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Residents "See" Heat Loss From Their Homes

By Gloria Levin

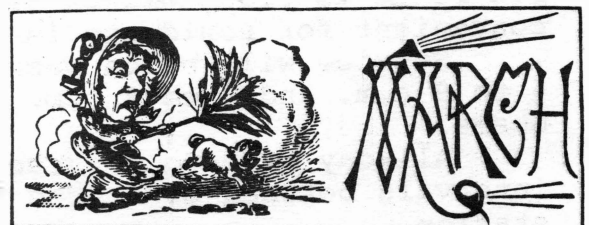
Residents from approximately 25 Glen Echo households attended a meeting on February 11 in the Town Hall concerning energy conservation. The high tech "gimmick" which brought out so many people was a thermograph (infrared scan) picture, detecting heat loss from each house in Glen Echo.

Representatives from PEPCO, Washington Gas Light, and several County and State Offices were on hand to provide information on and opportunities for energy conservation programs and loans available to the public.

On a very cold night in January, a thermograph-equipped van visited Glen Echo, taking infrared scans of each structure in town. The scans were stored on videotapes, and one black and white snapshot was made of each house from the videotape.

These snapshots were given to those who attended the meeting; attendees were also provided the opportunity to view the actual videotape of their homes. We were told that light areas represented significant heat loss; dark areas, heat retention.

Experts at the meeting outlined steps which could be taken to prevent energy loss. The first step would be an in-home energy audit; two types are available. In a do-it-yourself audit you mail the utility a self-completed set of measurements and receive, in return, a computer-generated analysis with recommendations.



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Ride-On Bus to Cabin John Also Convenient to Glen Echo

A new Metrobus Route #32 is now running from the Bethesda Metro station at Wisconsin Avenue and Old Georgetown Road through Cabin John to the Naval Research and Development Center in Carderock. Its route is along Wilson Lane to MacArthur Blvd., which makes it convenient for residents in the northeastern section of Glen Echo.

Service will be on weekdays only during rush hours--about 6 to 9 a.m. and 4 to 8 p.m. The fare is 60¢, as with other Ride-On buses.

All-day Ride-On service on Route #31 is offered at half-hour intervals between Glen Echo Shopping Center and the Bethesda Metro station.

RESIDENT PROPOSED GLEN ECHO AS THERMOGRAPH PILOT PROJECT

By Gloria Levin

ENERGY SAVING (from page 1)

In the professional audit, an expert walks through the home with the owner. A computer analysis and recommendations are sent later. Both PEPCO and Washington Gas Light provide home energy audits--PEPCO's at no cost and WGL for \$15. The utilities scheduled professional audits for residents at the meeting for early March.

Speakers at the meeting provided many tips for no- or low-cost energy savings measures. In addition to caulking, weatherstripping, draft stoppers, pulling shades and drawing drapes at night, savings can be realized by setting the thermostat back at night and when the house is unoccupied. The saving is 1% of fuel for each degree the thermostat is set back over an eight-hour period.

For more expensive conservation measures, there are several financial assistance programs:

--Montgomery County's Weatherization program--free for low income home owners or renters, especially the elderly and handicapped. For further information, call 279-1542.

--Maryland Department of Economic and Community Development--two low-interest loan programs:

Home and Energy Loan Program (HELP) provides below-market interest rate loans (\$2,000-15,000) for certain conservation improvements in owner-occupied homes.

Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program (MHRP) provides loans for weatherization and energy conservation improvements for borrowers with incomes up to a maximum of \$24,800.

For further information on these programs, call toll-free: 1-800-492-7127.

The thermograph videotape was provided to the Mayor, who will make it available for viewing to town residents who were unable to attend the meeting.

Refreshments after the meeting were served by Alberta Bartkus.

Few people in attendance at the February 11 energy conservation meeting knew that "Glen Echo's own" -- Michael Frankel of 10 Wellesley Circle -- provided the major impetus for the pilot project and for Glen Echo's inclusion.

