

# The Echo

## The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



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### POLICE OUST BRIDGESIDE VENDORS, THEN RECONSIDER

By Carlotta Anderson

Many local residents were infuriated last month when vendors were suddenly told by county police that they could no longer offer their wares from the dirt lot at Wilson Lane and MacArthur Blvd.

Others were delighted, however. These were the people who complained about the vendors "trashing" the area and urinating in the woods to the county zoning office and to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which has authority, since the site is on Federal property within the MacArthur Blvd. right-of-way.

The views of some complainants were expressed in an article in the *Bannockburn Newsletter* last March which referred to the "illegal 'squatters'" and voiced the contention that "what's going on now is unsightly, hazardous and basically, unapproved."

After listening to both objectors and supporters for several months and trying to figure out a way to fairly regulate use of the area, the Corps of Engineers legal staff finally found a way out of the thicket. It resolved that a 1975 agreement giving the county maintenance and police authority over the entire MacArthur Blvd. right-of-way meant the county had the authority to enforce county zoning laws. The vendors were to be told that they did not have formal permission from the Corps of Engineers to occupy the site and it was up to the county to decide whether they could remain.

"It's a local problem, to be handled by local authorities," said Perry Costas, Chief, Washington Aqueduct Division, Corps of Engineers.

On Sept. 4, the county moved in. Police told all vendors they must get off the property by the end of the day and they

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#### **TOWN HALLOWEEN PARTY**

***Saturday, October 31***

**3:00-5:00 p.m.**

**Glen Echo Town Hall**

**After the party, there will be a children's parade down the MacArthur Blvd. bike path from Cornell Ave. to Oxford Rd.**

**Trick-or-treating will begin after the parade. If you wish to participate, keep your porch lights on.**

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## GREETINGS TO OUR YOUNGEST RESIDENT

Frederick Patton Mondale, now a University Ave. resident, came into this world on Aug. 27 at Columbia Hospital for Women. The first son of Sarah Patton and Leo Mondale, he weighed nine pounds, three ounces and has black hair. The couple also has a daughter, Sophie.

Sarah describes him as "the sweetest thing on earth," according to her sister, Anya Ward, who came from Wilmington, Del. to help out for a few days, joining Sarah's mother, Anne Patton of Chevy Chase.

In anticipation of the new arrival, Leo built and painted a white picket fence around the front yard.

## PEPCO CHECKING OUT HOUSE SURGE ARRESTORS

By Carlotta Anderson

PEPCO has nearly concluded a pilot program to see if whole house surge arrestors might be effective in protecting householders' electrical equipment during power surges.

If the results of the two-year study are favorable, PEPCO intends to offer the arrestors to customers at cost, according to Renee Veira of the Dept. of Energy Management. She said a decision should be made soon, although the arrestors would not be offered until next year.

Meanwhile, several Wellesley Cir. residents reported to PEPCO damage caused by a surge the week of July 18-26. Bill Shultz has received a check for two-thirds of the original value of a VCR that was knocked out. PEPCO checked all the circuitry and replaced all burned-out bulbs in the home of Victor Gilinsky, who reported that the surge caused all his circuit breakers to suddenly "explode."

However, a claim by this reporter for damage to a computer and TV set on the same date was rejected with the contention that PEPCO's investigation "revealed no incidents that would have adversely affected your equipment." That rejection has been appealed.

## OBERLIN FIRE LANE PRESENTS PROBLEMS

By David Sproul and Carlotta Anderson

Glen Echo Park site manager Frank Cucurullo was worried that if cars parked along both sides of Tulane Ave., fire department trucks might be prevented from having emergency access to the park.

To solve the problem, he had his staff install poles along the park side of the street and mount "No Parking" signs on them.


However, he did not get permission from the town first, and Tulane Ave. is a town street.

When Councilman Shultz noticed the poles, he objected strongly. He pointed out that the poles actually narrowed a roadway that the town had widened for better emergency access.

Mr. Cucurullo came to last month's council meeting to apologize for usurping the town council's authority, but asking that the poles remain. He said that the Glen Echo fire marshal had approved their installation. Comparing the situation with the town's suit against unauthorized parking spaces on Bryn Mawr Ave., Councilman Shultz said the decision was the town's, not the park's or the fire board's. He suggested that the existing signs attached to the fence be made more conspicuous and the emergency access lane be striped to promote compliance.

