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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

CABIN JOHN'S CRAB & CHICKEN FEAST

CLARA BARTON CENTER, 2:00 - 6:00 P.M.

This year's Crab/Chicken Feast will have more fun and entertainment. For the little ones, there will be a clown and face painting. For older children, a decorated bike parade down MacArthur Blvd. will kick off the Saturday Feast. And, fresh from performing at two invitation-only international jazz festivals — one in British Columbia, Canada, the other in Normandy, France — the Federal Focus Jazz Band returns to Cabin John to recreate those great sounds of early jazz from Chicago, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Kansas City.

The following Cabin Johners are generously donating their time to sell tickets to the Crab & Chicken Feast. They will be saving you one dollar per ticket when you purchase them before the Feast. Buy your tickets early from one of your neighbors:

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Margaret Coleman	8 Carver Rd.	229-7105
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Marie Keefe	28 Froude Circle	229-2016
Ray Kemp	7406 Arden Rd.	229-2018
Diane Leatherman	6511 78th St.	229-7412
George Lichtblau	6427 83rd Pl.	229-1407
Evelyn Marquecho	12 McKay Circle	229-1758
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Gail O'Laughlin	6523 77th St.	229-8537
Ted Orme	6623 81st St.	320-4236
Leigh Partington	24 Froude Circle	320-5003
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Irene Redecke	8212 Tomlinson	229-4469
Connie Rice	6517 80th St.	229-3503
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Kathy Siefkin	6714 Tomlinson Ter.	229-5297
Peter Vogt	6507 76th St.	229-6479
Bob Wilkoff	7503 MacArthur	229-8536
Betty Yoklavich	7602 Cabin Rd.	229-8347
Larry Heflin	Beverages	229-4674

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If you need more tickets or are having problems getting them, call Jean Betz at 320-9142.

More volunteers are always welcome. Give one of the Feast organizers a call to lend a hand:

Lori Rieckelman & Nicki Wright, Co-Chairs of the Feast: 320-6299; 229-8258

Stan Schaper & Jan Smith, Chicken Cookers: 320-3422

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Trudi Bick, Children's Games: 229-5929

Clare Amoruso, Food Servers: 320-2685

Helen Daniel, Veggie Prep: 229-1521

Andy Rice, Clean Up: 229-3503

Donna Roberts, Bike Parade: 229-8606

There is a special need for a "finishing touches" chef on either Friday evening or Saturday morning to guide the veggie prep crew in mixing the perfect seasonings for the dishes. This "expert seasoner" should call Helen Daniel at 229-1521.

Joe Glenn: Man of a Thousand Parts

by Barbara Martin

Joe Glenn is a man with two careers going at once. He is a registered pharmacist and he is a professional actor. The desire to be a pharmacist started when he was 13, working in his uncle's drugstore. The acting bug bit a few years later.

Joe was born in Atlantic City where his parents had moved from Philadelphia so that his father could take a hob with the city government. He has one brother, Jim, 5 years younger.

During his teens Joe worked afternoons and Saturdays for his pharmacist uncle, and from early days the plan was that he would become a pharmacist and take over his uncle's drugstore. But his uncle died suddenly and his aunt sold the store. Still, Joe's sights were set on pharmacy college. soon after he finished high school, World War II put him in the Air Force; he was a radio officer on B-17's in combat for 3 years.

when he was discharged, he entered Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and graduated in 1951. "the graduation ceremony was over at 11 a.m. and by 2:30 I was in Washington D.C. ready to start my new job." Joe had chosen Washington to be near his current flame who was working for the State Department. But in 3 months she was sent to Austria, and things wound down.

While he was at college, Joe saw a notice of tryouts for a play, "Dear Ruth." When he told his buddy he thought he would try out, the friend scoffed, "Aw, you'd never get chosen." Joe bet him \$5, got a part, and collected his money.

When he came to Washington, he acted with the Montgomery Players, the Bailey's Crossroad Barn Theater troupe, had the role of a Mexican bandit in "Girt of the Golden West" presented on the Watergate floating stage, and appeared at Arena Stage in "The Marriage of Bette and Boo."

Joe worked at Higgers Pharmacy on Connecticut Avenue (now CVS), and lived around the corner on Fessenden Street. Fate walked in in the person of a short redhead with brown eyes; her name was Alenza Lorena, but everyone called her Lori. Dating between employees was strongly frowned upon. Joe held off for 2 years, then asked her for a date. "I was surprised and delighted when she accepted." But the date was a flop. We both were sneezing and coughing, the wine was bitter, Sterling Hayden, the star of the movie, was a terrible actor, and Lori's dog tried to bite me." There were no more dates for 3 months, then they tried again and this time things worked right.

