THE VILLAGE NEWS

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NEIGHBORLY NEWS

by Barbara Martin

We have new neighbors on 81st Street. **Derick Moore** is a TV producer, **Robin Mee** is an executive recruiter. Their two sons are **Cole**, 2, and **Max**, 6, who is in the first grade at Bannockburn.

Stan Shaper's hobby and artistry is wood-carving. Recently the Northern Virginia Carver's Association awarded him a blue ribbon for his carving of a Chinese dragon.

Robert Money (Bobby) has died. Bobby lived in this area for most of his life. He grew up in a house on Macarthur Boulevard, below Sycamore Island, and attended BCC High School. His sister is Alice Schaefer; his brothers, Raymond, Bub, and the late Carlton. He and his wife, Betty, lived in the Tomlinson Avenue apartments when they were first married. They had been living in Germantown for the past 4 years. Bobby was a lifetime member of the Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department.

This column appears every month. If you have news of your family, neighbors, or former Cabin John residents, please call Barbara Martin at 301-229-3482. Friends, I need your help in doing this column. Tell me about new babies, new residents, Cabin Johners who are relocating, marriages, deaths, honors, new jobs, retirements, and anything else of importance.

Don't miss the
Cabin John Holiday Party
December 14th, 4:30 - 6 P.M.
at Clara Barton Center
See page 5 for details

Citizens Association Meeting

November 24, 1997 at 7:30 at the Clara Barton Community Center

(1) Presentation by National Park Service Superintendent Audrey Calhoun on management plan for Glen Echo Park

(2) Presentation by Ed Clark of request to County to turn empty lot at 9 Carver Road into children's playground

(3) Dec. 14th Holiday Party

The most commonly asked question about the *Village News* is, "Why does it come out so late in the month?" The answer is, it doesn't. It comes out at exactly the right time, just a few days before the Citizens Association meeting. That way we can alarm readers with misleading headlines like: **County to install 18 traffic lights on MacArthur Blvd!** This always insures a good turnout. The real question is, "Why is this called the November issue when it's the end of the month already?" The Citizen Association meeting always occurs on the fourth Tuesday of the month and *The Village News* is designated to reflect the meeting it announces. Even though month is just about all played out.

Starting with the next issue *The Village News* will be identified by the month *following* its publication. This would be the December issue you are now holding, instead of November. Wouldn't that make better sense?

Looking Backward in Cabin John

Andrew E. Rice

Visiting the Gold Mine

For one more time this column is quoting from the book by Morris Fradin, Hey-ey-ey, Lock, which tells the imaginary story of a trip up the C & O Canal by barge, from Washington to Cumberland, in 1908. The travellers have spent the night tied up along the canal near Cabin John as our tale resumes.

Since Captain Clark did not have to deliver the Daisy Mae's cargo in Cumberland at any certain time, he suggested to Mike and Abby. "Let's inspect the goldmines near Falls Road and Conduit Road. That's not too far from Cabin John."

They already had both Bozo and Lazy Bones on a trail leading off the berm of the canal. . . . .Throwing a blanket over each mule's back, Captain Clark lifted his nephew atop Bozo. Tomboy Abby already straddled Lazy Bones.

Holding a rope attached to the bridle of each animal, the captain strode off, while the youngsters held onto the reins and pressed their legs against the barrel-like sides of the mules. Sometimes they balked, or stopped to munch grass growing along the way. But their master tugged on the bridles and pulled, until the beasts decided to obey. Sometimes the party halted to pick and eat blackberries or elderberries or drink from a brook gurgling over smooth rocks.

The mules approached a creek running downhill to join the Potomac. Bozo's hooves kept slipping on the sides of the bank. Abby, following on Lazy Bones, suddenly yelled: "Hey! Whoa there!" and slid off her mule.

Startled, her father turned to see Abby squatting near the creek's edge. . . . ."Father!" Abby was breathless with excitement. "Look at these flint arrowheads and spear points. I watched Bozo's hooves kick them loose from that bank."

Captain Clark hunched over, picked up the wet objects and examined them closely. "Must have been an Indian village hereabouts," he mused. "Probably the Susquehannas."

Soon the tall wooden shafts of the Maryland Mine Company came into view. The foreman, an acquaintance of Captain Clark, said they could visit the second level, 100 feet under the surface of the earth, where miners were chipping at gold ore in the sides of a great rock tunnel. The foreman handed out small kerosene oil lanterns and climbed down a ladder into a pit. The others followed, more slowly, for it grew darker and darker below them, with each step down the ladder. They lighted their lamps at the bottom and single-filed after the foreman, along a cool, black, dirt path that slanted downward into the ground.

Minutes of shuffling brought them to a number of brighter lights. Large acetylene gas lamps, covered by glass shields, were set up where miners drilled into the rock. They hammered on chisels, turned them, then hammered again and again, until several round holes were formed. Then they carefully inserted sticks of dynamite in each hole. The foreman ordered everyone to retreat behind a protective rock wall of the corridor.

"And cover your ears. Tight!" he warned, sharply.

He lighted the fuse and raced for cover, A bright spark shone; it crept, spluttering, along the ground and up the wall.

A burst of flame! A cloud of smoke! The earth shook underfoot. . . . .

When the dust and smoke cleared, the miners advanced and attacked the rock wall and its fresh, jagged cavities. "Yippee!" one yelled. He fished both hands into a big hole and drew out a chunk of rock. A yellow vein glittered, ending in a blob about the size and shape of a lima bean,

"A nugget, sure enough," nodded the foreman. "You' kids have brought us luck," he added, "so here's a good sample of gold-bearing ore for each of you."

