

The Echo

The Town of
GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND
Chartered, 1904



PHOTOGRAPHER OUTLINES PLANS FOR RENOVATING STUDIO

By Jim Anderson

The former Haute Cuisine building at 6107 Bryn Mawr Ave. will be extended by a 62-foot addition into the rear of the property and will have the fronting changed to MacArthur Blvd. to accommodate a new photo studio, the present owner told the Town Council at its October 12 meeting.

Photographer Peter Garfield, accompanied by his wife, Judi, made a presentation of his work and of his plans for the property. He said he has found it difficult to run a business at his present property on K Street in Georgetown and intends to do photography in Glen Echo as soon as the building is renovated.

Mr. Garfield showed preliminary drawings of the new addition, which would be about 20 feet high and would serve as his studio. The existing building would be given over to offices and conference rooms, he said. Since the plans call for the structure to meet all set-back requirements, and since it is already commercially zoned, no town permission is required to move ahead with the work, other than a normal building permit.

TWO OFFICIALS RESIGN

Nancy Helmig and Brockie Stevenson resigned their posts on town committees last month.

Nancy Helmig had been on the Animal Control Board since November, 1985. Brockie was appointed to the Open Space Committee in August, 1986.

Both have given much time and effort on the town's behalf.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I would like to express my deep disappointment in the manner in which the Town Council and Mayor handled Osamu Shimizu. As a double neighbor of the Shimizu's, I am unhappy that the Council saw fit to force him to remove his landscape business from the town. I can testify, more than any other resident in town, I think, that the presence was unobtrusive and definitely non-commercial. Additionally, the generous way in which Osamu has helped beautify our town has been shabbily repaid. My strong feeling is that it is the obligation of the Council to act in a "small town" manner at times, granting exceptions should be done and I would like to publicly apologize to the Shimizus that I was not aware that this eventually was about to pass. Osamu's talent is widely recognized in the Washington area; it's unfortunate that this town couldn't do the same.

Nancy Helmig
7325 University Ave.

STUDIO RENOVATION (from page 1)

It is not certain yet what finish will be applied to the existing building and the addition, Mr. Garfield told The Echo, although they are "leaning toward a stucco-like renovation, but it might be aluminum siding." The windows on both floors all around the building will also be changed, he said. Mr. Garfield believes the architectural style is called "post-modern classicism." The reason the plans have taken so long (the Garfields are on their third set of architects) is that "the existing structure is not very attractive and we are trying to make it look nice."

The main entrance will be changed to front MacArthur Blvd., the corner entrance will be eliminated and the Bryn Mawr Ave. entrance will remain, he said. The new address will be 7370 MacArthur Blvd.

Under zoning requirements, the studio will be required to have four commercial parking spaces and no more than five. Their location is still uncertain and will depend on off-street requirements and landscaping considerations, according to Judi Garfield. It is unlikely that the parking area will be in front of the building as it was for La Haute Cuisine, she said, and will probably be at the present front of the property along Bryn Mawr Ave. In that case, it would be necessary to tear down part of the front wall. Additional parking space would be available by the garage, she said.

The Garfields do not expect to live in Glen Echo, nor to have the upper floor used as living quarters by anyone once the studio opens. Peter Garfield estimated that if everything goes well, it might be in two months or so. "The sooner the better," he said.

RESIDENT OBJECTS TO BEING NAMED COMPLAINANT IN LETTER TO COUNTY

By Mary Masulla

Gloria Levin told the Town Council last month that she objected to the fact that her name had been used in a letter from the town to the county regarding the alleged use of a lot on Wellesley Circle for business purposes.

She said that she had not made a complaint and objected to being identified as the complainant without her knowledge or consent in the letter to the Department of Environmental Protection.

Mayor Kuster responded that she had complained about the use of the lot to store plants and trees for a landscaping business on four or five occasions.

He noted that Osamu Shimizu, owner of the lot, is not going to attempt to seek a special exception to keep nursery stock in the town, and that the stock will be relocated.

As Mr. Garfield described his photography at the council meeting, with examples, he "creates situations" by such methods as artificial landscapes through manufactured window views. He has done 120 cover photographs for Washingtonian magazine and is known locally for his "famous parts of famous people" features in The Washington Post Magazine (Sunday edition), which depicted the toe of a Redskin kicker or the raised hand of White House reporter Helen Thomas.

