Terr.; Robert Dove, 38-D Crescent Road; Maureen H. McCleary, 203 Lastner; Mrs. Arthur M. McKnew, 21-G Southway; and Irma Tetzloff, 5-A Ridge Road. Alternates named were James Cassels and JoAnn Volk.

Ex-officio members are councilman Charles Schwan and city manager James Giese.

Use of School Facilities

Council approved an agreement to be signed with the Board of Education relating to the city's use of school facilities and sites for recreational and park purposes. The agreement permits the city to use the school-owned property without payment of rent subject to certain conditions.

All plans by the city to develop ballfields and recreational sites must be approved by the school board. The city must furnish liability bonds protecting owner against negligence suits. City shall maintain and supervise the property. Property cannot be reserved for sole use of Greenbelt residents.

The council approved for first reading a charter change to permit voter registration by mail for city elections. Up to now, registration in person was required.

Also approved for first reading was a resolution to accept Hanover Parkway at Greenbriar Section I into the city road system.

Council moved back the regularly scheduled council meeting of February 21 to Feb. 28 in order to accommodate the Washington's Birthday holiday.

WHAT GOES ON

Fri., Jan. 28, 8 p.m. Duplicate Bridge, Youth Center

Sat., Jan. 29, 1-3 p.m. Councilman Frank Casula Open Meeting, Municipal Building

Tues., Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Greenbelt Citizens Comm. on School Closing, Municipal Building



Katherine S. Grego Missing Since Jan. 19

Katherine Sontheimer Grego, age 47, a resident of Springhill Lake for three years, has been missing since 11 a.m., Wednesday, January 19. She has not been seen by anyone who knows her since that time.

On the day she disappeared, Mrs. Grego called the Department of Agriculture where she was employed to report that she was not feeling well and would return to work on Friday, January 21. She then apparently left her residence at 9192 Springhill Lane and drove away in her white 1971 Ford LTD with black top (License CTM221). The car was found parked askew about 100 yards from her residence sometime between 4 and 8:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 20.

Mrs. Grego had been depressed recently. When she disappeared she was wearing a multi-colored plaid car coat, brown wedged shoes and was carrying a brown leather bag. She is 5'2", 125 lbs., has light brown hair that is graying, hazel eyes and a mole on the left side of her face.

Anyone having any information that can help the police in their search for Mrs. Grego, please call the department at 474-5454.

Tax Aid For Sr. Citizens

Prince Georges County now has a service assisting senior citizens in the preparation of their state and federal income tax forms. Administered by the County's Division of Services and Programs for the Aging, the service is provided by volunteer tax aides who have had intensive training in the preparation of income tax returns. Because of the major changes in tax laws effected by the 1976 Tax Reform Act and the complexity of the tax reform legislation, seniors are encouraged to seek professional assistance.

The free assistance, which includes actual preparation of both federal and state income tax returns, declaration of estimated taxes, and any amendments when appropriate, will be available through April 15 at various convenient times and locations throughout the County. Seniors citizens living in Prince Georges County who wish to take advantage of this free service, please call 350-1456 for an appointment.

Reporter Enjoys GHI Board Meeting

by Bob McGee

I don't usually go to Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board meetings because almost invariably I either get mad, frustrated, or freaked out, or bored and always worn out—it's a matter of stamina, which I don't have much of anymore. Now this is not in criticism of GHI board members who are doing a fantastic job, and who have all that stamina—to be able to hang in to the bitter end. Anyway, the regular board meeting held on Thursday, January 13, was really most pleasant and ended at a reasonable hour, to boot.

Maybe it was because I like to hear good news and there was the general manager, Roy Breashears, giving us more good news about the savings in fuel oil effected by the forward-looking modifications being made in the heating systems. You just can't help but feel good about 25% savings in burn per degree days overall for the period September-December in contrast to the same period during 1975. (This breaks down to 24% savings for the frame home large heating plants, 37% for the frame home small plants, and 18% for the masonry. Also, it should be pointed out that considerable savings had already been effected for the masonry homes the previous year.)

Plaques Awarded

Maybe it was pleasant because I like commendations and there were two very nice people, Janet James and Joe Reid, being presented with plaques honoring them for the outstanding personal services they have given to GHI over recent years.

Henry Fisher was there taking pictures of the event and bantering with Mary Clarke, a board member and I found that rather pleasant also. Henry told the board, that after watching the women board members crawling into the crawl spaces on a house inspection,

he had not only new-found respect for the board but wished that he had been able to take pictures of the occasion. Mary told Henry that her husband had read his letter in the *News Review* and wondered if she had been wearing her miniskirt that day, which, of course, she wasn't. Henry allowed as how he would really have been sorry about not bringing his camera if she had.

Insulation

I find humor to be pleasant and there was a bit of levity about a resolution the board passed to approve the expenditure of up to \$3,000 to cover the cost of Tri-polymer Puff #103 for installation as insulation in the outer walls of homes in 34 Court Ridge Road. This was a hasty action to permit GHI to be used as a test site for the cost of the insulating material only, a real bargain.

It turns out, according to Breashears, that the stuff is a mix of detergent and resins — with about a 50% protein content. "In fact," he stated, "they are now investigating its use for the feeding of sheep." Although it is fireproof, with virtually no gases or smoke produced even under a blowtorch, this did not stop some concern about "if it's good for sheep, think what it will do for our rats and roaches? that is, if we ever get any?"

