

# The Echo

The Town of  
**GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND**

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## **COUNCILMAN VINE ACCUSES COUNCIL OF "ILLEGAL" DECISION ON RESUBDIVISION**

**Questions Town Funding of *Echo* Editor's "Hobby"**

By Julie and Sheldon Milstien

A far-ranging list of objections by Councilman Ronnie Vine to recent actions by the Mayor and Council members as well as policies concerning THE ECHO took up the major part of a contentious Town Council meeting held on February 16. The meeting was attended by a full complement of town officials and 13 residents.

Vine's objections, based on his interpretation of the Town Charter, centered around two points: that filing of an appeal on the application to the Park and Planning Commission to resubdivide a property on Wellesley Circle was "illegal" since the full Council was not consulted, and that \$2,000 or more of the town's money was going to be spent to "solve a dispute between neighbors."

These were the same points he brought up in an article in the February issue of THE ECHO.

Mayor George Borsari reiterated the reasons (also given in the February ECHO) for consulting only two Council members on the appeal by telephone, this constituting a majority of the Council voting on this issue. He pointed out that action had to be taken before the next Council meeting and that it served to keep the town's options open until a long-range decision could be made at the meeting.

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### **Mayor, Two Council Members To Be Elected in May**

Monday, May 4 is the scheduled date for the biennial Glen Echo election of town officials. Three positions will be filled at this election: Mayor and the two Council seats presently held by Jim Anderson and Ronnie Vine.

The term of office in each case is four years. There is no salary.

Residents wishing to declare their candidacy for office must do so by filing with the chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Election.

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## Election (from page 1)

To be eligible for the office of Mayor, a person must be at least 30 years of age, have resided in town at least two years immediately preceding the election and be a qualified voter of the town.

The qualifications for Council member are the same except that the age requirement is 25 years.

Voter registration will take place in April. Requirements are: U.S. citizenship, at least 18 years of age, residence in Glen Echo at the time of the election. Registration is permanent, so long as one continues to live in Glen Echo.

## Interest in Babysitting Coop?

The realities of parenthood become very apparent when trying to get a babysitter. Sometimes you are lucky, sometimes not, and who can find one at noon so you can run an errand or have lunch with an old friend?

Bonnie Whyte, mother of eight-month-old Lindsey, is setting up a babysitter cooperative with others in town. The idea is to trade-off time for child care and is the ultimate in a credit economy. The co-op needs about ten families to work well. If you are interested, please call her at 229-3392. A get-together to discuss the concept is planned for the week of March 23.

## Council Meeting (from page 1)

He emphasized that the \$2,000 figure was only an estimate, and probably a high one.

Councilman Jim Anderson, who abstained from the vote, summarized the arguments for trying to block the subdivision. If houses can be built on lots of less than 6,000 square feet, an undetermined number of houses could be built on pre-existing or newly created lots of this size throughout the town, thus changing its character. He emphasized that it is not a dispute between neighbors, but a broader issue involving town density.

Councilman Vine moved that the appeal of the Commission's decision be withdrawn. The motion failed for lack of a second. He then moved that a vote be taken to withhold funds for the appeal. This motion also failed for lack of a second.

Councilman Vine then took up the question of how THE ECHO could be considered an "unofficial" town publication if the town subsidizes it. He suggested that the printing schedule be changed so that the news would be more current when THE ECHO is distributed. He also suggested publishing the official Council meeting minutes in the paper.

To the question of the paper's unofficial status, the Mayor replied, "I don't think if we have an independent newspaper like we do that we should have any oversight over it." He pointed out that THE ECHO provides community spirit, social benefits, and information for the town, and is subsidized for much the same reason that town-sponsored parties are.

The Mayor further said the publication of THE ECHO was timed to stimulate the maximum amount of interest in the upcoming Council meeting. "It's in everybody's best interest to have as many townspeople coming to it as can," he said.

ECHO editor Carlotta Anderson suggested that Councilman Vine act on former Councilwoman Judy McFarland's proposal for a bulletin board at the entrance of the Post Office, on which official Council minutes could be posted.

Mayor Borsari reminded the group that the minutes are not official until they are approved at a subsequent Council meeting, which would be too late for inclusion in THE ECHO. At that time they are available on request from the Clerk-Treasurer, the Mayor or any Council member.

