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CABLE TV IS COMING TO CABIN JOHN

By Jayne Levin

Cable TV will be available to residents of Cabin John within the next 12 months, an official of Montgomery CableVision told the Village News last week, shortly before a general announcement was scheduled to be made.

It will cost \$14.95 per month for basic service, which includes 54 channels, plus a \$50 installation charge and a \$25 deposit for a converter box. There will be an additional monthly charge for receiving the seven subscription pay channels.

Here is a sampling of what will be available under the basic service contract: all the major networks, the Baltimore channels, superstations WTBS (Atlanta) and WOR (New York), USA, Life, Time, ESPN, CNN, MTV (music video), the Learning Channel.

Also, Financial News Network, Arts & Entertainment, Spanish International Network, C Span and C Span 2 (proceedings of the Senate and House of Representatives), religious programming, and the Weather Channel.

The seven pay channels to be offered are: Home Box Office, Showtime, Cinemax (genre films), Home Team Sports
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FUTURE OF CLARA BARTON SCHOOL AND TRAFFIC ON MacARTHUR BOULEVARD ARE TOPICS OF NEXT MEETING

Bennet Conley, the Montgomery County government official responsible for handling the future development and use of the Clara Barton school building, or his representative,

is expected to speak at the next meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association on Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m. at the school building.

Much community concern has been expressed about plans for the building's use, particularly about the availability of space for the community-based Three and Four Year Old School.

Another topic on the meeting's agenda will

be the generally hazardous conditions created at the intersection of MacArthur Boulevard, the exit road from the Parkway, and Ericson Road from Cabin John Gardens. Association president Tevy Schlafman has talked with the county about this problem, and the possibility of installing three-way stop signs (similar to those at the Glen Echo exit from the Parkway) will be discussed at the March 24 meeting.



SPRING RUMMAGE SALE AT METHODIST CHURCH

The Cabin John United Methodist Church will hold its spring rummage sale at the church (77th and MacArthur) on Friday and Saturday, April 3 and 4. Friday hours will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday's from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

GLEN ECHO NEWS...

The Echo, town paper of Glen Echo, reports that photographer Peter Garfield will be moving into the space vacated by Haute Cuisine Caterers. Garfield describes himself as a "fantasy-oriented" photographer and is well known for his covers of the Washingtonian Magazine.



**GIRL SCOUT COOKIE
SALES NEARLY 4,000**

As you dunk that last Chocolate Chunk cookie in your coffee, area Girl Scouts would like to thank you for your support during the annual cookie sales.

Junior Scouts (grades 4, 5, and 6 at Bannockburn Elementary) in Troop #2482 sold more than 2000 boxes. Brownies (grades 2 and 3) in Troop #116 sold 1,976 boxes.

Overall top salesperson was April Goodno of 81st St., Cabin John, who sold 600 boxes.

"The hardest thing about selling cookies is delivering them," she said. "It's hard to catch people at home."

According to the troops' cookie chairmen, Ginger Robinson, Barb Chambers, and Carol Strasfield, the money raised will cover costs of upcoming spring camping trips.

**PAST YEAR BRINGS CHANGES TO ALL
THREE OF CABIN JOHN'S CHURCHES**

By Barbara Goodno

Three Cabin John churches have been long-time members of the community. In the past year, each church has been visited by change.

Reverend Joseph A. Davis is pastor for the oldest of three churches, the Gibson Grove African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Zion Church, at 7700 Seven Locks Road. Davis has been pastor of the 62-member family church since June 1986.

He explained Gibson Grove's rich history.

"The church was built by former slaves who settled in the Cabin John area after the Civil War," Davis said. "The Gibson family owned about six acres of land and donated the property for the building."

The first building was a log cabin located near the present site. According to church records, church member Sarah Gibson also built a one-room school so that black children could be educated. The school was used for approximately 30 years. At the advent of public education, the school was closed and donated to the State of Maryland.

Davis is originally from South Carolina but spent most of his ministry years as an Army Chaplain. He retired in 1975, at the rank of Colonel. Davis then spent ten years in Harrisburg, Pa., as a Methodist pastor and urban coordinator. He retired in 1985 and resettled in this area.

Although twice retired, he is quite happy to be still in the ministry and a part of the community. He said, "I'm not ready to sit down and read the papers."

He described his assignment to the Gibson Grove congregation as "...one like a marriage made in heaven. It makes me feel useful. Having this church works out perfectly."

