

# The Echo

The Town of  
**GLEEN ECHO, MARYLAND**  
Chartered, 1904



## **RADCLIFFE PROPERTY OWNER AGREES TO REMOVE PORCH**

By Carlotta Anderson

Juan Velasquez has given up his efforts to obtain a variance for the porch he added to his house at 5 Radcliffe Lane and is prepared to remove it, the County Attorney told town attorney Tom Craven last month.

The town was prepared to fight the variance request because the porch was constructed too close to the property line, in violation of the building and zoning codes. Mr. Velasquez, who is in the construction business, did not get either town or county building permits for the structure, according to Mayor Fred Kuster.

A hearing for the variance application was set for April 23. On that date Mr. Craven was told that the Velasquez family recognized that they had a difficult case based on the evidence and were not going to pursue it further.

Mayor Kuster said he had instructed the town attorney to follow up on the case and make sure the porch is removed promptly.

Mr. Velasquez will also have to apply for a variance for a deck he built onto the house.

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## **EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLDS CAN'T VOTE, AFTER ALL**

If you've passed your eighteenth birthday, you can help elect the nation's president or the state's governor, but according to the Town Charter, you can't vote for town officials.

Nevertheless, the town has been naming eighteen as the legal minimum voting age in town since the voting age was lowered elsewhere in 1975.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Carlotta,

If you will check your copy of the official Town meeting minutes of March 9, 1987, you will see what my actual statement contained. I said, and I quote "if the Clerk-Treasurer's stipend has become an overwhelming burden to the taxpayer, my suggestion would be to start an immediate search for a volunteer to work 75-80 hours per month without remuneration." What was reported and printed in The

Echo was completely inaccurate and taken entirely out of context.

The tape which we run at every Council meeting will substantiate my recording of the statement. I would appreciate this correction made in the May issue of The Echo.

Lois Carroll  
Clerk-Treasurer-Town of Glen  
Echo

## RESIDENT OBJECTS TO TIME, MONEY SPENT ON COURT CASE

By Paula Wolff

Resident Renny Springuel told Council members at the April meeting that he questioned the wisdom of the amount of time and money the town had spent to fight the addition of an apartment in the house at 6006 Bryn Mawr Avenue.

The town lost the case in the County Circuit Court in March when Judge James S. McAuliffe ruled that it would be "contrary to equity and good conscience" to force the owners to remove an apartment they had been led to believe was legal to construct.

Mr. Springuel, a candidate for Councilmember in this month's town election, asked to be provided with information as to the total amount of taxpayers' money that had been paid for legal fees on this case from 1981 to the present. Town attorney Tom Craven agreed to reconstruct that figure for the Council.

Both Councilmembers Long and Shultz defended town policy in the matter. Councilwoman Long noted that several years ago the town spent \$10,000 and much time fighting to have the property at 6109 Harvard Avenue changed from commercial to residential status. She said the Council had felt the issue was important and would improve the quality of life in the community.

Councilman Shultz said he thought the issue was a matter of principle. The Council has an obligation to residents to see that their neighbors' homes are not turned into apartments and their streets not clogged with excessive numbers of cars, he said. He felt that individuals who attempt to bring about such a situation should not escape the consequences.

The Council noted that the April deadline for filing an appeal had passed. Members felt that the

very narrow ruling in this case would be unlikely to have any impact on the question of legality of other accessory apartments in town.

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### *EIGHTEEN-YEAR-OLDS (from p.1)*

Councilman Odell brought the discrepancy to the Council's attention at the April meeting. The Charter also requires a resident to have lived in town for one year preceding an election in order to be eligible to vote, another requirement that has long been ignored.

While the state constitution provides for a lower voting age, it applies only to state and not municipal elections, town attorney Tom Craven explained. He advised that the age provision would remain twenty-one years in Glen Echo, as provided in the Charter, until officially amended by the Council.

The residency requirement for voting, as well as for running for office (two years immediately prior to an election), is more complicated, he said. Such requirements are generally considered unconstitutional if they present "significant inhibitions" to one's rights, he said, the burden lying with the challenger to show the "inhibition." He said the standards in the case of voting, a basic right, and running for office, would be different. In the latter case, a longer period of time would be more defensible than in the former.