An engineer with Centaur Associates, Mike is involved in Department of Energy-funded programs to increase residential energy conservation.

Having heard of thermograph-based education programs in Michigan and elsewhere in Maryland, Mike wanted a thermograph on his own house. He approached government officials, proposing to use Glen Echo as a test site for an educational program; the proposal was accepted and expanded to include five additional communities.

The overall effort was funded as a pilot project by the Maryland Energy Office through a contract with the Maryland Municipal League, to which Glen Echo belongs.

Glen Echo was considered an ideal choice because of its small size, high level of political organization, and diversity of building types and demographic factors.

Mike's involvement will continue, since Centaur Associates is responsible for evaluating the effort and provided management support.

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A four-hour workshop on energy audits, oil furnace efficiency and other energy conservation topics will be held on March 23 at the Somerset Town Hall. More information will be available from a town bulletin.

PILOT PROJECT (from page 3)

In an interview with The Echo, Mike explained that the thermograph serves as a graphic depiction of how much heat is lost through windows, doors, walls and roofs. After seeing indisputable evidence of wasted energy dollars, people are more receptive to the ensuing education program and are primed to take advantage of energy conservation programs.

Federal law requires that utility companies provide no- or low-cost home energy audits to the public. Mike stressed that we pay for these audits already, as hidden charges on our utility rates. However, approximately three years of experience has shown that only 1-2% of the population per year takes advantage of the audit program, despite the fact that it is heavily publicized in the media.

The thermograph has been found to be an excellent device at consciousness-raising, encouraging attendance at public meetings and motivating people to sign up for the energy audits. Recent experience has indicated that the percentage of energy audits performed in a community increases to about 10-20% (a tenfold increase) after people are shown thermographic images of their homes and offered education on conservation programs.

(John Duberg of Centaur Associates informed this reporter that nine audits were scheduled during the meeting in Glen Echo-- a number considered encouraging by program officials.)



ELECTIONS SCHEDULED FOR MAY; CANDIDATES SHOULD FILE SOON

The position of Mayor of Glen Echo as well as two seats on the town Council will be decided at an election on Monday, May 6.

Prospective candidates should contact Mayor Fred Kuster and are urged to submit a statement to the Editor of The Echo for publication in next month's issue.

To be eligible for the post of Mayor, a candidate must be at least 30 years of age; Council members must be at least 25. All must have resided in Glen Echo for at least two years immediately prior to the election and be qualified voters of the town.

MAYOR WILL APPOINT GROUP TO STUDY SHORTER TERMS OF OFFICE

Noting that volunteers are increasingly difficult to come by in today's world, the Town Council decided to look into the possibility of shortening the present four year term of office for Mayor and Council members.

Councilman Bill Shultz, who introduced the idea, said he wouldn't favor a term of less than two years, but thought a shorter term would help "get more people involved." He said he admired the "countless hours" the Mayor put in but wondered if anyone could keep that up. He thought perhaps the town should have a manager to provide the Council with reports.

"I couldn't agree with you more," Mayor Kuster replied. "The paper work is getting so excessive."

The Mayor said he would appoint a commission of town residents to look into the question, which would necessitate a change in the town charter and the election ordinance.

--Carlotta Anderson

Dogs Feel Comfortable with Human "Packs"

By Edd Barrows

Many serious biologists are convinced that domestic dogs, Canis familiaris, are the same species as wolves, Canis lupus. The dogs have been changed due to thousands of years of artificial selection by man. Despite the differences in tameness, size, color and shape, dogs are totally interfertile with wolves.

A few breeders in the U.S. even cross wolves and dogs and sell wolf-dogs, doing a big disfavor. Cute, cuddly wolf-dog puppies usually grow into huge, unpredictable dogs, which are often eventually "put to sleep."

