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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

(The calendar is open to all community groups. Please call Susan Luchs, 320-3401, for listing. Next deadline: March 16.)

Would you believe it? There aren't any community events scheduled for the end of February or the beginning of March. The Village News checked with every known community group and nothing is happening! Only exception: the Cabin John Citizens Association, so this month they get the whole calendar space.

Tuesday, February 28 Cabin John Citizens Association meeting, 8 p.m., Clara Barton/Washington International School. On the agenda:

-- Alan Hedlund, new owner of the Quick Food Shop, will talk about his plans for changes at the store

-- a representative from the C & P Telephone Company will explain revisions in phone bills, repair services, renting vs. buying phones, etc. (this talk is rescheduled from the previous CJCA meeting)

-- a spokesman from Buyers Up will present opportunities for citizens to join together and buy heating oil at a discount

-- there will be up-dates on MacArthur Boulevard maintenance, new bus service for Cabin John beginning (hopefully) in August, and plans for a Cabin John Clean-Up Day.

The meeting is open to all residents of the community and surrounding areas.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON MUSIC CONTINUES AT GLEN ECHO

The popular folk music concerts, jointly offered by Glen Echo Park and by Cabin John's new community enterprise, the Bethesda Co-op, will continue at the Park on Sunday afternoons until May, starting at 2:30.

Coming up in the next month are the following groups:

Feb. 26 - The Hags, a favorite local quartet (\$3.50).

Mar. 4 - Bob Hitchcock, British singer and guitarist (\$3.00).

Mar. 11 - Dan Blum, David Kornblum and Friends, songs and strings (\$2.50).

Mar. 18 - Craig Johnson, tunes of the Southern Appalachians (\$3.00, \$1.00 for children).

Mar. 25 - John Singleton, back from North Carolina (\$3.00).



FOOD COOP ALIVE AND WELL AND LIVING IN CABIN JOHN

The Bethesda Co-op has done better than expected during the first three months in its new MacArthur Boulevard location, according to Elliott Whitken, one of the managers of the food store.

"We had been expecting a 25% loss in sales during the first six months," said Whitken, "but we've only experienced about a 10% loss so far. And in the past few weeks we've done even better than that."

Whitken said the food co-op was pleased to have found Cabin John, "but Cabin John doesn't seem to have found us yet." Recent customer

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TEN YEARS AGO IN CABIN JOHN

What was going on in 1974 in Cabin John? Here are some of the highlights from the Village News:

--The question of whether the Clara Barton Elementary School should be closed as a public school was a major concern.

--Pedestrian safety on what was then a 2-lane Union Arch Bridge was under discussion; the suggestion was made that one lane be reserved for walkers, with vehicle traffic in the other lane controlled by traffic lights at either end.

--The County had just acquired the land for Seven Locks Park adjacent to Palisades Swimming Pool.

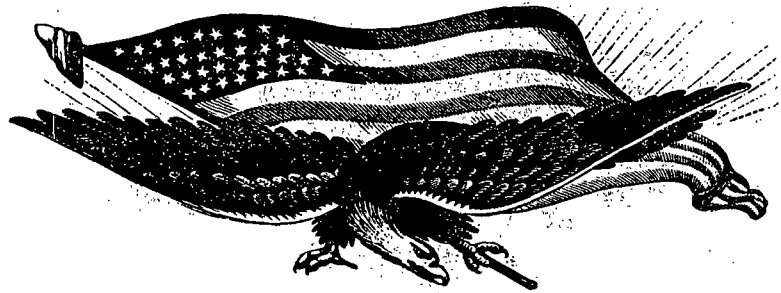
VANDALISM RE-APPEARS IN CABIN JOHN

Susan Vogt, President of the Cabin John Citizens Association, has issued the following statement:

"It is unfortunate to have to report that vandalism has broken out recently in several parts of Cabin John.

"We all remember the senseless tree cutting episode along MacArthur Boulevard a few years back and the arson which destroyed the Recreation Center. The current acts of vandalism include breaking down fences, cutting down small trees or bushes, smashing glass bottles and the like. The vandalism is not limited to any one section of Cabin John.

