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Clare Amoruso, the Village News business manager is looking for someone to take over her position. The business manager handles the classified and display ads, subscriptions for non-residents, prepares an annual financial statement, and keeps the checking account in order. These duties take approximately 3 hours per month. It gives you an opportunity to support your community during hours of your choosing.

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Clara Barton Community Center News

This spring the Clara Barton Community Center will offer Dance Dynamics, Aikido, Karate and Step Body Works classes.

Information will be listed along with registration information in the Spring Guide to Recreation and Leisure Programs published by the Montgomery County Recreation Department. If you are a Post subscriber the Guide was inserted in your Friday, Feb. 18 copy, so dig it out of your newspaper pile. Other residents will receive their guides in the mail.

The Clara Barton Center is open Monday through Thursday from noon to 9:00 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays from noon until 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions or suggestions, stop by or call 229-0010 or 229-0011.

Citizen's Association Meeting at the Clara Barton Center 7:30 PM, February 22 — *Be There!*

by Fred & Judie Mopsik

The next meeting of the Cabin John Citizens Association will be devoted to reports on the testimony that we presented on the proposed Montgomery County ordinance establishing standards for implementing traffic control procedures in any neighborhood.

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has asked all citizens associations to endorse a no-questions-asked, voluntary gun turn-in program. Since attendance at the last meeting was small, the vote was tabled until the February meeting. There is further information elsewhere in the Village News, reproduced from the North Bethesda Congress newsletter.

Glen Echo Park Scene

The Puppet Company performing every Wednesday and Thursday 10 & 11:30 am, and most Saturdays and Sundays, 11 am, 1 & 2 pm, tickets \$4, is presenting *The Magic of Hans Cristian Andersen* through February 27. For more information call 320-6668.

Fiber Sculptures, by David Powers are being featured in the Glen Echo Gallery through Feb. 27. Inspired by the tribal societies of the Americas and Pacific, totemic power, mysticism and shamanism are the subjects of his show.

"All Seasons," Paintings by Walter Bartman, will be at the Glen Echo Gallery from March 4 through March 27. Landscapes are the primary subjects of his oil and acrylic paintings. A reception for the show will take place Friday, March 4 from 7-9:00 p.m.

Songwriter's Circle, a group of four singer/songwriters, will share their songs with the audience and each other in the Hall of Mirrors Dance Theater on March 12, at 8:00 p.m. Admission is \$6.00. For information call 301/492-6229 days, 301/951-6242 eves.



Community Calendar

On Wednesday, March 16 from noon to 1 p.m. the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Government Center at 7815 Woodmont Avenue will sponsor "Selecting a Summer Camp" featuring Carol Walsh from the Child Care Connection discussing what types of camps are available for children in our area, and what parents should look for in selecting a camp. Bring your lunch.

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On Wednesday, March 30 from noon to 1 p.m. the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Government Center will also sponsor a discussion "Summer Volunteer Opportunities for Teens." Andrea Jolly, Director of Montgomery County's Volunteer Bureau will discuss summer volunteer opportunities for area teenagers.

Briefly noted . . .

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase Citizens Advisory Board has scheduled a meeting for Monday, February 28 at 7:00 pm. For more information call 986-4325.

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If your street wasn't cleared after any of the icy weather we've had you can call Montgomery County Highway Maintenance at 217-2159 between normal business hours.

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Beware of Frozen Ponds

Please remind your children about the dangers of walking or skating on ponds or on the canal. Ice may be thin and the water may be deep.

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The Cabin John-Brookmont Children's Program located in Brookmont, a pre-school for 3 and 4 year olds, is accepting applications for fall of '94. Hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 12:30 pm. For more information, call 320-6780 or 229-5872.

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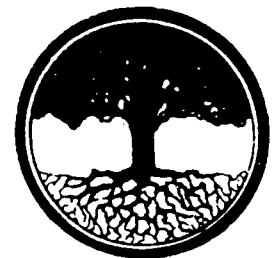
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People of Cabin John**Tricia Peters: Following the Planets***by Barbara Martin*

Tricia Peters undoubtedly has one of the more unusual professions in Cabin John: she's an astrologer. Astrology to her is not a hobby, but a serious career that she has followed for 20 years.

