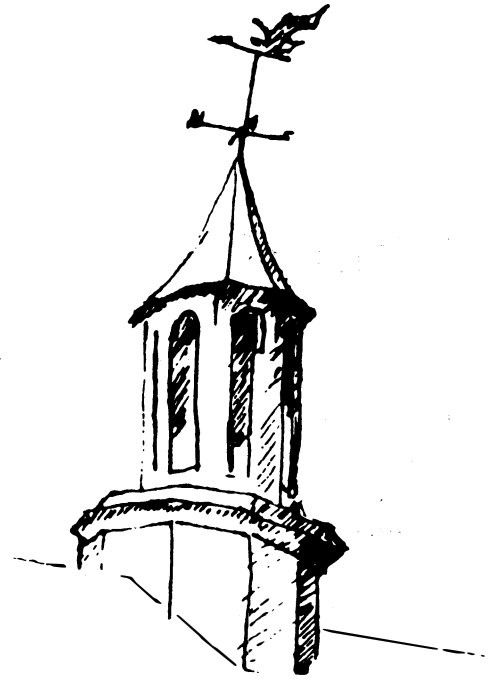


The Echo

The Town of GLEN ECHO, MARYLAND Chartered, 1904



May, 1989

JOSH MAGGIN KILLED BY CAR WHILE RIDING HIS BICYCLE

Josh Maggin, 8, who lived in Glen Echo until he moved with his family to Potomac in February, was struck by a car while riding his bicycle on April 21 and died eight hours later at Children's Hospital.

The hit-and-run accident occurred in the 9800 block of Avenel Farm Drive about 6 p.m. After striking the boy, the speeding car slowed, then left the scene at a high rate of speed, police said. The blue-colored vehicle was located nearby about two hours later.

The driver was identified as Misael Cordova, 24. He was arrested and charged with manslaughter by vehicle and numerous traffic violations and was being held at the Montgomery County detention center in lieu of \$100,000 bond. Police said alcohol was a factor in the accident.

Josh Maggin was born soon after his parents, Richard and Cynthia Maggin moved to Glen Echo in 1980. They lived at 7314 University Ave. He had a younger brother, Zack.

MAYOR, TWO COUNCILMEMBERS TO BE ELECTED ON MAY 1

George Borsari, Jr. of 6107 Princeton Ave., is the only candidate running for mayor of Glen Echo in the May 1 election, according to Paul Alban, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of Elections. Mr. Borsari was mayor of Glen Echo from 1977-1981. Incumbent Fred Kuster, who has served two terms as mayor and was previously on the council, did not file for re-election.

Three residents declared their candidacy for the two seats on the town council currently held by Harry Odell and Renny Springuel. They are Mr. Odell, Deborah Beers and Mary Masulla. Mrs. Beers was elected to the council in 1985, but resigned in 1987 after serving two years of a four-year term. Mr. Springuel, who is not a candidate in this election, was appointed councilmember in her place. Ms. Masulla serves on the Animal Control Board. (For statements from the candidates, see page 4.)

The election will take place at the Town Hall from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. All residents at least 21 years of age who are U.S. citizens are eligible to vote. Those who are not registered voters may register at the Town Hall during those hours.

GLEN ECHO FLEA MARKET

Saturday, May 6

Town Park

10:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Tables: \$5 (to be donated to the Arbor Day committee)

To reserve space or help with arrangements, call Mayor Fred Kuster, 229-2070, or Clerk-Treasurer Don Dworsky at 229-9615

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Letters to the editor are welcomed. Letters are printed exactly as received except that the editor reserves the right to shorten them. Articles for publication are also solicited. Volunteer reporters are always needed. Call the editor at 229-3748.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

During the past several months, there have been numerous occasions when park staff has witnessed unsupervised groups of children playing in the front and side yards of Clara Barton National Historic Site. Due to this unsupervised play, there has been damage to vegetation surrounding the house and on the front bank sloping to the parking area. This spring the National Park Service plans a concerted effort to restore the grounds surrounding the house. Playing along the top of the steep bank and in the bamboo grove along the side of the house can also prove hazardous.