Breashears said that he wished he had never mentioned protein content at all. Someone felt that if we ever experienced hard-times again, however, the lucky people in 34 Court Ridge would always be able to eat their houses.

Other Matters

Brevity is very pleasant and there was some very brief business concerning a draft letter to be sent to members who were selling their houses in order to explain the resale inspection procedures. The board's reaction, generally, was that it was too harsh, too lengthy, and covered too much. It was sent back to the drawing boards.

The board also decided to follow recommendation of the Insurance Buyer's Council, an insurance counseling firm, that it is not practical to ask for sealed bids this year and directed management to continue insurance with the current carriers which were previously selected through competitive bidding. The Council gave a number of reasons why GHI should wait a year before subjecting its insurance needs to bidding, the chief of which was that market conditions were not currently favorable.

The safeguard, of course, is that GHI can cancel its contract at any given time in favor of a different carrier. The representative of the current carriers was to present proposed costs at the next meeting, but did undertake to answer some sharp questioning by board member Ted Byerly pertaining to several grey areas as to where corporate and individual homeowner's liabilities begin and end. Marty Diamond, GHI's broker, clarified most questions briefly and to everyone's satisfaction.

\$282,860 Grant Now Official

The city received formal notice on January 14 of Federal approval of the city's application for a public works grant under Title I of the Public Works Employment Act of 1976. The \$282,860 will be used for the Municipal Building addition. In addition, the city's project has been selected for inclusion in a nationwide evaluation of this public works program.

City officials will be meeting soon with representatives of the Economic Development Administration regional office to work out all of the appropriate grant administration procedures and requirements.

At a special meeting on Monday, January 17, council voted to accept the grant, surprising nobody.

Citizens to Meet, Plan Pupil Census

The Greenbelt Citizens Committee for School Closings will hold its next meeting on Tues., Feb. 1 in the Greenbelt City Council chambers at 8 p.m. The mechanics of taking a census of pre-school and elementary children living in Greenbelt will be discussed.

It is vital to have an accurate count of Greenbelt youngsters in order to evaluate the need for keeping the city's schools open.

Residents are urged to attend and participate in the program. Volunteers are needed in all areas of the city in order to conduct this survey. Anyone who can help should call the survey chairwoman, Jackie Morrison, 474-0945.

Notice of Council Work Session

The City Council will hold a committee-of-the-whole work session on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1977 at 8:00 P.M. to consider the following:

1. Interview applicants for various city advisory boards
2. Consider establishment of a Personnel Board
3. Policy on mourning.

The meeting will be held at the Greenbelt Youth Center, 99 Centerway, and all interested citizens are invited to attend.

G. H. Mills, City Clerk

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Three Ring Circus

by Trespassers Will

Just as plans for the Golden Triangle start to take shape, there is, as should always be expected, a state agency that steps in to gum up the works. In this case, the agency is the Maryland Department of Transportation, or, as those of us who have come to love the little bureaucracy lovingly call it, DOT.

I was talking to a friend of mine the other day, a Mr. Howard DeWittless who claimed to have some knowledge in these affairs. As I walked into his office, he was scribbling something on the green chalkboard in his office which made no sense to me, so I asked him to explain. It was my mistake.

"What we have here," he started, as it occurred to me that his accent reminded me a little bit of Dr. Strangelove, "are the tentative plans for the intersection between the Beltway and Greenbelt Road."

"Well, tentative plans are more than we've heard yet," I volunteered.

"Uh, yes. What we plan to do is to run a ramp from westbound Greenbelt Road up to the beltway southbound. However, those are only the initial tentative plans."

"Oh, really," I said, and I don't know whatever possessed me to ask "What's next?"

"I'm glad you asked," he answered. "What we do next is extend another ramp from the first ramp, put a bridge over Greenbelt Road, and extend the ramp so that the Parkway can be reached. We then build the existing ramp that runs from Greenbelt Road eastbound to the Parkway northbound, and extend a bridge from that to reach the Beltway westbound."

"Wouldn't it be easier to build a ramp on the other side of Greenbelt Road?" I asked, obviously caught up in the madness of the situation.

"What do you have against the Lutherans?" he asked me suspiciously.

"Sorry, I wasn't thinking."

"Right. Actually those are still only short range interim plans. What we really have in mind is to repave the entire group of interchanges."

At this point, he began what I could only call scribbling furiously on the board, to such a point that, when he was done, the entire Golden Triangle was covered with chalk.

"What that looks like," I said, is that you want to pave the entire thing over."

"That's right," he answered, the Dr. Strangelove in his voice now unmistakable. "If Capitol Cadillac does open in the area, we're going to recommend that they put in a body shop."

Casula Holds Informal Meeting on Saturday

First District Councilman Frank P. Casula will begin his third year of informal Saturday meetings with constituents on Sat., Jan. 29, 1 to 3 p.m., at the Greenbelt Municipal Building (Council chamber).

The informal sessions are an opportunity for citizens to discuss governmental problems face-to-face with their Council representative and, according to Casula, "are a particularly good time to talk about County issues which they feel need to be discussed." There is no registration list for those wanting to meet with the Councilman.

Casula emphasized that the Saturday sessions are one of the few times a Councilman can talk personally with citizens in his Councilmanic district. "There won't be any Council table separating us and there will be no recording equipment taking down every word."