--Carlotta Anderson
contributed to this report.

SECOND GRADE TOURS TOWN

Bannockburn's second grade class "toured" the town of Glen Echo October 8 as part of their studies on "The Community." Lindsey Whyte and Emily Beers helped take their classmates on a walking tour of the area organized by their mothers, Bonnie Whyte and Debbie Beers.

Their first stop was Town Hall, where Mayor Fred Kuster explained the workings of the town. The children were interested in the animal and noise control laws, especially those that did not allow pigs and chickens or loud music.

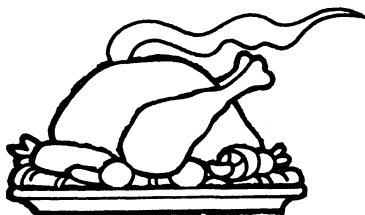
Postmaster Ellen Nash took the group into the "back room," and explained what happens after a letter enters the mail drop. The souvenir lollypops and stamp collecting buttons were greatly appreciated.

The class then walked the old trolley line to Wellesley Circle to see the oldest house in the community (#44) At Glen Echo Park Ranger Mike Grant showed slides of the original Chautauqua and old amusement park. A highlight of the tour was viewing the restoration of one of the carousel horses by an artist.

After lunch and a brief spin around the playground, the group toured the Clara Barton House, where they learned about the Red Cross and its founder. They were fascinated by all the closets and the old fashioned bath tub and chamber pot.

Mrs. Jeanne Niebel, the children's teacher, commented, "I never realized how interesting our local history is and what wonderful resources we have so close at hand."

--Bonnie Whyte



NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, November 9--8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the Mayor if you want to add an item to the agenda.

COUNTY OFFICIALS TO APPEAR AT NOVEMBER COUNCIL MEETING

Representatives from the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Historical Commission will be present at the November Town Council meeting to discuss possible historic district status for Glen Echo, according to Mayor Kuster.

There will also be a presentation by the Montgomery County TV Cable people, he said.

--Jim Anderson

Cable TV Scheduled To Be Connected in November

Glen Echo connections to Cable TV Montgomery begin on November 13, according to area sales representative Kevin Cavey. The wiring for the town was completed in mid-October and sales calls to individual homes began October 21.

All homes, except those served by underground wires, are eligible for service by the end of November. Those with underground wires must be done individually and could take several months after the homeowner has requested the service.

Those interested in the service, which starts with a monthly \$14.95 fee, plus converter box deposit and numerous other potential charges, can phone 424-4400 or call Kevin Cavey directly at 231-4091.

--Bonnie Whyte

LOCAL GROUP ORGANIZES AIRCRAFT NOISE PROTEST

Nine town residents called National Airport on October 13 to complain about aircraft noise, the day the Citizens for the Abatement of Aircraft Noise (CAAN) had designated as Glen Echo's day of organized protest.

The Bethesda group is averaging a protest response of 25 calls per day, but most communities are considerably larger than Glen Echo. For example, Cabin John responded with 30 protest calls on their day, but that community is about four times as large as this town.

CAAN is hoping to have an absolute nighttime curfew placed on commercial jet traffic from 10 p.m. to 7 a.m. at National Airport. There are now an average of 17 commercial jet overflights during the "curfew" hours, the organization claims, with the number expected to double in coming years.


The Federal Aircraft Administration (FAA) is experimenting with allowing the new "quiet" aircraft to fly throughout the night, according to Helen Popenoe, CAAN vice-president. "When summer comes we will really see the change and then it will be too late" she said. "We must stop them now."

It is CAAN's contention that night flights should be restricted to Dulles, a 24-hour airport, with a large buffer zone around it to protect residents from aircraft noise.

Ms. Popenoe said she has been told by public relations director Sue Silverman of the Metropolitan Washington Airport Authority that the FAA is paying great attention to the October telephone campaign. She said Rep. Beverly Byron and Rep. Connie Morella are also working on the campaign.

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At the Post Office

The town has begun negotiations with the post office to renew its lease on the Town Hall space. The post office would like to expand on the ground floor, since its area is cramped. However, the postal volume at the office is being evaluated to determine if it needs the staff it currently has.

