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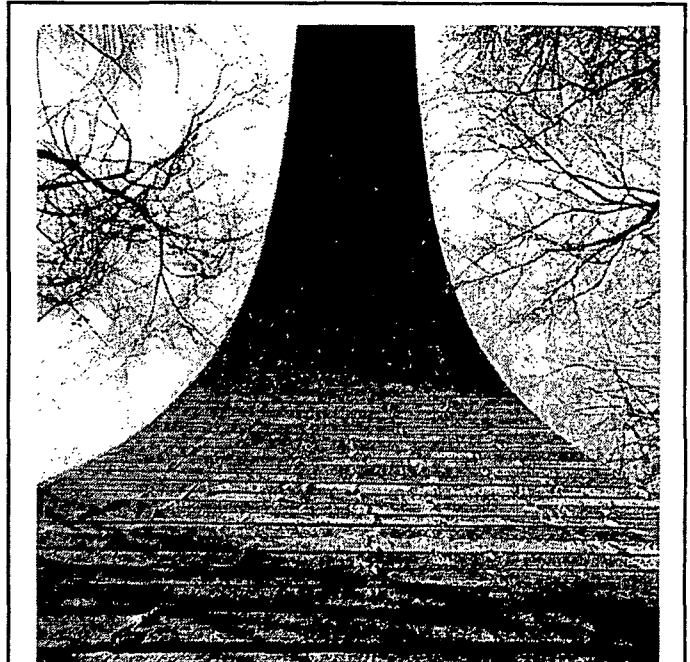
March 1995

## TRAFFIC SIGNAL HITS A RED LIGHT, RAMP CLOSING PROCEEDS WITH CAUTION

The two petitions that were voted on at the January meeting have been completed. The petition to close selected ramps from the Clara Barton Parkway during the rush hours was signed by 322 people and was forwarded in the name of the Citizen's Association to both the Montgomery County Department of Transportation and The Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway. The petition to oppose the erection of a traffic signal at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard and the Clara Barton Parkway was signed by 313 people and was forwarded to the Montgomery County Department of Transportation. Correspondence with the Montgomery County Department of Transportation has informed us that the traffic signal is on indefinite hold, and that upon receipt of the petitions, the County will commence a study of the impacts of any ramp closing. This study is to be used as a feasibility study and will use as a starting point the Traffic Study that the Citizen's Association carried out on May 26, 1993. This study was also used as a basis for a cover letter pointing out that about 60% of all the morning rush hour traffic crossing the Union Arch Bridge arises from the Parkway. At this time I would like to thank all those who volunteered to circulate the petitions, which received such strong community support. Gary Barnhardt coordinated the effort with Linda Green, Suzanne Richardson, Fran Patch, Ron Kibler, Richard Wilner, Susan Toder, John Hoff, Richard Sablowsky, Reed Martin, Lauaini Minn, Margaret Atwell, Marie St Claire, Brian Johnson and Jack Smith.

### ANTENNA SITES

At the last meeting Paul Rosa, Director of the Potomac Conservancy, mentioned that antennae for Personal Communication devices as well as cellular telephones will be sprouting up all around us. At the last meeting the Association voted to send letters supporting the use of Federal facilities in the area to minimize the potential visual blight of these 150 foot high poles. That letter has been sent. As a reminder of the immediacy of the issue, the Association has just received a notice for zoning approval for an antenna at Congressional Country Club.



Trolls view of the Union Arch Bridge.

### NEWS FROM THE TEEN CENTER

The Clara Barton Teen Center is in full operation. Please stop in to meet the director, Penelope Newman, and see the newly decorated and furnished teen lounges. Penelope is at the Center every afternoon, providing program support and leadership for the students who drop in after school to listen to music, watch television, snack and play games. Friday evening events have occurred every week and are attracting good attendance. A high school band and coffee house party, held on March 10, had over 140 students. A schedule of events is available at the Clara Barton Center. Separate activities for middle and high school students continue to be scheduled through June 16 (except for spring break - April 14-28). We appreciate all of the help the community has provided in making the first two months so successful. Special thanks go to Pizza Hut and Good

**Citizens Association Meeting  
Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30  
at the Clara Barton Community Center**

## Looking Backwards in Cabin John

Beginning with this issue, we'll report on some of the things that were happening in the same month in years gone by. Here are a few March items from *The Village News* archives:

**Way back in 1928** At the March meeting of the Citizens Association, plans were made for raising funds to donate drop curtains for the stage of the new Glen Echo-Cabin John School which was about to open. (later named the Clara Barton School) The meeting also asked that the street lights on Conduit Road (now MacArthur Boulevard) be turned on: they had recently been installed but for some reason had not yet been turned on. Other issues on the meeting's agenda were the enforcement of prohibition laws in the county and the fact that some residents were apparently not using Maryland license plates on their automobiles.

**March 1976** The Village News reported that the Cabin John Post Office had just moved into new quarters at the old Clara Barton School (the school had been closed the previous year). The article recalled that the first Cabin John post office had been opened in 1890 in the general store that stood west of the fire-house (where the shopping center now stands) and had moved several times since. The story concluded that "if you have trouble remembering the present cost of mailing a first class letter, just add up the sum total of 20731." (20731 was Cabin John's zip code then.)

**In March 1987** "Cable TV Is Coming to Cabin John." An important topic on the Citizens Association agenda was "the generally hazardous conditions created at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard, the exit road from the Parkway, and Ericson Road from Cabin John Gardens. Association president Levy Schlafman has talked with the county about this problem, and the possibility of installing three-way stop signs...will be discussed the March 24 meeting." (Sound familiar?)

*Thanks to Village News Archivist Andy Rice for contributing this feature. If you have photos or mementos of the old days in Cabin John, the Village News would like to use them with this feature.*

## TEEN CENTER continued

Guy's for providing Pizza at a discount for the last three parties. Adult volunteers are always needed to chaperon events. We follow all County guidelines for evening activities, and County staff are in attendance as well as our own community volunteers. Call June Spencer to volunteer (229-6496).

## Neighborhood Events

At Glen Echo Park

### Hall of Mirrors Performance Series

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At Cabin John American Chinese United Methodist Church

### Soup & Salad Dinner

March 25 from 5-7 pm at the Church Community Hall. Dinner will include a variety of soups including Chinese selections, dessert and beverage. Adults \$6.00, Children 10 and under \$3.50 (all you can eat)

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