Howard Laster Named Dean of U. of Iowa

Professor Howard Laster of Greenbelt has been appointed Dean of the University of Iowa's College of Liberal Arts, effective July 1, 1977. Chairman of the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Maryland, College Park, from 1965-76 and currently a professor of physics there, Laster will be Dean of some 12,000 students.

"The University of Iowa is indeed fortunate to have found in Professor Laster an individual with an outstanding background in both scholarship and academic administration, as well as an impressive record of professional, university and government service," commented U of I President Willard L. Boyd.

A native of New Jersey, Laster holds an A.B. degree (summa cum laude) from Harvard University and a Ph.D. degree from Cornell University. He joined the University of Maryland faculty in 1956 and from 1965-76 chaired the Department of Physics and Astronomy which is one of the largest of Maryland's academic units.

Laster and his wife Miriam have resided in Greenbelt for 21 years. They have 4 children.

Laster's scientific interests have focused on several areas, including cosmic ray astrophysics, science teaching and matters of science policy. Laster was a Visiting Fellow at Clare Hall, the University of Cambridge, England, in 1970-71, and a Visiting Program Associate in the National Science Foundation's Division of International Programs (1975-76). He also held a NATO Postdoctoral Fellowship in 1970.

Since 1965 he has served as a member of the scientific advisory council to the Maryland Governor's Office, and chaired that council from 1973-75. He also was Vice-Chairman of the Maryland Panel on Public Policy on Nuclear Energy for Electricity Generation in 1975-76.

Mayor Weidenfeld App'nted Chairman of Co. Tax Comm.

Mayor Gil Weidenfeld has been appointed chairman of the Tax Differential Committee of the Prince Georges County Municipal Association (PGMA). The task of the committee will be to recapture the county's rebate to municipalities which has been eliminated from the county executive's proposed budget.

The county has for several years been reimbursing cities and towns for the costs of providing street lighting. The PGMA has been working toward attaining reimbursement from the county for the many other services provided by the municipalities. The county executive's proposal to eliminate the municipal rebate has angered municipal officials who feel it is unconscionable that municipal residents should pay taxes twice for street lighting.

At the January meeting of the PGMA, Weidenfeld outlined his plan to regain the municipal rebate. He proposed that the Association first seek county legislation that would require the county to continue the rebate. If such legislation were not forthcoming, the second step would be to seek the support of the Prince Georges County Delegation for the passage of state legislation that would mandate the county to pay for street lights on all public roads. If the first two steps do not succeed, the third step would be that the PGMA consider taking legal action in the courts. Weidenfeld's proposal won the unanimous support of the Municipal Association.

"Welcome Kit" For Newcomers Asked

by Elaine Skolnik

The wheels were set in motion at a luncheon meeting sponsored by the Greenbelt Clergy on January 19 for the publication of a welcome kit to be given to new residents of the community. Attending were representatives of the city, apartment, cooperative and housing developments and civic, service and religious organizations.

It was envisioned that the welcome kit would contain a brochure with background information about the city and its services, community agencies such as fire and police departments, organizations, churches, synagogue, medical and other local services, voter information, etc.

City manager James K. Giese, GHI manager Roy Breashears and Msgr. William F. O'Donnell will explore the possibility of having the Lion's Club sponsor the project. An early March meeting of the group was scheduled to firm up a draft, time-table, and mechanics of distribution which hopefully will take place by the fall.

The goal of the Greenbelt Clergy is "to make Greenbelt a better place for all residents" and to achieve "better communication among people in Greenbelt."

At the last meeting in November wider circulation of the News Review was viewed as the best means to attain this goal, especially at Springhill Lake where a limited number of newspapers are distributed at each apartment entrance. News Review representatives last week said that it would be possible in the near future to leave a greater number of papers in each building, and more at the SHL community house and pharmacy, thus increasing delivery by about 300 papers. SHL will keep tabs on whether the papers are being picked up by tenants.

While it is possible to increase somewhat the number of papers available for distribution throughout Greenbelt, there are limits to what the press can run off. Additionally, there is a major problem of setting up a door-to-door delivery system for apartment type buildings with its attendant additional costs and responsibilities which the News Review is not able to handle. Presently 5,000 issues are circulated each week throughout the city.

The News Review, 39 years in existence, is a non-profit, independent newspaper staffed by volunteers and dependent for income solely upon advertising. It would have to rely heavily on apartment management or on volunteers outside the core to take on the responsibility for a door-to-door delivery system. Greenbriar picks up about 350 papers each week and handles its own delivery.

Members of the Greenbelt Clergy are Pastor Edward Birner, Holy Cross Lutheran Church; Msgr. William F. O'Donnell, St. Hugh's Catholic Church; Rabbi Kenneth Berger, Mishkan Torah Synagogue; the Rev. Sherry Taylor and Rev. Harry Taylor, Greenbelt Community Church and the Rev. Clifton Cunningham, Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church. The luncheon was prepared and served by the women of the Methodist Church.

Grenoble Theatre Presents 'Rebecca'

The Grenoble Theatre Guild will present "Rebecca" a drama by Daphne Du Maurier on Feb. 12 and 13 and Feb. 19 and 20 at 8:15 p.m. in the St Hugh's School Gym. For ticket information call Bob O'Malley 474-3369.

The Grenoble Theatre Guild has been in existence since 1972 and has performed locally about twice a year. Productions included "You Can't Take It With You," "See How They Run," "My Sister Eileen," and "I Remember Mama." This past Labor Day the Guild presented "The Ugly Duckling" on stage at the Center.