In response to Vine's contention that the Council was "spending taxpayer's money to indulge Editor Anderson in her hobby," Councilman Anderson replied, "If you think THE ECHO is not performing a valuable service to this community, you haven't been paying attention."

In further Council discussion involving THE ECHO, Editor Anderson outlined her difficulties in finding typists, and requested the Council consider the possibility of paying for typing.

Mayor Borsari pointed out that since THE ECHO is put together by town volunteers, paid typists should be from out-of-town. He suggested that Mrs. Anderson submit a budget including the cost of typing for the Council's consideration.

### SHORT NOTES

News for bikers: The MacArthur Boulevard bike path is not a mandatory bike lane. According to Freewheelin', published by the Park and Planning Commission, the Maryland Attorney General interpreted the applicable law and concluded that bikers could use the roadway.

The westward extension of the path from Old Angler's Inn to Falls Road is different

The controversial plan to cut back the number of flights at National Airport is delayed again. New Transportation Secretary Drew Lewis proposed to delay implementation of the grand plan from April until October so the new administration could restudy the matter.

however. The bike lanes are at the edge of the road and bikers must use those lanes on the newly resurfaced road.

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The new Gaithersburg office of the Department of Motor Vehicles (moved from Rockville) is open the first Saturday of every month (8:30-4:30). It is closed the following Mon.  
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## VALUABLE HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS GIVEN TO TOWN ARCHIVES

Marquerite Burgess, the daughter of long-time Oakdale Villa owner Nettie Mae Burgess, last month gave the town of Glen Echo her mother's large collection of historical materials pertaining to this area.

Nettie Mae Burgess was a local realtor for some 50 years and a careful historical researcher. She also clipped out many newspaper articles about Glen Echo and its environs over the years. One of the most valuable items in her collection is a copy of a real estate promotion booklet, "Glen Echo-On-The-Potomac," published by E. and E. Baltzley in 1897, which effusively sang the glories of their Glen Echo subdivision. This will be added to a copy of the booklet already in the town's possession.

Nettie Mae Burgess bought Oakdale Villa and its adjoining "slave quarters" at 42 and 44 Wellesley Circle in 1946

and substantially remodeled them. They were built in 1853. She owned the large house until her death last year. It is currently for sale.

Marquerite Burgess, an artist living in Cabin John, had originally considered giving her mother's collection to the Montgomery County Historical Society, or another historical library, but decided that the Glen Echo archives "are the right place for it." The town will notify the County Historical Society as well as the County public library system that these materials are available here for research purposes.

Town Clerk-Treasurer Paula Wolff is currently organizing the archives under authority of Councilwoman Nancy Lona, official Town Archivist, and will start cataloging the new items in the spring. Any resident who is interested in working on the project may contact her at 229-2378.

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The following are excerpts from a typewritten document in the Burgess collection entitled, "MacArthur Blvd. History," which appears to be a compilation of information culled from various sources by Mrs. Burgess.

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Prior to the advent of the white man, this land was part of that unknown and extensive territory inhabited by subject tribes of the great Powhatan. Algonquin communities crowded the banks of the Potomac from Georgetown to above Cabin John Bridge. In the spring they would set up their summer homes of boudhs and go fishing up around Great Falls. Between the receiving and the distributing reservoirs scientists have located six ancient Indian Village sites on the Maryland river side and one on the Virginia side.

1608, Capt. John Smith discovered the "Little Falls" and wrote: "On the 16th of June, 1608 we felle with the River Patowmek. Having gone so high with the bote as we could (to the Falls) we met divers Savages in Canowes well loaden with flesh of Beares, Deere, and other beastes, whereof we had part." Concerning the Falls he records: "We found the navigation obstructed by immense rocks, spangled by mica, which glistened like gold in the sunlight, as water tricked down their sides."

1632 - 24 yrs later - another English explorer and trader, Henry Fleet came up the Potomac to Little Falls. He wrote: "Here the river aboundeth with all manner of fish. The Indians in one night commonly catch 30 sturgeons in a place where the river is not 12 fathoms broad. And as for the deer, buffaloes, bears, turkeys the woods do swarm with them. And the soil is extremely fertile, but above this place, the country is rocky and mountainous like Canada."

