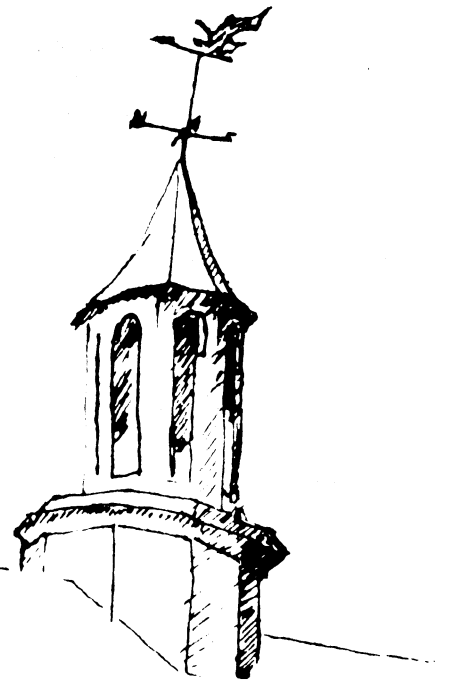


# The Echo

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



March, 1987

### SEWER BACKING UP NEAR GLEN ECHO RESTAURANT

John Kern and George (Rocky) Ford, owners of houses near the Glen Echo Station restaurant, told the Council at its February 9 meeting about sewage backups at their properties.

On December 24, the sewer on Oberlin Street backed up, causing \$1500 worth of damage to his house, John Kern reported. He said WSSC came to snake out the sewer and found that an accumulation of grease caused the back-up.

The apparent cause of the problem was that the system was inadequate for the heavy use placed on it by the restaurant, Mr. Kern said.

There has been another sewage backup at his Tulane Avenue house since the Council meeting, Mr. Ford told The Echo. Since the backup was in the downstairs toilets and bathtubs, there was no damage involved, he said.

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### WASHINGTON PHOTOGRAPHER TO MOVE TO BRYN MAWR AVENUE

By Carlotta Anderson

Don't be surprised if you see the likes of Walter Mondale, Sonny Jurgensen or Lynn Nofziger in town soon. All of them were photographed last month by Peter Garfield, who is moving his studio to Glen Echo in a couple months.

He already amazed Bryn Mawr residents by arranging for a Metro bus to squeeze into the narrow street for an advertising photo for the Sully Station real estate development in Fairfax County.

Mr. Garfield, who bought the property which formerly housed La Haute Cuisine caterers on Bryn Mawr Avenue, describes himself as a fantasy-oriented photographer. Noted for his Washingtonian Magazine covers, he often uses elaborate theatrical sets as backdrops for portrait studies. His study of Walter Mondale for the

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## SEWAGE BACKUP (from page 1)

He said his plumber found a commercial tea towel in the water pipes at a point 60 feet out from his basement into the line and prepared a written statement to that effect which Mr. Ford is sending to the County Health Department.

He said a WSSC inspector found that the grease trap at the restaurant had never been opened and that grease was overflowing from the seals. The new restaurant manager did not even know of the existence of such a trap, according to Mr. Ford.

The Health Department is coming to look into the problem, he said.

Mayor Kuster told The Echo that any claim for sewer problems should be made to the restaurant and there was nothing the town could do about it.

--Mary Masulla and Carlotta Anderson

At press time: Manager Steve Kurzweil said that he had instituted regular cleaning of the inside & outside traps by an outside contractor. He is working to maintain the property properly.

--Bonnie Whyte



## PHOTOGRAPHER MOVING STUDIO TO TOWN (from p. 1)

"Washington's Living Monuments" page of the Washington Post Magazine on February 22 showed only an enormous close-up of one of the former vice-president's eyes.

The Garfield Studio has been located for the past 10 years in a rented warehouse at 3401 K St. in Georgetown. Admitting that "the conventional wisdom" is to stay downtown, Mr. Garfield believes it is often more convenient for the people he photographs to stop in Glen Echo on their way to work. Parking is no problem and he much prefers the atmosphere here to the areas around warehouses he might have bought on 14th Street or Capitol Hill, he said.

Plans now are for remodeling both the exterior and interior of the property, Mr. Garfield said. He is thinking of some sort of traditional style on the outside, possibly Victorian or Colonial. He also intends to build a "shooting room" onto the rear of the house large enough to accommodate his sets and props.