The council voted unanimously to order the park to remove the poles and fill in and asphalt over the holes.

Councilman Shultz met later at the site with Mr. Cucurullo and the fire marshal and discussed the possibility of the town making the area a towaway zone and hiring a private towing company to enforce the restriction. He will bring the suggestion to the next council meeting.



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## OCTOBER WEDDING FOR TRACIE HOYE

An October 3 wedding at St. Bartholomew's Church in Bethesda is planned by Tracie Hoye, a Wellesley Cir. resident, and David McGraw. Their reception will take place at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Banquet Hall.

Tracie, a graduate of the University of Maryland, has lived her entire life in Glen Echo. She is a budget analyst at NIH. David, who comes from Cincinnati, is a graduate of the University of Dayton. He was an officer in the U.S. Army for four years and is now a marketing manager for STAR Expansion Co.

The couple will honeymoon on the island of Antigua. Sometime next year they expect to re-locate to the Raleigh/Durham area of North Carolina.

## BRIEFLY NOTED

Glen Echo was described very admiringly in a **cover article** on neighborhoods in the *Washington Post's* "Weekend" section of Sept. 4. The author writes that "unlike other 'hot' neighborhoods, Glen Echo has retained its scale and scope, and continues to resemble a New England village more than anything else. Glen Echo is so charming that you can't believe it's in the same hemisphere as Tysons Corner"...

**Willem Polak**, Princeton Ave. resident and owner of the 80-passenger Admiral Tilp riverboat, has begun offering a tour of Washington's monuments from the Potomac River. The two-hour narrated cruise leaves Old Town Alexandria Tuesdays and Thursdays at noon and 7:00 p.m. and sails past the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials to the Kennedy Center, then returns alongside Arlington National Cemetery and Washington National Airport. Willem also owns an authentic working sternwheeler, The Cherry Blossom, which he rents for weddings and private parties....

The *Bannockburn Newsletter* reports that a Bannockburn resident contacted the police about two men **purportedly seeking yard work** who seemed suspicious. An officer interviewed the men and determined that both had police records. He suggested that neighbors should be alert to unusual behavior on the part of solicitors or others not normally seen in the area and notify police of anything suspicious....

### VENDORS (from page 1)

did. This triggered a surge of protests from their supporters.

"Quite a lot of people are getting worked up over this thing," said Frank DeLang, Jr., county zoning supervisor. He said the county attorney was not sure the county did have zoning authority over the area. There also was the problem of whether the vendors were on the right-of-way or beyond it, possibly on residentially zoned land. He thought the issue was exceedingly complex, and might end up in court.

The county also wasn't too eager, budget-wise, to start policing a new area, he said. He didn't know who had given the police the go-ahead to throw the vendors off.

At the Bethesda police station, Sgt. Waring said they had received numerous complaints about the vendors, but had not previously enforced the law because they were under the impression it was not their jurisdiction. Now that they had acted, they were hearing from the vendors' supporters and were being "put through the wringer."

This occasioned more "research" and the conclusion that it was a complex problem involving traders' licenses, occupancy permits, temporary versus permanent permits, and whether people selling produce needed any licenses at all. It was not something the police wanted to get involved in.

A new memo went out, to the effect that unless the Corps of Engineers erected no trespassing signs the county police weren't to bother any vendor with the proper trader's license. "We don't think [the Corps] will do that," said Sgt. Meiklejohn. "We don't think they want to anger citizens."

"We think we have come up with a solution," he said. "It's not so big an issue that it should cause a big stir. We don't want to be the bad guys."

The vendors were told they wouldn't be chased off, and now they are back. It looks like business as usual, at least for the time being.

#### NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 12—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor if you wish to add an item to the agenda.

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	EVENING SERVICE	7:00 p.m.
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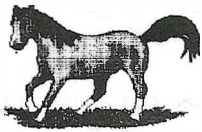


## The Kids' Section

### Sports of Glen Echo

By Matt Polak

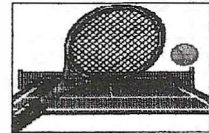
The sports played by kids in Glen Echo range from tennis to swimming rapids in the Potomac River. The nearby river has produced our excellent paddlers Neil Shaut, Justin Rodemeyer, Matt Polak, and Middy Tilghman of Bannockburn. Christo Rodemeyer



enjoys being a risky stunt-kid. He rides his bike off huge jumps into piles of cardboard boxes. Christin Polak and Meaghan Wolff both enjoy show jumping, riding their horses several times a week.

