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## MOVIES

Capitol Hill residents are getting a brand new, 400-seat Christmas present next week: a neighborhood movie theater called the Capitol Hill 1 and 2, located at 507 Eighth St. SE in the "Barracks Row" section near the new Marine buildings. The property has been the site of a warehouse, bowling alley, furniture store and most recently a porno print shop.

Following three months of renovations, proprietors Peter Jaszi and James Lardner will open their twin doors on Christmas Day with a subrun engagement of "Monty Python and the Holy Grail" in the 250-seat theater No. 1 and a double revival bill of "Some Like It Hot" and "A Slight Case of Murder" in their 150-seat second auditorium.

The Capitol Hill 1 will continue to present old favorites in repertory. The 42 titles scheduled for the first seven weeks include a four-week actor-oriented series of "Command Performances" and a three-week series of old and new "Whodunits." The Capitol Hill 2 will be reserved for recent subruns, new foreign films or "specialty" items not available elsewhere in town. No porno — either straight or gay — is anticipated, according to the owners. (Capitol Hill's other major theater, the Penn, last summer switched from porno to a "legitimate" policy and at present has pretty much settled into an action-blaxploitation groove.)

Programming for the new theater will be done by Jaszi, a D.C. lawyer and former supervisor of the Orson Welles Cinema in Cambridge, Mass. Lardner is a writer, ex-D.C. policeman, and son of screenwriter Ring Lardner Jr. ("M\*A\*S\*H"). He and his brother will manage the theaters.

Basic ticket price will be \$2.50, with a \$2.15 dinner

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