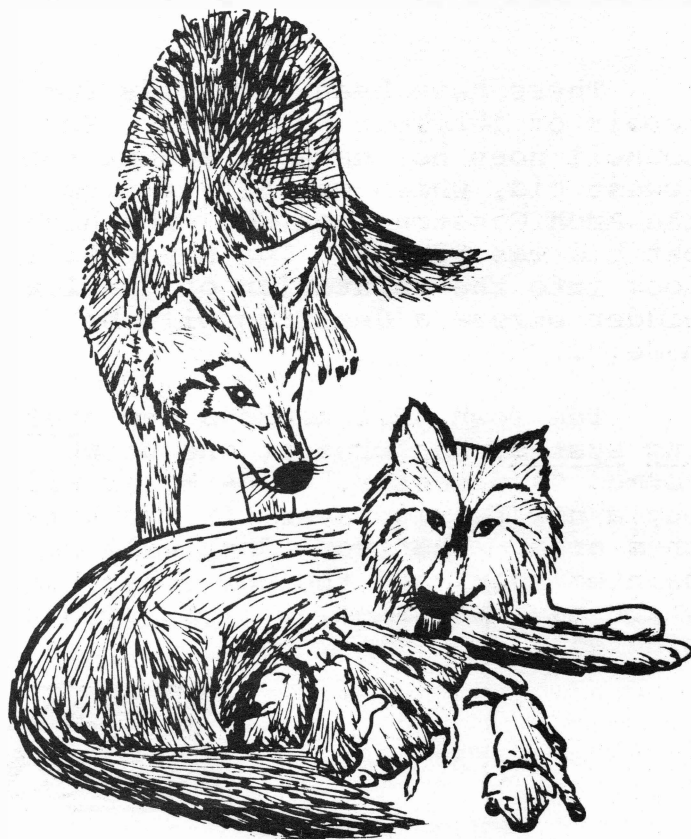
Many dog behaviors are still very similar to wolf behaviors. Both kinds of canids are highly social and territorial, form dominance hierarchies, and hunt in packs. There are documented cases of packs of pet dogs killing persons.

Wolves and dogs in packs form separate linear peck orders with regard to sex. All of the males tend to dominate the females. Both the male and female hierarchies have an alpha, beta, gamma, etc., individual. The principal reproductive members of a pack are the alpha male and female.

Some animal behaviorists think that pet dogs respond to members of their "human families" as if the humans were dogs. The pet dogs tend to mind the humans that they perceive as "higher ranking dogs," and they may vie with humans to attain the tops of peck orders. Dogs can be trained to take orders from dominant humans because their ancestral stock, wolves, readily do so from dominant wolves. Dominant wolves tend to be consistently aggressive toward subordinant wolves.

Because they are highly social, dogs prefer to go everywhere that their "human packs" go. For example, although our cocker, Clyde, gets car sick, he seems always ready to get into my car for a ride.

Since dogs are such highly social animals, it seems cruel to confine pet dogs in pens or tie them up away from the comfort of their "packs." Wolves sometimes permanently do leave their packs, however. Some very low ranking wolves receive so much aggression from dominant wolves that they leave their packs and become proverbial lone wolves. Unfortunately, some pet dogs are forced to become "lone wolves" by owners who keep them away from their consoling human packs.



Town Council Highlights

February 25

Councilman Shultz proposed hiring a professional landscape architect to make a design plan for the Town Hall entrance and for the town park. The Council unanimously approved the idea and planned to invite a couple experts to attend a special meeting...

The Environmental Protection office of the County will be asked to look into the situation at the rear of Radcliffe Lane, which was described as "a mess." In addition to two vehicles which appear to be on public property, there is a potential for "rodent infestation" and a foundation which is apparently being constructed across the roadway, Council members reported. The residents have previously been warned, the Mayor said...

In response to a request from resident Bertha Smith that it be determined if bamboo is a weed, the town has asked the Dept. of Environmental Protection for clarification...

There have been five bids for repair of the Town Hall roof. The Council does not have to accept the lowest bid, which was \$1,964 from the Arch Construction Co. The highest bid was \$2,730. The Mayor will look into the reputation of the low bidder before a decision will be made....

