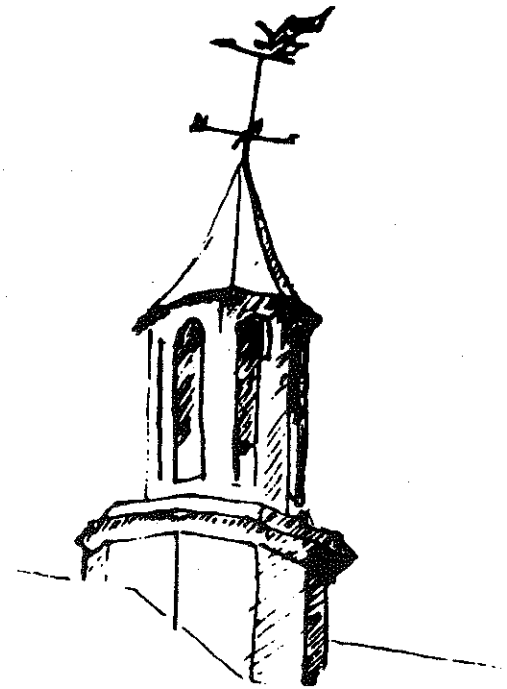


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CAR STOLEN AT GUNPOINT ON PRINCETON AUGUST 21

By Carlotta Anderson

A blue Volvo station wagon belonging to James Gibney was stolen at gunpoint at 10:15 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 21, in front of his house.

He was loading the car preparing to go on vacation the following day when a car pulled up and parked across the street. The driver got out and said, "Excuse me, sir, can you tell me what part of Maryland I'm in?" "Glen Echo," Mr. Gibney answered. As the man turned around as if to return to his car, the passenger emerged and approached holding a gun. At that point, the first man turned around and also pointed a handgun.

"Give us your keys," the passenger demanded. "Give me your wallet," the driver said. Mr. Gibney replied that he didn't have a wallet with him and threw the keys to them. One hopped into his car and sped down Princeton Ave. toward University. The car contained only a set of golf clubs and some children's tapes.

Mr. Gibney described the robbers as two young African-American males in their mid-20s, between 5'8" and 5'10" and weighing from 145-170 pounds.

Before the Gibneys left the following morning for Vermont in a borrowed car, the police informed them that their car had been found abandoned early that morning at an Exxon station in D.C. with the golf clubs and tapes still inside.

The Montgomery County police subsequently reported that there had been six similar robberies the evenings of Aug. 21 and 22 involving similar methods of operation and

physical descriptions. At 9:20 p.m. on Aug. 21 in Silver Spring, two suspects produced a handgun and drove away with the victim's car. At 9:45 p.m. in Chevy Chase three suspects jumped out of a car and two were armed with handguns. The victims threw property at them and they drove away. The third robbery was the one in Glen Echo.

The following evening the robberies occurred between 9:26 and 10:00 p.m. in Kensington, on Montrose Ave. and near Tuckerman Lane. Handguns were displayed and either property was taken or cars were stolen. Detectives are trying to determine if these incidents were connected.

SEPTEMBER CENTENNIAL EVENT FEATURES POTOMAC RIVER

The history of the development along the Potomac River will be the subject of the Centennial talk on Sunday, Sept. 19, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Glen Echo Town Hall. Former Congressman Gilbert Gude will be the speaker. Everyone is invited.

Refreshments will be served.

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CABIN JOHN CITIZENS CONGRATULATE TOWN

Members of the Cabin John Citizens Association have written Glen Echo to recognize and congratulate the town on its first 100 years.

"As neighbors, we appreciate the ideas represented in the founding of Glen Echo and the rich history that your community has had over this past century," the letter read. It further expressed "a kindred spirit with Glen Echo," and described both communities as having "a strong sense of identity."

Written by association president Burr Gray, it said "we look forward to working with the Town of Glen Echo as we face shared challenges ahead."

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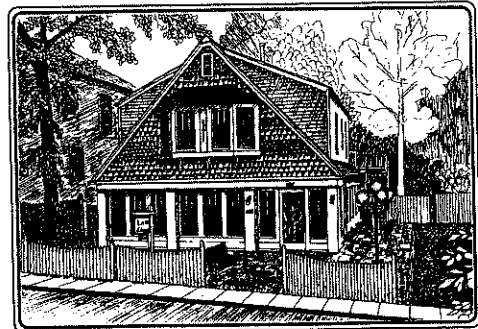
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DISCUSS AMERICAN POWER AND GLOBAL SECURITY AT TOWN HALL ON SEPT. 26

On Sunday, 26 September from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm, residents of Glen Echo are invited to join residents of Glen Mar Park for a community forum at the Glen Echo Town Hall. Its topic will be "American Power and Global Security."

This event is part of a wider initiative, sponsored by the UN Foundation to promote non-partisan discussions in neighborhoods across the United States this fall. The foundation aims to promote a more peaceful, prosperous and just world through the support of the United Nations and its Charter.

This forum will be informal, providing an opportunity for all interested residents to participate in the discussion-debate. A follow-up discussion will be held on 3 October at the Bannockburn Clubhouse, and Glen Echo residents are invited to join that event as well.

