

The Echo

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December 2004

OPENING RECEPTION OF GLEN ECHO ART SHOW DEC. 17

The opening night reception of a gala art show specially geared for Glen Echo residents will take place at the Glen Echo Town Hall on Friday evening, Dec. 17, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. In this unusual show only paintings of the Town of Glen Echo and the Clara Barton house will be on view.

The paintings will be by the art teachers, artists and students affiliated with the Yellow Barn studio in Glen Echo Park as well as other artists and will be for sale as well as display. All proceeds will go directly to the artists.

These works of art reflect the creative work observed in the making by residents when they saw the artists and their easels on the town sidewalks over the years.

Paintings by the Yellow Barn's celebrated instructors Walt Bartman, W. Michael Bartman III, Bonny Lundy and others will be included.

All town residents are invited to the exhibit's opening reception. The exhibit and sale coincide with the town's annual Holiday Pancake Breakfast Saturday morning, Dec. 18, so that morning will be another opportunity for Glen Echo-ans to en-

joy the works. Paintings will continue to be on view and for sale the afternoons of Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 18 and 19, from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

This will be a unique opportunity to acquire an original work of art documenting your house or another site in Glen Echo.

This event is the last in the year-long series of Centennial events celebrating the town's 100th anniversary.

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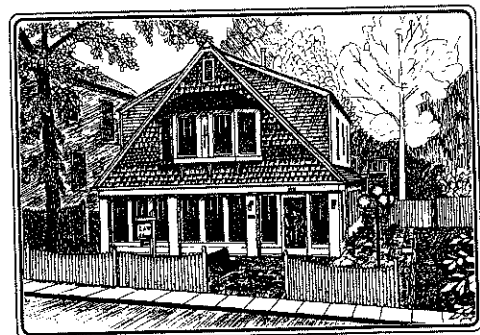
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ARRESTS MADE IN CAR-JACKING ON PRINCETON AUGUST 21

A fingerprint recovered from a vehicles carjacked in the Bethesda District in August has led detectives from the Montgomery County Police to four arrests. One of the carjackings involved a car parked on Princeton Ave. in Glen Echo.

Four juveniles have been charged with three carjackings and four street robberies that occurred over a two-day period, Aug. 21 and 22. Lorenzo Bryant-Thomas, 17 years old, of the 5900 block of Southern Avenue in Washington, D.C., was charged as an adult and indicted on 52 counts of charges relating to these robberies. He is being held on \$500,000.00 bond in the Montgomery County Detention Center. Three 15-year-old males from Washington, D.C. have also been arrested, and are charged as juveniles at this time.

The first robbery occurred on August 21, at 9:20 p.m., in Rockville, when a 30-year-old Silver Spring woman and two friends were victims of a carjacking in which a handgun was displayed.

The second robbery occurred the same night at 9:45 p.m., in Chevy Chase. Two women were walking across Fairfax Road when three suspects jumped out of a car, two of them armed with handguns. The victims threw their property at the suspects, which they quickly picked up.

The third robbery occurred 25 minutes later at 10:10 p.m. in the 6100 block of Princeton Ave. in Glen Echo. Resident James Gibney was standing by his car when a car drove up and stopped across the street from him. The first suspect got out and asked the victim for directions. The second suspect also got out and displayed a handgun. The first suspect then displayed a handgun and demanded the victim's car keys and wallet. The victim threw him the car keys. One suspect drove off with the victim's car, a 2000 blue Volvo S70 station wagon. The other suspect drove off in a dark-colored Volkswagen with unknown Maryland registration. The car was abandoned and discovered the next morning at an Exxon station on Massachu-

NEW PARK POLICE COMMANDER ADDRESSES OXFORD RD. TRAFFIC

By James Gibney

Lieutenant Tom Neider, the Park Police's recently appointed station commander for the district that includes Glen Echo, attended the Nov. 8 Town Council meeting to introduce himself and discuss community concerns.

In response to complaints about speeding on Oxford Road, Lt. Neider said that for the three Saturdays prior to the council meeting one of his sergeants had monitored the situation. While the officer did not see any cars speeding, he did issue several citations to drivers for missing the stop sign at Oxford and University and for entering the park through the exit driveway.


Lt. Neider said that he was open to any suggestions that the town might have for addressing chronic complaints about the traffic on Oxford, whether speed bumps, additional stop signs, or rumble strips. He warned, however, that a speed bump could well back up traffic onto MacArthur Boulevard during busy weekends.