The interior will probably be converted entirely to studio, office space and darkroom, Mr. Garfield said. He might rent out some space but does not plan to use the property as a residence.

Mr. Garfield spends about 60 percent of his time in the studio, the rest out on location. He does not expect his business to generate any more traffic than La Haute Cuisine. "I don't deal with the public per se; it's not like a retail business," he said. Typically, there might be Mr. Garfield, his wife and one employee at the studio, plus an art director, a "personality," or a few models.

All construction should be completed in late spring or summer, Mr. Garfield anticipates. He plans to come to a Town Council meeting in the near future to introduce himself and bring architectural plans.



### AWARD IN DESIGN COMPETITION

The Clara Barton Center for Children announces a \$100 award for an attractive, original visual design to be used on its T-shirts and fundraising materials.

The Center is looking for designs which evoke the positive, nurturing feeling of the Center, child care in general, or some wonderful quality unique to childhood.

Design entries are limited to a maximum of three colors and should be submitted on illustration board or paper no smaller than 8 x 10 inches. The winning entry will be selected on the basis of originality, aesthetic beauty and universal appeal.

Entries must be received at the Center by March 20 and must include name, address and phone number of artist. For more information contact Judy Nygren, 320-4565.



## ELECTION TO BE HELD MAY 14

An election to select two Council members for the town of Glen Echo will take place on Monday, May 4, at the Town Hall, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Prospective candidates must declare their intention by April 24 by contacting Paul Alban, Supervisor of Elections, at 229-3892, or Mayor Fred Kuster at 229-2070.

All prospective candidates must have resided in Glen Echo for at least two years immediately prior to the election, be registered voters and be at least 25 years of age. The Council seats to be filled at this election are those currently held by Nancy Long and Bill Shultz.

The term for Council members is four years.

All Glen Echo residents 18 years of age or over who are U.S. citizens are eligible to vote in this election. New voters can register at any time, including at the Town Hall immediately prior to the election.


### *New Assistant Editor*

It is with much pleasure that the editor announces that Bonnie Whyte has agreed to resume her old job as assistant editor at The Echo, which she held from November 1980 to August 1981. She also has served as Echo reporter on and off for many years.

Many thanks go to Francis Grant-Suttie, who took over the assistant editor's duties in May 1986, replacing Julie Barrows, who filled the post for five years until she moved away. Francis was often helped by his wife, Carolyn.

**How Well Do You Know  
GLEN ECHO?**

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS HOUSE?



Look for the answer next month, along with another drawing. Last month's drawing was 12 Wellesley Circle.

If I can be of any help to you with your Real Estate questions, please just give me a call. JANE STEVENSON at Shannon & Luchs (O) 986-9292 (H) 229-3578

I have just realized that I omitted March 31st from my calendar. I would like to apologize for this and any unintended errors or omissions in my directory. I hope you will make the corrections needed, and that these two gifts will be of some use to you.

Sincerely, Jane Stevenson



**COME, WALK IN THE GLEN ECHO EASTER PARADE  
FOR THE MARCH OF DIMES**

When: April 19, 1:00 p.m.

Where: Begin at the Glen Echo Park Parking Lot

Who: Everyone: families, couples, friends

Dress: Optional: dressy, old-fashioned, silly, casual

Prize: For the best dressed baby-buggy

Entertainment: Easter Egg Hunt after the parade

Donation: Two dollars per persons

Questions: 320-2171 - Kate

Registration

Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Kathleen Flaherty Horwitz  
6109 Harvard Ave.  
Glen Echo, MD 20812



**ATTENTION GLEN ECHO BABIES**

The March of Dimes wants to take a publicity picture for the local newspapers to advertise the Glen Echo Easter Parade.

All Glen Echo babies, three years and under, are invited to come to the Town Hall, on March 21 at 12 noon to be in a group picture with the March of Dimes Poster Child.



## EDWARD DEEBO

Edward Deebo, who died February 6th after a long illness, was one of the oldest continuous residents of Glen Echo. Born in Pawtucket, R.I. in 1914, he moved to Glen Echo with his family in 1926. They lived at three locations in town before moving to One Vassar Circle in 1935.

