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Nightmare on MacArthur Boulevard 2

by Suzanne Parmelee

Daily we all witness the heavy flow of "outside" metro commuters cutting through the Cabin John community on their way to and from work. The sheer volume of these commuters puts an undue load on our already burdened roadways and historic American Legion Bridge, the official name for MacArthur's one-way bridge. Impatient drivers race down our streets, barely pause at stop signs and cut through the pedestrian/bicycle lanes threatening the safety and quality of life in our community.

Surely we all react with distain at such behavior, but the drivers also feel the frustration at the lack of understanding by highway design professionals.

Prompted by assurances by the County Transportation Department that they would work with the community, the Cabin John Citizens Association formed a Traffic Committee to address our traffic crisis. Over a dozen concerned community members attended the meetings on the first two Wednesdays of March to discuss solutions to our problems. Several good ideas were discussed and will be presented at the next CJCA meeting. ♡

Citizens Association Meeting March 23 — *Be There!*

Don't miss the Citizens Association Meeting at the Clara Barton Center at 7:30 p.m..

This month's Citizens Association Meeting will be mainly devoted to discussion of a traffic plan for Cabin John. The community will be asked to vote their support for adopting a Cabin John Traffic Plan proposed by the CJCA Transportation Committee. This plan will then be presented to the county transportation department for adoption.

If you are concerned about the transportation problems facing Cabin John and the increasing burden of traffic on our community, lend your voice to the CJCA. Cabin John Gardens residents are also urged to attend.

GLEN ECHO PARK SCENE

Adventure Theater is presenting *Alice in Wonderland*, a musical, playing through April 11, weekends at 1:30 and 3:30. Tickets are \$4.50. For more information call 320-5331.

Through April 1, The Puppet Company is featuring *Aladdin (and His Wonderful Lamp)* every Wednesday and Thursday at 10 and 11:30 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 11:00 AM, 1:00 and 2:30 PM. Tickets are \$4.00. For more information call 320-6668.

Kathleen T. Andrie has announced the reopening of her studio at Glen Echo Park on March 23. She will continue to offer classes in various media to young children ages 5 to 10. For more information on this program, "The Young Creative Spirit," please call 493-6229 or 320-6704.

Glen Echo Gallery will be featuring *Woodcuts by Ellen Hill* beginning Friday April 2 through May 2, 1993. The exhibit begins with a reception from 7:00 to 9:00 pm on Friday April 2. ♡

Briefly noted . . .

Glen Echo Seafood was granted a beer and wine license at its appeal to the County Board of License Commissioners last month.

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The Bethesda/Chevy Chase Government Center, 7815 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda, is offering a talk on *Financing Long Term Care* on Tuesday, April 20 at 7 pm. and *Job Search in the '90's* on Friday, May 14, at 10 am.

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Free AARP tax help is available. Call 301/468-4179.

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For information on Support Group for parents with disabilities call Odile Saddi at 301/217-1246.

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Attn: Gardeners: Composting training is available Saturday, April 24 (9:00 - 1:00 pm.) and Sunday April 25 (1:00 - 5:00 pm) at the Smith Center, 5110 Meadowside Lane, Rockville. To register call Peggy Preusch, 301/590-9638.

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Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission has issued a Request for Proposals for persons or businesses to manage the equestrian center located at 14211 Quince Orchard Rd. in North Potomac. For information call Patti Goldberg, 301/495-4646.

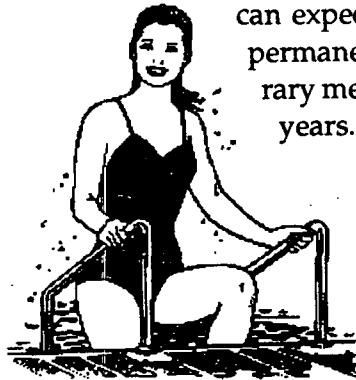
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There is still time to join the National Issues Forum Study Circle at the April 1st meeting, 7:30 pm at the Clara Barton Community Center. The first subject the Circle has chosen is the health care cost crisis and elderly health care. The study circle will continue with this subject through the spring.

Palisades Pool open to new applications in April

With Summer around the corner, Palisades pool is again open to new application for membership. Each April applications are sent to those families who have requested membership applications throughout the year.

Once your name is placed on the waiting list, you can expect a 6 to 7 year wait before being eligible for permanent membership. But don't despair. Temporary memberships can become available in only 2 to 4 years.



To request an application, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope (with "Application Request" written on the outside envelope) to Rona Davis, 8817 Ridge Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817.

Applications for lifeguards for the 1993 season can be sent to Lifeguard Applications, Palisades Swimming Pool Association, P.O. Box 636, Glen Echo, MD 20812. ☞

Rummage Sale, Easter Egg Hunt at United Methodist Church

The Cabin John Methodist Church (MacArthur Blvd. at 77th St.) will have its spring rummage sale Thursday, Apr 22 (10-7), Friday, April 23 (10-7, and Saturday, April 24 (10-4). Rummage sale donations are accepted on Mondays. Proceeds will go to help needy families in Cabin John and to be food for the homeless through Marth's Table. Members of the church will make sandwiches and distributed in Washington. Those willing to help making sandwiches or distributing them please call Pastor David Roberts at 229-8233.

All the Cabin John children are invited to the free Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 10, 1:00-2:00 featuring the Hunt, balloons, piñatas, games and, of course, the Easter Bunny.