"The only way to combat this problem is to report suspicious activities and any destructive actions you observe to the police. You do not have to give your name. The police phone number is 911. Help keep Cabin John attractive and safe. Let's stop this problem before it gets any more serious."



NEWS OF THE SCHOOLS....

A Kindergarten Round-up for the 1984-85 school year will be held on April 30 at Bannockburn Elementary School. Children who were at least 4 years old as of December 31, 1983, may be registered for all-day kindergarten. For information, call the school office at 229-3097.

The Clara Barton Day Care Center, 7425 MacArthur Boulevard, is looking for substitute teachers. If interested, please call 320-4565.

There are still a few vacancies in the Cabin John 3-and-4-Year Old School. Teacher Annette Davis at 229-0754 can provide details.

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surveys have shown that the majority of customers come from Bethesda and surrounding areas. Local customers tend to use the store as a convenience store for milk, butter, eggs and the like, rather than as an all-round food store, with a special commitment to improved nutrition.

The Co-op would like to see the Cabin John community more involved in shaping policies and practices at the store. "All a person has to do is to volunteer three hours of work per week and he or she becomes a voting member and gets a 20% discount on all purchases. We would very much like to have more Cabin John volunteers," Whitken said.

For more information on volunteering, visit the store at 7945 MacArthur Boulevard or call Justine at 320-2530. Orientation sessions for new volunteers are offered once every two weeks.

-- Bill LeClere

The People of Cabin John

THE LANGUAGES OF LIFE

By Barbara Martin

"I never planned to be a linguist or even realized I was heading in that direction," says Anne Wheelock; "it just seemed to evolve that way."

Australian by birth, Anne was using French in her job at the South Pacific Commission in New Caledonia when she met the US Foreign Service Officer who became her husband. Anne and her family lived 20 years in the Middle East - in Syria, Lebanon, Jerusalem, Yemem, and the Persian Gulf.

"Those were the days," Anne recalls, "when a Foreign Service Officer's efficiency report included a wife's performance, and that report was critical to the husband's career advancement. People won't stand for that any more, and the Foreign Service is having a hard time staffing its overseas' posts."

Anne learned Arabic "to deal with life. I couldn't have a translator with me all the time." At first she mastered common, spoken Arabic; later she moved to formal study of classical Arabic. She organized an American women's club, and when no suitable instructor could be found to teach the women Arabic, she took the job. "It was kitchen Arabic, just what they needed to know to get around. I had never taught, and knew nothing of lesson plans or a sequenced curriculum, but I just did it anyway. It seemed to work; they all learned."

While the family was in Jerusalem, she also learned Hebrew, then taught English to Israeli children in a Jewish hospital and to Arab children in an Arab hospital.

During two Washington tours of duty, the Wheelocks lived in Potomac. When the French teacher in her children's elementary school left suddenly, Anne was asked to take the job. "I had no formal credentials, but they were desperate." So she became part of the Montgomery County Foreign Language program.

Anne's husband was an Arabist, and expert

on Arab language, culture, history and politics. In 1980 he retired from the Foreign Service, and one year later was killed in an auto accident.

Two years ago Anne decided to start college at American University. She had learned about the Advanced Placement Program for Experiential Living, wherein the student writes a portfolio, demonstrating knowledge gained from living, and thus is awarded degree credits.

She wrote about three subjects she knew well: 1) the changing role of women in Saudi Arabia, 2) raising children in the Middle East, and 3) opening an Embassy in Qatar. On the basis of this she was placed as a sophomore. Her present course work is a strange mixture. She studies Intermediate Spanish in day classes ("The other students are kids just out of high school."), and takes evening graduate courses in linguistics, where her classmates are mature, working people. This gives her a rare opportunity to compare the attitudes and study skills of "people who don't know what it is all about yet, and those who do."

How is she doing as a student? "I bring home my 'A' papers and put them on the frig, the way I did with my children."