Many performers come from Greenbelt and some from as far away as Olney and Silver Spring. Several have acted professionally on Broadway and with the D.C. Shakespearian Society.

Boys and Girls Club At the Library

Starting Feb. 1 the club will be selling raffle tickets on a color television set, 23 channel CB and \$50 cash. The drawings will be held April 5. After the drawing the price of the ticket is good towards a pizza at Shakeys Pizza Parlor in either Landover Hills or Bethesda. Anyone who can help sell tickets please call Mary Wason 474-6525.

There will be a Board of Directors meeting Feb. 1. All board members should try to attend this important meeting.

The home basketball schedule for the week of Jan. 31 is as follows: Feb. 1 at Youth Center - 6 p.m., 10 yr. boys; 7 p.m., 12 yr. boys; 8 p.m., 14 yr. boys and 9 p.m. girls. Feb. 3 at Springhill Lake - 6 p.m., 11 yr. boys; 7 p.m., 13 yr. boys; 8 p.m. 15 yr. boys; and 9 p.m. 17 yr. boys.

Please watch this column for important news concerning membership sign-ups.

Mishkan Torah News

The Young Judea youth group will conduct services at the Mishkan Torah on Fri., Jan. 28, at 8:30 p.m. They will present a creative project on the role of women in Jewish history. Interested residents are invited.

The meaning of Tu B'Shevat will be discussed by Rabbi Kenneth Berger on Sat., Jan. 29, at 9:30 a.m.

CARES Training Workshops

Greenbelt CARES has planned a training workshop for their tutors. It will be held Mon., Jan. 31, from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the Conference Room at Greenbelt Library. Those interested in attending, please call Lisa at 345-3456 for more information and to enable CARES staff to plan the programs.

At the Library

On-Again Off-Again Films are on-again this Sat., Jan. 29, featuring Winter of the Witch and Kottiki Kids. Meet at 2 p.m. in the meeting room for lots of laughs.

Registration continues for the 2½ and 3 year old story program. Stories will be Thursday mornings from 10-10:30 in the children's program room.

Thursday afternoons from 2-2:30 p.m. is the Story Program for ages 3-5. Stories, songs, fingerplays and activities for older preschoolers will be featured.

4th-6th graders! Registration begins on Feb. 1 for the six-week after school craft program. Try your hand at a different project each week, experiment with paint, paper, odds and ends! We will meet on Tuesdays at 4 p.m. beginning Feb. 8. During the first program we'll make valentines.

Feature Films will be presented on alternate Tuesdays during February at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room. On Feb. 1, *The Man Who Knew Too Much* is a 73 minute thriller about a child held hostage by a gang planning to assassinate an international political figure. Admission is free.

Fantastic Free Flicks for February (film program) will be presented for young adults on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room. On Feb. 2, *Help!* stars the Beatles.

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8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 3

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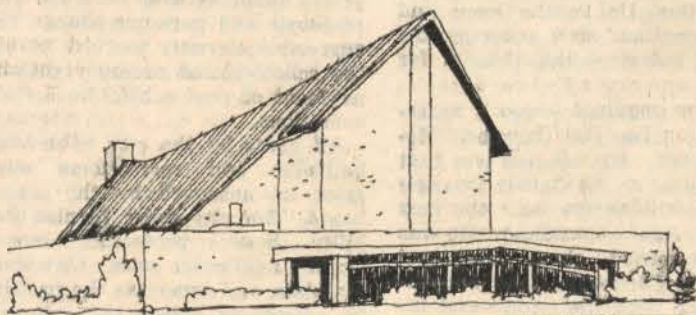
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11:00 am & 7:00 pm

Mid-week Service (Wed)

7:30 pm

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Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Weekday Nursery School: 9-11:30 a.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

Letters to the Editor

Theatre Rebutts Charges

To the Editor:
I have many things to say in response to the letter from the Woman's Club of Greenbelt. I feel that the club is completely out of line and wrong when it states that this theatre, when it has shown x-rated films in recent weeks, has brought "undesirable patrons to our town." This part of the letter disturbs me the most because I have seen the people who have attended the theatre during the past several weeks. I feel that these people have been insulted by considering them as undesirable when in fact they are average, hard working, well-dressed, well-mannered, considerate adults (I wish all of the customers I have had in the past on G & PG rated movies were as well-mannered and considerate as those who have attended recently).

Many of those attending now are couples between the age of 23 - 60 years. They enjoy adult entertainment and this is of their own choosing. If people do not wish to see a certain film they do not have to see it.

For your information matinees have been run at this theatre consisting of G and some PG movies at a ridiculously low price of 50c. There was little or no response to these family oriented films. Many of those who attended came from outside of the city. They were discontinued but are scheduled to begin again on Jan. 28 and 29. There will be an increase in price out of necessity. If there is no response to the scheduled matinees forth coming they will be discontinued completely.

The theatre has not gone strictly X for there are several PG rated movies coming.

I have found out over the past several years that the true undesirable of this town are not coming from outside the city limits but within. If the club wishes to expend its energy on dictating what entertainment the citizens and children of this town are being subjected to and influenced by, please with my best wishes, do something about the entertainment which is in full view, free to the public, vulgar, uncensored, X-rated, completely audible and provided by our local teenagers and young adults in the center and other public places in town where citizens must pass. The people can not turn off the vulgarity from these people with a switch but in my case they can choose not to attend the movie which is inside a building far from public view.