ELECTION RESULTS: SHULTZ-51; LONG-44;  
SPRINGUEL-38

--Paula Wolff and Carlotta  
Anderson

## NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 11--8:00 p.m.  
Glen Echo Town Hall

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

## COUNCIL STILL STUDYING COMPLAINTS OF TRAFFIC ENDANGERING CHILDREN

Councilman Shultz has been observing traffic patterns on the streets of Yale, Columbia and Harvard Avenues to better understand Michael Rodemeyer's proposal that they be made one-way, he told the Council last month. The proposal was intended to make the streets safer for children, cause drivers to slow down and ease the general flow of traffic in the area.

Most of the traffic appeared to occur on the weekend, both Councilman Shultz and resident Jim Shaut agreed. Mr. Shaut said he had experimented driving around the three streets and found it impossible to reach a speed of twenty miles per hour, the legal speed limit in town.

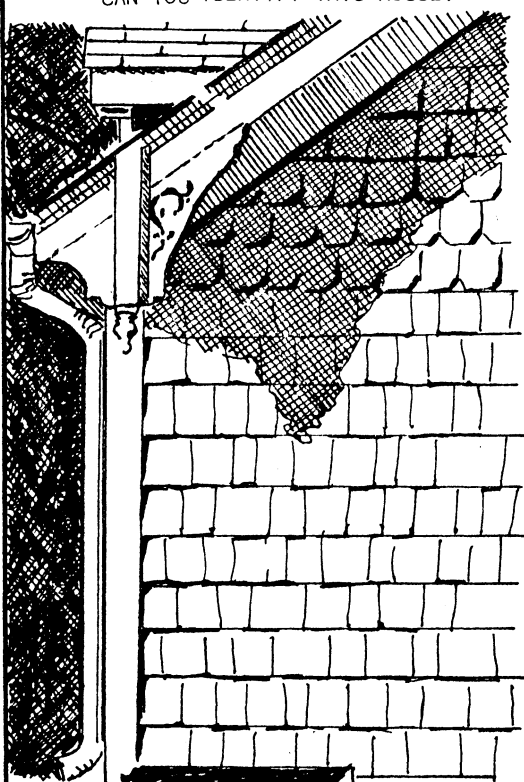
Councilman Odell, owner of one of the two houses on Columbia Avenue, objected to the one-way proposal on several grounds. Speaking as a resident, he said, not necessarily as a Councilmember, he felt making the streets one way would disrupt various established patterns, including mail delivery and his own personal habits. He felt that there might not always be young children at that location and the need for or interest in creating a one way street might disappear. He added that he was not in favor of any proposals which would tend to encourage children to play in the streets.

The Council decided to further study the situation and discuss it at the next meeting.

--Paula Wolff

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

CAN YOU IDENTIFY THIS HOUSE?



Last months' drawing was the Baptist annex.

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



## COME MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS AT THE TOWN PICNIC

What?....Pot luck picnic (bring dish for 6-8)  
 When?....Sunday, June 14, 5:00 p.m.  
 Where?...Town Park (Princeton and University Avenues)

B.Y.O.B. and picnic equipment--Town will provide soft drinks

In case of rain, picnic will move to Town Hall.

### PARK, FOUNDATION READY TO SIGN AGREEMENT

May 18 is the tentative date for the signing of an agreement between Glen Echo Park Foundation and the National Park Service.

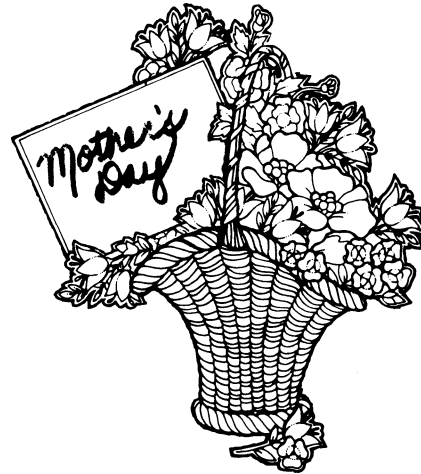
The essence of this agreement according to Councilwoman Nancy Long, is recognizing that the foundation is the money-making vehicle for the Park and establishing a "partnership" with the Park Service.