According to Davis, many of the families of the original church members have moved from the Cabin John area but are still very loyal to the church. To strengthen this bond, the church has "family days" about three times each year. The most recent was held March 8 when the Hart and Clagett families were honored.

"Family days are wonderful," Davis said. "It's like a big family reunion. It serves as a bond between old and new members."

Davis has recently reorganized the young adult choir, known as the Gospel Choralettes. Comprised of about 18 members, the group

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sings at the morning worship service each fourth Sunday.

New members are welcome. Sunday School is held at 9:30 and services at 11:00.

The Cabin John United Methodist Church, located at 77th Street and MacArthur Blvd., has also been a long-time member of the community. It also has a new pastor, Reverend Walter Shropshire, who arrived in September 1986.

According to Shropshire, the 100-member church was established 65 years ago. Over the years, the continuity between generations has been good. Many of the first establishing members still have family active in the church.

Although Shropshire was born in Anacostia and lived in the Washington area for quite some time, he knew little about Cabin John and its history. Upon his arrival, he said, he "found the congregation warm and accepting."

Shropshire was a bio-physicist at the Smithsonian until last year when Gramm-Rudman-Hollings cuts eliminated his entire 60-person section. He was studying at the Jung Institute in Zurich, Switzerland, when the cuts were announced.

"I was ordained in 1977 and had been pastor for a small church in Sunshine, Md., from 1980 to 1985. I had planned to go into the ministry full-time upon retirement, but retirement came sooner than I expected!"

Like many of his predecessors, Shropshire is a student minister. Although he was ordained, the Methodist Church's requirements for full-time ministers changed, and he was required to complete the master's program in Divinity.

According to Shropshire, the congregation has a long tradition of student ministers, most of whom stayed for about two years. Unlike the previous ministers, though, he hopes to stay much longer, "six years," he said.

Shropshire is looking forward to the upcoming summer months when he will have a four-month break from American University's Wesleyan Seminary's academic setting. He plans to become more active in the community.

"I believe the Church is a sharing community. Faith is expressed as part of whole life activity. I like to help people put their faith into practice!"

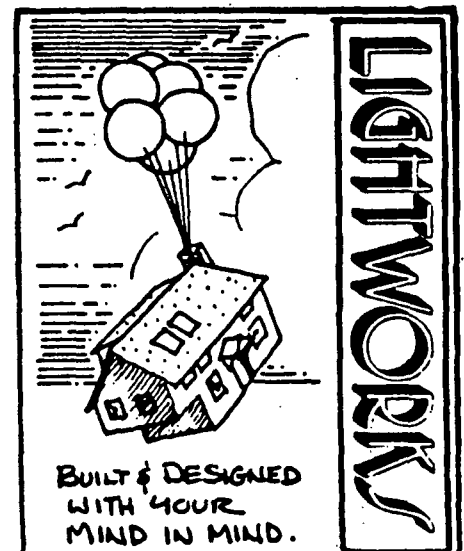
As such, Shropshire has started programs for the community at large, as well as the congregation. One of these programs is a 7 p.m. Mon-

LOCAL WEAVER IN ART, FASHION SHOW

Handwoven fabrics by Cabin John weaver Catherine Lichtblau will be presented in a dual show at Friendship Gallery, in the Friendship Heights Community Center, 4423 S. Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, on Sunday, May 3.

In "Fashion that is Art", Ms. Lichtblau will join with Raj, a Washington-based couturier, in showing their joint creations, a parade of beautiful, wearable clothes. The show will start at 3 p.m.

Also on view will be Ms. Lichtblau's shawl images which capture the illusion of motion in a woven textile. They will be seen as part of a combined show of seven artists, all of whom will be present at the opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. Further information from the Center (656-2797) or Ms. Lichtblau (229-1407).



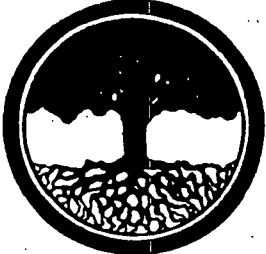
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day night exercise class led by Audrey Shrop-
shire, a former instructor at Montgomery College.

"The program is for people who don't get a
lot of exercise," she said. "We do mainly stret-
ching, relaxation and stress management exercis-
es. They really like the stress management part.
People don't take time to focus on quiet."