We are concerned for the safety of the children of Glen Echo as well as protection of park property. Therefore, we would like to take this opportunity to ask parents to please make sure that children's games and recreational activities are limited to the grassy areas adjoining the large parking lot, rather than on the lawn of the house. The cooperation of all Glen Echo citizens will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Beth Hagler-Martin

ECHO NOW IN SIXTEENTH YEAR; ITS PURPOSE AND AIMS

We missed our anniversary last month, but *The Echo* is now in its sixteenth continuous year of publication as a source of news about Glen Echo and its environs. Three of the current staff members—Editor Carlotta Anderson, “Keyhole” contributor Tillie McNoldy, and Nancy McDonald, who assists in distribution—were all on the staff during its first year of publication in 1974.

The aim of *The Echo* is to inform you, interest you, engage you and delight you. It hopes to provide the kind of wide range of news one would find in a small town newspaper, rather than the type of short announcements commonly found in a newsletter. With this in mind, reporters cover the council meetings every month as fully and accurately as possible, enabling townspeople who could not be present to keep abreast of town affairs and get a comprehensive and fair portrayal of what took place. This is a substitute, of a kind, for the town council meetings of many local communities which can now be seen on cable TV.

You have probably noticed that *Echo* reporters frequently quote statements made at a town council meeting, and anyone making a statement should be aware that it might be quoted. Everything said at a meeting is heard by anyone who chose to be present and is part of the “public record.” The meeting is taped, and any resident who wishes to hear the meeting in its entirety can ask the clerk/treasurer to listen to the tape. The advantage of this practice is that it inhibits the expression of unflattering comments about some resident who is not present.

The Echo also prints information about town actions taken and not taken and letters written and received, with the intention of showing neither fear nor favoritism to any individual.

For the most part, articles in *The Echo* are intended to provide useful and interesting information specifically concerning this town and its residents, and Glen Echo’s history. It is for that reason that it prints house sales prices in town, which are a helpful indicator to residents of the current real estate market. Many issues of concern to the surrounding communities also have an impact on Glen Echoans, and are included as well.

Echo reporters change from month to month. They are your fellow citizens, who have agreed to spend a few hours on this volunteer task, and they are an unusually conscientious crew. Most are not professional reporters, but residents motivated by a sense of civic responsibility, like volunteers for other town activities. Regardless of their personal views, they try to report the news in as careful and impartial manner as possible. Glen Echoans are a busy group of people, however, and the editor is eager to hear from anyone who would be willing to act as a reporter occasionally.

In a somewhat unique relationship, the town of Glen Echo is the publisher of *The Echo* and pays the printing costs, but does not approve the material published. Thus, the paper is an unofficial publication. It is not the voice of the mayor and council, but an independent publication, although it prints all official announcements submitted by town officials.

The Echo is an all-volunteer effort. In 1988, twenty-nine of your neighbors performed various jobs getting it out to you, an amazing number considering that the town has fewer than 300 residents of all ages.

COUNCIL MEETING CANCELLED; ONLY TWO MEMBERS PRESENT

By Nancy Helmig and Carlotta Anderson

The April Town Council meeting did not take place because only Councilmembers Nancy Long and Harry Odell were present, as well as town clerk/treasurer Don Dworsky and three town residents.

Mayor Kuster had announced the previous month that he would be overseas the night of the meeting. As it turned out, the people he had been planning to visit came to this country instead, but a meeting with them here was scheduled for the night of the Town Council meeting.

Councilman Bill Shultz called acting mayor Nancy Long the night before to say he couldn’t come because he had to pick up his wife and mother at the airport.

At 8:10 p.m. Councilwoman Long asked Don Dworsky to call Councilman Renny Springuel, who had not appeared. Councilman Springuel said he was eating dinner and one of his children was having a birthday, but that he would come to the meeting if there were an emergency matter and he was needed for a vote.