The Foundation has collected between \$20,000 and \$25,000, with 1,000 memberships, she said. She urged more people to become members of the Foundation.

--Jessica Damen

### Information Wanted On Tax Appeals

The Editor would like to hear from any resident who appealed his/her tax assessment this year and what the outcome was for a wrap-up of the topic in a forthcoming issue.



### LATE CLASSIFIEDS

Free--Chain link fencing and posts available. Call Dorrit or Michael, 229-6066.

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A Cleaning Lady is looking for other houses to clean. Once a week or once every two weeks. She does a wonderful job. If interested, call Dorrit or Michael, 229-6066.



**Bird Feeders  
& Seed For  
America's  
Fasting  
Growing  
Hobby**

7687 MacArthur Boulevard  
Cabin John, MD 20818  
301-229-3141



## COLORFUL EASTER PARADE WINDS THROUGH TOWN

By Jan Shaut

It was a fun filled community event for some 120 people who participated in the Glen Echo March of Dimes Easter Parade on April 19.

Commencing at the carousel in Glen Echo Park, the parade was led by a half dozen young children on gaily decorated bikes, followed by Eric Johnson, a bagpiper in traditional dress. Next came a wide variety of smartly dressed adults and children.

Strollers of all types were beautifully decorated with balloons, baskets and ribbons.

As the parade went down MacArthur Blvd., it was joined by Reed and Barbara Martin in their 1931 Model A Ford convertible. Fire trucks, ambulances and the rescue boat from the Glen Echo and Bethesda Fire Department followed behind the marchers, along with the BCC Rescue Squad. Two mounted Park police in dress uniform brought up the rear.

The parade left MacArthur at Cornell, swung around Vassar Circle and proceeded down University to Harvard Avenue and the Town Hall. There children took part in a candy hunt. Participants of all ages explored the ambulance and fire trucks, talked and enjoyed performances of folk music.

Kristina Schultz and Jillian Horwitz won prizes for the best decorated strollers.

All in all it was a splendid event, one which should become a Glen Echo tradition.

The parade was planned by the town social committee, consisting of Kate Horwitz, Edie Springuel,



Jillian Horwitz in her prize-winning stroller.



Jane Stevenson and new member Wendy Young. They were assisted by Daryl Kuster, Barbara McCoy, Barbara Pierce, Edward Moreland and friend, Kate Horwitz' parents and the Women's Auxiliary of the Glen Echo Fire Department. Mayor Fred Kuster arranged for the participation of the Fire and Rescue Squads as well as the blocking off of streets.

The organizers took in receipts of \$234 and expect to clear about \$150 for the March of Dimes.

To those who made such a tremendous effort to turn this fund raiser into a big success--thank you!



## OFFICIAL TOWN DIRECTORY DISTRIBUTED TO RESIDENTS

By Don Dworsky

The Directory of Glen Echo residents that was authorized by the Town Council last year has been produced and distributed to all residents. If you have for some reason not received a copy, you may request one from the Town Clerk, Lois Carroll.

The Directory contains only information authorized and submitted by the residents of the town. Those not listed in the Directory did not wish to be listed.

Data was gathered by Carlotta Anderson and Don Dworsky. Computer input was done by Michael Rodemeyer, and layout was by Dorrit Green. The sketch of the Town Hall was made by Brockie Stevenson.

The Directory is intended to increase personal, social, professional and business interactions among town residents. It is arranged both by alphabetical order of names and by street addresses. Some frequently-used local commercial telephone numbers are also listed.

The Directory was based on information submitted in December of 1986. It is already out of date for at least three new babies in town. Because the information is all on a computer disc, updates should be easy to produce. If you wanted to be listed but were not, or if you have significant changes to the information in the Directory, please send them to Don Dworsky in writing. If desirable, additional pages might be prepared for insertion in the Directory.

Please remember that information submitted was based on assurances that the Directory would only be distributed to town residents. It is therefore hoped that any information in the Directory will not be given out to anyone who is not a resident for any use whatsoever.