In my opinion this open public display by the young people is more damaging to the morals and safety of our children than any movie they are not allowed to see by State law and policy of this theatre.

Jeanette M. Ritchie
Mgr. - Greenbelt Theatre

Unnecessary Holiday

To the Editor:
On 20 January 1977 the employees of GHI received a paid holiday - Inauguration Day - at the expense of the homeowners of this housing cooperative. Unlike the employees of our local and state governments, private industry, the U.S. Postal Service, and many Federal agencies who were required to work on Inauguration Day, this housing cooperative evidently felt itself to be in a position to financially support another holiday for its employees. In our most recent increase in monthly charges some 40% of the increase was directly related to employee benefits, i.e. worker's compensation, hospitalization, cost-of-living increases, re-evaluation of ingrades, etc. In my 8-year membership in the cooperative I have watched my monthly charges paid to GHI increase over 140% - from \$70 to \$170.25. In many of the years the management and board pleaded at the annual membership meeting that 10% increases were necessary because of the deteriorating condition of our homes and the physical plants. Is GHI seriously concerned about the physical condition of our cooperative or more concerned about frivolous spending at our expense?

Wayne A. Padgett

Don't Change Bylaws

To the Editor:
I would like to publicly thank Mat Amberg for his kind words about me. I have great respect for him, also, and for his ability to write good bylaws. GHI owes him a debt of gratitude that its bylaws are strong and fair.

This letter, however, is primarily to answer the last paragraph of his letter in the News Review of January 20. Yes, I would like to see the ancient type of extended family in Greenbelt Homes, albeit not in just one home—the houses are too small and there is no room to extend them. I would hope that the Greenbelt life style, with Greenbelt Homes as the heart of it, would give a message to our young people as they in their early teens are beginning to find out who they are and what their ideas and ideals are going to be.

I would like these young people to say, "I like this family style of living. I like those amongst us who are single to be frankly single and not to be indulging in pseudo-marriage. I like the way many of our people, both married and single, are giving of their time and energy towards community work and I like the community that has been and is being formed by this. I want to stay here."

So when they grow up, they apply for membership in GHI and stay down the street or around the corner from mama and papa. Many families already have two generations who are members of GHI, and there are brothers' families and sisters' families, so there are uncles and aunts and cousins, all in the same community. I don't know of any grown grandchildren of members of GHI who have become members, but the cooperative is beginning to be old enough, so there may be. I do know four generations of one family who are residents of Greenbelt, but not all are members of Greenbelt Homes, so you see we do have the "extended family" in Greenbelt.

Please, Mat, don't use your considerable skill in bylaw writing to vitiate the very fine and steady and exciting community we have going here. License to follow the whims of changing morals has never brought happiness or strength to a people or a community.

Janet M. James

Return to Reason

To the Editor:
Let's face it, many rules and laws that we have are because a few individuals would otherwise take advantage of situations. Most people are law-abiding citizens.

However, because of those few, even GHI must set up standards concerning its "family occupancy rule." Family still means, "any group of persons closely related by blood or marriage." (The American College Dictionary).

People talk about the reality of today's changing society. The only real thing is the downhill fall because of immorality. Standards don't change because of the whims of people. Only people change. . . . Bad company corrupts good morals. "Return to reason as you ought and quit sinning." I Cor. 15: 33. . . .

To "those" who need an adequate guide to present needs, "The Lord will guide you always," says Isaiah 59:11, if you let Him.

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More On GHI Regulations

To the Editor:
This letter is in reference to the Amberg, Robinson letters in the January 20 News Review, expressing their liberal moral views and attitudes regarding the occupancy of GHI homes only by people related by blood or marriage.

Mr. Amberg indicates it is perfectly all right for any unmarried couple to inhabit a GHI home, or probably any other Greenbelt home as long as he comes across with the "bread." He also compares GHI rules to a Russian-type standard of living. Rigid? Perhaps, but even so, a high moral standard is maintained by the Russian people and you shouldn't knock them for that! True, Mr. Amberg, we are living in today's world and must adjust our thinking to it. But, unfortunately, (some) people . . . don't have the fortitude to stand up against immorality. You rationalize by saying that we have to accept the crude and vulgar happenings of today's world.

As far as Miss Robinson goes, it's quite true that more unmarried people share quarters today, probably more today than ever before. (With what) . . . appears on the movie and TV screens, the porno literature, etc., it's no wonder that it's more prevalent in these times.

However, Ms. Robinson's definition of "family" is merely a rationalization on her part. . . . She further states that "living in the past" is easy and that it takes guts to break tradition. Living in the past is certainly anything but easy. . . .

Margaret Rall

THANKS

To the Editor:
A heartfelt thanks to Mr. Albert Attick and his crew of two. On Monday, January 17, we attempted unsuccessfully to move our car off a sheet of ice. Mr. Attick and his crew happened to come by with one of the sanding trucks, saw our predicament and immediately assisted us.

The city administration is to be congratulated for having such public spirited employees as its public works director, Mr. Attick, and his working crews who labor so conscientiously to keep our city roads as safe as present severe weather conditions permit.

Frederick and Erika Mayer

SHL Industrial Tract Placed in Reservation

The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission (Prince Georges County Planning Board) on Thursday, January 13, accepted the recommendation of the Greenbelt city council that the Springhill Lake industrial tract be placed on reservation starting January 1, 1977. The developers of the tract had requested a starting date of July 1, 1976 and the planning board had adopted such a resolution last October.