Three councilmembers must be present in order for there to be a quorum, which is necessary to conduct official business. The mayor cannot be counted as a councilmember, but a councilmember serving as acting mayor can continue to fill the role of councilmember and vote, according to town attorney Tom Craven. Councilwoman Long said she couldn’t even open the meeting with only two members there, and they couldn’t vote to adjourn.

“All we could do was disband,” she said. This they did at 8:25 p.m.

Mayor Kuster did not re-schedule the meeting because he didn’t hear from anyone on the council that they wished him to do so, he said.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 8—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor if you wish to add an item to the agenda.

STATEMENTS OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE OF TOWN COUNCILMEMBER

Two of the three candidates for the position of town councilmember declared their intention on the last date for filing; it was not known before then that the town would have a contested election. As a result, *The Echo* was able to get statements from only two of the candidates before the paper's deadline. They appear below:

HARRY I. ODELL, 7317 Columbia Ave. (incumbent)

As a candidate to succeed myself, I believe that my six years of experience will be useful in the future. With the mayor's support, I have been responsible for extensive repairs and improvements in the town hall, and have established a system of preventive maintenance to keep this valuable capital asset and amenity in proper shape for the enjoyment of the town's residents. I helped the mayor negotiate a new lease with the U.S. Postal Service, and have been the "landlord's representative" in dealing with our tenant.

I drafted the town's citation form for "municipal infractions" and have helped draft a number of official town letters concerning zoning and environmental issues. I represented the town at the Maryland Municipal League's Legislative Conference, and served as a member of the League's legislative committee.

We are generally fortunate in our Glen Echo situation today, and I think the council can best contribute to keeping it that way by following our charter from the state, and by doing well those things which justify our status as a separate municipality. I hope we can complete the excellent program of street and sidewalk rehabilitation, continue high quality trash collections, keep the streets clean, maintain public property we have or may have, and enforce our ordinances with consistency and common sense. If we do these things, we will provide an orderly and dignified framework within which residents can live as they think best.

DEBORAH BEERS

I have been a resident of Glen Echo, at 29 Wellesley Circle, since 1978. For six years, from 1981 through 1987, I was a member of the town council. During that time, I became very familiar with the issues facing the council, many of which continue today, and have observed that residents of Glen Echo have a unique opportunity to participate directly in the decisions which will affect their community.

I believe that the important issues which will arise in the near future include the need to regulate the pace and form of development within town boundaries, the relationship of the town with the National Park Service, and the need to continue to provide a level of municipal services superior to that offered to county residents who live in unincorporated areas, while working within limited budgetary restraints. Respecting these issues, I feel that the town should maintain its character as a primarily single-family residential community, while allowing for limited commercial activities to accommodate existing uses. In my opinion, Glen Echo Park should remain, under the ownership of the National Park Service, as an artistic and recreational resource for residents of the Washington metropolitan area, and the town should work with the Park Service and Glen Echo Park Foundation toward this end. Finally, we should continue to provide the high level of municipal services which residents have come to expect, and to encourage town citizens to communicate their concerns, and to volunteer their time, with regard to their improvement.



BABY GIRL BORN TO JAN AND JIM SHAUT

Chelsea Marie Shaut was born at Sibley Hospital on April 2, weighing in at eight pounds, five and a half ounces.

She has joined brothers Neil, 9, and Robert, 3, at the family home at 6004 Harvard Ave.

Chelsea Marie is the daughter of Jan and Jim Shaut.

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ANN H. SIMPICH

On March 27, former resident Ann Simpich died at the Washington Home, where she had been living for the past three-and-a-half years. Mrs. Simpich, who lived at 23 Wellesley Circle from her marriage in 1979 until 1985, had been suffering from multiple systems atrophy, a rare disease. The immediate cause of death was a viral infection.

Mrs. Simpich leaves her husband, George; children, Michael Korner and Melanie Patt-Korner; brother, William Hathaway; and four grandchildren.