For a year, they kept their romance a secret. Then one morning Joe, who was Lori's supervisor, went to the manager and said, "Lori wants Saturday off to go to

a wedding." (In those days employees worked 6 days a wee,) the manager agreed and then in the afternoon Joe went back and said "I'd like Saturday off to go to a wedding." "Same wedding?" asked the manager. Joe's reply was "Yes, Lori and I are getting married."

Lori left Higgers to ease the supervisor/employee/favoritism situation. The couple lived in an apartment in Washington for a while and then answered a "House for Rent" ad. That's how they found their house on 75th Place which they later bought and where Joe lives today.

"In 1958 Cabin John was a lovely green place. We came in April and were so happy to watch the trees leaf out and the flowers bloom." that first spring Foe planted a vegetable garden while daughter Liz, 2 1/2, sat on the steps watching. Joe asked her what she wanted him to plant in the garden; Liz went inside, came back with a can of beans and a hotdog, and said "Make me the garden."

"There were about half as many people living in Cabin John as there are now, and not many commercial places. There was Toughy's tavern, the Fire Department, a grocery where the veterinarian is now, and another grocery where the Captain's Market is. The Glen Echo shopping center was built after we moved here. To me, Cabin John has maintained its country character."

In 1960 son Joe III joined the family and the next year Jim came along. Joe-made-a \$100-a week at Higgers, then was promoted to manager with a salary of \$125. He was working 6 days a week and many hours overtime. After 8 years, Joe left Higgins and worked for Parke Davis as a detail man, the was a pharmacist at several area drugstores. In 1960 he started his own pharmacy in the Kennesaw Building at 16th and Irving in Mt. Pleasant The upper floors of the building were large apartments. "Some of the tenants were millionaires and were my customers. Then the building was sold three times and the owner split all the big suites into four apartments. The business went bankrupt and I was relieved to get out of there." He worked at Spring Valley Drugs for 8 years.

All the Glenn kids went yo Clara Barton School. Lori was very much involved in community activities, Girl Scouts, PTA, Homemakers, and St. Bartholemew's Church.

Joe had set aside acting in 1954, and that career stayed on hold for 22 years. With a responsible job, a growing family, and a house to take care of, something had to give.

But in 1976, his heart led him to get back into acting. With the agreement of his wife, he took a big cut in salary to goo to a place where he would be off nights and weekends. He was then working at Washington Clinic; right across the street was AFTRA, the American Federation of Television and Radio Actors. Many of his customers were actors and they encouraged him to register as an actor.

"I gave AFTRA a resume, joined the union, and found an agent. In other places agents search out jobs for their clients, but in Washington agents are order takers; a film company comes to town and tells the agent how many extras and bit part actors are needed. I started getting jobs as an extra in films and TV shows. In 1980 I worked six days in Baltimore as an extra in the film "Diner."

Joe has been an extra in more than 100 movies, has done about 25 TV commercials, and has acted on stage in more than 150 plays. He frequently does voice-overs, most recently for a National Geographic special. Credits include TV's "Homicide," and "Hawk," movie credits include "The Firm" with Tom Cruise, "Best Friends" with Burt Reynolds, "Heartburn" with Meryl Streep, and "Dead Poets Society" with Robin Williams.

"I do what are called 'character parts.' When I was 30, I looked so young I could only get roles of a 20-year-old; I'm short, I'm slight, and I had a baby face. Now I have white hair and a big mustache and I do 'old guy' parts.

Joe recently finished work in a Tim Allen-Kirstie Alley film, "For Richer or Poorer," to be released in December. He played an Amish elder. "The Amish don't wear mustaches, so I had to shave mine off and then wear a long false beard."

One job he especially enjoyed was playing the character of Captain Dan in a series of 15-minute films made for elementary school kids. The episodes encourage kids to make up and tell their own stories.

In 1988 Joe had an impressive honor. For his portrayal of Captain Dan he won second prize at the New York Film Festival. A Disney production won first prize—Mr. Rodgers came in third.

"People think it's glamorous to be in films, but there's a lot of tedium to it. You sit around for about 6 out of eight hours. And you may do a scene 20 times, to get the lighting right or the shooting angle right, or to

change a dozen details. And of course you can't look bored even when you've done it over and over."

Shooting locales sometimes means renting someone's house. For "Heartburn," a Georgetown house was used for one week, for which the owner was paid \$10,000. The furniture will be moved around, sometimes drastically, but at the end of shooting, everything is placed exactly as it was—guided by photos taken originally.

Films are frequently shot out of seasonal context. For "Sleepless in Seattle," Joe remembers a 90 degree day, when the script called for him to be shivering in an overcoat. Or the weather may be freezing, but the film "weather" calls for a short-sleeved shirt.

