

The Echo

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June, 1991

LONG, SHULTZ WIN REELECTION TO COUNCIL

With a record turnout of 87 voters, the two incumbent councilmembers won reelection in the May 6 balloting for two seats on the Glen Echo Town Council.

Nancy Long, who has served on the council since 1969, sailed to first place with 57 of the votes cast. Bill Shultz won his third four year term with 34 votes. Former mayor Fred Kuster received 31 votes, David Robinson, 25, and Michael Brintnall 24. Voters could choose two candidates. Three absentee ballots were cast.

There are 129 registered voters in town, according to Paul Alban, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Elections. This represents a large majority of the eligible residents, since the 1990 census counted 234 residents, including children.

Lee Clune, Betty Briggs and Tillie McNoldy assisted Mr. Alban at the election.

Mayor George Borsari administered the oath of office to the reelected councilmembers at the May 13 meeting. He expressed thanks to Mr. Alban for all his effort in managing the voting process.

—Carlotta Anderson and David Sproul

WMAL TO BROADCAST FROM PARK AT CHAUTAUQUA CELEBRATION

By David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of Glen Echo as a Chautauqua Assembly, WMAL's Bill Mayhugh will be broadcasting his regular Sunday morning jazz and big band record show from the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park on Sunday, June 16, from 8 am until 1 pm.

Local musicians and a rotation of the other principal on-air personalities from WMAL will probably be broadcasting from that location for the next two hours. Several members of Congress with musical ability, including Sen. Robert Byrd, who plays the fiddle, have been invited to perform, according to Councilwoman Nancy Long.

The event is being planned by the Glen Echo Park Foundation as a fund-raiser, she said. It is being organized by Hartnett and Associates, a public relations firm hired by the foundation. The park will be open to the public as usual.

President George Bush and Barbara Bush have also been invited, but there was no confirmation at *Echo* press time that either would attend. Councilwoman Long, who is on the Board of Directors of the foundation, said Mayor Borsari had been invited. She had heard that people with memories of Glen Echo Amusement Park would be interviewed.

The celebration apparently will be less gala than originally

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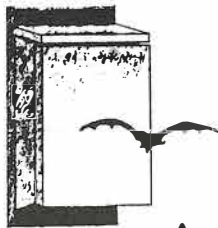
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SCHOOL NEWS

By Bonnie Whyte

Emily Beers, Padraic Springuel and Lindsey Whyte are graduating from Bannockburn's fifth grade. Next year they will move on to Pyle Middle School. Pyle's classes will be moved to the Tilden school in Rockville for the next two school years while the Wilson Lane location is renovated. Don't miss the bus!

Rachel Brintnall graduates from Pyle to attend Whitman High School. Whitman is being rebuilt in the next two years as well. A whole new school is being constructed next to the old building. When completed, the old school will be torn down but the auditorium will continue in use.

Contracts for both projects were signed before the current budget crisis.

RESIDENT BALKS AT FURTHER TREE CUTTING TO IMPROVE VISIBILITY

Councilwoman Beers' suggestion that two Canadian hemlock trees be removed to improve visibility at the upper intersection of Wellesley Cir. and Cornell Ave. was not welcomed by Gail Robinson, on whose property the trees apparently stand.

In a letter to the town, Mrs. Robinson pointed to her family's removal of bushes and a tree from the corner at the request of the council and said that it appears that "all the compromising seems to be on our side." She expressed trepidation at the possible loss of privacy if the trees were removed and wondered why the town had not carried through on its decision to install a stop sign on Cornell to improve safety at the intersection.

She wrote that while she believed visibility was now sufficient, she felt that if additional measures were required the council could install a mirror or the stop sign.

Showing signs of impatience with the protracted issue at the May council meeting, Mayor Borsari asked if the original complainants still felt that something else must be done. He said that the bushes on the corner were cut back substantially and that the town's residents should certainly have had their awareness of the visibility issue raised by now.

—David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

CHAUTAUQUA CELEBRATION (from page 1)

planned because the parking lot is still under construction and parking is limited. That is the reason it is not being publicized, Councilwoman Long said.

June 16, 1891 was the day that the National Chautauqua Assembly opened at Glen Echo. It was designed as a cultural center for "the masses of the people" and the opening season featured lectures, concerts, readings and "spectacular entertainments." The Powtomac tent hotel offered rooms for \$1 per day. Tents with wooden floors were also available, and electric lights and furniture could be rented.

Because of a false malarial fever rumor, the first was also the last Chautauqua in Glen Echo, although a similar summer program continues to the present time in Chautauqua, N.Y.

A special exhibit, "Glen Echo: the First 100 Years" will open June 16 at the Chautauqua tower for a two week stay.

