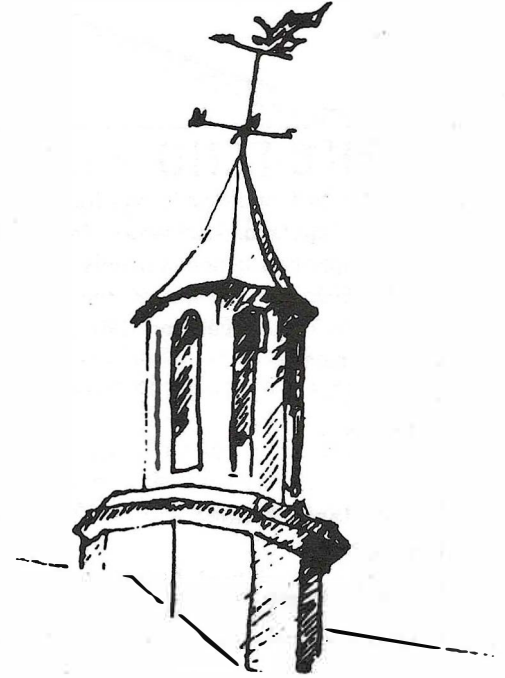


# The Echo

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



April, 1992

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## GRASS, LEAF RECYCLING PICKUP BEGINS APRIL 1

Pickup of grass and leaves bagged in heavy-duty paper bags will begin in Glen Echo April 1. The bags will be taken to the Montgomery County Composting Facility, where leaves, grass and bags are composted into a rich, natural soil supplement and sold to landscapers and nurseries.

The biodegradable brown kraft paper bags are available at most supermarkets and hardware stores. They should be filled about three-quarters full, with the top folded over, and put next to the recycling bins. The bags will be picked up on Tuesdays in accord with the town's contract with Waste Management, according to Mayor George Borsari.

Please try to keep brush, stones, twigs and branches out of the bags.

In order to qualify for subsidies under its contract with the county, the town must provide in some manner for the recycling of grass and leaves. However, as with other recyclables, it is not mandatory in Glen Echo to recycle grass and leaves.

The town council has not yet decided whether the new compostable type leaf/grass bags will be provided free to residents, as the plastic ones were in the past. The compostable

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## KATE HORWITZ APPOINTED NEW CLERK-TREASURER

By David Sproul

Town resident Kate Horwitz was sworn in as new town clerk-treasurer at last month's town council meeting and immediately began taking minutes.

The Harvard Ave. resident replaced Paula Wolff, who resigned. However, Ms. Wolff continued to serve through March in order to effect a smooth transition.

Councilwoman Beers said that she and Councilman Odell had had an opportunity to ask Ms. Horwitz about her previous experience and had gotten "satisfactory answers."

Councilman Shultz said that he appreciated her reputation as a "self-starter" and thought it would serve her well.

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### **TOWN OF GLEN ECHO ANNUAL FLEA MARKET**

**Saturday, April 25, 10:00 a.m.**

**Town Park—Princeton and University Aves.**

**Watch for town bulletin with details**

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## WELCOMING PARTY A GREAT SUCCESS

By Carlotta Anderson

About sixty townspeople—including quite a few new residents—assembled at the town hall on a wintry Sunday evening, March 15, for a few hours of community sociability and good cheer.

The evening was lively, with children of all ages joining their parents in a celebration in honor of town newcomers. The first of its kind, the "Welcome to Glen Echo Social" was suggested by Mayor George Borsari in January. Former mayors Paul Alban and Fred Kuster were also in attendance. Fred Kuster performed outstanding service in his usual role as town bartender. His son, Bill, assisted in the culinary preparations. Town Councilwoman Nancy Long provided a cheese plate and pate and crackers. Prize-winning baker Tom Kenney provided a specially-decorated cake for the occasion.

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You can save money spent on store-bought soils and fertilizers by learning how to turn grass clippings, leaves and other yard wastes into garden enhancers.

One of the easiest methods is to leave grass clippings on the lawn after you mow. It was once thought that this method caused a thatch problem. Research has shown this is not true, according to the county Dept. of Environmental Protection. However, a little thatch protects the lawn against extreme hot or cold temperatures and drying out.