The Town Hall needs a new heating system, the present one being termed "a disaster." The Mayor will buy a new refrigerator for the kitchen area. The front door will be painted soon, and the box elder bugs, which have returned, will be re-exterminated.....

COUNCIL CONSIDERS APPEAL OF APARTMENTS DECISION

The Town Council is looking into the possibility of appealing a decision of the Montgomery County Board of Appeals to grant a special exception for an accessory apartment located at 36 Wellesley Circle.

The decision ignored two legal requirements for the granting of such an apartment, Mayor Kuster told the Council on February 25-- the house is not five years old and the owners did not have title to the property before the required date.

"On these grounds I think we have basis for suit," said Councilwoman Nancy Long.

The town formally opposed the special exception at the Board of Appeals hearing on January 17.

The case is different from that of other town properties which were granted permission to have apartments, according to the Mayor. "All but one of those had apartments built prior to 1954. This was the first one a developer built knowing it didn't meet requirements." He termed it "the difference between night and day."

An appeal would have to be filed before March 22. The town will consult the town attorney to determine if it has standing to appeal and what it might cost.

Mayor Kuster said the other application which the town formally opposed--at 30 Wellesley Circle--turned out not to be an apartment by County definition since it had only a microwave oven and hot plate, which is not technically a "kitchen."

---Carlotta Anderson



A Society Out of Control

By Carlotta Anderson

"What were the riots like?" That's been the most frequently asked question since I returned from Jamaica last month.

To begin with, "riots" is too strong a word to describe the demonstrations, which were unsettling enough, paralyzed the entire country for two days, but did not involve rioting mobs. Nevertheless, with the sky of Kingston darkened with uncounted burning street blockades, and possibly thousands of inflamed Jamaicans manning them with a vengeance, one felt a keen sense of apprehension.

The cause of the demonstrations was a price hike in gasoline and other petroleum products of about 20%, bringing the cost of a gallon of gas to about \$2.20. With a good percentage of the Jamaican people living in deep poverty, an unemployment rate of about 26%, minimum wage of \$10 a week and food prices very comparable to those in the U.S., the resulting increase in bus fares, cooking fuels and the kerosene that lights many homes was too much to bear.

By mid-morning on January 15, the first day of the demonstrations, tires, trash, junked cars and assorted discarded objects had been dragged into major intersections and set afire. Eric and I walked toward one of the largest fires, at Halfway Tree Square, and found it filled with people, two blockades afire and a distinctly menacing feeling. A police car pulled up, two plainclothesmen got out with drawn pistols and one started removing objects from the blockade. He was quickly surrounded by demonstrators. At that moment we heard gunshots, and scattered with the rest of the crowd, taking refuge behind a building. As was usual in Jamaica, we were the only white people to be seen.

Meanwhile, Jim had started walking to the Prime Minister's office since it was no longer possible to drive, and had inadvertently become part of a crowd carrying signs, surging along Halfway Tree Road. Some men asked Jim what he was doing there and surrounded him, shoving and jostling him. One held a screwdriver sharpened to a point. (They were probably just after his wallet.) Just then a man on a motorcycle, wearing the necklace of the PNP (opposition party) asked what was going on, and told Jim to get out of there by following alongside his motorcycle.

By the time I arrived home, the road just below us had been blocked by a group of women and the radio reported that a man had been shot in front of the Prime Minister's residence, a few blocks from us. The situation was rapidly worsening, with smoke from fires throughout the city and in the hills and the streets full of pedestrians and school children trying to get home. On his way home, Eric had to pass by four blockades and heard gunfire again. We, and the people in our apartment complex, were somewhat unnerved.



GLEN ECHO BUS STOP TO BE MOVED

By Harry Odell

The Glen Echo bus stop, served by about 10 Metro and Ride-On buses each hour during peak periods, will be moved to the grass covered "island" on the MacArthur Boulevard side of the shopping center, according to preliminary designs prepared by the County Department of Transportation.