The motion to rescind the July 1, 1976 date was taken by a close 3-2 vote. Those who opposed rescinding the previous action couldn't see a reason for changing the date in view of the fact that the planning board was going to permit the continued filling of the land in accordance with a permit provided by the county. The city had asked for an effective date of January 1, 1977, instead of July 1, 1976, partly because such land filling could be considered a preparatory step for future development.

In approving the new date, the planning board inserted a clause to eliminate the land reservation when a decision on METRO is made that would make the land become developable for other uses. The 50.7-acre SHL industrial tract is being considered for a METRO subway station. Under county law, land being considered for public use can be placed in reservation and be removed from the county and city tax rolls during the reservation period.

The city taxes on the 50.7 acres amounts to \$6,381.80 in fiscal year 1977. Under the new date set by the planning board, the city will lose only half the year's taxes, instead of the full amount.

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Request Study of Rail and Bus Options on "E" Route

At the urging of both county executive Winfield M. Kelly Jr. and councilman Francis W. White, Prince Georges county council has agreed to push for inclusion of the Metro Greenbelt route to the list of railroad lines in a federally-funded transit alternatives study.

The transit alternatives analysis was mandated by the Urban Mass Transit Administration last year on all lines not under construction or under contract in the 98-mile Metro rapid rail system.

But UMTA officials had consented to exclude the Greenbelt or 'E' Route because of a corridor transportation study four years ago by a State/County Citizens Advisory Committee. Local legislators emphasized that the Western Prince George's Transportation Study didn't focus on alternatives to the Metro rail in the northern corridor.

County council on Dec. 21 unanimously voted to add the Greenbelt route to the alternatives analysis because legislators see a need for updating information on transit options in that northern corridor and a closer examination of the line's impact on area communities.

Further, the council noted that current studies of the 'E' Route indicate that "workable transportation alternatives" to a fixed rapid rail system may exist in the corridor.

The Western Prince George's Transportation Study is the only other major transit analysis conducted in recent years. Additionally the State Transportation Department has concluded that a transit alternative to I-95 must be provided in the Greenbelt corridor.

"We've been concentrating so long on the Metro rail system that perhaps we've lost sight of other means of mass transit that could be employed in the Greenbelt-Hyattsville-College Park corridor," said White, council's representative to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

"In many places, we've firmly concluded that rapid rail system is the best and maybe the only option open. But we've never been absolutely sure that the same is true for the Greenbelt route," White said. "Since the Federal government has money available for studying alternatives, it behooves us to look at all our options while we still can."

The county council last March sent one Greenbelt Metro route alignment (ARS modified) to General Plans, and consented to have General Plans prepared on a second alignment running through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center's south farm area east of College Park Woods contingent upon the BARC's approval and the State's approval to fund half the cost of general plans. The agreement of Agricultural Center officials to use the south farm property was not obtained, however. General Plans for the ARS modified alignment are expected to be completed by WMATA this spring and will be subject to public hearing.

When it voted 10 months ago to permit General Plans preparation, the county council stressed that it is not committed to building the Greenbelt Metro line.

S-Curve

In a related matter, the county council by an 8-2 vote agreed to seek Metro General Plans on a new alignment for the Greenbelt 'E' Route's southern leg through Hyattsville that could save approximately \$20 million in construction costs. With councilmen Bogley and Casula dissenting, county council asked the WMATA to study an 'S' curve for the ARS alignment of the Greenbelt route to connect a West Hyattsville area station with another station close to Prince George's Plaza. At the same time, the 'S' curve alignment will have less impact on the Northwest Branch flood plain and less effect on access to the First United Methodist Church in Adelphi.

On the adverse side, the 'S' curve will displace approximately 130 families living in the Kirkwood Apartments in Hyattsville. Officials estimate ridership will be the same for either the ARS alignment or a routing with the 'S' curve. Metro staffers believe the 'S' curve alignment will save approximately \$20

million in construction costs by building an open station at Prince George's Plaza, rather than an underground stop.

The 'S' curve to the ARS alignment would travel from the District of Columbia line in tunnel construction north of St. Anne's Infant and Maternity Home and south of Carroll Manor. The alignment then would pass under the intersection of La Salle and Avondale Roads with Ingraham Street, easterly to aerial construction over the Northwest Branch floodplain, northerly to east of Kann's warehouse and then through the Kirkwood Apartments along the Northwest Branch Park east of Ager Road. The rail system then would travel under the intersection of Ager Road and Nicholson Street in tunnel construction, north-west along the boundary of the Northwest Branch Park, curving northeast and passing along the north side of Nicholas Orem Junior High School. Finally, the alignment would continue east along the south side of East-West Highway to Belcrest Road, becoming underground construction under Belcrest Road and the intersection of East-West Highway and Queens Chapel Road to join the original ARS alignment that eventually travels up the B&O Railroad tracks with a storage yard at the railroad yard at the Capital Beltway.

County council reasoned that sending the 'S' curve to General Plans would exhaust all alignment possibilities for the Greenbelt Route, according to chairman Amonett.

Police Blotter

The Police Department now has available a crime prevention booklet for residents which contains helpful information and also lists crime prevention services of the Department. The booklet "30 Ways You Can Prevent Crime," is available at the Police Station and will be distributed to any city resident upon request.

Several residents have used the Department's engraving pens to mark their valuables. The pens are loaned out by the Chief's office and all residents are encouraged to use them to mark valuables.

