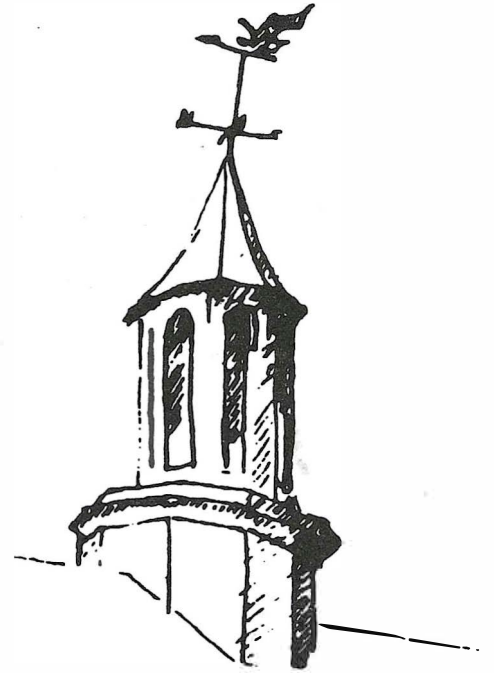


# The Echo

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May 2003

### RESIDENTS OBJECT TO TOWN CALLED "CITY OF PEACE"

By Anne Lewis

A resident told the Town Council last month that he objected to its decision to designate Glen Echo a "City of Peace," and another resident wrote a letter making the same objection.

At the request of James Gibney, the council reviewed and discussed its decision at the March 10 meeting to adopt a resolution opposing United States' military action against Iraq without the support of the United Nations. The resolution had been presented by town resident Raya Bodnarchuk. She cited other towns that had adopted a similar resolution as part of the Cities for Peace movement.

Mr. Gibney said he was objecting to the process, which did not inform the town of the possible vote. "We are small enough that we can be more democratic," he said.

Resident Leah Hertz wrote a letter to the Town Council maintaining that "It is not the place of the council to represent itself as a spokesman on matters which are quite beyond its charter." (*See letter, p. 6*).

Councilmember Tim Maloy agreed that "things like this require more debate." Councilmember Nancy Long also said that she regretted the Town Council did not have material about the resolution ahead of time, and agreed the council "should have been more thoughtful."

Councilmember Tom Lorenzen, however, said the

### TWO COUNCILMEMBERS TO BE ELECTED MAY 5

A town election for two members of the Glen Echo Town Council will be held Monday, May 5, at the Glen Echo Town Hall from 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Two town residents have filed for candidacy. They are incumbent Nancy Long and Dan Macy.

All residents currently registered to vote in Montgomery County are eligible to vote in this election, as are all those previously registered to vote in Glen Echo and currently resident here. Those wishing to register should contact Clerk/Treasurer Cathie Polak at the town office (301-320-4041) in advance of the election. It is also possible to register at the town hall immediately prior to voting, if otherwise qualified.

Voting age is 18 or over. U.S. citizenship is no longer required.

Members of the Board of Elections are: Susan Grigsby, chair; Lee Clune, Dorothy Lumsden, Stacey Malmgren, Michele Wells and Alexis Feringa. The latter three were sworn in at the mayor's house on Apr. 24.

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## CORRECTION

A limerick read at the St. Patrick's Day party was credited to the wrong author. Michael Beers was the writer of the following:

One day when I was eating my soup  
I fell in and it felt like goop  
I went to the shower  
Stayed for an hour  
Now I stay away from soup.

## NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, May 12—8:00 p.m.

Glen Echo Town Hall

Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

## JOSHUA ISAAC GREENBERG

The Glen Echo community was saddened to learn of the death of Josh Greenberg on April 6 as a result of homicide. He was 34 years old and moved to Glen Echo with his family in 1989.

He was the son of David Greenberg and Anneliese Greenberg, brother of Surale Phillips and stepson of Pamela Mason.

Josh was born in Chevy Chase and attended schools in the Washington area. He had recently returned to Glen Echo after spending ten years in Colorado and Montana, where he had been trained as a chef and had worked in various fine food restaurants in Ft. Collins, Breckenridge and Bozeman.