Holy week activities include Passion/Palm Sunday worship on April 4 at 11:00, Holy Thursday worship on April 8 at 7:30, Community Good Friday service on April 9 at noon at Concord-St. Andrew's United Methodist Church (River & Goldsboro Rd.) and Easter worship on April 11 at 6:00 am and 11:00. ☞

Bus riders alert:

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The new law would allow three false alarms without penalty. Fines would be assessed after the fourth false alarm, beginning at \$135, and rise incrementally to \$500 with each successive false alarm. After eight false alarms (in one year) police would require that homeowners upgrade their systems to new county standards (to be required beginning August 31), be trained in their use, and have up to 45 days to pay their fines. If the fines are not paid within the specified time police will stop responding to the alarms.

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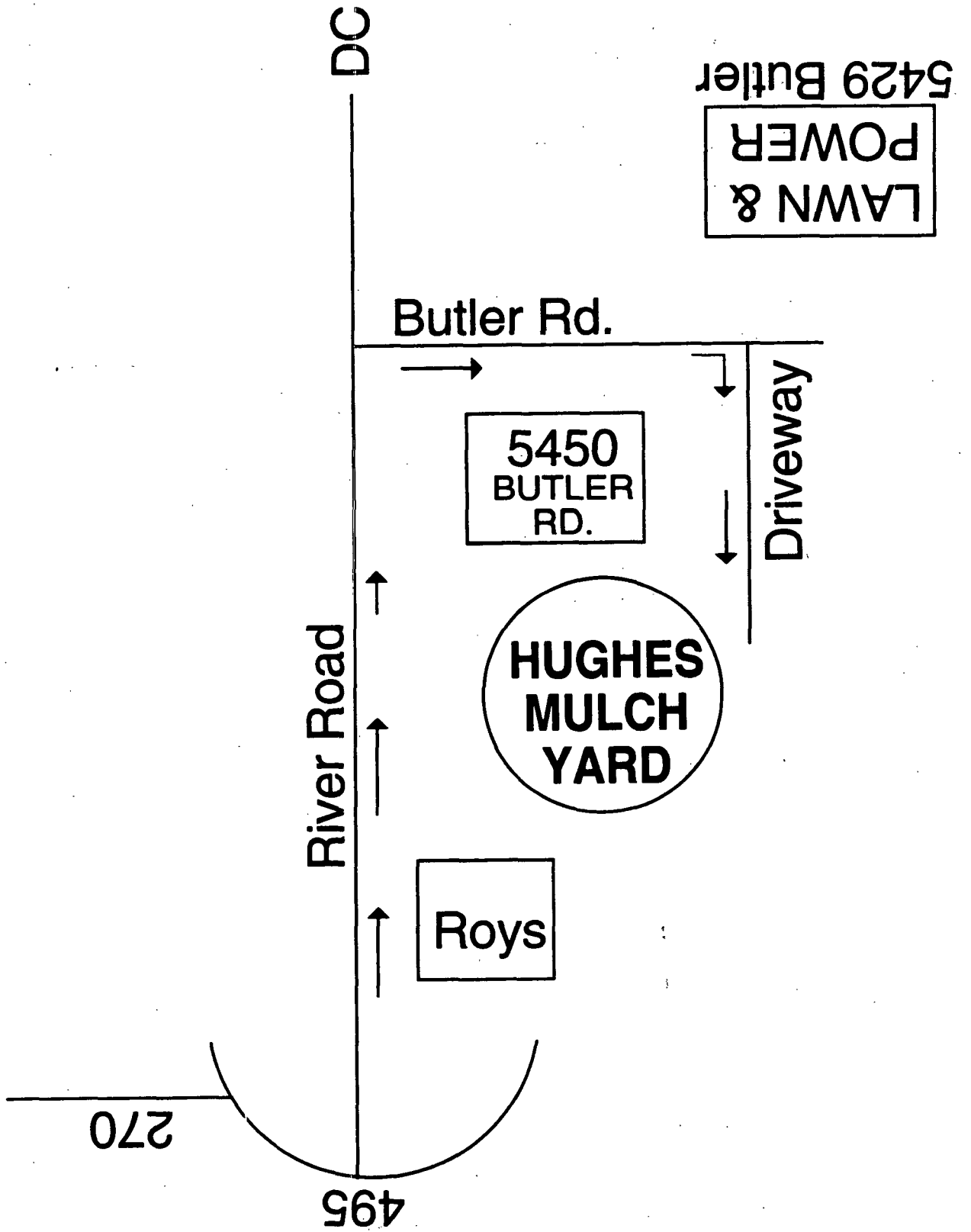


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Paulownia trees stolen

Claiming they were going to trim a tree in the neighborhood to make way for telephone lines two men felled a 60 foot Paulownia tree in Glen Echo in February. Viewed as a "weed tree" in the United States, the ornamental tree that produces fragrant purple flowers in foot-long clusters in Spring is prized in Japan for use in ceremonial boxes. A week later two men posing as construction workers, clad in orange vests and hard hats and believed to be the same two men, struck again. This time they cut down a tree on MacArthur Boulevard at 81st Street.

In the last three years, police say, at least a dozen trees have been stolen in the Washington area. Winter is the favored time for harvesting the trees because the sap runs to the base of the trees and doesn't discolor the wood. Sawmills in the area may offer up to \$5,000 per tree then sell it in Japan for up to \$25,000.

According to Glen Echo's *The Echo*, the Park Police say they are looking for two white males in their 30s, both stockily built. One has blond-gray hair and a beard, the other black hair and a beard. They drive a 1969 Chevy pickup with Virginia tag number TL70825. They usually claim to be contractors for a utility, set out cones on the road, and proceed with their work. Police caution anyone not to challenge the individuals but to call county or park police immediately. ☞



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