Residents from communities on both sides of the river from Potomac to Accokeek have been calling as part of the protest, according to Ms. Popenoe. The number to call is 685-8020. A tally is being made of the total calls to the control tower at National in October.

TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

October 12

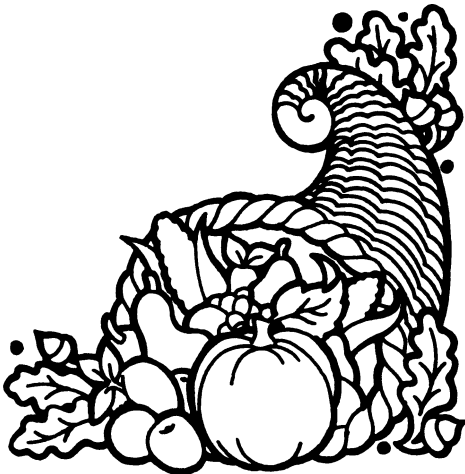
The Council considered a congressional move, sponsored by Rep. Connie Morella, (R.), to name the Maryland side of the George Washington Parkway the Clara Barton Parkway. Councilwoman Nancy Long was asked for an opinion and said that she didn't think that Clara Barton had any real relationship to the C&O Canal, but declined to take a position. Neither did the Town Council....

The Council decided not to permit a use in November of the Town Hall for another designer discount clothing sale, citing safety and traffic problems. Any future use of the Town Hall by the organizer would be regarded as a commercial venture, with a rental fee of \$400...

The mayor announced that "No Through Street" signs are to be put up on Columbia, Yale and Harvard Aves.

The Council voted, 4-0, to accept a motion by Councilman Odell, who said he was responding to a suggestion by Mayor Kuster that the council go into executive session, with the public and press excluded, to discuss "government business" with town attorney Tom Craven...

--Jim Anderson



PRINCETON AVENUE SIGN DISAPPEARS

A no parking sign which was erected at the bottom of Princeton Ave. after the council refused to change parking from the north to the south side of the street, has disappeared, Jane and Charles Eldredge told the Town Council last month.


The Eldredges live on the north side of Princeton, but a fire hydrant at that location restricts parking in front of their property. The Polack family, which lives on the south side, had requested that parking be permitted in front of their house, but was turned down by the council because it would make it difficult for other residents to leave their driveways.

Previously, police had refused to ticket cars illegally parked on the street, claiming Glen Echo's distinctive signs do not meet county requirements. The sign which disappeared, however was an official Montgomery County one.

According to Jane Eldredge, the illegal parking has occurred again. "I think there is a real problem," she told the council.


Mayor Kuster said the sign would be reinstalled.

--Jim Anderson



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor of THE ECHO:

The October ECHO reported the opposition of Mayor Kuster and Councilwoman Long to a "Group seeking elder housing at Glen Echo Park" without explaining their opposition or describing the object of their disapproval. Councilwoman Long was surely misquoted when she was reported as saying that a "loosely-organized group...(are) looking for free land and free maintenance" and had offered the site manager free board.

Dozens of people have been asked during the past year how they feel about elder housing in the Park. Only six people felt that either open space or cultural activities took priority over the need for elder housing. The original suggestion has evolved to a preliminary plan for the Park to be established as a Chautauqua, with an acceleration of present cultural and intellectual activities sustained by the permanent presences of people interested in the protection of the Park and the Palisades.

I hope that anyone with any questions will write me at the address below.

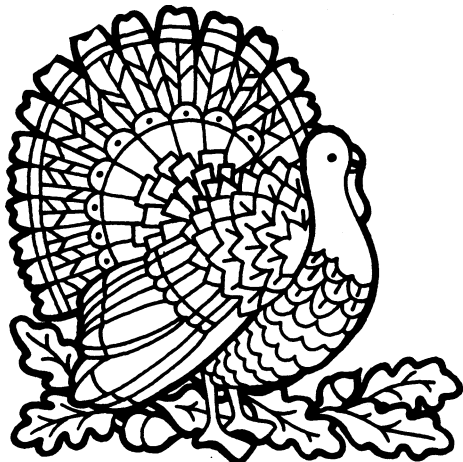
Grace De Palma
6707 Rannoch Road
Bethesda, MD 20817

BLOODMOBILE TURNOUT DISAPPOINTING

Only 14 donors showed up at the Clara Barton House for the Bloodmobile on October 1. This was a disappointment for the co-sponsors, the National Park Service and the Montgomery County Chapter of the American Red Cross. Their goal had been 35 units of blood.