He was the Chef de Cuisine at The Inn at Glen Echo until it closed last year. He was Executive Chef at Colonel Brooks' Tavern in D.C. at the time of his death. Many who knew him described him as even-tempered and easy-going, friendly and hardworking and always ready to help those in need.

His family requested that in lieu of flowers contributions be made in his memory to S.O.M.E. (So Others May Eat). The Glen Echo Town Council voted at its April meeting to donate \$100 to that organization on behalf of its townspeople.

## LOOKING FOR EXERCISE?

Several new pieces of equipment have been added to the weight room at the Clara Barton Center. It's an excellent place for exercise, has a stereo and TV and costs only \$15 per six month's membership. Hours are: M & W, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; T & Th, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Closed weekends.

## BUILDER REGRETS MISTAKEN CUTTING OF CRAPE MYRTLE

By Carlotta Anderson

When a tree service cut down one of the town's most beautiful crape myrtles as well as two large cedars at a University Ave. house, a number of Glen Echo residents were dismayed. The new owner, Frank Bell of Bell Builders, had notified the Town Council last month of his intention to remove the cedars but did not mention the crape myrtle.

When Mayor Debbie Beers questioned him about it, he said the tree cutters had misunderstood his instructions to "trim" that tree, and instead cut it down.

He says that when renovations are complete at 7311 University, he will be installing new landscaping along the stone wall and will try to find a purple flowering crepe myrtle as part of the landscaping plan. "It is Bell Builders desire to continue to be a responsible and considerate neighbor," he said.

He plans to start restoration of the house in May, he said, and will possibly add "a modest rear addition."


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## CITY OF PEACE (FROM PAGE 1

matter was debated vigorously at the meeting, and that the town council members "were expressing their views only."

The resolution passed with three members approving, and Councilman Maloy abstaining.

Councilman Lorenzen asked Mr. Gibney if he would like to have a town meeting on the subject. "The horse has left the barn on this one," he said, adding that he probably would have been strongly in favor of the resolution and was only asking for the opportunity for more input from the residents in the future.



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**PILATES EXERCISE WORKSHOP** at the Glen Echo Town Hall, Thursday, June 12, 7-8:30 pm. Mats and props provided. Focus on mobility, flexibility, increased range of movement, rhythmic breathing. Instructor is Dianne Pettie, adjunct professor at George Washington University. Cost \$20. For information, call Debbie Lange at 301-320-8129.

**WANTED: Part time nanny for infant.** Please call 301-320-9862.

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### GLEN ECHO PROPERTY SALES

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## WELCOME, NEWCOMERS!

Town students at Pyle Middle School may meet new resident Jacquie Davis if they lose their lunch money and need to borrow some. As a financial assistant at the school, she's used to that problem.

And students at Walt Whitman High School may encounter her daughter Alicia, 15, who is a sophomore there. Jacquie used to work in the Whitman attendance office.

They moved to 12 Wellesley Circle in February and are "thrilled with everything" in town, says Jacquie. In fact, she attended a Ladies Night even before they moved in.

Although Jacquie grew up in River Edge, N.J. and attended college at Bradley University in Peoria, Ill., she lived in Sumner before Glen Echo, and Brookmont before that.

She's had a varied career, owning a health food store in New York for a time, and selling gourmet cheeses elsewhere, as well as tending bar in La Honda, Calif. in the '70s, when she was a "flower child with a work ethic" and rode motorcycles. She is currently building a house adjacent to Shenandoah Park in Virginia where she hopes to raise goats and make goat cheese in her retirement.

She also teaches Microsoft Word for the county adult education program at Whitman High School on Monday and Wednesday evenings. She says if any town resident has questions about Word, they should give her a call at 301-320-9705.

Alicia is a cheerleader at Whitman and plays basketball in a county league. She will be traveling to El Salvador for two weeks this summer as part of the community service program of the River Road Unitarian Church. The group will be working for the Santa Marta community there. She will also perform an Appalachia Service Project in West Virginia after that, doing some homebuilding there.

She and her mother have been very active in the Unitarian Church for the past 10 years, singing in the church choir and working in the administrative offices.