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### ADVENTURE THEATRE

#### THE TIME MACHINE

April 25-May 31, 1987

Weekends at 1:30 and 3:30 p.m.  
\$4-reservations: 320-5331

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### NEW BUS STOP

#### SEEMS UNLIKELY

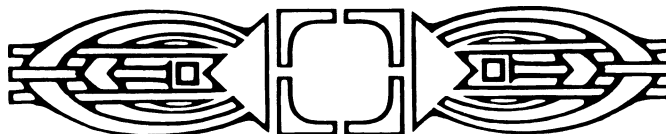
The county has been investigating moving the Glen Echo bus stop for more than two years, Councilman Odell reminded the Council at its April meeting, and it appears to be a low priority item.

Councilman Shultz agreed with that assessment and they predicted that nothing will be done about it.

The projected move would take the bus stop from in front of the gas station to a grassy triangular area on MacArthur Boulevard located between the parking lot and the truck lanes.

The county's decision is pending until an environmental assessment statement is completed.

--Jessica Damen



## WALKING, HIKING AND BIKING AROUND THE NATION'S CAPITAL

By Keith P. Fleeman

With the turn of the seasons, our thoughts turn to leisurely walks in the area, now green and blooming. Montgomery County libraries provide a collection of popular books for local hiking and biking, as well as sight-seeing. Some of these books are guides to landmarks, historic sites, and monuments. Others provide maps of near-by trails and the C&O Canal locks. Maps of the local bicycle trails are available in the reference rooms, and also may be purchased for \$1.50.

Here is a list of popular books on the subject:

### HIKES IN THE OUTLYING AREAS

Walks and Rambles on the Delmarva Peninsula, by  
Jay Abercrombie  
County Walks Near Washington, by Alan Fisher  
Potomac Trail and Camping Guide, by Robert Shosteck  
Hikes in the Washington Region, by Philip Stone  
One-day Trips to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, by  
Jane Smith  
Towpath Guide to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, by  
Thomas Hahn  
Appalachian Trail Guide, by The Potomac Appalachian  
Trail Club

### FOR FAMILIES

Going Places With Children, by Green Acres School  
Washington!, by Marti Weston

### INNER CITY

Dupont Circle Revisited (no author)  
Walking Guide to Historic Georgetown, by The Foundation  
for the Preservation of Historic Georgetown  
Washington D.C. Sightseers' Guide, by Anthony Pitch

Finally, don't forget the pleasure of a fine meal at trail's end. Two helpful books are:

Let's Eat Out in Montgomery County, by Joyce Rogers  
Best Restaurants (& Others) Washington DC & Environs, by Phyllis  
Chasanow-Richman

(Keith P. Fleeman is a reference librarian at Little Falls Library and wrote this article for Echo readers.)

**CHURCH REQUESTS BARRICADE TO STOP SHORT-CUTS**

Resident Renny Springuel conveyed to the Council a concern from Rev. David Cole, minister of the Baptist Church, about drivers using the parking lot as a short-cut around Vassar Circle. Rev. Cole was worried that this practice might endanger children playing in the parking lot.

Rev. Cole suggested that the town supply him with a barricade he could place at one entrance to the lot, thus discouraging such drivers.

The Council agreed that the town would supply him with the barricade requested.

--Jessica Damen

**Clara Barton Historical Site**

The Johnston Flood Remembered

May 30 and 31, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Park staff will portray the devastation of one of the nation's worst floods and depict the relief effort provided by Clara Barton and Red Cross volunteers.

Flag Day

June 14, 2 p.m.

A ceremony co-sponsored by the Elks organization, followed by barber shop quartet singing.

CLASSIFIED ADS

TYPING SERVICES: Call Jennifer, 229-9121.

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CHILD CARE - Part-Time. Baby sitter needed for 14 month old boy. Part-time T-W-Th. Glen Echo/Cabin John area. 229-4379 - 986-7955.

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For Sale--5 burial sites, National Memorial Park, Falls Church, VA. Call 229-2938.

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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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**EXCERPTS FROM TREASURER'S REPORT-- FEB. & MAR. 1987**

Woodmont Carper (T.H. floor tile & step covering) .....	\$ 899.60
Craig Blacktop (paving & fillet work, Tulane Avenue) .....	\$6,844.00
Nova Associates (engineering services) ....	\$1,500.00
Rolling Acres Landscaping (cleaning up leaves) .....	\$ 600.00
Columbia Iron Works (T.H. fence) .....	\$1,250.00

## TOWN COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

April 13

The problem of water drainage from the Town Hall property onto the Pierce property next door is more serious than anticipated, Councilman Shultz reported. It is necessary to deal with old terra cotta pipes which are easily broken by roots or roto-rooters attempting to clean out the roots, he said. The problem is complicated by the unavailability of maps or plans of pipes and sewers in this area. The town engineer will be assessing this and other problem areas in town...