## Statements of Candidates Requested for April Issue

The staff of this newspaper would like to suggest to prospective candidates the following five questions which it considers are of interest to most town voters. One-half typewritten page will be made available to each candidate for a statement which hopefully will address these questions. Please submit your statements ready for printing by Saturday, April 4.

1. What single change do you think is most important for Glen Echo and how would you go about making it?
2. Do you think the town government should be more active or less active in enacting and enforcing ordinances?
3. What services should the town provide that it doesn't and what services might it give up?
4. What do you consider the town government's role should be regarding the development of land in Glen Echo? Do you think 5,000 or 6,000 square feet should be required for a buildable lot that cannot be "grandfathered" to an earlier zoning requirement?
5. Should the town tax rates be reconsidered in the light of the greatly increased property tax assessments?

### Town Business in Brief

...Nothing has been done yet on a trash contract. A synopsis must be prepared for publication of bid procedures by the next Council meeting.

...The town must be in compliance with the State Ethics Law by July. The manual will be read by Clerk-Treasurer Wolff and then forwarded to Town Attorney Tom Craven.

...Mayor Borsari noted that one of the Beard-built houses by Bryn Mawr has a fence on the streetcar right-of-way. Though that property actually belongs to O. Roy Chalf, the town has Mr. Chalk's written permission to use it.

...Negotiations are continuing with WSSC to fix the sidewalk damaged by January's water leak.

...The Cabin John Fire Department will clean fire hydrants in the spring.

...The Montgomery County Environmental Protection Agency has removed coal tar from an area of town, which was causing a gaseous odor.

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### NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 16 - 8 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

All residents encouraged to attend

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### Committee on Park Set Up

A committee of town residents to study options on the use of Glen Echo Park was set up last month, Councilwoman Nancy Long announced at the February Town Council meeting.

The members are as follows: Paula Wolff, Ronnie Vine, Shirley Strong, Rex Borsari, Frank Corder, Marty Martinez, Joye Newman, Daryl Kuster and Barbara Odell. The latter three volunteered in response to the notice in THE ECHO.

Councilwoman Long stated that alternative proposals were now being printed by the Park administration, but that public comments are appropriate at this time.

THE ECHO is distributed to Glen Echo residents around the middle of each month (a few days before the next Town Council meeting). If you should not receive a copy, you may find an extra one at the Post Office. Just ask a clerk for one.

## COUNCIL COMMENTS To Bonnie Whyte

### Councilman Jim Anderson

My seat is up in the coming May elections. I haven't made up my mind yet on whether or not to run again.

As a reminder to residents, it is against the law to park on town sidewalks. It causes the walks to deteriorate and we just replaced many blocks in town. The County police have been alerted and will ticket those found parked on the sidewalks.

The county police will also deal with the abandoned auto on Princeton Avenue.

### Councilman Ronnie Vine

I have decided that I will run again for my Council seat.

### Councilman Fred Kuster

I have no comments at this time about the upcoming elections.

Stop signs and street signs have been purchased for \$236 and will be put up in March.

At the Town Hall, the gutters and drains must be cleaned and the floor refinished due to extensive wear.

### Councilwoman Nancy Long

Town residents should mark Saturday, April 25 on their calendars as the date for the annual C & O Canal hike. The walk will cover about 12 miles at the halfway point of the canal, from Ft. Frederick to Williamsport, Md. The banquet will be held in Halfway, Md.!

Glen Echo Park has mailed a flyer with four possible alternatives for its future to those on its mailing list. I encourage all residents to return them with their comments. The committee formed by town residents (ed.: see other story) is working on suggestions from our perspective and we intend for it to carry some weight. What is possible in light of President Reagan's budget cuts remains to be seen.

### Mayor George Borsari

I have not yet decided if I will run again for the mayor's office. My four years have been interesting and frustrating. It all amounts to what the role of mayor is to be in this town: to lead or to administrate. My plan to designate and put trees in by the town entrances was killed by the Council.