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The Teen Center meets Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for drop-in and educational tutoring from 3:00 - 6:00 pm.

Leisure Class Section is offering the following programs: Karate, Latin Night Club Dancing, Preschool Gymnastics, and Adult Exercise Programs. For further information on these classes call 301-217-6797.

Call 229-0010 for information on any of the programs.

At the Bannockburn Elementary School...

Bannockburn Elementary School will hold its second annual Holiday Marketplace on Sunday, December 7, from 12 to 4 p.m. in the school gym. Vendors will be displaying handmade gift items including jewelry, doll clothes and furniture, adult and children's clothing, picture frames, tiles, gourmet cookies and more.

The Village News welcomes letters to the editor or to the community, but we will print only letters that come signed.

The Glen Echo Baptist Church

Vassar Circle, Glen Echo, MD

Jesus Christ is our Lord, Saviour and God.He still performs miracles at the Glen Echo Baptist Church. A born again Fellowship. 229-4430.

Sunday Morning: Prayer 8:00, Family Sunday School 9:30, Worship and Praise, 11:00.
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Sunday Evening: 6:00 Why we believe the Jewish Bible, 7:00 Praise, Testimonies, Worship, Singing.

Wednesday Evening: 7:00 Prayer, Testimonies, Bible questions

Friday Morning: 10:00 Community prayer and Bible study

Collecting food and clothing for the homeless and needy.

At Glen Echo Park...

The Yellow Barn Gallery presents two shows — Thanksgiving Weekend you can see the paintings of Karen Miles. The collection includes paintings on canvas and polished boards, along with gift writings, prints, cards, frameable recipes, and a small book she developed for this show.

Also The Yellow Barn invites you to the opening reception of the Third Annual Juried Members Show on Sunday, December 7th from 6 to 9 p.m.

The Yellow Barn Gallery at Glen Echo Park is open every Saturday and Sunday in the month of December from 12 to 5 p.m. For more information call 301 492 6229 or 1 301 371 5593.

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Last month *The Village News* omitted Barbara Abeille and Ellen Wilner from the list of volunteers to the Crab Feast. They contributed the "sports" drink cups. Thanks, Barbara and Ellen.

There's still time to see the Whitman High School production of **The Pajama Game.**
November 20, 21, 22 at 7:30 Walt Whitman High School Auditorium. Tickets: $6. (301) 320 6600

CJCA Minutes

CJCA October 28, 1997 Meeting Minutes

Anti-Mansionization Bill - In light of citizen input, such as the letter sent by CJCA, the County has decided to form a committee to review the concerns expressed and to revise the draft legislation. Tina Rouse and Mark Murray (301-229-6532) will be following developments on this subject for CJCA.

Bike Path along MacArthur - CJCA voted to request the County to maintain the path and to make necessary modifications (stanchions, rumble strips, reflective pyramids, etc.) to protect bike path users from the traffic on adjacent MacArthur Blvd.

Donations - CJCA voted to make the following donations $1500 to the Village News, $500 to the C&O Canal Preservation Coalition to be used for promoting repairs between Locks 5 and 14, up to $250 to the Clara Barton Community Center to beautify the section of the air-conditioner next to the benches where people wait for rides, $150 to the Cabin John Fire Dept., $100 to Citizens Against Aircraft Noise, and $50 to each of three local Churches (Glen Echo Baptist Church, Full Gospel Washington Church, Episcopal Church of the Redeemer) for their support of the September Crab Feast

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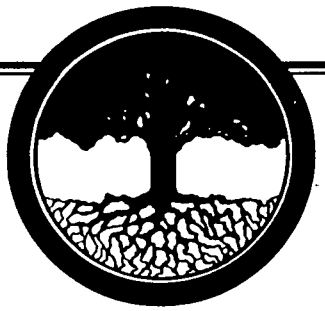
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CABIN JOHN HOLIDAY PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14TH, 4:30 - 6 P.M.
AT CLARA BARTON COMMUNITY CENTER

The annual Cabin John Holiday Party, sponsored by both the Citizens Association and the Clara Barton Community Center, celebrates the holiday season, including Kwanza, Hanukkah and Christmas.

Kids and adults love this (provided no one's been naughty during the past year) because of Santa, the singing of holiday songs, the arts & crafts, the story telling, etc.

The event is being supported by local merchants and the Clara Barton Center for Children who will be collecting cans of food to donate to Bethesda Help. So please bring a canned good.

Cider, hot chocolate, soft drinks, pizza, cake and ice cream will be provided and there will be a raffle. Feel free to bring cookies, pastries. See you there. Give Bruce Wilmarth (301-229-8528) a call if you have any questions.

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BABYSITTER NEEDED for our nine (9) month old daughter on occasional weekend/weekday nights. Experience and references required. If interested please call Avi or Hope Adler at 301-320 0937.

FREE TREES - 2 Flowering Pear trees. 30' tall, take them, replace dirt, grow them. 301 320 2211.

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ARTIST seeks small studio space in area. Will share space or form a group. Call Barbara Kloc 320 0537 leave message.

To place an ad in the Village News classifieds send us your ad before the first Saturday of the month The cost is 25 cents per word.
If you have questions, call Lorraine Minor at 301 229 3515

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- The Clara Barton Center for Children requests that you bring a canned good for donation to BETHESDA HELP.