Glen Echo Park manager Karen Pittleman, who was also present, added that rerouting traffic by making the current exit the entrance might have the same effect. Responding to Mayor Debbie Beers's concerns about weekend traffic, Lt. Neider said that the Park Police would continue to keep an eye on the situation, and especially the park parking lot.

setts Ave. in D.C.

Three more robberies occurred the following evening in Kensington, and in Bethesda on Montrose Ave. and on Tuckerman Drive.

Additional fingerprint matches linked the juveniles to all six robberies and carjackings, as well as two armed carjackings in Prince George's County.



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TWO RESIDENTS COMPLETE MARINE CORPS MARATHON

By Carlotta Anderson

October 31 was a beautiful day, with blazing sun and temperatures that climbed to almost 80 degrees. Exactly the wrong kind of weather to run a marathon. As a result, some 45 runners at the 19th Marine Corps Marathon had to be taken to the hospital with heat exhaustion and dehydration.

"It was tough," "harder than usual," said Michael Bobbitt and Kathleen Wolf, two entrants who live in Glen Echo. But they slogged away for over six hours and both managed to finish the race, although a lot slower than they had hoped.

Both were running for a good cause, and both had managed to raise substantial contributions from town residents as well as others. Michael, who had trained with the AIDS Marathon Training Program for the past six months, collected close to \$3,000 for the Whitman-Walker Clinic. Kathleen, who received her MBA in April from Georgetown University and lives at 6000 Bryn Mawr, was supporting the Georgetown Cancer Center, and raised \$2,000, partly through a pancake breakfast in town.

Michael, of 30 Wellesley Circle, said he lost 40 pounds in training and had run a full practice marathon. Nevertheless, he developed a lot of pain in his knees and had to walk the last six miles, bringing him to the finish line an hour slower than he had trained for. What particularly dismayed him was that a 70-year-old man finished way ahead of him and he was passed several times by a man who ran backwards.

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

Sunday, December 5, noon-5:00 p.m.—C&O Canal Assn. Board Meeting

Sunday, December 12, 3:30-5:30 p.m. FAMILY DANCE

Monday, December 13, 8:00 p.m.—TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, December 17, 7:00-9:00 p.m. GLEN ECHO ART SHOW RECEPTION

Saturday, December 18, 9:00-10:30 a.m. TOWN HOLIDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Saturday, December 18 1:00-5:00 p.m., GLEN ECHO ART SHOW

Sunday, December 19, 1:00-5:00 p.m., GLEN ECHO ART SHOW

Every Wednesday, 8:00-10:30 p.m. English Country Dance. Live music. No experience or partner needed. Sponsored by Folklore Society of Greater Washington.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 3—8:00 p.m.

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ADULT-ONLY HALLOWEEN PARTY BRINGS OUT THE FANTASIES

Imaginatively- and elegantly-costumed Glen Echo residents enjoyed the first adult-only town Halloween party in memory at the Town Hall the evening of Oct. 30.

The hall was festively decorated by Eve Arber, Cathie Polak and Nancy Long. Colorful balloons were inflated and hung by Dan Macy, who also provided background films. His connoisseur choices were two black-and-white horror films—the silent “Nosferatu” and “Creature from the Black Lagoon.”

Andrea and Steve Matney helped out with this party as well as the kids’ party that took place the following evening. Assorted volunteers assisted with the clean-up.

—Photos by Eleanor Balaban



Steve Matney as a clock and vampire Andrea Matney.



Dia and Matt Costellow



Stacey and Andy Malmgren



Carlotta Anderson and Diana Hudson-Taylor

WELCOME TO A BABY BOY

Willem DeVoe Macy joined our community shortly after his birth on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Sibley Hospital. He greeted the world at 9:42 a.m. weighing seven pounds, five ounces and stretching 19-3/4" long. He has blue eyes and brown hair and is "a great sleeper," according to his mother, Constance Macy. He also lives with father Dan Macy, and brother Philip, 3-1/2 years old at 6005 Bryn Mawr Ave.

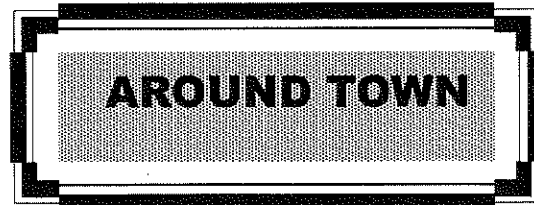
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The Reading house at 44 Wellesley Circle was featured in an article about Montgomery County's "Hidden Gems" of historic homes in the first issue of *Bethesda Magazine*. It mentioned that the house was built in 1853 with stone walls more than two-feet thick and that it later became a summer hotel called Oakdale Villa...