The designs, reviewed at a Department of Transportation meeting in Rockville on February 12, show the buses approaching the stop from Goldsboro Road on the truck roadway that separates the "island" from MacArthur Boulevard, but leave their return route to be chosen from two alternatives after further study.

Councilman Harry Odell represented the Town at the meeting, which was attended by Representatives from various concerned County departments, the Corps of Engineers, Exxon station owner Anthony Nastus and two residents from Bethesda.

While outlining two possible turn-around patterns, the engineers noted the many constraints on their freedom of design, among them the existing complex roadway pattern, Metro rules regulating the backing of buses, the Shopping Center and its parking lot, the Exxon station, County funding limitations and, in particular, the presence of the Washington Aqueduct under MacArthur Blvd., which confines bus traffic to specially strengthened sections of the roadway.

One solution would have the buses turn around in the northern end of the shopping center lot and return to Goldsboro Road on the truck roadway, avoiding MacArthur Blvd. entirely. This would entail taking several valuable parking spaces and substantially increase the already heavy traffic in the shopping center lot.

TROUBLE IN JAMAICA (from page 7)

Throughout the entire country, vehicular traffic was almost at a standstill, food could not be transported, all stores were closed, ambulances could not run nor doctors and nurses get to hospitals. In many ways, the society simply ceased to function.

By Wednesday afternoon, the roads were heavily patrolled by Land Rovers occupied by a half dozen soldiers armed with M-16 automatic rifles at the ready. Thursday morning Prime Minister Seaga announced that all roads were cleared of blockades. We drove across the country to Montego Bay, feeling we were one of the first cars to do so. The roads were full of broken glass and trash was still smoldering on the shoulders.

The final toll, not counting the enormous and far-reaching cost to the society at large, was seven dead, almost all shot by police.



Animal Control Board Meetings Open to Town Residents

The Animal Control Board meets at infrequent and un-scheduled intervals.

These meetings are open to any resident of Glen Echo. Any resident wishing to attend should notify Julie Milstien in order to be informed of upcoming meetings once they are scheduled. Her telephone number is 229-9274.

Town Cleans Snow Off Sidewalks This Winter

This winter the town shoveled snow off town sidewalks instead of expecting residents to perform the task.

James Hunter, who has a small tractor with a push blade in front did the job after two snowfalls. The cost to the town was \$102 each time.

BUS STOP TO BE MOVED (from page 8)

The other, and seemingly more realistic possibility would have the buses continue north after loading, turn west across MacArthur Blvd. on the strengthened section opposite Oxford Road, then south on a bus-and-bicycle-only lane constructed on a raised portion of the old street car right-of-way on the western side of MacArthur Blvd., rejoining the existing roadway where it is strengthened at the traffic circle.

Mr. Edward Daniel, Chairman of the meeting, declined to speculate when the new stop, with its standard shelter, might be in operation. He noted that County budget procedures will require obligation of funds by June 30.

He assured his ecologically alert listeners that there were no plans to remove the large tree on the grassy island.

Charles Eldredge Bringing D.C. Up-To-Date in Art, says *Post*

Charles Eldredge, director of the Museum of American Art and resident of Glen Echo, was featured in a cover story in The Washington Post Magazine on February 17.

The article, "The Future Five: Men Who Are Making Washington The Museum Capital of Contemporary Art," called him one of "a new generation of museum directors and curators, each able and eager to stake out the unexplored territory of contemporary art."

Mr. Eldredge, who lives at 6004 Princeton Avenue with his wife, Jane, and children, Gif and Nanny, has "worked in a frenzy" since arriving from the Spencer Museum of Art at the University of Kansas two years ago, the article said.

Photographs for the article were taken by Tom Wolff, also a resident of Glen Echo, with a home at 6001 Yale Ave.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 13, 8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall

All Residents Encouraged to Attend.
Call the Clerk-Treasurer or the Mayor if you wish to add an item to the agenda.

Wellesley Circle Boasts Another New Baby

William Kyle Whyte, son of Bonnie and Kirby Whyte of 39 Wellesley Circle, was born on October 17 at Sibley Hospital. He is the fifth baby residing in one block of Wellesley Circle.