On Sunday morning as a volunteer, she teaches English to Spanish-speaking people at the downtown Hispanic Catholic Center. Her pupils are mostly cleaning women and busboys, with a heavy enrollment of Salvadoreans. She teaches by the technique of using only English in class, regardless of the students' native language. When she has accumulated 15 credits at A.U. she will be formally certified to teach "English As A Second Language."

Anne is vice president of the McArthur Park resident's group. She explains their purpose: "There are some details that the

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**SCOTTISH DANCERS
HOLD ART AUCTION**

The Scottish Country Dance Group, which dances every Tuesday at the Washington International School, will hold an art auction on Sunday, February 26, at the Women's Club of Falls Church, 222 N. Washington St., Falls Church, Va., starting at 1:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 (or 2 for \$5) with complimentary wine and authentic Scottish delicacies.



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builder has yet to complete to our satisfaction. Our group is organized to continue liaison with the builder and to ensure that standards are maintained. Most of our work involves seeing to it that MacArthur Park is finished the way it should be. When that is accomplished, I expect to shift my attention to the Cabin John Citizen's Association. I am especially interested in the MacArthur Boulevard project."

This summer Anne will spend a month in Spain at a Spanish language-culture school; in the fall she'll be a junior at American University.

Mother of three sons scattered from Silver Spring to Korea, mistress of her Wishbone Terrace home with its lovely furnishings collected from Middle East service days, student, teacher, traveller -- Anne Wheelock is above all an appreciator and a doer. She loves Cabin John -- its convenience and its character. And Cabin John is fortunate to count her among its newest citizens.

FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS...

The Cabin John Volunteer Fire Department has taken in \$1600 in donations from about 50 people towards the purchase of the new "Jaws of Life" rescue tool, according to Chief Don Money. The Department will put in \$5000 from its reserves, leaving \$3400 still to be raised to reach the \$10,000 purchase price.

Department President Stuart Elsberg has sent a letter to all Cabin John residents reminding them that the firemen will be glad to perform a hazard inspection of any house in Cabin John free of charge; call 229-4300 to arrange for a time.

On February 17 the Department performed a rescue mission on the site of the new firehouse under construction on River Road west of Seven Locks, when a workman was accidentally electrocuted. Swift work by the paramedics was able to revive him.