### SLIMNASTICS AT TOWN HALL

Once again, the county Department of Recreation is sponsoring slimnastics at the town Hall. Classes are offered Tuesday and Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. Ten one-hour sessions cost \$18.00. Classes begin March 23 and run through May. To register, fill out form in booklet available at the library or show up at the first class.

## MUSIC IN MARCH

Glen Echo Town Hall

Friday evenings - 8:00 p.m.



March 20 - Woodwind Ensemble  
instruments  
Montgomery Co. Chamber  
Music Society

March 27 - Woodwind Quintet  
Montgomery Co. Chamber  
Music Society

Sponsored by the Town of Glen Echo and the Montgomery County Department of Recreation.

(The following article should have appeared in last month's issue but somehow secreted itself among other papers on the Editor's cluttered desk. Because of its general interest, we print it despite its being something less than late-breaking news.)

## Extreme Cold Caused Water Main Breaks

By Jan Shaut and Carlotta Anderson

A rash of water main breaks that are plaguing the County this winter extended to Glen Echo last month.

The main at Yale and University Avenue broke January 18 and a flood of water started gushing down the street. Daryl Kuster quickly cleaned out the drain at the bottom of the street, which was clogged with weeds, and a potential disaster was averted, according to Paula Wolff, who lives at the bottom of the street.

WSSC turned off the water in the area for about nine hours and did a temporary patch the next day. The workmen told Dorothy Saunders, who lives on the top of the hill, that they had been on 24-hour service for many days attempting to repair all the breaks. They attributed the problem to extreme cold this winter.

Mrs. Saunders reported that pipes to one of her bathrooms froze for the first time this year. Once they had thawed, she let the water run all night when low temperatures were predicted, to prevent their refreezing.

In the 6700 block of Overlin, the police were notified of an eight-inch main break at 5:15 a.m. January 20. WSSC was called in and began working very early. Residents were without water a good part of the morning.

The third break occurred at University and Oxford at 6 p.m. January 20. Workmen worked on it all through the night. The water was shut off sometime during the night, causing quite an inconvenience for residents in the area until about noon on the 21st.

## Assessment Work Sheets Available

A copy of the Tax Assessor's work sheets for your property will be mailed to you on request. They include the Assessor's comments on the house location and condition, a description of its appearance and facilities and aspects which caused the assessment to be raised or lowered.

With the work sheets comes a booklet entitled "Understanding Your Assessment."

To obtain the materials phone 279-1370 or 279-1355 and give the following information: owner, District, Sub-division, Acct. No., and Lot and Block No. The work sheets will be mailed to you in 7-10 days.

## Sewage Outflow in Brookmont

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission has applied for a state discharge permit to dump 20 million gallons of treated sewage into the Potomac at Brookmont, the Bannockburn Newsletter reported in its February issue.

The effluent will come from the controversial sewage treatment plant at Persimmon Tree Road and will be piped all the way to Brookmont, the paper said. It added that at a stormy hearing Brookmont citizens claimed that the meeting was a sham since WSSC had already filed the application when the hearing was held.

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Arthur Briham, Public Relations Officer for WSSC said that these breaks are a result of drastic changes in weather and the fact that the system in Glen Echo is very old.

When main breaks occur at this time of year, regulations prohibit WSSC from laying a permanent patch. Therefore, local residents suffer from temporary patches shrinking and creating pot holes that never seem to be repaired.

By

Tillie McNolly

# THE KEYHOLE

Congratulations to Jane and Brockie Stevenson who recently moved from 6105 Harvard Avenue to a home of their "very own" at 6106 Yale Avenue. Knowing how civic minded they both are, we can consider ourselves fortunate to have them as permanent residents. Not only did they make their "rented" home an attractive asset to Harvard Avenue, but they also were responsible for the flowers around the flag pole at the Post Office. Brockie also makes the cake for our annual town picnic--complete with a street layout decoration. (Bet Yale Avenue will be well represented on this year's cake!)

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In January I told you about Cici Fenimore Haworth who grew up in Glen Echo and who had recently passed the bar examination and is now a lawyer. Well, as a sequel to that article, I can report she passed another "exam" on January 30--presenting husband Allan with their first child who they named Emily. Congratulations to the happy family!