"Kyle," as he is known, weighed six pounds ten ounces at birth. He has blue eyes, brown fuzz for hair and a dimple in his chin, according to his mother.

THE KEYHOLE

By

Tillie McGally

I guess the heading for the column this month should be "scoops from Stofo-land" since most of the news is about new arrivals.

Barbara and Steve McCoy of 6103 Bryn Mawr Avenue get the honors for "ending" the 1984 population figure in town by having a little boy on November 27. Nathaniel McCoy was born at Holy Cross Hospital and, though premature, managed to enter this world weighing 5 lbs 13½ oz. You just can't get much later than November and be counted for the year 1984.

Marge and Calvin Franklin of 7309 University Avenue get the honors of "starting" off the year 1985 by presenting Glen Echo with its first new resident for 1985. Mary Franklin made her debut at Sibley Memorial Hospital on February 10th and "weighed in" at 6 lbs.

Also of interest to her friends in town, was the news that "GiGi" (DePaolis) Nash and Mark became the parents of a little girl. Shannon Alene Nash arrived at Georgetown Hospital on January 24th and weighed 8 lbs 8 oz. "GiGi" at one time resided in Glen Echo but now calls Germantown "home."

"Grandmom" Ellen Nash and "GiGi" are both clerks at our town post office, so if you noticed a proud and happy smile on the face of the clerk (female) at the front window, you know why.

Congratulations and best wishes to all the happy families!

Irene and Ed Cannon of Sun City West, Arizona, were seen around town last month. They came primarily to attend a special function at the National Bureau of Standards, but Ed decided he would check out the facilities at Montgomery General Hospital too. This became necessary when he got ill and was admitted to the hospital where the doctors diagnosed his illness as pneumonia. After several days of "T.L.C." administered by the staff, he was once again well enough to re-

sume traveling. Am sure after spending several days adjusting to our cold weather, they both were happy to get back to sunny Arizona.

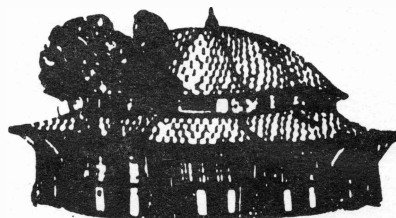


Bannockburn Nursery School Has Openings

The Bannockburn Cooperative Nursery School is accepting applications for the 1985-86 school year. Spaces are available in the following programs: 2-yr olds/2 days, 3-yr olds/3 days or 5 days, and 4-yr olds/5 days.

The school, operating in the Bannockburn Community Clubhouse since 1950, offers a varied curriculum, three playgrounds, field trips, three extended days and a limited co-op option.

For more information, please call Shelley Shorb at 229-0313.



At GLENECHO PARK

SUNDAY CONCERTS CONTINUE

March 10--Bob Hitchcock, guitarist and mandoleer, \$3.50

March 17--Mantle, tunes from jazz to old-time, \$2.50

March 24--The Boarding Party, sea songs, \$4

April 7--No Concert, Easter Sunday

April 14--Sharon Butler, storytelling for older children and adults, \$3.50

April 21--Jonathan Eberhart, solo songs with guitar, \$3.50

In the Arcade Classroom at 2:30 p.m.

CALL FOR YOUR SPRING BROCHURE

Classes in the fine arts and crafts begin in April. For a brochure call 492-6282.

At the GALLERY

In and Around Glen Echo - paintings by and curated by Walt Bartman

March 1 - April 1

Where Have All the Potters Gone? Work of 18 potters who are alumnae of Glen Echo Pottery
April 4 - 28

The Gallery is open weekdays, 10 - 5 and weekends, noon - 6

Adventure Theatre

THE HOBBIT
February 23 - March 24

THE RELUCTANT DRAGON
April 6 - May 5

Saturdays & Sundays, 1:30 & 3:30
Tickets: \$3; Reservations 320-5331

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