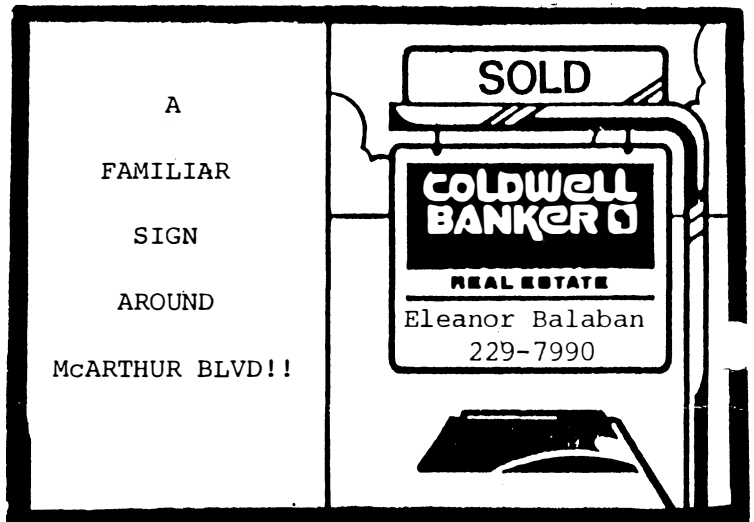
Councilman Shultz asked the Clerk-Treasurer to prepare for the next meeting a list of all payments made by the town this winter for snow and ice removal and to whom each payment was made...

The town attorney was asked to advise the Council as to whether a member of the Council acting as chairman pro tempore, in the absence of the Mayor, was permitted to vote as a Councilmember at that time and if his presence would contribute to constituting a needed quorum. The Mayor has been absent from the last three Council meetings because of business commitments and his wife's hospitalization; at one of them no official business could be conducted because a Councilmember was also absent and there was no quorum...

Resident Jessica Damen, concerned at the fast traffic on MacArthur Blvd., inquired whether a traffic light with a pedestrian button had ever been considered for the intersection of Princeton or Oxford and MacArthur. Councilman Odell volunteered to write the county Department of Transportation about a possible traffic light...

Councilwoman Beers is investigating use of a sliding scale as a fee option for the rental of the Town Hall. She distributed background material for review by the Council before the next meeting.

--Paula Wolff and Jessica Damen



### WHO'S GRADUATING?

We would like to print the names of all graduates--from elementary school to college in the June issue of The Echo.

If you have a coming graduate in the family, or you yourself will be a graduate, please let the Editor know before May 15.

### Glen Echo Property Sales

6107 Bryn Mawr Ave..\$315,000

Information on town property transactions is provided by Rufus Lusk through his Lusk Reports, a real estate information service.

## CO-OP SPONSORS 10 K RUNNING RACE

A "Seeds for Nicaragua" 10 Km running race, sponsored by the Bethesda Co-op, will take place Sunday, May 17, at 8:00 a.m. The course route will start on the bike path at 79th Street in Cabin John, go down Oxford Road and through Glen Echo Park and continue down the bike path to Maryland Avenue in Brookmont, returning the same way.

Applications are available at the co-op, located on MacArthur Blvd. in Cabin John. The entry fee is \$8 until May 10th; thereafter \$10, which includes a T-shirt and refreshments. There will also be a 2-mile Fun Run with no entry fee.

Runners can also register just before the race.

The money raised will purchase seeds for agricultural cooperatives in Nicaragua. A seed company has agreed to match the money the co-op raises through this fund-raising effort.

For further information, call the co-op at 320-2530.

## 10K Seed Run and 2 Mile Fun Run for all runners



Sunday May 17, 1987  
8:00 a.m.

## FORMER MAYOR DIES

By Tillie McNoldy

For those of you who may have missed the notice in the paper, and for those "old timers" who have moved elsewhere, another one of our former mayors has passed away.

