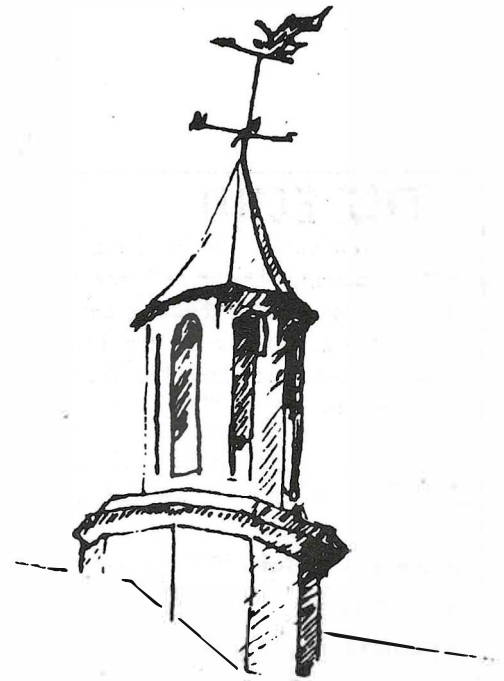


# The Echo

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March, 1991

### GARFIELD PLANS TO FELL SYCAMORES FOR PARKING

By Carlotta Anderson

Photographer Peter Garfield, owner of The Garfield Studio on Bryn Mawr Ave., has notified the town of his intention to remove the two towering sycamore trees at the front of his property in order to provide additional parking space.

He wrote that the action was being taken reluctantly "as a result of recent council action" which "left no choice but to secure our future by providing for alternative parking on our property."

The town council decided at a closed session late last year to reject a compromise parking reconstruction plan submitted by Mr. Garfield which had been accepted, subject to its meeting technical standards, the previous April. The town attorney was instructed at the closed session to pursue the matter using "any necessary steps, including institution of suit to protect the town's rights," according to the minutes later made public.

Mr. Garfield said in an interview that the plan to put additional parking on what is now the studio's front yard was a "business decision," taken because "we are exploring our options."

He said the county was not requiring more than the four off-street parking places provided for in previous plans.

He said he notified the town of his intention to cut the trees in order to conform to the town ordinances, which require property owners to give 60 days notice before removing any tree more than 10 feet high or four inches in trunk diameter "in order to give the Town Council time to consider alternatives." He said

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### USE OF BRIDGE UNLIKELY UNTIL SEPTEMBER OPENING

By Carlotta Anderson

The railing has already been removed from the Cabin John Gardens bridge and there is no way a lane can remain open for traffic, Mayor Borsari was told last month. The bridge, the main access from Glen Echo to the Clara Barton Parkway inbound, is not scheduled for re-opening until September.

The mayor had written Kitty Roberts, Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, claiming that the bridge closing was posing a hardship to local residents and causing congestion on MacArthur Blvd.

The possibility of keeping a lane open had been discussed with the contractor in advance, Ms. Roberts told the mayor, but it would have raised the cost of the project considerably. She said she would look into other possibilities, he said.

However, he concluded that "there is no relief in the foreseeable future."

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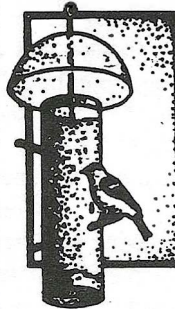
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Monday, March 11—8:00 p.m.

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## SYCAMORES (from page 1)

that from the moment they arrived three years ago he and his wife had presented to the council every required plan and document and "we feel it necessary to put anything we think we may do in writing."

The question of whether removal of the huge shade trees would diminish the attractiveness of the property was "not a consideration," he said. Rather it was a desire to maintain friendly relations with the neighbors, he said, and make sure that customers would not park in front of someone else's house.

He said he had not asked those neighbors how they would regard the loss of the trees.

Mr. Garfield agreed last April to re-build a sidewalk across the driveway he had constructed on what the town asserted was its use-established right-of-way but he believed to be his property. He agreed further to pay the town one dollar per year for use of the contested land.

Thereafter the council stated that it was puzzled by drawings of the reconstruction plan, and in October, Mr. Garfield presented an engineering plan showing the elevations of sidewalk and road. Mr. Garfield complained that after the April agreement and his hiring of an engineer to prepare the technical drawings, the council "went back on their word" in the closed session and "rescinded their vote."

Mayor Borsari said the drawings indicated the proposed sidewalk would "enlarge [Garfield's] area out another five to six feet" and "significantly reconfigure the street from what it is now." He said the construction would pose "an unwarranted hazard to traffic."

Mr. Garfield said he considered this latter contention "ludicrous" and that the town is full of streets that are too narrow and don't conform to the original right-of-way plans.

He said he thought the "apparent rationale" of the town's instructions to its attorney to possibly institute suit was that if he won, he would be able to place the sidewalk according to the April agreement, and if the town won, he would have to curve it back what he described as another 20 inches. Therefore, "they might as well sue me, because if they lost, they would only lose 20 inches."

### EXTRA ECHOS AVAILABLE

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## BURGLAR BREAKS INTO GLEN ECHO HOUSE

A burglar pushed open the front window of a Radcliffe Lane house on Feb. 2 at 4:07 a.m. but fled when a resident, who was home at the time, screamed.