Participation is open to anyone, and there
is no firm commitment required; people tend to
come to class when they can.

In addition, the church has other special
activities: Children's Choir, Tuesday afternoon,
3-4 p.m.; Adult Choir, Thursday evening. The
Sunday morning worship services are at 11 a.m.

"The church needs to serve the entire com-
munity," Shropshire observed. "I see my role as
that of enabler of those in the community. Every-
one is welcome."

The most recently established church in
Cabin John is the Full Gospel Washington Church,
Assemblies of God, 6523 78th Street.

The 250-member congregation moved to its
present location in January 1986 after nearly
four years of using rented space in the District.


According to the church's pastor, Reverend
Young K. Lee, the new facility has enabled the
congregation to be a religious community. "When
we were renting, we had limited use of the facil-
ity. We weren't able to offer all that we can
now."

Renting presented some risks too. "Before we
came here," Lee said, "the church we were renting
from gave us three month's notice. We weren't
sure what we could find. This is so much better."

Lee maintains a busy schedule. He holds morn-
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COMING EVENTS IN CABIN JOHN'S SCHOOLS

Summer Camp Planned

The Cabin John Three and Four Year Old School will hold its first summer camp in June and July, conducted by two certified teachers. To participate, children must be at least 3 years old (toilet trained) and not older than 5.

The camp will take place from Tuesday to Friday, from 9:30 a.m. until noon. There will be two two-week sessions, one from June 16 to June 26 and one from June 30 to July 10.

The cost will be \$80 per session, plus a \$10 application fee. For further information, call Margaret Phillips between 1 and 5 p.m. at 229-1134.

May Fair Participants Sought by Clara Barton

Artists and craftsmen are invited to set up tables at the May Fair being held by the Clara Barton Center for Children on Saturday, May 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the school. There is a \$20 participation fee.

The Center will also welcome donations of quality children's toys, books, and clothes, as well as household items, for sale at the Fair. Donations are tax-deductible.

The Fair will also feature food and activities such as the popular moon bounce, face painting, and pony rides. Proceeds go to support the Center's scholarship fund.

For more information, call the school at 320-4565, or Kate Grinberg at 229-9611.

Kindergarten Round-Up

The annual "round-up" for children who will be starting kindergarten at Bannockburn Elementary School next September will be held at the school on Friday, May 8, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Children who will be five years old by December 31 are eligible. Call the school office at 229-8823 to receive an information packet.

T-Shirt Contest Extended

The deadline for submitting entries in the \$100 design competition for a Clara Barton Center T-Shirt has been extended to March 25. The design must be sent to the school (at 7425 MacArthur Blvd) on illustration board or paper no smaller than 8 x 10 inches and must be limited to a maximum of three colors.

"MAIL ORDER" HOUSES GET STUDENT SURVEY

Students in the University of Maryland's School of Architecture are documenting a number of Cabin John houses as a project for a course on "Methods of Architectural Preservation".

Six students have been assigned to make a list of the so-called "mail order" houses built in Cabin John in the early 1900s -- houses bought through the Sears Roebuck catalog and delivered ready to erect at the building site.

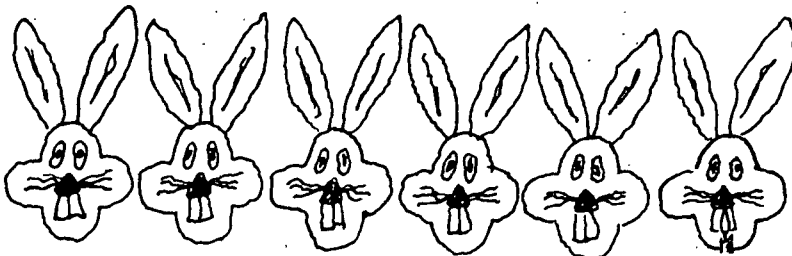
A slide show of the houses is in preparation which, it is hoped, can be shown at a future Citizens Association meeting.

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Wednesday and Friday evenings, offers Korean language classes Friday evening and conducts Sunday services at 11.

All services are conducted in the Korean language, with interpretation provided. An inability to speak Korean shouldn't intimidate potential members, Lee said. There are several members who don't speak Korean, he added.

Shortly after moving last year, the congregation held a special fellowship dinner for the Cabin John community. Unfortunately, only two families came.

According to Lee, this invitation will be extended again. "We would like to have fellowship with the people who live here," he said.



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