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If you heard "big band" music in town on February 20, it was not the re-opening of the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Nancy and Walter Helmig of 6005 Cornell Avenue gave a "Sock Hop" at the Town Hall featuring a disc jockey and music from big bands of the '40s to "Saturday Night Fever." Among the "jitterbuggers" and "twisters" were Manuel and Betty Espinosa of 13 Vassar Circle who said they last danced in Glen Echo to the music of Jimmy Dorsey at the Spanish Ballroom in the Park in 1952.

It was one of the last big bands to play in Glen Echo according to Betty. This was during the Korean War and a lot of soldiers attended, along with many town residents and other local people. The soldiers were encamped on Falls Road and were assigned to protect the Aqueduct in

time of war. At one time their tents were pitched on the grounds of the Baptist Church, which was then the Glen Echo Fire Department.

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Julie Milstien of 6000 Harvard Avenue is spending 5 weeks in Amsterdam working for the Netherland Red Cross Blood Transfusion Central Laboratory on a grant from the Dutch Government as a visiting scientist. Julie, who is a virologist with FDA, will be working on a measles project with a former colleague who is a visiting scientist from Holland.

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Nancy Hellmig's daughter, Melissa Simler, is temporarily living with the Helmigs at 6005 Cornell Avenue. Melissa is a commercial artist working for an ad agency in Kensington and just loves Glen Echo, according to her mother. She especially enjoys bicycling and jogging in this area.

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Ann and George Simpich of 23 Wellesley Circle spent a week in sunny Puerto Rico in February. They had a two-bedroom Villa overlooking the Caribbean at Las Palmas, a resort 1½ hours from San Juan, where they "just relaxed and played in the sun", --which was easy for Georgewith a golf course at their back door.

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Another interesting appointment for one of our female residents! This time it is Rex Borsari of 6107 Princeton Avenue who has been appointed by County Executive Charles Gilchrist to serve on the Area I Recreation Advisory Board. Rex, as Associate Advisor, is taking 21 Explorers from Post 4 to Seven Spring, Penna., for skiing. Included in the group will be her son Robby who has recently become a member.

### More Peeks Thru the Keyhole

Best wishes for a quick return to good health to Thelma Fessenden of 6005 Bryn Mawr Avenue who is a patient at Sibley Memorial Hospital.

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"Never again!" proclaimed Julie Milstien after she completed her first "Bethesda Chase," a 20 km (12.4 mile) race on March 1 which Julie completed in under 1 hour and 50 minutes. It was the longest race Julie ever entered, but she was aided by her children, Benjamin and Sarah, who handed out water at the nine mile mark. Husband Sheldon "just stood around and froze."

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#### WINDY BUT HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO:

Carlotta Anderson - our Editor--March 19  
Elsie Alban-----March 26

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Please call Tillie at 229-4119 with any items of interest, or drop them into the "Town News Items" container in the Post Office.

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### Resident Fights C-1 Bus Cut

Town resident Julie Milstien of Harvard Avenue last month asked the help of the Town Council in supporting the need for frequent bus service with Bethesda via the C-1 bus.

The C-1 currently runs at half-hour intervals during the morning and evening rush hours. Because of a ridership survey made in December by the Metro Planning Office, the service will be cut to hourly beginning in March, since the income from the bus route was calculated at only 74% of the average mandated by Montgomery County, Mrs. Milstien told the Council.

She suggested ridership might be higher in warmer months, and that in any case, less drastic cuts in service would be sufficient.

Mayor Borsari suggested she draft a letter for his signature stating the town's support for frequent bus service to Bethesda and the rest of Montgomery County and requesting that another survey be made after the new schedule is in place.

THE ECHO will print the new schedule as soon as it is available.

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## Daryl's Dog Corner

As spring is just around the corner, things are picking up in the Glen Echo animal world. Due to the continuing problems with raccoons, a "have-a-heart" trap has been bought for the town and is currently in use.

In the dog corner, I talked with two owners about their dogs running loose. One belonged to a new resident who will get a license. The other dog, a German Shepherd, cannot be controlled and its owner will be getting rid of the dog. An old Irish Setter from out-of-town has appeared three times in town and been returned to its owners, but the Humane Society will be called the next time!