Eddie, as he was known, attended Clara Barton School, Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School, and after graduation, Bullis School in Potomac. Beginning in the 1940's, Eddie ran two concessions at Glen Echo Amusement Park which were owned by his father, Joseph Deebo. When the Park closed in 1968, he became co-owner with his brother and cousin of a service station in McLean, Virginia.

Eddie Deebo died the day before the distribution of an issue of The Echo which contained an article about his family and his house. Written by Manuel Espinosa, it mentioned his activities as a volunteer member of the fire department in his younger days, when he was driver of the town's first fire truck.

Eddie is survived by his wife, Margie; a son, Joseph S. Deebo; a daughter, Janet W. Hufnagel; and four grandchildren. He also leaves two sisters, Margaret McDaniels and Claire Ulrich, and a brother, John Deebo. He was buried in Parklawn Memorial Cemetery.

### Subscription Price Goes Up

It is with regret that the editor announces that the cost of a year's subscription to The Echo is being raised. Our printer of many years has taken a sizable leap in his prices, which are now only slightly below those of other printers. In addition, postage rates constantly mount and it now costs 39 cents to mail the larger issues.

In order to cover the cost of printing and mailing 12 issues to out-of-town subscribers, the new subscription price will be \$10 per year. This does not represent any profit to the town.

Present subscribers will be billed the new price as their subscriptions become due.

### Town to Clean Oberlin Avenue

The town is planning to do a thorough job of cleaning an accumulation of stones, trash, leaves and sediment on Oberlin Avenue now that the restaurant parking lot has been paved. It is hoped that the paving work will prevent such an accumulation in the future.

At the same time, the storm sewers at that location will be cleaned and the area monitored to see if any of the sewer problems at nearby houses are from storm water drain build-up, Mayor Kuster said.

The area was cleaned a few months ago before the paving work was done.



## COUNCILMAN SAYS TOWN CHARTER DOESN'T REQUIRE GIVING COPY OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Resident Bertha Smith complained at the January Council meeting about the mayor's refusal to provide her with a copy of the monthly Treasurer's Report that is prepared for the Town Council.

Councilman Odell said that although it might be wise as a matter of policy for such a report to be given to town residents who request it, nothing in the town charter requires that this document be given to a resident as a matter of right.

He said that under the town charter, the town government is a representative democracy where authority is vested in elected officials to conduct the town's business, not a direct democracy as is the case in a number of New England towns.

Councilman Shultz said that he thought all financial records should be made available to town residents, whether town ordinances requires such disclosure or not.

According to the Annotated Code of the State of Maryland as amended in 1984, "all persons are entitled to have access to information about the affairs of government and the official acts of public officials and employees ... with the least cost and least delay to the person\*"

The state law, which the town must observe, provides that a person wishing to inspect a public record should submit a written application to the custodian of a document. A custodian who denies the application has 10 working days to give the applicant a written statement giving the legal authority for the denial as well as notice of the remedies for review of the denial.

\*...that requests the inspection."

An applicant is entitled to a copy of the document but may be charged a reasonable fee for the reproduction of it.

The matter will be discussed further when the mayor and Councilwoman Long are present. Neither was at the February Council meeting.

---Mary Masulla and  
Carlotta Anderson

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

On Sunday morning, February 15th, we found hanging at our front door an attractive looking Glen Echo town directory entitled Jane's Directory, 2/87. The little booklet states that it is an unofficial telephone directory for the town. In keeping with the informal neighborly spirit of the title, Jane's Directory, names are listed in the same neighborly manner, with first names listed such as John and Debbie, Jim and Kate, Mac and Tillie, Kirby and Bonnie, etc.

On the 1st page the compiler states, "This directory was made especially for you." So far so good.

Unfortunately, the compiler of the attractive little directory did not do all of her homework. The resident(s) of 13 Vassar Circle is (are) listed as Espinosa, Manuel. The correct listing should be Espinosa, Manuel and Betty. We have lived in Glen Echo at the same address for over 35 years and we are both very much alive and kicking.

Sorry Jane, better luck on your research next time.