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## FOLK FESTIVAL, IRISH FESTIVAL CANCELLED

By Anne Lewis

There will be no Irish Festival nor Washington Folk Festival this year because the repairs at Glen Echo Park are not complete enough to handle a crowd.

The previous plan to schedule the two events "was based on an earlier construction schedule," which is behind on the completion because of weather problems, according to site manager Karen Pittleman. "Instead of having a so-so festival this year and worries about safety, we decided it would be better to have a really great festival next year," she said.

Ms. Pittleman said she expects the North Arcade to be finished by mid-June, and the ribbon-cutting on that and the Spanish Ballroom to occur in July. The entranceway is now being finished. Phases 4-5 of the restoration work, which includes the Yellow Barn, the Crystal pool pylon, and the other end of the arcade (where Adventure Theatre is) will begin in October.

May 3 will be a big day at the park to celebrate the completed restoration of the carousel animals, thank-yous for those who worked on the bumper car restoration, and a candlelight open house at the Clara Barton House.

Glen Echo Park recently has experienced significant vandalism in the concession machines and is going to set up surveillance. More than \$2,000 was taken from the ice cream machine in one night, and the soda machines were hit the next night. Some license plate numbers were recorded after one of the incidents, and the clues are being followed up.

## WSSC OFFICIALS AT MEETING UNAWARE OF WATER BREAKS

By Anne Lewis

Representatives of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission told the Town Council at its April 14 meeting that it had no records of any breaks in its water mains in the area near Glen Echo Park and the former Glen Echo Inn. However, Karen Pittleman, Glen Echo Park Site Manager told the representatives of at least eight times that breaks have been reported in the last five years, ticking off the months and years that the breaks occurred.

The representatives also said that the extreme cold of the last winter and the "shallow depth" and age of the pipes (32 years) could have caused the damage. Councilman Tim Maloy, however, said that the pipe was 20 feet down at the Inn. WSSC had been asked by the Town Council to explain why breaks were so frequent on that side of town.

Even though pipes are cleaned out and repaired when a break occurs, sometimes hairline fractures, which are undetectable by the equipment used, can create a re-occurrence, said Joe Fulton, who handles maintenance problems as the acting unit coordinator of the Customer Care West Group.

Ms. Pittleman said she was "on a first-name basis" with WSSC crews because the problems have been so frequent. Because the park is a public facility, "we have to shut down when there is no water."

The five-member WSSC group said that it was now aware of the problems and promised prompt attention in the future. Also attending the meeting from WSSC were Tony Knotts, assistant intergovernmental relations director; Monica Johnson, intergovernmental relations director; Leola Toomer-Castro, customer outreach representative; and Michael Delehanty, Customer Care West Group.

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### FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

March, 2003

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## NEW BABY IN TOWN

Cecily Julia Day was born April 8 at Sibley Hospital. She has joined her parents, **Sophie Keefer** and **Christopher Day**, at their home at 1 Vassar Circle. She weighed seven pounds, fourteen ounces at birth and has brown hair.

Sophie and Christopher moved to Glen Echo in 2000. They are now looking for a part-time nanny for Cecily. Their phone number is 301-320-9862.

## LETTER TO THE TOWN COUNCIL

I strongly object to the Town Council's taking political stands and presuming to speak for town residents on matters of individual conscience. The specific substance of any political declaration by the Council—such as for or against US policy on Iraq—is irrelevant. It is not the place of the council to represent itself as a spokesman on matters which are quite beyond its charter. Let the Town Council concern itself with questions within its proper purview such as road repair, sidewalk maintenance, snow removal, Town Hall rental, etc.

Your statement cited in *The Echo*, "The Council...felt that it was not a matter that required a referendum," suggests that there is some threshold beyond which the Town is empowered to speak for individuals without consulting them. What threshold might that be? Is it defined somewhere in the town's by-laws? The Council seems to be acting under the paradoxical assumption that in matters well within the charter of the Council a referendum is necessary, but that when the Council presumes to speak beyond its authority, it can officially declare on the spot whatever it chooses.