If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Hiebert (tel: 301-263-2766) or send an e-mail to heidihiebert@earthlink.net

TOWN CONSIDERS HAVING NEW TRASH CONTRACTOR

By Bill Turque

The Town of Glen Echo is moving closer to dumping its trash contractor. Mayor Debbie Beers told the Town Council at its August 16 meeting that attempts to negotiate a new contract with Waste Management have been unsuccessful. She said the firm has been unresponsive to questions about the current draft of the new agreement, especially the absence of a cancellation clause.

Overall, the mayor said, Waste Management has been consistent in its pick-up performance but "hard to deal with" when it comes to communication.

She said she planned to pursue discussions with J&J Inc., a contractor employed by the town of Somerset in Chevy Chase, which is pleased with the company's performance. She added that initial discussions with the firm indicate that J&J might be slightly less expensive than Waste Management, which costs the town about \$30,000 a year.

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FASCINATING HISTORY REVEALED AT AUGUST CENTENNIAL EVENT

Two Glen Echo Park and Clara Barton site rangers recounted the sagas of those two locations by means of fascinating anecdotes and historic slides at the Centennial event at the town hall on Aug. 15. For anyone interested in the histories of those places, the talks were delightful and enlightening.

Sam Swersky portrayed the "fantasy land" café built by the Baltzley brothers, the developers of Glen Echo, in 1890 of 30,000 rough-hewn cedar logs. Before it went up in flames five months later it was where Washington high society went to dine. He followed the fortunes and misfortunes of the park until it went out of business in 1968, and explained why.

Susan Finta told how Clara Barton kept 150 chickens, two cows, and goats which sometimes found their ways into neighbors' gardens and caused ill feelings. She got mail delivered twice a day and sometimes worked at her desk by oil lamps from 6:00 a.m. until midnight answering letters.

These monthly talks about local history are organized by the Centennial Committee and are not to be missed. The Sept. 19 event will feature Gilbert Gude discussing the history of the development of the Potomac River. They take place from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at the Glen Echo Town Hall, are open to the public, and refreshments are served.

WELCOME, NEWCOMERS!

In the old days, it was common for several branches of the same family to live in Glen Echo. At one time, there were, for example, three Boswell families living on Vassar Circle. Presumably, when one family was happy here they enticed their relatives to join them.

Something similar seems to be happening again. **Laura McIntosh**, who just moved to 7308 University Ave., is the first cousin of **Speke Wilson**, who lives across the street at 7309 University. Their mothers are twins. In addition, Speke's wife, **Julia**, who grew up in Glen Echo, is the daughter of **Jim** and **Carlotta Anderson**, who live at 38 Wellesley Circle.

Laura was a corporate lawyer in Manhattan for several years before **Mia**, seven months old, was born. Mia's father, **Brent**, was a litigator there. They met while attending law school at Yale University and married three years ago.

Brent now works for the Department of Justice in D.C. in the office of legal policy. Laura currently is a stay-at-home mother.

They moved to Glen Echo in June after cousin Speke told them the house across the street was available.

Laura and Brent enjoy hiking, exploring, tennis, basketball, and reading. Welcome to Glen Echo!

GLEN-ECHOANS INVITED TO CRAB FEAST SATURDAY, SEPT. 11

Cabin John will hold its 35th Annual Crab and Chicken Feast on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 2-6 p.m. at the Clara Barton Community Center, 75th Street and MacArthur Blvd., Cabin John.

Tickets are \$11 at the door, or \$10 if bought in advance for a choice of any of the following: 6 crabs or 3 crabs and 3 vegetables or a piece of BBQ chicken and 3 vegetables. Sodas, beer, lemonade, pizza and popcorn will also be for sale at the crab feast.

The bike parade starts at 2:00 p.m., and prizes will be awarded to all children who participate. Meet at the corner of 79th Street & MacArthur Blvd. (across from Market on the Boulevard) and ride to the Crab Feast at Clara Barton Community Center.

There will also be live jazz music and children's entertainment.


For advance tickets, call: Clare Amoruso, 301-320-2685.

NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, September 13—8:00 p.m.
Glen Echo Town Hall
Contact the mayor to add an item to the agenda

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NEW OWNERS SEEK HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT SYCAMORE STORE

The new owners of the historic Sycamore Store on MacArthur Blvd. and Walhonding Rd. are seeking information about the store's past in order to apply for a historic landmark designation from the county Historic Preservation Commission.

They are eager to learn when the first structure was built on the property and what sections of the current building are additions made over time. Of special value would be old photographs of the store or other records.

The owners, Dean Brenneman and Peter Pagenstecher, have created a website, www.sycamorestore.com. Their architectural firm may be reached at 301-933-0305. They plan to preserve the store's exterior substantially as it is, keeping the sign. The interior will be a large open room, with the store counter serving as reception desk and one food case remaining in place. The store has been used only as a residence since around 1995.

Pagenstecher is the builder who rehabilitated Sally Law's "Heather Cottage" on Tulane Ave. as his first project some years ago.