GLEN ECHO TOWN BUDGET HEARING Monday, June 24 - 7:30 p.m. Glen Echo Town Hall

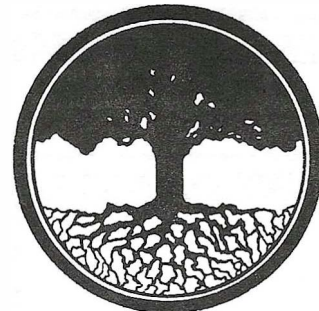
An opportunity for residents to air their complaints and suggestions

Town Council meeting follows hearing

NEWSPAPER RECYCLING RESPONSE "GOOD"

Glen Echo residents are doing a good job of putting out their newspapers for recycling, according to Dan Kaplan of Southeast Recycling Corp., which picks up the papers.

The firm collected 2.52 tons of papers from Mar. 25-Apr. 26, and 2.35 tons the month before in Glen Echo. On the basis of 90-100 houses, this is a higher response than in other jurisdictions, he said. "You're doing a good job."



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TOWN TO PROTEST BUS ROUTE CUTBACKS

The town council voted unanimously last month to send a letter to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority opposing the elimination of the N5 bus next year. Councilwoman Long described this as the most serious of the threatened cutbacks for bus riders, since it provides a direct route downtown.

However, the council apparently did not delegate anyone to draft the letter, although Councilwoman Long later said she would be willing to do it. She planned to send a personal letter as well, she said.

Councilwoman Beers said that she was driven from using buses by cutbacks and inconvenient schedules and that Metro uses the rider falloff to justify still more cutbacks. She said that she attended a hearing once and waited until after midnight for Glen Echo's turn. She then felt that no one listened very seriously to what she had to say. Considering this experience, she advised against a representative of the town personally attending the hearings.

No hearing has been scheduled since one on May 1 which considered cutbacks of Sunday service on the N8 bus.

—David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET

6108 Bryn Mawr Ave.	\$379,000
22 Wellesley Circle	\$309,950
16 Wellesley Circle	\$285,000
15 Vassar Circle	\$449,000
5 Radcliffe Lane	\$319,000

PROPERTY SALES

34 Wellesley Circle	\$435,000
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TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

May 13

Mayor Borsari reported that nothing concrete had transpired regarding modification of the parking spaces constructed by **Peter Garfield** on Bryn Mawr Ave. in front of his photo studio. The mayor said the lawyers are "still talking to each other."

Councilman Odell warned that delaying tactics would only fortify Mr. Garfield's position and asked that something be done soon. The council unanimously approved a motion instructing town attorney Tom Craven to have the matter resolved by the next meeting...

The council authorized a \$4,000 allocation for the **replacement of an additional 150 sidewalk blocks**. The work will be carried out by HMF Paving Co., which has completed other specified street and sidewalk repairs...

Mayor Borsari mentioned a letter from resident Carlotta Anderson asking if non-U.S. citizens could be declared **eligible to vote** in future town elections. He said this and other eligibility issues need to be discussed in time for the 1993 elections...

Councilwoman Long and resident Penny Bodine both reported the impression that Sally Law has **changed her lighting** on Tulane Ave. and that it no longer seems to be a problem...

Minutes of the April meeting were approved after the correction of spelling and syntax errors. Councilwoman Long was designated to help check over the minutes in the future before they come before the council for approval. Mayor Borsari asked that the minutes be circulated to councilmembers within a week of the council meeting for their preliminary approval, with revisions and corrections and a final review being conducted before their submission for approval at the next month's meeting...

Councilman Shultz said that Capt. Williams of the Montgomery County Police told him that if the **Bethesda station is closed** as anticipated, a West Bethesda "mini-station" might make good sense and asked for suggestions of possible locations. Councilman Shultz suggested the Clara Barton School building...

Clerk-Treasurer Ilona Almsy reported that the **town's spending** is within budget overall...

The **Maryland Municipal League** convention will be held July 22-24. The mayor invited councilmembers to join him in attending, but they declined...

—David Sproul

THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

Ed Fenimore, a former resident of Glen Echo, stopped in town on his way to his summer home in Waynesboro, Penna. At one time Ed and his wife **Jean** and three children lived at 24 Wellesley Cir. He now makes his home in Eureka, Calif. during the winter months. While here he was the guest of Daryl and Fred Kuster and visited some of his old neighbors...

Barbara Odell of Columbia Ave. wishes to thank all her friends and neighbors for their many get-well wishes, their visits, phone calls and gifts. She is still undergoing treatments, but as an outpatient...