Manuel and Betty Espinosa

## FROM THE ANIMAL CONTROL BOARD

The last meeting of the Animal Control Board saw resolution of all known pending license action - the final person to be notified of violation of the Town Ordinances concerning licenses and rabies certificates has been sent a registered letter. Several town residents have paid double the fee for late registration.

The Board voted unanimously to thank everyone for their cooperation and to assure residents that if a clinic is scheduled for next spring, it will be well in advance of the July 1 date for license renewal.

Anyone who is unsure of when their pet's rabies vaccination expires can contact Animal Control Officer Barbara McCoy and she will check her records.

The only real problem encountered by the Board in enforcing the Town Ordinances relative to animals resident in town is exactly that! It is very difficult for us to know when people move away or join us. In that respect, we'd like to heartily commend the letter and spirit of the Editorial in the February issue of the ECHO. A phone call to any member of the Board to tell us informally of a change in status would save a lot of "official" meetings and action at a later point.

Nancy Helmig    Rene Springuel    Jane Eldredge    Mary Masulla  
Animal Control Board

Barbara McCoy  
Animal Control Officer

## Classified Ads

LOVING CARE NEEDED for the three-month-old daughter of Edd and Julie Barrows. Your home or ours. English-speaking, non-smoking, M-F, 9-6. Call 229-3193.

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TYPING SERVICES: Call Jennifer, 229-9121.



Classified ads are free to Glen Echo residents. Fee to non-residents: \$.50 per line of 30 spaces or fewer. Display ads, \$2 per column inch. Ads may be left with Carolyn Reptsik, 7309 University Avenue, Glen Echo, or mailed to The Echo, P.O. Box 598, Glen Echo, MD 20812 (stamp required). Make checks payable to "The Town of Glen Echo." PLEASE DO NOT PHONE ADS TO EDITOR. Ad Deadline: 24th of each month.

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## TOWN CONSIDERS LOWERING TOWN HALL RENTAL FEES

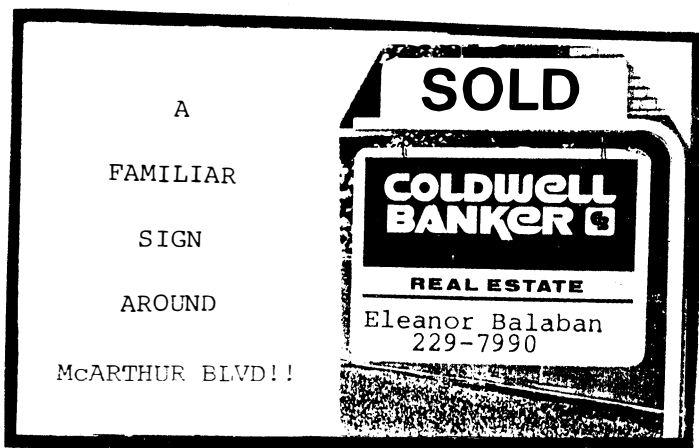
By Mary Masulla

Noting that the Town Hall had been rented by only one "paying customer" last year, Councilwoman Beers told the Town Council last month that she thought the pricing policy should be reconsidered.

She said that if the price were lowered, more non-residents might use the facility, thereby increasing revenue to the town. Currently non-residents pay \$400 to rent the Hall, with \$100 refunded if it is left in good condition. Town residents may use the Hall without charge.

Councilman Shultz agreed, saying that the town had priced itself out of the market. He noted that the town was competing with facilities in restaurants and hotels for meetings and parties.

The Council agreed that they should address this issue again when all members were present, since both Mayor Kuster and Councilwoman Long were absent from the February meeting and there was no quorum.



### NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 9--8:00 p.m.  
Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the Clerk-Treasurer if you want to add an item to the agenda



## COUNCIL MEMBERS UNHAPPY ABOUT NEW STYLE STREET SIGNS

By Mary Masulla

Residents have complained about illegally parked cars in several locations in town and the Council is eager to receive the new no parking signs that have been ordered.

County police say they cannot ticket cars for illegal parking now because the town's current green and white signs are non-standard. The signs on order are standard red and white versions.

Councilman Odell told the Council last month that he found the new signs unattractive. Councilman Shultz agreed, but said he favored their use because of the problem of getting the police to enforce no parking regulations otherwise.