Bill Herson, 73, a former radio announcer who did the morning show on radio station WRC from 1942-1952, died of Alzheimer's Disease in Orlando, Florida. Prior to moving to Florida, he was the mayor of Glen Echo for a short period in 1948.

While in Florida, he was active in radio and real estate until he retired in 1980.

Survivors include his wife, Jane, and daughter, Paddy Davis of Winter Park, Florida, as well as four grandchildren.

When they resided in Glen Echo, the family's home was at 6001 Princeton Avenue in the house now occupied by Willem and Kathy Polak and family.

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## Short Takes

The Rheins of Princeton Avenue and the Kusters of University Avenue took advantage of "Spring Break" and did some traveling.

Maryse Rhein went to Switzerland and France and over Easter took off again, accompanied by Rex and daughter, Stephanie. This time they went to visit son John, stationed in Massachusetts.

Fred, Daryl and Bill Kuster went to Florida, where they visited Disney World, Sea World and Epcot.

--Tillie McNoldy



## GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

### CHILDREN'S DAY

May 17 - noon to 6 p.m.  
Clown on stilts, strolling  
musicians, vaudeville acts,  
puppets.

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### IRISH FOLK FESTIVAL

May 23 - Irish Dance Festival, 9  
a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission charged  
for championship dancing program  
from 2-5 p.m. in Spanish Ballroom.

May 24 - Irish Folk Festival, 1-6  
p.m.. Grand Ceili in Spanish  
Ballroom in the evening, \$5  
admission.

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### DANCE ALL DAY

May 30, noon-midnight  
Potluck supper, admission

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### WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

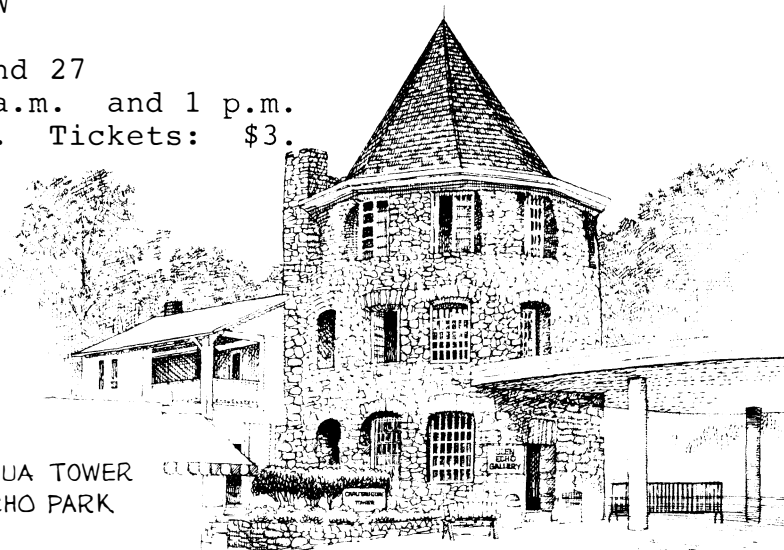
June 6 & 7, noon to 6 p.m.  
Free Saturday night dance in  
Spanish Ballroom

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### RAPUNZEL PUPPET SHOW

May 9, 13, 16, 20 and 27  
Performances at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.  
in Spanish Ballroom. Tickets: \$3.

CHAUTAUQUA TOWER  
GLEN ECHO PARK



Richard Gray, 1977

### WEEKEND DANCES

Friday Night: squares, contras and  
country dances. 8:30 p.m., usually  
\$4.

Saturday Night: ballroom, featuring  
the Richard Bray Glen Echo  
Orchestra. 9:00 p.m., \$7. Begins  
April 18.

Sunday Night: folk, square, contra.  
8:00 p.m., \$5.

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### AT THE GALLERY

May Show, featuring works by Glen  
Echo town residents Henry Barrow,  
Raya Bodnarchuk, Susan Tamulevic!  
and Tom Wolff.

May 1-31, Glen Echo Gallery Daily,  
noon-5 p.m.

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### CAROUSEL OPEN!

Saturday & Sunday  
12-6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
10-2 p.m.  
Still only 25¢!