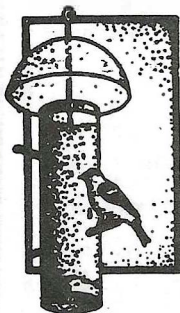
Lindsey Whyte recently competed in the "Poseidon Long Course Invitational" swim meet in Richmond. She swam an "AAA" time (40.12) in the 50 meter backstroke, qualifying as one of the fastest 10 year olds in the country in that event. Earlier in the year, she competed in the Junior Olympics...

Bryn Mawr Ave. is still an accident-prone avenue. **Betty Briggs** of 6105 Bryn Mawr was not content with spending three days at Sibley Hospital for her arthroscopic surgery. She recently suffered a fainting spell in her home, fell and injured her nose and blackened her eyes. Once again she was taken to Sibley and again was there three days.

I know the saying is that what happens twice will happen again, but prove them wrong, Betty, twice is enough...

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TROUBLING INCIDENTS ON C&O TOWPATH

Three recent incidents on the C&O Towpath should be of concern to local runners and walkers. The information has been compiled by Henley Gible of the Road Runners Club of America:

Saturday, May 18, 9:30 am. Woman reported a nude man across from towpath just north of Great Falls, MD. Description: White male, 25-35 years old, heavy, reddish-brown hair and a beard.

Friday, May 3, 2:43 pm. Two women walking on the Billy Goat Trail were accosted by a masked man brandishing a red Swiss Army knife. The women screamed and ran; the man also ran. Description: White male in his 20s, 5'8", slim, wearing a dark tan-colored mask, long pants, tannish-colored shirt.

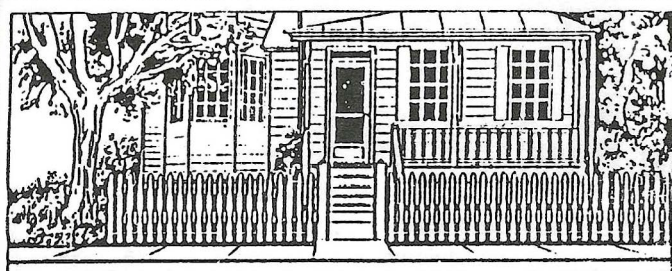
March 11, 2:30 pm. Two separate women called in an observation of an indecent exposure on the canal near Marsden Tract at Carderock. Description: White male, 6', medium build, clean shaven, light brown hair, greenish-blue sweater and grey dockside jeans.

If you have information on these incidents contact Lt. Harold Weber at the U.S. Park Police, Glen Echo substation, 492-6293.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

April 1991

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Kunert Assoc. (bond public officials)	\$290.00



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BRIEFLY NOTED

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The **Glen Echo Exxon** station was given top rating for auto repairs at Montgomery County service stations in the latest issue of Consumers' Checkbook magazine. The fourteen customers who sent in their ratings gave the station 100 percent in all categories...

The Citizens' Coalition for Sidewalks is lobbying for **sidewalks along Wilson Lane**, according to the *Bannockburn Newsletter*...

Mayor Borsari said several people have stopped him to express compliments on the **new plantings** at the five entrances to town and alongside MacArthur Blvd. The landscaping was carried out by a town resident who prefers to remain anonymous...



Eleanor

Let's talk about what's happening up and down MacArthur Blvd."

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229-7990



RESTAURANT CREATES TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

By David Sproul

The increasing popularity of The Inn at Glen Echo has exacerbated parking and traffic flow problems on Tulane and Oberlin Aves., a resident told the council last month.

- Penny Bodine, who lives on Oberlin, complained that parking extends throughout the neighborhood, effectively reducing the two-way streets to one-way. She recommended making them one-way officially to bring some order to the situation.

Councilman Shultz offered to provide the telephone number of Capt. Williams of the Montgomery County police. His responsibilities include prompt action on parking violations, the councilman said.

The mayor said that some of the parking problems stem from the closing of the larger Glen Echo Park lot and that when it is reopened, some of the problems might abate.

CLASSIFIED ADS

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IRISH, FOLK FESTIVALS USING SHUTTLE PARKING

By Carlotta Anderson

The delayed opening of the Glen Echo Park parking lot forced sponsors of the Irish Folk Festival and the Washington Folk Festival to arrange shuttle parking for their events.

Space for 900 cars was provided at the Defense Mapping Agency on Sangamore Rd., across from the Little Falls Mall. Shuttle buses to the park were available to transport 650 park goers. It was anticipated that this would be sufficient, since everyone was not be arriving at the same time.

Rather than advertising the shuttle parking, organizers of the Irish festival relied on a series of signs along MacArthur Blvd. leading from the park to the shuttle parking area, according to Glen Echo Park official Ron Blain.