Several potential donors had to be deferred because they had colds, according to Joseph Burns, curator at the Clara Barton Site.

The next Bloodmobile at that location will take place on January 8, from 10 am to 2pm.



FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFERS HOME INSPECTIONS

The Glen Echo Fire Department Fire Prevention Division is offering home inspections to residents of the community. In less than an half hour, experts will check smoke detectors, recommend fire escape plans, and give general safety tips for your family. To schedule a home inspection call 229-3200.

The Department also requests that residents check fire hydrants near their homes to make sure they are operational, accessible and visible. It asks that local people shovel out fire hydrants when they are covered by heavy snow, and report any apparent damage to the hydrant as well as if vehicles habitually park in front of it or it is hidden from view by natural obstructions.



COUNTY TURNS DOWN TOWNHOUSE DEVELOPMENT IN BANNOCKBURN

A proposal to build 49 multi-story townhouses adjacent to Bannockburn School was turned down last month by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission after substantial opposition from the community.

In addition to a large turnout of local residents and community representatives at the October 15 meeting, there were petitions with over 100 signatures and protests from the Bannockburn School PTA, according to Stan Cohen, editor of the Bannockburn Newsletter.

The Commission made an immediate ruling restricting the tract involved to single family homes, he said.

Classified Ads

FOR SALE--Cross-country skis, boots and poles, men's size 8, would fit person about 5'7" tall. Hardly used. Turvista/Jarvinen. \$40 for the set. Call Anderson, 229-3748.

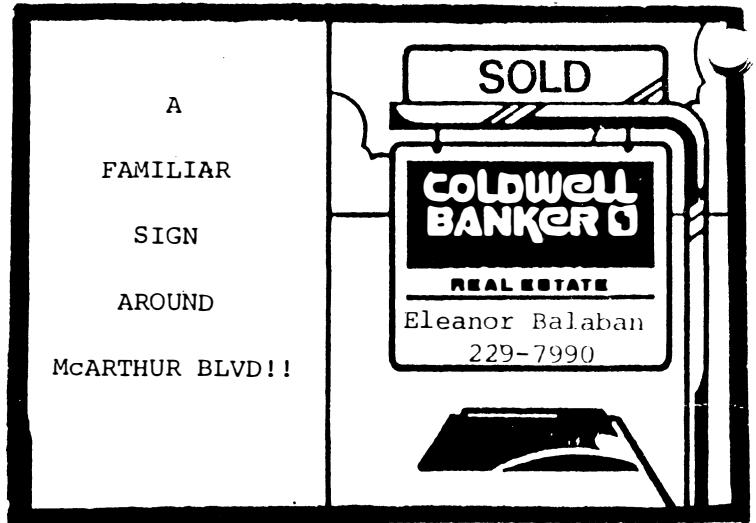
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GIVEAWAY-- Two good snow tires, size C-78-13. Call Anderson, 229-3748.

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LITTLE FALLS LIBRARY needs pages to shelve books. Seeking people of all ages - 14 & up to work 11 hrs./week. \$3.35/hr. Come to the library for an application or call 320-4880.

Classified ads are free to Glen Echo Residents. Fee to Non Residents: \$.50 per line of 30 spaces or fewer. Display ads, \$2 per column inch. Ads may be left with Carolyn Reptsik, or mailed to *The Echo*, P.O. Box 598, Glen Echo, MD 20812 (stamp required). Make checks payable to "The Town of Glen Echo." PLEASE DO NOT TELEPHONE ADS TO THE EDITOR. Ad Deadline: 24th of each month.



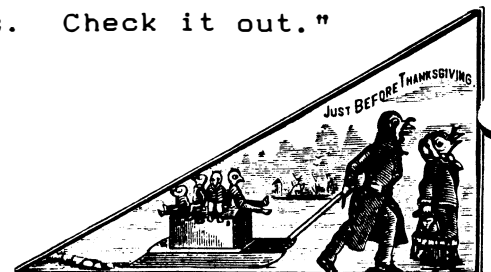
MORE SHORT TAKES

It was another grandchild for the McNoldys of Princeton Ave. when daughter Sharon and husband, Jim, of Arcadia, Indiana, announced the arrival of Rachel Elizabeth on September 5. She joined two older sisters at home. Congratulations to the happy family!