Padraic Springuel's sport is reading. He greatly enjoys many books.

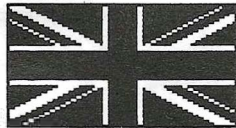
His three brothers play soccer along with lots of neighborhood children including Jillian Horwitz. Bevan Shimizu and Robert Shaut are also very aggressive young soccer players. Many of the neighborhood children are inspired to play tennis by our local tennis champion, Osamu Shimizu, who is fourth in the Mid-Atlantic Tennis Tournament. There are plenty of activities around for everyone!



### An Invitation to Capture the Flag!



**when:** Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm



**where:** Main bridge at Glen Echo Park

**who:** Kids age 10 and up

Contact

Matt Polak & Neil Shaut

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# THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Billy Briggs** of 6105 Bryn Mawr Ave. After spending several days in Sibley Hospital following knee surgery, he is now recuperating at home.

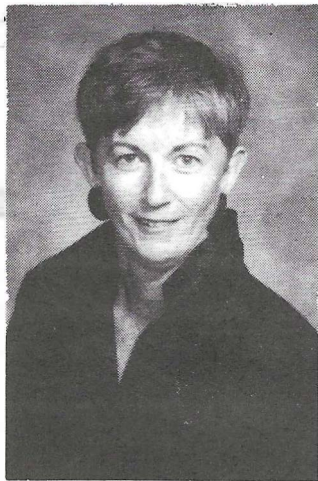
Get that knee in working condition, Billy; you are missed on the golf course...

The **Deebo** home at 1 Vassar Circle was the scene of a reunion when **Marge** entertained her family. It was warm enough to use the pool, which shared the popularity spot with the large array of tasty food.

Among those attending were former neighbors **John** and **Eloise Deebo**, who resided at 7327 University Ave. Also **George** and **Jeanette Deebo**, **Tim** and **Grace Deebo**, **Joe** and **Sherry Deebo**, **Kim** and **Jack Vigrass** and **Bill Hufnagel**...



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*Eleanor*

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# FOUR-WAY STOP PLANNED FOR HAZARDOUS SPOT

By David Sproul

A four-way stop near the Inn at Glen Echo will be tried in an effort to prevent future accidents, the town council decided last month.

It rejected for the time being the idea of making Tulane and Oberlin Aves. one-way, as suggested by Sally Law, owner of a Tulane Ave. financial consulting service, and Penny Bodine, an Oberlin Ave. resident.

Mayor Debbie Beers said the stop sign plan would be tried first.

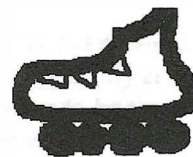
Stop signs will also be erected on the right sides of Yale and Harvard Aves. near their intersections with Columbia Ave., the mayor said. She reported that Oxford Ave. residents still want a stop sign at University and Oxford to slow incoming park traffic.

Councilman Shultz cited several attempts by residents of the eastern end of town to create their own signage and parking rules, saying it appeared to indicate a "power vacuum." He said the council will help demonstrate its influence by enforcing the town ordinances in that part of town.

# TOWNSPEOPLE MEET COUNCIL AT PARTY

Mayor Debbie Beers and Councilmembers Michael Brintnall, Nancy Long and Don Moran greeted townspeople at a "Meet Your Council" social at the Town Hall on Saturday evening, Sept. 26.

Calling All Rollerbladers!



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## WILD BIRD CENTER HOLDS BIRD FESTIVAL

A hawk and owl show and a presentation by a falconer and his falcon will be features of the Community Bird Festival to be held at the Wild Bird Center in Cabin John on Saturday, Oct. 17.

Ranger Bill Trautman will present his hawks and owls from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mike Dupuy will talk about the art of falconry immediately following. George Petrides, Sr., father of the owner of the Wild Bird Center, will sign copies of his books, **Peterson Field Guides to Eastern and Western Trees**, and Lola Oberman will sign copies of her newest book, **Dial "B" for Birder**. There will be special drawings for bird feeders and a pair of binoculars. All events are free and open to the public.

The Wild Bird Center also offers movies about birds every Sunday at 2 p.m., with popcorn provided.

## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Helpers are needed for the town Halloween party. Please contact Kate Horwitz, 320-2171.