Joe is 73 now. His beloved Lori died in 1980. For 5 years, he has been semi-retired as a pharmacist, working 2 days a week at Cathedral Pharmacy. He's a proud grandpa, sharing his home with his daughter Liz (who is a director at the Community Center) and her family. Son Joe lives in Oklahoma with his wife and two daughters. Jim works for Pelican Services and lives with his wife Donna Prather, in Gaithersburg.

Obviously Joe is in love with acting. "I like to entertain and to become an entirely different person. Decades ago, when my parents came to see the first play in was in, my mother asked my father, 'When is Joesph coming out?' She didn't even recognize me. I like being someone else and I like the appreciation of an audience for what I've done. That's what keeps me acting and I have no plans to stop." —*Barbara Martin*

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Active	15 Carver Road	\$169,900	Cabin John
Active	6418 83rd Rd Pl	\$399,000	Cabin John Park
Active	33 Ericsson Rd	\$245,000	Cabin John Park
Active	6503 75th Pl	\$689,000	Cabin John
Cont/NO KO	6508 76th Pl	\$249,545	Cabin John Park
Active	6412 79th St	\$420,000	Cabin John
Active	6416 79th St	\$659,000	Cabin John Park
Active	7507 MacArthur Blvd	\$599,000	Cabin John
Active	8 Russell Rd	\$218,000	Cabin John Gardens
Cont/NO KO	6509 81st St	\$315,000	Cabin John Park
Cont/NO KO	6440 Wishbone Ter	\$317,000	Cabin John Park

Information supplied by Eleanor Balaban

It was with feelings of sadness and loss that Cabin John received news of the passing of Josephine Godbold Havens. At 92 years of age, Jo Havens, still active and engaged with life, met her death as a passenger in an automobile accident. She was a vital and treasured member of our community and has enriched our appreciation of our little town.

I first encountered Jo as I was walking my dog through the woods down by the creek. She, too, walked her dogs there every day, as she had for so many years. Her family had come out here every summer from D.C. when she was a youngster; and when she was a teenager, her father designed and built their home here.

She shared memories of how it was in Cabin John in those days; when it was open fields and farms, with large nut trees and very few houses. She would tell of riding horses across the creek to neighboring farms, swimming in the old quarry, and canoeing in the river. It was a time before paved roads or city water, and very few cars. She described an atmosphere of spirited socializing and sharing among neighbors, and how wonderful it was to have the grand Cabin John Hotel and the street car so near. To her, MacArthur Blvd was still "Conduit Road," and Arden was "Ridge Road." I could close my eyes and imagine Arden Road as a ridge running through the woods, falling off to the north and south, no houses. It must have been beautiful.

Jo has always had an active outdoor life, swimming, hiking, camping, canoeing. As a member of the Washington Canoe Club, she met and married Bill Havens, a champion canoeist and father of two sons who themselves went on to become Olympic Gold Medalist canoeists and world champions.

When her parents retired to California, she and Bill bought the family home. Like her father, Jo was active in the citizens association. She was a girl scout leader and a member of the Homemakers Club. A graduate of Maryland University, she also had a career. She even spent a year in Rome working for the State Department's Marshall Plan. After Bill retired, he became ill and Jo nursed him for 10 years until his death in 1976.

Jo continued her active life in Cabin John, working in her garden, playing bridge with friends, and always walking her dogs in the woods. As she entered her nineties, she had to give up walking to the creek; her one remaining dog, Cookie, was too old to make it back up the hill. So Jo walked her around the neighborhood, along "Ridge Road," slowing her energetic pace so Cookie could catch up.

She was an amazing woman and an inspiration. So many of us will miss her.

Parts of this article were extracted from an interview with Barbara Martin in the May 94 issue of the *Village News*, and with Elizabeth Kytle, *Time Was: A Cabin John Memory Book*, published 1976

—Linda Green

Children's Bike Parade Kicks Off Crab Feast!

Kids—Get Ready! The Cabin John Crab Feast will have a colorful start as dozens of children parade up MacArthur Boulevard on decorated bikes, strollers, and wagons to the Clara Barton School just in time to start eating crabs.

Meet at the corner of 79th Street and MacArthur at 1:30 pm on Saturday, September 6 with your decorated mode of transportation. The parade will start promptly at 1:45 and will end at the Clara Barton School.

Be creative with your decorating! Prizes will be awarded for Most Creative, Most Colorful, Most "Crab-by" and Most Futuristic. Start planning your decorations today. Bring your friends, relatives and new neighbors to a fun kick-off to a great day.

Adults—Join in the fun with your neighborhood kids! We need help with prize planning, parade patrol, photography and judging. Call Donna Roberts at 301-229-8606 with questions and ideas to make this parade one to remember.

First Solo Show for Local Cabin John Artist

Cabin John resident Steve Schulman will present his most recent paintings at the Yellow Barn Gallery, part of Glen Echo Park, on Saturday, September 20 and 21, 1997. The Gallery is open from 12 noon until 8pm on weekends.