It appears that the store was first opened in 1919. The intersection where it sits was a trolley stop called Sycamore Station. The store was a full grocery store until the early 1970s, offering fresh fruits and vegetables and custom-butchered meats.

--Carlotta Anderson

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RED CROSS DRIVE OCT. 3; BLOOD URGENTLY NEEDED

The next Cabin John/Glen Echo/Bannockburn community Blood Drive will take place on Sunday, Oct 3 at the Clara Barton Community Center in Cabin John. Please contact Karen Melchar (ardenroad@mac.com , 301-229-9049 (h)) if you are willing and able to donate blood.

The time slots (done at 15 minute increments) are from 10:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Eligibility - People who can donate are, in general: people in good health, 17 years or older, weighing at least 110 lbs. People who can't donate are: (1) people who received a tattoo one year prior to date of donation, (2) most people taking antibiotics, (3) most people taking blood thinners, (4) most people who are not feeling well, have a cold, or sore throat, (5) people who have a temperature at the time of donation, (6) people who have been in England for a total combined period of 3 months from Jan. 1, 1980 to the present, (7) people who have been in Eastern or Western Europe for a total combined time of 6 months or more since Jan 1, 1980, (8) people who have had cancer, (9) people who have traveled recently to certain South American countries where malaria exists, and (10) people who have traveled recently to locations where SARS was a concern.

LADIES OF GLEN ECHO

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FREE HALL EVENTS FOR GLEN ECHO RESIDENTS

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

Friday, Sept. 3, 7:30 p.m.—CONCERT: Music and Dance from the Highlands of Scotland And Cape Breton

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

Sunday, Sept. 19, 3:00-5:00 p.m.—CENTENNIAL LECTURES—History of Development of the Potomac River

Sunday, Sept. 26, 3:00-5:00 p.m.—UN FOUNDATION FORUM—“American Power and Global Security.”

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.

TOWNWIDE YARD SALE

**Saturday, October 23- rain or shine --
Join the fun, stroll the streets, and Clear Out the House!!**

To participate in this town-sponsored townwide yard sale, send/bring \$5/household to Diana Hudson-Taylor, 16 Wellesley Cir. tel 301-229-2163

Volunteers needed for one hour at your convenience. Kids can get service hours for school.

SCOTTISH DANCE AND MUSIC COMING TO TOWN HALL SEPT. 3

Highland dance, Cape Breton stepdance and Scottish Highland folk dances will be presented at the Glen Echo Town Hall on Friday, Sept. 3 at 7:30 p.m. in a concert that is free to residents of Glen Echo.

The dancers of “Highland Soles” will be performing to traditional and original tunes played by fiddlers and mandolin players.

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GLEN ECHO PARK ACTIVITIES

LABOR DAY ART SHOW IN PARK BALLROOM SEPT. 4, 5, 6

The 34th annual Labor Day Art Show at Glen Echo Park will take place for the first time in the newly renovated Spanish Ballroom. The free event, sponsored by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture Inc., will be held September 4, 5 and 6 from noon to 6 p.m.

An opening reception will be held on Friday, Sept. 3, from 7 to 9 p.m.; many of the participating artists are expected to attend.

The show features the work of more than 150 artists—both adults and children—from the mid-Atlantic region. Many of the artists have a connection to Glen Echo Park, either as students or teachers. The display includes a wide range of media such as sculpture, paintings, works on paper, ceramics, glass and jewelry. Most of the pieces will be for sale.

The Labor Day Art Show at the park was originally organized by Town Councilwoman Nancy Long and is still mounted largely with her assistance.

Visitors can purchase refreshments at the brand new Ballroom Café located in the Spanish Ballroom near the playground. The café features sandwiches, hot dogs, pizza, smoothies, specialty coffees, fountain sodas and gelato.

WINE TASTING, BANDS BATTLE OCT. 9 AT GLEN ECHO PARK

Two fundraising events will take place in the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 9.

Sponsored by the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture Inc., they include a wine tasting and a battle of two of the area's best swing bands.

The wine tasting will be hosted by Washington Post wine columnist Ben Giliberti. from 7 to 9 p.m., and includes light fare and admission to the dance; tickets are \$125 per person. The swing bands, Tom Cunningham and Tuxedo Park, will perform from 9 p.m. to midnight and dessert will be served.

Tickets to the dance only are \$30 in advance; \$35 at the door. All proceeds support Glen Echo Park programs.

For tickets or further information, call (301) 320-7757 or visit www.glenechopark.org.

TOWN COUNCIL NOTES

August 16

The council authorized a \$300 donation to the **Potomac Conservancy** for the renovation of the lockhouse at Lock 8 on the C&O Canal to serve as an interpretive and educational center. Carlotta Anderson made a request for funds on behalf of the Conservancy...

Saturday evening, Oct. 30, was set as the date for an **adult Halloween costume party** at the town hall. The annual **children's Halloween party** will follow on Sunday, Oct. 31. The council set Saturday morning, Dec. 18, for the **annual holiday pancake breakfast**.

--Bill Turque

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