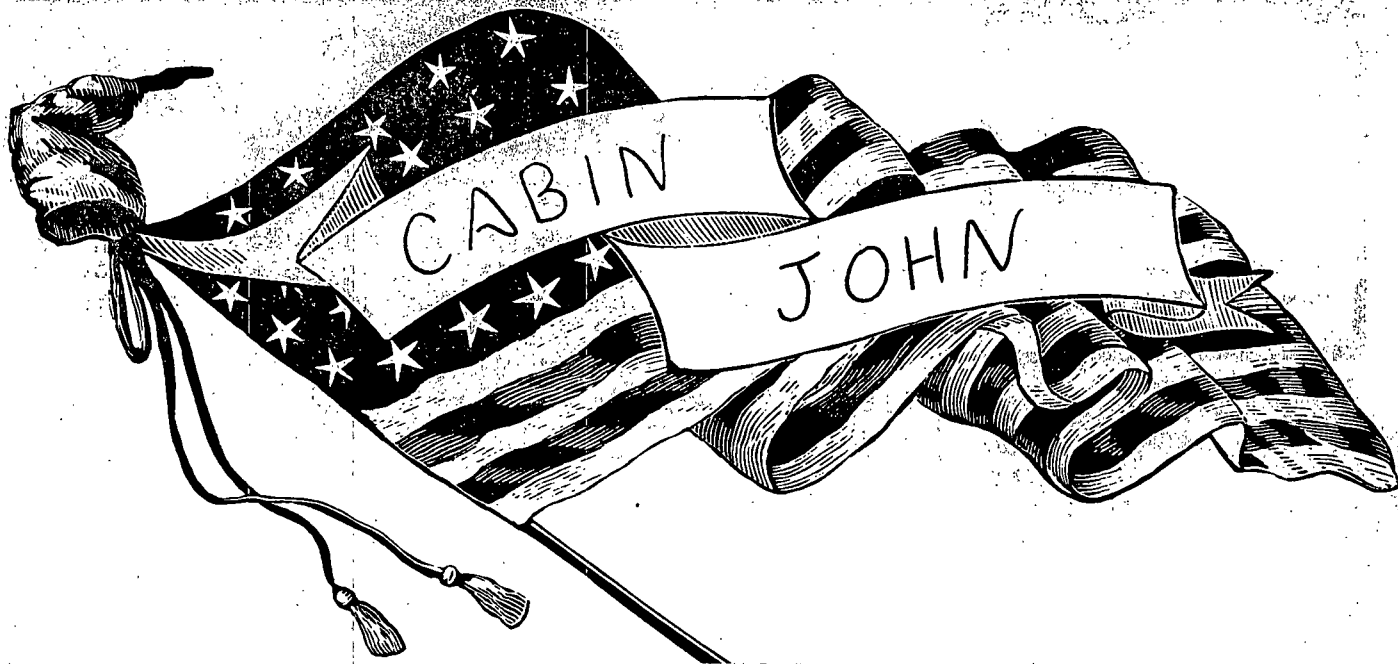
--Ken Diffenderfer



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**EMISSION TEST
DEADLINE CORRECTED**

If you are one many Cabin Johners who received (after Feb.12) a notice to take in your car for a vehicle emission test before the end of February, you should also have received a correction notice. The deadline is the end of March, not the end of February.

Also, you should note that the testing station closest to Cabin John will not even open until March 1. It is located in Gaithersburg. A little map in your inspection notice shows the exact site.



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IN MEMORIAM

Funeral services were held on January 14 for Clarence Edward Gibbs of 6 Carver Road. Born October 26, 1918, in Cabin John, he is survived by his wife, Lilly, and his children, Cynthia, Loretta, Carole, Shirley, James, Brenda, and Gwendolyn. The family thanks friends on Carver and Seven Locks Road for cards, money, help and kindness shown during these dark days.

"It matter not how dark the day/God's sun will shine and light your way." You did all you could for Ed while he lived, Lilly. God will bless you and keep you in His care.

-- Frank D. McKinney

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HOUSES FOR SALE
Cabin John residents are often asked if they know of houses available in the community. Here are houses known to be for sale as of February 13:

6532 79th St., 2 br, 2 ba, farmhouse \$198,500
7512 Arden Rd., 3 br, 1 ba, rambler \$89,950
6513 Persimmon Tree Rd., 4 br, 3-1/2 ba, Williamsburg colonial, \$219,900
8029 Riverside Ave., 3 br, 3 ba, contemporary, \$210,000
6509 Seven Locks Rd., 3 br, 2 ba, \$149,000
3 Webb Rd., 2 br, 1 ba, rambler, \$82,500

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(Classified ads should be sent to P.O.Box 164, Cabin John 20818. The rate is 50¢ per line. Next deadline: March 16.)

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GOLDEN RETRIEVER PUPS. Healthy, playful, from friendly, loving mother. Purebred (AKC), shots. Ready for new home from March 20. \$150, firm. Glen Echo. Anderson. 229-3748.

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LICENSED HOME DAY CARE CENTER opening in Cabin John in May. Mother (of one child) with Art and Nursing background offers a safe, caring environment for several children. Call Margaret, 320-4534, for further details and to reserve space.

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WANTED: Person to clean and vacuum the common areas of the MacArthur Park condominium twice each month. \$120/mo. Please call Andy Houpert 229-5174 after 7 p.m.

NO JOB TOO SMALL
OR TOO LARGE



Danny Saling

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**SITTERS CLASS
TO BE HELD MARCH 10**

Young teenagers in Cabin John who'd like to become "super sitters" are invited to a free training course at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda on Saturday, March 10, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. All aspects of baby-sitting will be covered. You can register no later than March 5 by calling 530-2580 during regular business hours.

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