Grasscycling returns important nutrients to the soil, holds moisture in the soil, promotes growth and cushions the lawn so it can withstand foot traffic better. Here are some lawn care tips:

**—Keep grass two-and-a-half to three inches tall. It will help keep grass healthy during hot summer months.**

**—Mow regularly. Don't cut off more than one-third of the blade length with each mowing.**

**—Use a sharp mower blade.**

**—Never mow your lawn when it is wet.**



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## RECYCLING RESPONSE "PRETTY IMPRESSIVE"

Resident response to the new recycling program in Glen Echo has been "pretty impressive" in its first month, according to Elliott Hanin, general manager of Waste Management, the town's trash/recycling hauler.

For the month of March, 2,861 pounds of newspapers were collected, and 1,528 pounds of other recyclables. With the county dumping fee set at \$70/ton, this represents \$154 saved by the town for that expense alone.

More than half the residents had their bins out the first week, which was especially noteworthy since the bins had only been delivered to town homes a few days earlier.

The amount of items put out was quite heavy, he said. He was pleased that all of them were acceptable recyclable items.

—Carlotta Anderson

### GRASS RECYCLING (from page 1)

bags are considerably more expensive, costing over 40 cents apiece.

The county is promoting grasscycling (see article this page) and backyard composting as methods for dealing with yard wastes which are cheaper and more advantageous to residents than using the compostable bags.

—Carlotta Anderson

### RECYCLING TIP

Newspapers or other recyclables should not be put into plastic bags. Newspapers in paper bags or tied in bundles should be put inside or next to recycling bin.



## STATE COMMISSION FOLLOWS UP ON COMPLAINTS ABOUT PEPCO

By Carlotta Anderson

Mayor George Borsari and town resident Victor Gilinsky, both of whom wrote letters of complaint to the state Public Service Commission concerning the frequent power outages in Glen Echo, have received letters outlining the commission's intention to monitor the situation for the next year.

PEPCO acknowledged at least 17 power outages in 1991, most of short duration. The commission accepted PEPCO's argument that tree and storm-related problems were responsible for a "substantial number" of these interruptions. It found that PEPCO's action to date "appear to be effective in resolving the outage problems," the letter to Mayor Borsari from the commission's executive secretary, Ronald E. Hawkins, stated.

However, its engineering staff directed PEPCO to provide monthly reports of power outages in Glen Echo for the next 12 months. If outages persist, the commission felt that more intensive oversight by its engineering staff might reveal "other correctable defects."

The commission's engineers also plan to inspect PEPCO's work on replacing the existing overhead tree wires with preassembled aerial cable along MacArthur Blvd., according to the letter to Mr. Gilinsky from Frank B. Fulton, Jr., Director of Consumer Assistance and Public Affairs. This thicker cable is considered able to withstand "incidental tree contacts."

## TOWN FINANCES STILL DOGGED BY LOOSE ENDS

By David Sproul

Tempers flared repeatedly at last month's town council meeting when issues arising from the town's tangled financial records came up.

Mayor Borsari said that he had not spoken with the town auditors since the February council meeting, when a bill from them for \$3,600 was presented. At that time, several councilmembers questioned why the auditors' rate had jumped from \$29/hr. to \$40/hr. and asked to get a breakdown of the 90 hours for which the town was billed.

Councilwoman Beers said she believed the council had specifically asked the mayor to look into the bill. He repeated without explanation that he had not talked to them. He later said he was not going to sign a check to them for the amount, which the clerk-treasurer had prepared.

Councilwoman Beers then asked if former clerk-treasurer Ilona Almasz had made good on her promise to reimburse the town for the one month's extra pay she gave herself before resigning. The remaining amount comes to some \$300.

Hearing that Ms. Almasz had not made any reimbursements on her salary overpayment since one for \$100 in September, Councilwoman Beers asked what arrangements had been made for the repayment. The mayor said Ms. Almasz had signed an agreement with the auditors for restitution. He said repeatedly that he did not remember if it included a fixed deadline.

Councilwoman Beers then moved that the mayor notify Ms. Almasz that if the money were not repaid by June 30, the case would be referred to counsel for legal action.

Councilmembers Beers and Shultz voted in favor of the motion; Councilmembers Long and Odell abstained because they did not favor the legal action clause. Councilmembers Shultz and Odell expressed the view that on a vote of 2-0, the motion had carried. Mayor Borsari said he assumed this was the case, but was in doubt about whether a motion had to be approved by a simple

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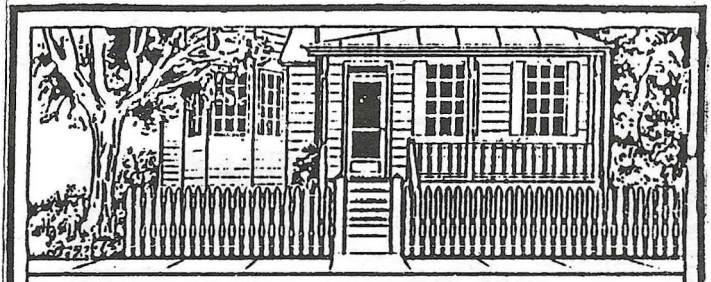
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## NEARBY VENDORS TO BE BETTER REGULATED

By Carlotta Anderson

The number of vendors who will be allowed to continue offering their wares at the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and Wilson Lane soon will be curtailed.