Mrs. Simpich was born in Charlottesville, Va., had a career as a legal secretary and did volunteer work as a Gray Lady at the Bethesda Naval Hospital and as a tour guide at the National Zoo. She also contributed the "Keyhole" column in *The Echo* for a period.

During the time she was at the Washington Home, her husband visited her daily, and town residents Nancy McDonald and Nancy and Walter Helmig visited her weekly. Mrs. Simpich was 57 years old.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Echo readers who may have been diverted by the "Glen Echo Development That Might Have Been" in the March issue are entitled to some additional information about this "amazing scheme."

Initially, it should be recognized that this land-use plan for the Glen Echo Amusement Park tract was never intended or advanced as an alternative to its federal acquisition and operation as an urban park.

Instead, it was commissioned circa February 1966 as an alternative to high-rise apartment-hotels or other incompatible intensive uses in the event that the struggle for acquisition of that critical tract failed.

Meantime sporadic talks had been going on between a variety of public officials and the amusement park's owners looking toward the goal of federal acquisition. Through much of 1966 the future of federal ownership looked bleak.

Then in September of 1966, just as the town's land-use study was coming off the press, the town council learned that Maryland's Sen. Daniel Brewster had become actively involved in an attempt to make Glen Echo Park a national park.

The town council refrained from distributing their land-use study to insure that the enhanced prospect for federal acquisition would not be jeopardized.

With the town's study under wraps, negotiations involving public officials at all levels continued for three years until their successful culmination on October 1, 1969. On that date, on the old amusement park grounds, the federal government took title.

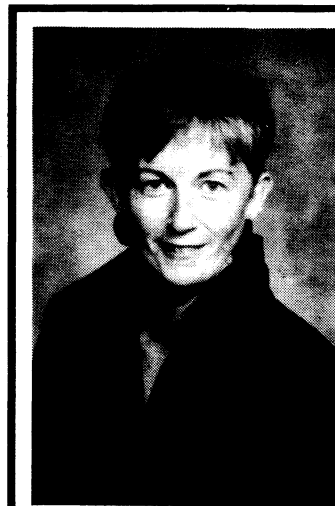
Happily, the "Glen Echo Development That Might Have Been" remained just that.

Frank Corder

(Editor: Details of the county's actions with respect to Rekab, Inc., the owners of the Glen Echo Amusement Park, have been omitted from Mr. Corder's letter. The entire letter has been placed in the town archives, however, where it will remain available for historical reference.)

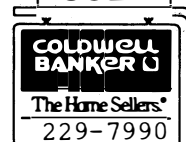
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ANOTHER SICK RACCOON SNARED IN GLEN ECHO

When Willem and Cathy Polak saw a very large raccoon rolling over, falling down and hissing near their house at the bottom of Princeton Ave. last month, they called town Animal Control Officer Barbara McCoy. Mrs. McCoy, in turn called the county animal control department and demanded immediate action. She got it. A county animal control officer was here in less than 30 minutes.

When the officer arrived, the sick animal had disappeared into the woods, according to Willem Polak. He "took the initiative" to drive his truck onto the parkway and climb the hill to search for the raccoon. When he located it, he snared it with a long pole, while the coon reared up menacingly.

"He did a super job," Mr. Polak said. Mrs. McCoy phoned the county to compliment them on their prompt action.

This is the third sick raccoon sighted in town this year. However, Mrs. McCoy was told that it is not unusual to see healthy ones out in the middle of the day in early spring, which is mating season.

—Carlotta Anderson

RONALD W. VAN NOSTRAND

Ron Van Nostrand, who had been a Glen Echo mayor and town police chief, died of an aneurysm at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital on April 9. He was 55 years old.

Mr. Van Nostrand was a native of Yonkers, N.Y. and moved to Glen Echo in the mid-50s. He was the last town marshal or police chief, a volunteer post, from 1957 to 1963. He served as mayor from 1964 to 1966.