Visitors to the Irish festival were asked for a \$5 donation, the first time this has been done at the park.

Many of those attending the regular Friday, Saturday and Sunday night dances at the park have been car-pooling, according to program director John Fiedor, which has enabled as many as 650 people to be accommodated using only the upper parking lots.

OPENINGS AT KINDERGARTEN

The alternative five-year-old program at the Clara Barton Center for children has some openings for September.

For more information, call 320-4565.

CANDLELIGHT OPEN HOUSE AT CLARA BARTON SITE

June 7—7-9 pm

A free candlelight open house on June 7 will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Clara Barton House. Interpreters in clothing of the period will explain the operation of the early American Red Cross as you tour the house.

The house was constructed in 1891 as a warehouse for American Red Cross supplies. In 1897, Clara Barton moved her household and Red Cross offices into the structure.

The site has just been reopened following complete exterior repainting.

For additional information, call 492-6245.

MUDDY SOIL DELAYS PARKING LOT COMPLETION

By Carlotta Anderson

An unanticipated 10,000 cubic yards of muddy soil has delayed the scheduled May 19 completion date for reconstruction of the Glen Echo Park parking lot, park officials said. Site Manager Joanne Hanley is now hoping for an end of June lot opening.

The soil, extracted from the Minnehaha Creek bed, was so saturated with water that it would have required spreading out to dry before being compacted to build up the parking lot grade, according to John Fiedor. This would have taken too long, he said, so the wet dirt was hauled away and dry soil brought in.

The contractor has started work on the bridge foundations and is continuing to open up the creek bed. Curbing is going in and quite a bit of landscaping has been done.

Mayor Borsari said the contractor has been very careful about keeping Oxford Rd. swept up.

TOWN CONTRIBUTES \$1000 FOR BALLROOM RESTORATION

By David Sproul

Responding to a request from the Glen Echo Park Foundation for a contribution from Glen Echo, the town council last month unanimously approved a \$1,000 donation for restoration work on the Spanish Ballroom.

The designation of the ballroom was recommended by Councilwoman Long, since this work alone qualifies for matching funds from the state. She accepted responsibility for drafting a letter to the foundation and delivering the check.

The foundation board has recently trimmed costs and eliminated the fulltime staff manager's position, Councilwoman Long said.

An allocation of \$167.50 was approved by the council in April for repairs to the playground structure at the park.

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GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

COMING EVENTS

July 13 & 14—JAZZ FESTIVAL

July 27—CHILDREN'S CHAUTAUQUA DAY

August 24 & 25—NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
75TH ANNIVERSARY ART SHOW

Aug. 28—Sept. 2—LABOR DAY ART SHOW

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ADVENTURE THEATRE HOLDING AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held on June 3 and 4 at Adventure Theatre in Glen Echo Park for cast members for "Snow White and Rose Red." Needed are five men, ages 16-50s and four women, ages 16-50s. Five roles can be played by either men, women or children over 12. Non-traditional casting is encouraged.

The auditions will be cold readings from the script.

Children will audition from 7:30-8:30; adults from 8:30 on. Appointments are required. Callbacks will take place on June 5. Performances will be weekends from Aug. 3-Sept. 8.

For appointments and information call 320-5331, Monday through Friday, from 10-5.

SPANISH BALLROOM DANCE SCHEDULE

June 28: Polka Dance

June 29: BIG JOE AND THE DYNAFLOWS —
Rock'n Roll, R&B

July 6: TBA

July 20: THE DEANNA BOGART BAND — Rock 'n
Roll, R&B, and Red Hot Boogie Woogie

July 26: Cajun Dance

Free dance lessons at 8; dances 9-12. Admission \$7.
Sodas and juices for sale. Casual clothing suggested.

FRIDAY NIGHTS: Squares, contras, and country
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SOME SUNDAY AFTERNOONS: For information,
call 492-6282

SUNDAY NIGHTS: Squares and contras, 7:30-
10:30, \$6

ARTISTS INVITED TO EXHIBIT WORK

Area artists are invited to exhibit their art work in the National Park Service 75th Anniversary Art Show to be held in the Spanish Ballroom on Aug. 24 and 25.

All submitted pieces must feature the landscapes, wildlife, or history of any area across the country managed by the NPS.

For information and an entry form, call 492-6229.

The park will also be sponsoring its annual Labor Day Art Show on Aug. 28-Sept. 2.

TOWN ACTIONS PENDING

—An ordinance making *The Echo* an official organ of Glen Echo

—Installation of stop signs at Harvard and Columbia

—Organization of town records by Infomanagement

—Sound system at Town Hall

—New chairs at the Town Hall