Schulman has lived in Cabin John with his wife and daughters since 1979, and grew up in the Bethesda area. He has been painting for the past 25 years, and has studied at various art schools, including the Corcoran and the Yellow Barn Studio. His work is figurative, and has been recognized with awards by many local jurors. The subject of his paintings includes both urban and rural landscapes, often populated by everyday people in candid moments.

Letter to the Editor

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But when I have been into the bank, it is all but empty. Maybe I just happen to come at slow times, but I doubt it. Maryland Federal is under no obligation to stay forever. If we want a neighborhood bank, we need to patronize it.

I don't want to lose my friendly, right-around-the-corner bank again. How about you?

—Barbara Martin

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Barbara and Ger Quinn, Lorraine Minor, Barbara and Reed Martin,

Contributors: Andy Rice, Bur Gray, Helen Daniel, Eleanor Balaban.

Cabin John Citizens Association Meeting

Sept. 23, at the Clara Barton Center 7:30 pm

Neighborhood News

Leslie Baldwin has moved to Archbold Terrace from Washington. Leslie works at EPA and bikes to work—one hour each way.

John and Ruth Rabner have moved to 75th Street at Arden Road. John grew up on 75th Place, so this is coming back home for him. The Rabners have two children, Nate and Cassie. John is a residential painter.

Three long-time Cabin John women have died this summer. **Margie Evans** lived on Woodrow Place in the house where she grew up and then raised her own family — Floyd, Christinia, Fred, George, and Donna.

Nannie Shoemaker had lived on 76th Street for many decades. Her sons—also of the same address—Norman, Jesse, and Alfred; her oldest son Marvin lives in Rockville.

Jo Havens, a sparkplug of Cabin John, lived most of her 92 years in her house on 76th Place. She died in an auto accident in July.

For several years, **Bobby Pettis** ran the fish wagon at the bridge (next to Tony's vegetable truck). Bobby died in Florida while visiting relatives.

A volunteer appreciation award was given to the CJ Citizens Association for taking part in the Cabin John Stream Valley cleanup. Individual volunteers were also sent awards. Thanks to President **Burr Gray** for organizing the event.

Leslie Redecke Cross, who grew up on Tomilson Ave., has gifted her parents, Irene and Len, with a new grandchild. Baby Shannon joins her older sisters, Courtney and Ashley. The family lives in Great Falls, VA.

Leslie's brother, **Chris Redecke**, will be married next month to Maryam Montaque. Chris works for Peck & Peck, Architects. Both Chris and Leslie attended Clara Barton School.

Young poet, **Ashley Manion**, daughter of **Karen and Tom Manion**, has had her third poem published; the latest one appeared in "Best Poems of the 90's." The Manions live on Caraway.

Ralph Osborne plans to open a gourmet coffee and ice-cream parlor as an added feature of his Market on the Boulevard. This will be in the space vacated by Hannibal's Coffee Shop.

Historical Note: The New Lost City Ramblers, who recently performed at the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, got their start in Cabin John. In the 50's when the U.S. was rediscovering American folk music, Mike Seeger and Tracy Schwarz, who were then young locals, led folk sings at the old Cabin John community center (which later burned down). From that beginning, the popular folk music group has been performing, arranging, and recording for almost 40 years.

This column appears each month. If you have news about your family, your neighbors, or former Cabin John residents, please call Barbara Martin at 301-229-3482.

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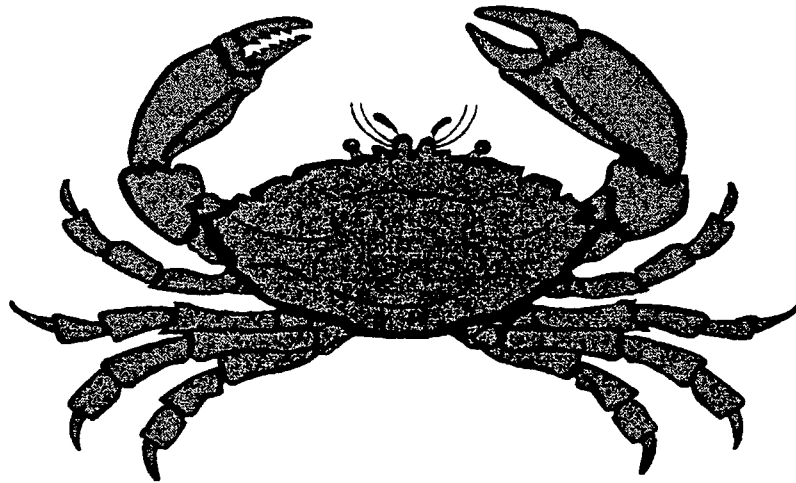
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