They will be required to apply for formal permits and the size of the area each may use will be restricted, according to Perry Costas, Chief, Washington Aqueduct Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"Some have been abusing the privilege," he said.

Up until now, the vendors, whose numbers have been increasing, have operated on the basis of informal letters or verbal permission, he said.

Business will be allowed to continue as usual for the time being until regulations can be worked out with officials of the several authorities which have jurisdiction over the lot.

Meanwhile, repair work on the Union Arch Bridge has been completed and no further interruption of MacArthur Blvd. traffic at that spot is planned.



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### TOWN FINANCES (from page 4)

majority or required a majority of those present. He said he would look it up.

The council then returned to the issue of the money owed. Worn nerves contributed to an escalation of harsh words among mayor, councilmembers and town citizens. In order to ensure that a time schedule be set up for repayment, Councilwoman Beers made a new motion stating simply that a deadline of June 30 be set, without mentioning recourse to legal action. It passed unanimously.

Mayor Borsari said he didn't know if it replaced the previous motion.

#### NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, April 13—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

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

## ***PARK SERVICE WANTS BETTER SAFETY AT ACCIDENT SITE***

By Carlotta Anderson

An appeal to Rep. Constance Morella from three town residents concerned about the frequency of accidents on a ramp to the Clara Barton Parkway has produced action.

Rep. Morella forwarded the complaints to Kitty Roberts, Superintendent of the George Washington Memorial Parkway, who wrote in turn to the state transportation department, sending copies of the accident reports at the site.

She noted that there were 115 reported accidents in 1990 and 1991 on the two Cabin John Parkway ramps adjoining the Clara Barton Parkway. In nearly all cases the road surface was wet at the time. They represent nearly half the total accidents during the period on the entire parkway.

Since 99 of the accidents were on the ramp leading from the Cabin John Parkway inbound, Ms. Roberts characterized it as "the most hazardous point" on the parkway. Personal injuries were reported in nine of the accidents.

The ramps are the property of the state of Maryland. Even after the state took some measures to improve safety on the ramps last year, there were 35 accidents, including several with multiple cars involved.

Ms. Roberts asked the district engineer to give the ramps a higher priority for funding to implement surface treatments. She expressed concern that the accidents will continue until skid resistance is incorporated into the road surface and changes made in pavement markings. She also suggested measures to reduce the speed of vehicles on the ramps.

Those sending the complaints to Rep. Morella were Anne Lewis, Bill Shultz and this reporter.

## **BUDGET CRISIS HITS COUNTY POLICE**

The county's budget crisis may soon hit home, literally. Police budget cuts are being proposed for a department that is already hard-pressed by a triple whammy--spillover crime from other areas, a burgeoning population and an available police force that is shrinking, rather than growing.

The budget problem was the centerpiece at several recent meetings of Citizens Advisory boards around the county.

The chairpersons of the county police advisory boards have drafted a letter that proposes one partial solution to the budget crunch--user fees for some police services. That would include police fees for their traffic control and security work at commercial events such as the Kemper Golf Tournament or the Ladies Professional Golf Tournament. The fees would also be charged for some community events, such as high school football games and musical concerts for which admission is charged.

The police department is also promoting a concept, called Community Policing, which is designed to lower the barrier between the police and the community and increase the reach of the available police.

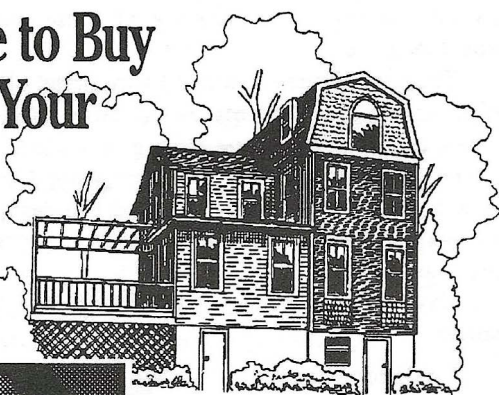
At its simplest, that means citizens calling the police. The emergency number is 911. The administrative number (279-8000) is useful for non-emergencies, when something seems to be amiss but not critical. (A person wandering through town, looking dazed, for example).