I had a call about a bat in a resident's house. I recommend an exterminator who has had experience with them if bats take up residence in your belfry. Bats have a habit of returning with friends to the same places year after year. Town Hall continues to have a minor bat problem.

The town had an unusual visitor recently -- an owl. While I'm not sure what kind it was, it seemed content sitting in a tree for a while and then went its way. Owls haven't been seen around here in a couple years.

-- Daryl Kuster  
Animal Control Officer

## Boxelder Bugs: A Town Housekeeping Problem But a Harmless Creature

Boxelder bugs, long unwelcome guests in the Council chambers at the Town Hall, were administered an inhospitable dose of pesticide by Colonial Exterminators last month for \$125. The bugs come from trees in the next yard.

We asked resident Edd Barrows, who works on the biology of insects at Georgetown University, to comment on the bugs, which also make their way into a number of Glen Echo homes. He said the boxelder bug is really a nice little animal, harmless and doesn't carry any diseases.

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### The Boxelder Bug, Leptocoris trivittatus

The boxelder bug is a member of the order Hemiptera, the true bugs. It is common in Glen Echo and surrounding areas. Groups of these beasts "hibernate" under bark, in cracks under siding of houses, in piles of leaves, and elsewhere. During the fall, warm winter days, and spring, adults may wander indoors, finding their ways in through cracks around windows and other places. In spring, groups of these insects sun themselves on sides of houses and other similar perches.

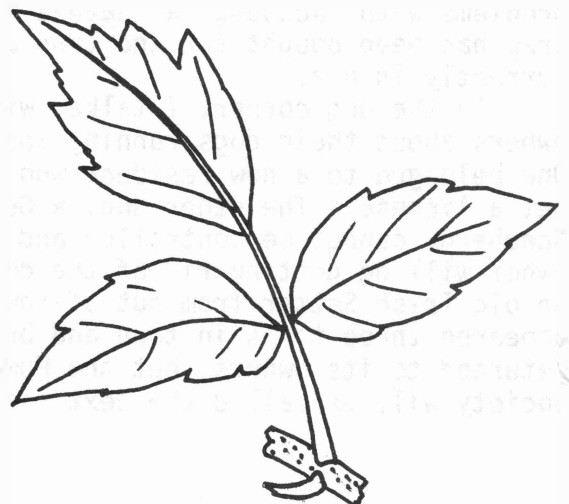
The adults are brownish black with 3 red stripes on the thorax and red veins on the wings, flat, narrowly oval, and about 0.5 inch long. Immatures (=nymphs) are bright red. They feed on female flowers, fruits, foliage, and tender twigs of boxelder and sometimes ash, other maples, and fruit trees. They generally do not damage trees enough to justify their control.

Although these bugs are not harmful to people and are important in the "balance of nature," some persons find them to be a nuisance and wish to control them. The most ecologically sound way to control them is to do it by hand. Take out your frustrations by crushing the poor things, knocking them into a bucket of hot water, or hitting them with a fly swatter. Eliminating their hibernating places can reduce their numbers, too. One can fill up cracks where they spend the winter or enter houses.

Chemical pesticides can be used as a last resort. All chemical pesticides are hazardous to humans and other nontarget organisms. They cause cancer, nerve damage, eye injuries, sterility, and about 50 accidental deaths in people per year. If used properly, Sevin(=carbaryl) is one of the least dangerous pesticides that can be used in the yard in boxelder bug warfare.

Boxelder leaves  
have 3 to 5 leaflets  
and are borne oppositely  
on branches.

samara



Edd Barrows

## Renovations Nearly Complete For Red Cross Centennial Fete

by Jan Shaut

In preparation for the American Red Cross Centennial celebration in May, the National Park Service and Friends of Clara Barton are funding the renovation of the historical Clara Barton House, the original Red Cross office and home of Clara Barton.

Renovations will be completed the week of May 10 for a grand opening and dedication.

The National Red Cross Conference will be held in Washington from May 17 through May 21, with over 4500 delegates expected. Special activities currently planned are a dinner with President Reagan and a bus tour to the Clara Barton house.

### EVENTS AT THE CLARA BARTON HOUSE

March 29, 2-4 p.m. - Quilting Demonstration. Antique quilts on display.