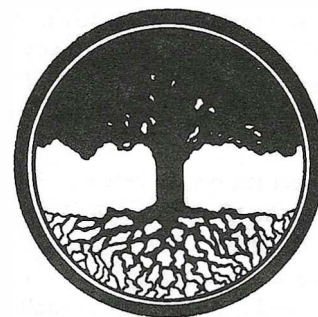
He was described in the Montgomery County police report as a white male in his 20s, 6'1" tall, with short blond curly hair and a black vest or jacket.

David Sproul, who lives a short distance away, was awakened soon after the crime by the sound of police car motors running. He saw policemen with flashlights searching the bushes along MacArthur Blvd. The burglar has not been apprehended, according to the police.

—Carlotta Anderson

## BRIEFLY NOTED

Town resident **Eleanor Balaban** has transferred to the Long and Foster Real Estate office in Bethesda at Hampden Square...



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## "HAZARDOUS" INTERSECTION TO BE SURVEYED

By David Sproul

A surveyor will be commissioned to settle once and for all the extent of the town's jurisdiction over land at the upper intersection of Cornell Ave. and Wellesley Cir., the town council decided at its February meeting.

The survey, proposed by Councilman Shultz, would be part of an effort to find a remedy for a perceived hazard to traffic at that spot. It would presumably resolve whether the town's right-of-way jurisdiction extends beyond what are apparent private property boundaries.

The council suggested in January that some pine trees on Cornell Ave. that obstruct visibility be cut back. However, David and Gail Robinson claim that the trees are on their private property, not on town property.

They told the council that their obligation to allow a 15-foot setback from the intersection had been met and they had no further duty to sacrifice the trees which provide them a degree of privacy.

Councilwoman Long initially suggested that in view of the Robinsons' reluctance to do major cutting of the shrubbery, she would recommend the painting of a broad white line and the word "stop" on the pavement as further inducement for traffic to obey the Wellesley Circle stop sign.

However, Councilwoman Beers expressed doubts that painting the pavement would bring results and suggested the town or county might have to force a more severe cutback of the trees.

David Robinson said that if the town pressed this solution on him, he would raise the issue of the many intersections in town which do not appear to conform to the 15-foot setback provision.

Councilwoman Beers was given the chore of contacting a qualified surveyor to report to the council. Councilman Shultz observed that a decision on the best remedy would have to follow a determination of the town's jurisdiction.

A group of Wellesley Circle residents petitioned the council a year ago to have a mirror placed at the intersection to improve visibility. The council first decided to install a stop sign on Cornell Ave. instead, then proposed simply trying to improve visibility.



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## TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

February 18

The question of what had become of the decision to install stop signs at Harvard and Columbia Aves. was raised, and no one seemed to have a definite answer. The vagueness of the whole issue moved Councilman Shultz once again to complain about the lack of follow-through on town projects. He suggested that all items which had been voted upon should appear on the agenda for subsequent meetings until they were resolved....

The meeting was chaired by Councilwoman Long in the absence of Mayor Borsari, who was not able to return from a trip in time for the meeting. It had been delayed a week at his request. Five town residents were present...

--David Sproul

### *PROPERTIES ON THE MARKET*

6108 Bryn Mawr Ave.	\$389,000
22 Wellesley Circle	\$349,950

### *FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT*

January 1991

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Maryland Municipal League Dinner	\$180.00
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## **PARK SERVICE ASKS STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TO INVESTIGATE CRASH SITE**

By Carlotta Anderson

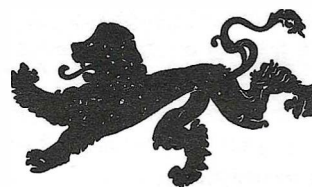
Parkway authorities, responding to town complaints about the high number of traffic accidents on a ramp below Glen Echo, last month asked the Maryland highway department to look into the problem. There had been 18 accidents there from Nov. 23 to Dec. 23.

Meanwhile, there were at least two one-car accidents at the spot in mid-February during wet weather, when most of the previous accidents occurred. The ramp is a section of the Cabin John Parkway just before it intersects the Clara Barton Parkway inbound.

A letter sent to the state highway department district engineer included recommendations for improvements at the location made by the Federal Highway Administration in a 1989 engineering study.

They were identical to those made in a 1986 study, said Bill Shields, assistant superintendent of the George Washington Parkway. "The conditions have not changed," he said.

The recommendations call for channeling the traffic to the inside curve, rather than the outside, as now exists, and for repaving the section with a more skid-proof surface. This would be a "popcorn mix" with a large amount of stones in the asphalt, which allows water to drain better. The curve also would be better banked in order to lessen the tendency of speeding cars to slide off the road.



### **TOWN ACTIONS PENDING**

- Correction of low curb problem at lower intersection of Wellesley and Cornell
- Resolution of traffic hazard problem at Wellesley & Cornell
- 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
- Street and sidewalk repairs
- New chairs at the Town Hall

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## AT THE GALLERY

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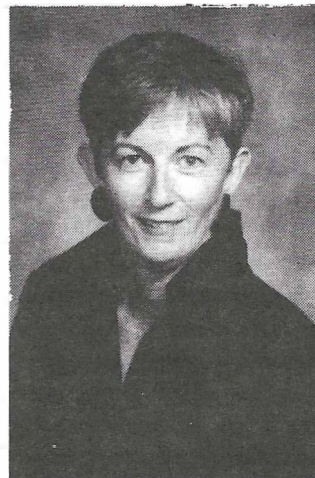
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