Until moving to Potomac in the mid-1970s, Mr. Van Nostrand lived at 41 Wellesley Circle with his wife, Barbara, and son, Jeff, who survive him. He was a cameraman and filmmaker and president of Scene One, Inc. of Potomac. Scene One provides camera crews and equipment and also makes films for government and business clients.

NEIGHBORHOOD CRIME WATCH

The following information is from the Montgomery County police:

- Armed robberies in the Bethesda district increased 53 percent in 1988, and robberies as a whole went up 24 percent. The police recommend that if you are being robbed, you do whatever it takes to survive, which is usually no aggressive action. Try to be a good witness; try to think of something about the assailant or his or her vehicle, that you can identify.
- A new bicycle law will make the registration period indefinite. Therefore, all bikes registered after Jan. 1, 1985, will be considered registered.
- If you are selling your car, do not let anyone test drive it without you. It is not uncommon for a vehicle to be stolen during a test drive. Be especially leery of someone who shows up without a car.
- Last month a series of thefts were committed in Kensington by a young, white female who asked homeowners to use their telephone, saying she had car trouble. Do not let strangers into your house; offer to make a call for them.

March Incidents

Mar. 6 6400 Bannockburn Dr. Burglar pried door lock stole money

Mar. 12 Throughout area More than 60 cars had windows shot out by someone using a B-B gun.

Mar. 18-25 7300 Broxburn Ct. Burglar broke open sliding door, took stereo, etc.

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NEWLYWEDS ON BRYN MAWR

The Glen Echo Town Hall was the scene of the wedding of Nancy Welch and Norman Bernhardt on Saturday, April 22. The ceremony was followed by a 50's party.

The newlyweds live at 6008 Bryn Mawr Ave.



BLOODMOBILE HERE MAY 19

The National Park Service and the American Red Cross will be co-sponsoring a Bloodmobile on Friday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Clara Barton House.

Anyone over the age of 17 and in good general health is welcome to donate blood. Reservations are not required, but are suggested. The number to call is 492-6245.

Refreshments will be served to all blood donors.

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BRIEFLY NOTED

● The state of Maryland has **granted the Glen Echo Park Foundation \$300,000**, to be used for the renovation, restoration and rehabilitation of the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, according to Diane Leatherman, foundation spokeswoman. Under the terms of the grant, the foundation must match that amount within two years, she said.

The foundation has also received a matching grant of \$30,000 to provide a fire suppression system for the carousel, she said.

● After Chilean produce was pulled off supermarket shelves in March, and there was a scare about Alar on apples, the **Co-op in Cabin John**, which sells pesticide- and herbicide-free food, enjoyed a remarkable surge in business. "The Organic Panic," is what the *Co-op News* staff called it in their April issue, comparing it to the bank runs of 1929.

Business at the co-op increased 20 percent, and Saturday, March 11, was the biggest sales day in its history, the paper reported. "The mainstream found the Co-op, and the Co-op found a vast market for its work."

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Saturday, May 13, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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May 27

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May 28

WASHINGTON FOLK FESTIVAL

June 3, noon to 10 p.m.

June 4, noon to 6 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHAUTAUQUA JUNE 24

Glen Echo Park will host its first Chautauqua in 98 years on June 24, as a special event for children. It will be in the Chautauqua tradition of learning through enjoyment.

Workshops will be offered in printmaking, soft sculpture, found materials, creative movement, puppetry, pretend, soap carving, fabric painting, storytelling, clay, pinhole photography, and horse grooming (with real horses).

The Chautauqua will be sponsored jointly by the National Park Service, the artists of Glen Echo Park and the Glen Echo Park Foundation.

For more information, call 492-6229.

DANCES UNDERWAY AT GLEN ECHO

FRIDAY NIGHT DANCES:

Squares, contras and country dances. Admission \$4. 8:30 p.m., Spanish Ballroom

SATURDAY NIGHT DANCES:

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