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Tom Wolff of Yale Ave. was named best magazine photographer in Washington in the City Paper's "The Best of Washington" awards in its October 16 issue. It describes his work for Regardie's as "consistently...engaging and luminous" even though he has to "compete with heavy-hitters from out of town."

In the same issue, Glen Echo Park was awarded the "Art Park" title. But because National Park Service budget cuts "dominoed down to the park" and park lovers had to come to the rescue with the Glen Echo Foundation, "all is not well in the Glen called Echo," the paper said. The solution: "It needs more lovers. Check it out."



FIRM HELPS CONSUMERS GET GOOD HOME REPAIRS

Residents with a home improvement or repair job in mind can call a local referral service at no charge and get names of recommended firms.

Home Connections, Inc., a non-profit organization, conducts investigations into local contractors and home related service firms and puts the best firms on an approved list.

Consumers are encouraged to report any problems they have with approved firms and that information is used to determine whether each firm stays approved.

The service is free to consumers. Contractors are charged a small fee for each referral.

In 1986, Home Connections (then called the Community Referral Service Homefix Hotline) handled nearly 15,000 referrals.

It can be reached at 565-5902.

Ghosts and Goblins Abound At Town Halloween Party



The Halloween party was a smashing success as over one-third of the town turned out at Town Hall on Oct. 31. Assorted cats, bears, bunnies, karate kids and clowns joined scary witches, draculas, spooks and ghouls for a festive night.

Organizers Wendy Young, Kate Horwitz, Edie Springuel, Kathy Godfrey, Daryl Kuster and Jane Stevenson were amazed when 44 kids and 44 adults attended. A "witch's haunt" on stage was filled with gruesome surprises by Ned (Dracula) and Debbie (witch) Sacks.

Stories were told, pumpkins distributed and costumes shown off. The youngest participant, complete with bunny ears, was six week old Alexandra Shimizu. Big brother Devin and parents Holly and Osamu proudly pointed her out on the "sidelines."

TOWN STILL BESET WITH DRAINAGE PROBLEMS

By Mary Masulla

The drainage problem on Oberlin Ave. could possibly cost \$50,000 - 100,000 to rectify, Mayor Kuster told the Town Council at its October meeting. He said a major engineering study may be needed in an effort to find a less costly solution.

Councilman Shultz brought up the drainage problem at the bottom of Tulane Ave. He noted that the problem was a county responsibility. He said that the county needs to recontour the area and make improvements in the storm and drainage ditches.

The Council was told that an engineer will take a look at the drainage problem at the bottom of Bryn Mawr Avenue, where a curb directing the water flow has been eroded.

Babes in Toyland To Benefit Local Children's Center

"Babes in Toyland," a musical for young audiences, will be performed on Saturday, December 5, in Gaston Hall on the Georgetown University campus. The show will benefit the Clara Barton Center for Children in Cabin John.

Tickets are \$6.50 in advance and \$7.50 at the door. They may be purchased through the mail by sending a check payable to the Center at 7425 MacArthur Blvd. Cabin John, MD 20818, or may be purchased at A Happy Thought Bookstore, 4836 MacArthur Blvd. NW (across from MacArthur movie theater).

Call 320-4565 for further information.

AT THE GALLERY

Sculpture by Raya Bodnarchuk

November 6-30.

Hours: Noon to 5 pm, Tuesdays through Sundays.

HOLIDAY SHOW AT THE GALLERY

The Glen Echo Gallery at the Park will be opening its Twelfth Annual Holiday Show of fine arts and crafts on Saturday, December 5.

Handmade work by local artists will be available for purchase in a variety of media: pottery, fabric, woods, jewelry, paintings, Christmas decorations, cards, wreaths and more.

The Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday, 12-5.



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Plastic bags for grass and leaf refuse from town yards are available free to town residents.

They may be picked up at the mayor's house at 7306 University Ave.

The bags are not to be used for regular trash.

EXCERPTS FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT -- September 1987

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