April 26, 2-4 p.m. - Historical Fashion Show. A unique parade of womens' dress from 1775 to 1905.

May 17-31 - Red Cross Centennial: Celebrate the 100th birthday of the American Red Cross by viewing the newly opened original Red Cross offices.

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Volunteers at the Clara Barton House are desperately needed for weekend house tours. Dress is in the turn-of-the-century costumes, supplied by the Park Service. For further information, call 492-6245.

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COMING IN THE MAY ISSUE:

Clara Barton - Who She Was,  
What She Did and Where She Lived

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## At Glen Echo Park . . . . .

**BOOKMAKING:** An Exhibition of books and experimental prints from the Writer's Center. March 1-23 at Glen Echo Gallery For more information: 229-0930  
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**SPRING CLASSES** - Registration now open. Over 100 offerings. No tuition for any class will exceed \$4 per hour. Scholarships available for the handicapped and senior citizens. Call 492-6282 for a brochure.  
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**JOHN BLEE AND STUDENTS:** Painting exhibit at the Gallery, April 3-26.  
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### ADVENTURE THEATRE

presents

TWO BY TWO

A Musical by Richard Rodgers  
The story of Noah and the Ark

Saturdays & Sundays - 1:30 & 3:30  
\$3 - For reservations 320-5331

### Natural Gas Here Unlikely

The Washington Gas and Light Company has informed resident Barbara Odell that it would like a 90% town resident participation in order to make it cost effective to pipe natural gas into Glen Echo.

The company was responding to a letter from Mrs. Odell indicating nine town families had expressed interest in having gas piped into their homes. These families, who had contacted Mrs. Odell in response to an article in the January issue of THE ECHO, represented slightly more than 10% of the homes in town.

## Chautauqua Summer Season To Be Cut Back, Not Out

By Rex Borsari

News reports that all the Chautauqua summer events at Glen Echo Park will be cancelled due to budget cuts are incorrect, according to Kitty Roberts, Acting Supervisor of George Washington Memorial Parkway.

Although budget cuts have occurred, there will be a full summer program at the Park, she said. Alternative programs are being sought to reduce the cost of the summer program.

The Director of the National Park Service will make the final decision concerning the type of program the Park will be offering this summer. Information should be available in time for the April issue of THE ECHO.

Additional reductions will probably be necessary at the Park under the budget cuts. One program already dropped is "Consumer Interests," which offered such classes as Auto Awareness, Plumbing, Homeopathic Medicine, Weatherizing the Home and Bicycling Maintenance. One of the major factors in that decision was the fact that the space was not energy efficient and money was not available to make it efficient. Energy is one source of savings that will be considered throughout the Park.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE, Musical Instruments: Gibson J-45 guitar w/hard case \$350;  
Vega "Senator" 5-string banjo w/hard case \$375;  
Unicorn custom 5-string banjo \$400;  
Psaltery w/hard case \$125;  
Kung recorders, pear wood: soprano \$40, alto \$50.  
Plus music and songbooks for these instruments.  
Must sell. Call Mary at 229-3053. weekends, some weekday evenings.

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FOR SALE, 3M home or office copier, never used, still in carton \$120;  
Mimeograph machine, works well \$75;  
Complete winemaking kit--everything you need to make wine at home \$100.  
Call Mary or Rich 229-3053 weekends, some weekday evenings--keep trying.  
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ANYONE interested in starting a playgroup, 12 to 36 months, please call Cathie Polak, 229-6042.  
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AD DEADLINE: FIRST OF EACH MONTH

FOR SALE, Scan teak table with two leaves, two matching armchairs and two matching straight chairs with black vinyl seats. \$300.  
Solid heavy metal bed frame with wheels, \$20.  
Call 229-2070.  
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FOR SALE, Carpet, 11'9" x 12'5" blue, with pad. Excellent condition. \$50.  
Bamboo Roll Shades, all 6' long.  
Four 30" wide, one 36" wide, two 48" wide. \$3 each.  
Wooden Shutters, two sets already assembled. Each set fits interior window 36"H x 35"W. \$10 per set.  
Portable Humidifiers, both for \$15.  
Call Bob Hall, 229-3793.  
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