It is not designed to be a Big Brother approach and there are safeguards against that.

But, as presentations to the citizens boards have made clear, there are some bad guys out there. One approach to answering the general threat is to do what Glen Echo and other small communities have always done naturally--keep an eye out for each other and sound the alarm when something looks wrong.

--Jim Anderson (Chairman of the Bethesda Police District Citizens Advisory Board)

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Community artists will display their sculpture, paintings, photographs, silk scarves and hangings, jewelry, enamel works, dried flower baskets and more.

The clubhouse is located at Bannockburn Dr. and Laverock La.

## MOONBOUNCE AT MAYFAIR

Bannockburn Elementary School's annual Mayfair will be held Sunday, May 3, from noon to 4 p.m.

The Mayfair will feature a Moonbounce, International Cafe, "Gently Used Sale," Silent Auction, and Cake roulette. Proceeds go to the school's PTA.

Donations of children's clothing, baby items, toys, bikes and sports equipment, books, household items and costume jewelry for the "Gently Used Sale" would be appreciated. Donations are tax-deductible; receipts will be provided. Surplus items after the sale will be given to charity. Please call Wendie Guterl, 229-5211 if you can donate items for the sale.

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## WELCOME NEIGHBORS

**Valerie Van Waes**, the new resident at 5 Radcliffe Lane, hails originally from Belgium and graduated from the International School of Brussels. She later attended the University of Toronto, and moved to Georgetown from Canada in 1991 to be near her father. What particularly attracts her about Glen Echo is its isolation from the crime and crowded conditions in D.C.

Valerie works in the bookstore and publications unit of the World Bank. She has a Siberian Husky, Artic, and a cat, Zelda. In the past, when she was not so busy, she trained horses.

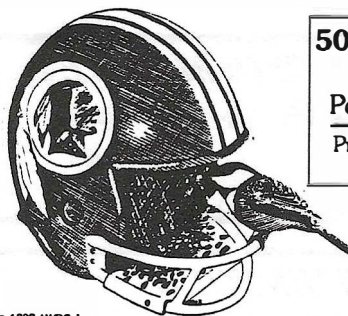
Two of the three young men who recently moved to 6103 Bryn Mawr Ave. met while attending graduate school at American University. After spending four years as producer-director of a small ABC affiliate in southern Illinois, **John Paulson** enrolled in the film program of the AU School of Communications. He now works in the Office of Telecommunication at the Smithsonian, where he is an audio-visual production specialist. He eventually wants to do independent documentary filmmaking.

John, who is originally from Chicago, loves turning down a "nice, peaceful street" at the end of a long working day. He plays softball and racketball, bikes, and does woodworking (he took the class of resident Henry Barrow at Glen Echo Park).

Housemate **Mark Griswold** was a graduate student in the audio program of AU's physics department. He is now a free-lance audio engineer, doing sound and light work at the Kennedy Center and audio for video and radio at the Smithsonian. Mark grew up in Los Angeles near the Rose Bowl and attended UCLA. He enjoys rock climbing at Carderock and on the Virginia side of Great Falls.

The Echo has not yet caught up with their housemate, **Regis**, nor with **Rocket**, the resident cat.

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## BRIEFLY NOTED

The Co-op in Cabin John will be moving into its expanded quarters in MacArthur Square Plaza next month. Meanwhile, the Blue Bayou Bistro and Jazz Cabaret in that shopping center has received a beer and wine license. It had been opposed by many Cabin John residents...

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## THE KEYHOLE

By Tillie McNoldy

**Paul Alban** of 6104 Bryn Mawr Ave. got a head start on the 1992 vacationers. In March he spent 10 days in Florida visiting friends and fishing. The fish did not always cooperate, but Paul caught enough to give him an excuse for a return trip to Vero Beach...

Two more of our neighbors decided to do some traveling. **Leo Mondale** of 7304 University Ave. took a trip to England, France and Spain. He finished his travels in Vermont, where he was joined by wife, **Sarah**, for some skiing. Practising for the next Olympics--maybe?...

Our sincere wishes for a speedy recovery to **Barney Winkle** of Seattle, Wash. Barney is the husband of the former **June Alban** and they both have many friends in the area. His current address is 2558 Dexter Ave. North, Seattle, WA, 98109...

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