Two officers have resigned effective the first of February. Officer Oliver will be moving to New Jersey in order to take over his family's business, and Cpl. Janney has accepted a position with the Federal Government. Two new officers began service on January 26. They are Marr Douglas Sappington of Greenbelt and Michael D. Craddock of Beltsville. These new officers along with Officer Watkins will be attending a 350 hour entrance level police training academy, sponsored by the Maryland Police Training Commission, beginning February 28. These personnel changes leave one more police officer vacancy to be filled. Applications are being accepted until February 7.

A male juvenile who attempted to enter a theater at the Beltway Plaza without paying and who then assaulted an usher, was apprehended and charged with assault and battery.

A typewriter was reported stolen from a classroom of Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Investigation is continuing of the thefts which have occurred recently at the school.

A car was reported stolen after the owner left the engine running so it could warm up.

PFC Blake apprehended two male residents of the city who were wanted for arson by the Fire Marshall. Investigation revealed they were involved in setting fire to an apartment on Parkway Road.

Officers assisted 16 motorists in need of aid and handled 7 accidents recently. All the accidents were minor in nature, several were due to the weather conditions.

SHL Parent Group

The Springhill Lake Parent Discussion Group will have a guest speaker at its next meeting on Wed., Feb. 2 (7:30-9:30 p.m.). Carol Leventhal from Greenbelt CARES will address the group in the Teachers Lounge of the Elementary School.

All are welcome. For further information call Sandee Olek, 345-6016.

New Drug Awareness Course for Parents

The Prince Georges County Public Schools will offer a free six-week course "Drug Awareness for Parents," beginning February 28 on consecutive Monday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. at various locations. The course is designed for adults who are interested in knowing more about the drug scene of the seventies and the prevention of drug abuse and to deal more effectively with the drug decisions which confront young people today.

Interested parents may register by calling the Health Education Office at 952-3706, through February 4.

Greenbelter Named To Devlin's Staff

Roberta B. McCarthy, 65-E Ridge, has been named legislative assistant by Del. Gerard F. Devlin (D-Bowie).

Mrs. McCarthy, a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Duke University, Durham, N.C., is pursuing graduate studies in economics at the University of Maryland. She has extensive experience working on Capitol Hill and served on the Congressional staffs of Reps. William Cohen of Maine and Tom Railsback of Illinois.

Mrs. McCarthy is the wife of F. Anthony McCarthy, Prince Georges County Assistant State's Attorney. They are the parents of one child, Jean.

Devlin said, "I am very pleased to have Mrs. McCarthy join my staff. Not only does she bring much experience in the area of legislation, but she also is very active in the City of Greenbelt and thus provides a needed Greenbelt presence in my office."

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Our Neighbors

by Elaine Skolnik 474-6060
Leslie F. Moore, 1 Lakeview Circle, was awarded a bachelor's degree from Bucknell University at the conclusion of the first semester of the current academic year. Leslie was named to the Dean's List five times and received the bachelor of arts degree with the distinction of cum laude. She was a member of the Bison Marching and Bucknell Symphonic Bands and Delta Zeta Sorority; was elected to Alpha Lambda Delta, national scholastic fraternity for freshman women; and spent the spring semester of her sophomore year studying in France. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Durrell Moore.

Former city councilman and recreation director Ben Goldfaden of Lakeside, is coming along nicely at Prince Georges Hospital. We wish him a quick recovery.
Also in Prince Georges Hospital is Hal Silvers, Director of the Office of Emergency Preparedness (Civil Defense). We wish Hal, who resides on Pinecrest, a smooth convalescence.

It's a boy for Thomas and Jean Lehn, 1-C Plateau. Thomas Joseph Jr. was born on Jan. 24 weighing 5 lbs., 8 1/2 oz.

Featured in the women's magazine "Femina" published in Sweden were articles by Lisa Soderlund. Lisa, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Laster, resides in Stockholm with her husband Kjell and 1 1/2 year old daughter Hanna. She is part owner of the boutique Kalika where she specializes in American calico and quilting.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGee became grandparents on January 12. Barbara and John Kender of New York City are the parents of a 7 lb., 12 oz. girl, Julie Maeve.

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Neither ice nor snow could keep members of the Greenbelt Duplicate Bridge Club from attending last Friday's game. First place honors went to Ann Pisano and Peg Wainscott. Second place went to one of Greenbelt's most prestigious pairs, Adelaide and Ed Kaigh. Next game Fri., Jan. 28.

James R. Cantell, a senior at Mount Saint Mary's College, was named to the Dean's list for the first semester.

Adult Programs Registration
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CITY NOTES

The general crew spent most of last week on ice and snow work and loading all trucks with sand. Four trucks are loaded with approximately 25 tons of sand and are parked in the garage. A check was made of salt suppliers and the expected Jan. 20 delivery date of solar salt was delayed until Jan. 27. Another supplier is waiting for shipment of rock salt from upstate New York. Due to the cold weather and 60 inches of snow, the railroad delivery from New York is only progressing approximately 10 miles per day.

Due to the cold weather, a water line broke in Charlestowne Village early one morning; barricades were supplied and erected to block off a slippery Lakecrest Drive.

The refuse crew was on schedule last week, despite the adverse conditions. Nearly all of the collectors have fallen from time to time but fortunately none were injured. The paper collection netted 5 tons and 640 lbs.

Total participation for city recreation programs in 1976 was 136,319.