Councilwoman Beers suggested that town residents be given a choice about which type of sign is erected in front of their property. She recommended that whatever is done, residents be consulted about the placement of the sign in front of their property, noting that the erection of signs in the past without consulting residents had resulted in ill-feelings.

## At GLEN ECHO PARK

### WEEKEND DANCES

Friday night dances will begin April 3 at 8:30 p.m. at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. They will feature squares, contras and country dances and will usually cost \$4.

Saturday night ballroom dances will begin at 9 p.m. April 18 and will feature the Richard Bray Orchestra. Admission is \$7. Classes will be offered before the dance at a cost of \$4.

Sunday night dances, co-sponsored with the Folklore Society of Greater Washington, will start April 5 at 8 p.m. Admission is \$5.

A special waltz night will be offered on Saturday evening, April 11.

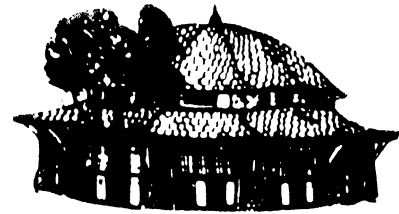
### GLEN ECHO FOUNDATION

The Glen Echo Park Foundation received \$5,000 from the Taj Mahal benefit concert held at Georgetown University on February 2, according to Councilwoman Nancy Long.

In the closing days of the last session of Congress, \$50,000 was voted for the National Park Service to use for rehabilitation planning at the Park. In the bill, Congress also encouraged the Park Service to continue to work out a mutually satisfactory arrangement with the Glen Echo Park Foundation.



crocus (Iris Family,  
originally from the Mediterranean  
Area)



### SUMMER THEATRE CAMPS

Adventure Theatre will be offering four two-week long sessions of its Theatre Arts Camp this summer. The first session will take place June 22 through July 3. Cost of each session is \$200; ages are five through ten years.

Also offered will be two four-week long sessions of Performance Workshops, with a minimum age of 11 years. These sessions will cost \$350.

For more information call 320-5331.

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#### Adventure Theatre

##### DRAGONSONG

January 17 to February 22

##### THE GIRL WHO CAPTURED THE MOON

March 7 through April 12

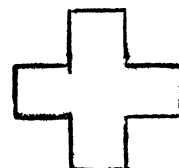
Weekends at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.  
For reservations call 320-5331.

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#### At the CLARA BARTON SITE

An American Red Cross Anniversary  
Sunday, March 15, 2:00 p.m.

Includes a film about the Red Cross role in the Michigan forest fires of 1881, the Johnstown flood of 1889, the Galveston hurricane of 1900 and the organization of the American Red Cross.



## THINGS I WONDER ABOUT

I wonder.....

why my car radio goes haywire in the area of the Glen Echo shopping center and, maybe relatedly, why one of the neighbors in that area has a huge TV antenna?

why well-equipped bicyclists ride on the MacArthur Blvd. roadway, refusing to use the bikepath, so that drivers are forced to follow behind at 10 mph.?

and, conversely, why bicyclists who don't use all that expensive gear do ride on the bikepath?

why there is a patch of asphalt at the corner of MacArthur and Oxford, confusing motorists entering town at night into turning too widely

why dogowners allow (nay, encourage) their dogs to relieve themselves on lawns along University Avenue and why they assume the homeowners are their own personal pooper-scoopers?

why our town taxes are officially due on one date but payable without fine at a later date?

why it takes so long to make a right turn onto MacArthur Blvd. in the morning rush hour (forget left turns -- you'd be there until the evening rush hour)?

why drivers who regularly use the northbound G.W. Parkway at evening rush don't slow down when they approach the Glen Echo turnoff, making a slight break in the line of speeding traffic so that the cars waiting below to make the turn have a fighting chance?

--Gloria Levin

### SHORT TAKES

Henry Barrow, resident woodworker at Glen Echo Park and a resident of Yale Avenue, won the Best of Show Award at the Brandeis Fifth Anniversary Juried Art Exhibit.

Raya Bodnarchuk, sculptor at the Park and a resident of Harvard Avenue, has been commissioned by Montgomery County to create a sculpture for the Potomac Library.

---Nancy Long



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& Seed For  
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Fastest  
Growing  
Hobby

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