The vote declaring Glen Echo a "City of Peace" was a bad precedent, and I hope it is in fact not a precedent. In 1941, did the Glen Echo Town Council pass a resolution on the Lend-Lease Act? (There, too, the President took actions which he deemed "vital to the defense of the United States" in the face of widespread public opposition.) In 1964, did the Council "petition the national government" in opposition to the Civil Rights Act? (That, too, was a "matter of grave concern to our community," and there, too, many elected members of Congress opposed the President.) What's next? Is the Town Council going to declare Glen Echo Pro-Choice or Pro-Life? How about legalizing marijuana or outlawing flag burning?

One time is once too many for Glen Echo political declarations. Shoemaker, stick to your last.

Respectfully yours,

Leah Hertz  
17 Vassar Circle

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT THE TOWN'S HISTORY?

Did you know that Clara Barton's associate Julian Hubbell once owned a large portion of the Town of Glen Echo?

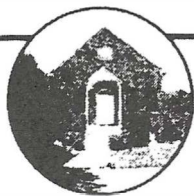
That and other fascinating historical facts will be revealed in forthcoming lectures and a book about the history of Glen Echo under the auspices of the town's Centennial Committee. A walking tour of Glen Echo, with information about each house, will also be published.

The committee is making big plans for the celebration of the town's 100 years of existence, which takes place in 2004. To make suggestions for lectures, musical events, souvenirs, or any other ideas please contact Eve Arber, 301-263-0016.

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## TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

April 14

**Waste Management** is mixing up trash with recycling materials and will be notified...

The town can apply for a **snow removal reimbursement**, which should be \$3,200...

The town council will hold a town meeting sometimes this summer to discuss a long-range plan for **use of the Town Hall** and clarify resident use and fees...

There is a **ceiling leak** in the Town Hall, probably from around the cupola, spots on the floor, and flooding in the basement...

—Anne Lewis

### FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

The following activities booked at the town hall are free for town residents:

**Monday, May 5, 5:00-9:00 p.m. TOWN ELECTION**

**Monday, May 12, 8:00 p.m. TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**Tuesday, May 13, 8:00 p.m.—FSGW SPECIAL CONCERT. CLAUDIA SCHMIDT.** Folk songs, blues, jazz, gospel. A former regular on Prairie Home Companion.

**Thursday, May 15, 8:00 p.m.—Centennial Committee Meeting**

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# GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

## RESTORED CAROUSEL REOPENS ON MAY 3 FAMILY DAY

One of the Washington area's local treasures—the historic Glen Echo Park Dentzel carousel—reopens to the public on May 3. That marks the completion by Glen Echo Park of a 20-year restoration of the antique, hand-carved carousel, considered one of the most beautiful carousels in the United States.

The Glen Echo ride was installed at the Park in 1921. It is one of only 135 functioning antique carousels in the country and one of a few still in its original location. Known as a "menagerie carousel" because of the variety of its animals, the Glen Echo ride includes 40 horses, four rabbits, four ostriches, a giraffe, a deer, a lion and a tiger. It also features two circus chariots.

In 1983, Rosa Patton Ragan—a North Carolina-based artist who specializes in carousel and carousel animal restoration—began working on the facility's 52 animals and other sections including ceiling and barrel panels and the Wurlitzer band organ front. She has been assisted by her husband, artist Ron Rozzelle; Lisa Fahlstrom, who also helps operate the ride; and Mayfield Piper, who is a member of the resident Puppet Co. Ms. Ragan removed as many as 10 layers before repainting each carousel animal in its initial hues. She left several small areas unfinished to reveal the original paint, providing a "window" into the conservation process.

Come May, more than the carousel animals will be returning to Glen Echo. Irene and Max Hurley will be on hand for the ride's 83rd season. They are the mother and son team who have operated the carousel for some 25 years. Irene, 81, is best known for selling tickets; Max collects tickets, helps maintain the ride and has made rolls of music for the antique organ. They were written up in *The Washington Post* on Apr. 27.

### PLEASE KEEP SIDEWALKS CLEAR

Plants and bushes are now full of life and don't know they aren't supposed to grow over town sidewalks. So you'll have to help them by cutting back the overgrowth that adjoins your property.

Residents also are asked to keep trash cans and recycling bins on their own property whenever possible so as not to impede use of sidewalks.

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