Michael Bobbitt of 30 Wellesley Circle is the director of the new production of "A Christmas Carol" at Adventure Theatre...

Halloween was the usual enjoyable holiday for the town children. They attended a party at the town hall, after which they wandered through town, not really tricking but certainly being treated.

Pizza was a featured attraction, ordered by Cathie Polak. She and Eve Arber decorated and Steve and Andrea Matney helped Dan Macy with the balloons. They also helped with the clean-up, along with Willem and Mallory Polak and Amy and Alan Carter.

FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT

October 2004

Dennis Alexander (audit)	\$2,000	
GEPPAC (Glen Echo Park contribution)	\$1,000	
Mary Belcher (framed canal drawing)	\$150	



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MAIRE HEWITT BECOMES CITIZEN

The United States of America should be pleased to have gained an outstanding new citizen on Nov. 18 when Maire Hewitt of Wellesley Circle was sworn in in Baltimore. Maire, who originally hailed from Newcastle, a town 30 miles south of Belfast, Northern Ireland, has lived in the U.S. for 30 years, longer than she lived in her home country.

She and husband Chris moved to Glen Echo in 1978 and raised two children, Sara and Vikki, here. Chris, who is from Staffordshire in the English Midlands, became a citizen four years ago.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service requirements created a 10-month lapse between Maire's application and the granting of citizenship. In her detailed, 10-page application, she was instructed to list every trip of more than 24 hours that she took out of the country for the past 30 years. Fingerprinting, and a citizenship exam were part of the requirements, although because she is over 50 years old she did not have to pass a proficiency exam in English.

She was interviewed by the INS in Baltimore in July, but her application was held up because the FBI hadn't cleared her name. Baffled as to why Homeland Security was balking, she conjectured that perhaps it was because there are terrorists in Northern Ireland, where she has not lived since 1974. In desperation, he husband wrote to Congressman Chris Van Hollen and it seems his office managed to expedite the case. However, to Maire's disappointment, she was not able to vote in the November presidential election.

TWO GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS SERVE AS ELECTION JUDGES

By Diana Hudson-Taylor

A large number of Glen Echo voters ascended the hill to the election polls at Bannockburn Elementary School on Tuesday, November 2. The morning wait was long, offering plenty of time to socialize in line. The slowness may have been partly due to the increase in administrative duties imposed on the election judges in an effort to avoid any contesting of the votes.

For the lucky ones who came back in the afternoon or evening, the voting process was a breeze. Those who came to the polls midday would have seen a contingent of Russian observers.

Two Glen Echo residents, Lea Hertz and Diana Hudson-Taylor, were among the election judges. Like all the judges, they arrived at 6:00 a.m. to open the polls for the public an hour later and remained until 10:00 p.m., when the final votes were delivered to the Board of Elections.

Fortunately for them, two local merchants, Kanpai Sushi, and Glen Echo Pizza and Subs, generously donated lunch and dinner respectively to the poll judges.

The voter turn out was good and a credit to all who came. For information on becoming an election judge in the future call the Montgomery County Board of Elections 240-777-8500.

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POLICE OFFICER DISCUSSES HOW TO AVOID CRIME

By James Gibney

In response to concerns expressed by residents in the wake of the Aug. 21 carjacking in Glen Echo, Community Service officer Dana Matthis of the Montgomery County Police (MCP) made a presentation to Town Council members on how to reduce one's vulnerability to crime.

Officer Matthis observed that there had been a regional increase in robberies and other crime in August and September. Normally, the crime rate tends to go up around Halloween, she said. (Reports on area crime patterns are available at www.montgomerycountymd.gov.) She urged citizens to report any suspicious activity to the MCP non-emergency number (301-279-8000).

One of the most important things anyone can do to reduce their vulnerability is to have a mental plan in the event of a crime or criminal assault. But when planning your response, she said, keep in mind that "property can be replaced, but you can't." Focus on getting as accurate a description of your assailant as possible. She recommended keeping a cell-phone handy when you go on walks.

Officer Matthis also warned against door-to-door solicitors, all of whom should have a permit from the county. Ninety percent of such salesmen represent some kind of scam, she said. And with the holidays coming up, she urged that shoppers not leave presents in their cars.

Officer Matthis said that the MCP will provide home security screenings and walk-thru assessments by appointment. Call the non-emergency number to set one up.



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When snow is anticipated, residents are asked to park only on the northeast side of University Ave., the side nearest MacArthur Blvd. or on the side streets.

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