The Washington Gas Light Co. had a leaking gas line on Rosewood Lane last week. An emergency crew worked through the morning, then another crew came out and dug up a section of the street for permanent repair. The street will receive a permanent patch later. The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission did some extensive sanitary sewer cleaning on Lakeside Drive near University Square.

The building-special detail crew with the aid of several men from the general crew used the air compressor to blow dust out of the space heaters in the gym of the Youth Center building. Several motors were overhauled and replaced on the heaters. The new scoreboard has been installed in the Youth Center gymnasium.

Volunteers Needed

On January 25 the Northern Prince Georges YMCA will be starting a swimming program for mentally and physically disabled children and adults. Anyone who can donate even one hour a week, please call 864-7766 for further information. No experience is necessary.

Recreation Review

Girls' and Womens' Gym

Come and participate in Women's Gym Night Activities, from 7-10 p.m., at the Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center Gyms on Weds. evenings. Gals of all ages are welcome. Volleyball, basketball, tumbling and trampoline are a few of the activities that are offered.

Teen Club News

Ski Trip: Kava's ski trip has been rescheduled for Fri. Feb. 4 to Ski Roundtop, Gettysburg, Pa. This will be the final attempt to get the trip off the ground and all Greenbelt teens are urged to register as soon as possible to insure a successful trip.

Floor Hockey Tournament: Sat., Jan. 29, 7-9 p.m., at the Youth Center. All Greenbelt teens are invited to participate.

Free Recreation Programs

Come join in the fun — programs already in progress — no registration needed. Chucks 'n' Lassies — group games/physical fitness program for boys & girls, Club shirts for regular attenders Saturdays YC/SHLRC 9-10:30a, ages 6-8; 10:30-12n, ages 9-12.

Floor Hockey: SHLRC, Tue., 3:30-5p.m., ages 8-12; Thu. 3:30-5 p.m. ages 13-15.

Funtime — Stories, games and crafts for fun & skill: YC/SHLRC, Thu., 3:30-4:30 p.m., pre-school — grade 3.

Kreative Krafts: YC/SHLRC Mon., 3:30-4:30 p.m., grades 1 & 2; Wed., 3:30-4:30 p.m., grades 3 & 4; Fri., 3:30-4:30 p.m., grades 5 & 6.

Greenbelt Grab-bag

by Punchin' Judy

Aunt Mathilda asked me to come over the other day. She was her usual chipper self, but she didn't like the cold weather.

"I know what's causing all this cold," she told me. "It's the low temperature, and you know who's responsible — it's those two fellers."

"What two fellers," I asked mystified.

"Mr. Fahrenheit and Mr. Celcius, that's who. They're having a contest," she announced.

"A contest?" I repeated.

"Sure," says she. First Fahrenheit sets the temperature at 32. Up comes Celcius and makes it zero. Then Fahrenheit goes to 21 and Celcius goes to -6. I declare we'll all freeze to death before they're through."

"No, no, Auntie, that's not the way it works," I said. "You see there is a formula."

She shook her head. "I don't know anything about formulas. Haven't made one since we took your Uncle Freddy off the bottle."

"I got news for you, Aunt M", I told her. "Uncle Freddy isn't off the bottle."

"Oh well," she answered indulgently, "Anyone can use a little nip in this weather. Haven't you ever heard of antifreeze?"

"Well, at least you're not blaming this cold spell on the new administration," I complimented.

"Of course not," she said. "I kinda like this Carter and Airdale."

"Mondale," I corrected.

"Him, too," she agreed. "But I hope they're not going to hand us a snow job now that they have been inaugurated."

"Not if Fahrenheit and Celcius cooperate," I suggested.

"I get your drift," she replied.

McCarl Elected VP Of State Dental Ass'n

Dr Clayton S. McCarl of Greenbelt was recently installed as Vice President of the Maryland State Dental Association. Dr. McCarl's father, Dr. James W. McCarl, who practiced in Greenbelt for thirty years, was president of the State Association in 1943. Father and two sons, Drs. Clayton and J. Taylor McCarl, practiced together in Greenbelt for thirteen years until the senior's death in 1967.

For School Closings, Listen to the Radio!

School officials remind parents and students not to call the schools or the school system offices to find out if the weather has forced cancellation of classes. They advise everyone to listen to the radio for information. Any decision to close or delay the opening of school because of weather usually is made no later than five a.m., with every effort made to notify radio and television stations by six a.m.

The Superintendent of Schools also has the option of delaying opening by one or two hours. This enables school buses to operate after the morning rush hour on roads that have been serviced by the county government. Since the 813 buses in the school system fleet travel more than 56,000 miles daily, safety must be the primary consideration.

When adverse conditions develop after students already have arrived at school, the Superintendent may decide in favor of an early dismissal, with buses leaving schools one, two or three hours earlier than normally scheduled. In these cases, too, radio and TV stations are notified and carry frequent announcements of the school situation around the area. In the event of a cancelled school day or an early dismissal, all afternoon and evening activities in the school buildings are also cancelled.

Greenbelters Judges In Jr. Postal Contest

Several Greenbelters served as judges for the recent postal service junior mail carrier holiday poster contest held at the postal service's sectional center in nearby Riverdale. They were Councilmen Richard Pilski and Richard Castaldi and Henry Fisher, past president of the Greenbelt Lion's Club.

These three joined Mac McGarry of WRC TV "It's Academic" and Mike Wolf WTOP TV sports to round out the list of judges. All five were presented certificates of appreciation.

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