She was born in Staffordshire, in England's Midlands, but moved to London when she was 2. She was the baby sister of two older brothers. Her father was an engineer whose specialty was alternative fuels. "During the War, gasoline was needed for military use, so my Dad designed a system of running the London buses on coal gas. A bus would pull along a contraption that burned coal and fed the coal gas into the engine of the bus."

To escape the bombing, the family moved from London to the suburbs. "I was always an independent child. When I was 4 1/2, I decided one afternoon that I would walk home from school rather than ride the bus. I managed to slip away without notice. Once I had to ask for directions, but I felt quite confident about where I was going. I arrived home after 2 hours; my parents, of course, were frantic."

Tricia's favorite school subject was art. Her love was animals. "I talked to the animals; it seemed natural."

When she was very young—about 3—Tricia had an unusual experience. When she sat down to "play" the piano, she felt sad and would cry and say to her mother, "I need to be with my children; I'm worried about them." She was having glimpses into a previous life. That early, Tricia says, she knew there was something different about her.

She attended state schools until she was 11, then transferred to a small private school. Some years later, when that school announced its closing, Tricia didn't want to start another school. Instead, she found a coach to prepare her for the state exams. "In 3

months, I had taken and passed all the exams for my diploma."

From the time she was 12, Tricia had been fascinated by astrology. "I read everything I could get my hands on about the subject. I started with skepticism, but everything I learned made perfect sense to me—logical, scientific sense."

Since her teens she had been doing astrological charts for family and friends. "Finally I got up the courage to put a handwritten notice in a shop. My first client was quite a test for me. Fortunately, she declared that what I had determined about her was absolutely accurate."

Then, in her early 20's, Ms. Patricia Lemmer took a step that would change the direction of her life in two important ways. She decided to put an ad in a local journal offering to do personal astrology readings. "I was working in an office at the time. I didn't consider astrology as a career possibility; it was just something I wanted very much to do."

As she was preparing to take the ad to the magazine office, she had a strong premonition that she was about to meet someone who would be very important in her life. When she reached the magazine office, there were four young men at desks. "I looked them over and decided I didn't like any of them. But my premonition was right; one of those men was Nick Peters. We were married within the year."

Furthermore, shortly after her ad appeared, the magazine editor called and asked if she would write an astrology column. She came up with a professional name, Letitia Parmer,—an anagram of her own name—and wrote a successful column for years, continuing through the journal's takeover by the Tattler during the days of Tina Brown's editorship.

From 1980 to 1988, she also wrote an astrology column for the *London Portrait*, London's equivalent of our *Washingtonian* magazine. But that's jumping ahead of the story.

Nick became a radio news journalist. His London station sent him to be their correspondent in Belgium. Tricia and Nick—another free spirit—declined to live in the English-speaking community near Brussels. Instead they found a house in the country. "Our neighbor on one side was a market gardener, our neighbor on the other side raised turkeys and goats. We wanted to be in the midst of real Belgian life."

During the Peterses' years in Belgium, Francesca and Alexander were born. "The first question I asked after each birth was 'Is it a boy or girl?' and the second question was 'Where are my charts?'"

When the family returned to London, both Tricia and Nick were doing radio shows for the same station. Tricia's was an astrology program. "We had a new baby—Sophie—and the three of us would take the train into the city together. Nick would take care of her while I did my show, then I would dash out and take over so he could run his show."

The family moved to the United States in 1988. Nick opened the Washington bureau for his British station. As a journalist, he is often invited to Embassy receptions and diplomatic parties. Tricia has no interest in politics. "I don't even read about current events. Why should I? Nick can give me the condensed version of everything that's going on if I really need to know about it."

One evening in 1990, Nick the journalist and Tricia the non-political wife attended a reception for some International Monetary Fund officials.

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Dear Editor:

This is in response to the letter from Ronald Gaines of Potomac, which appeared in the January 1994 issue of *The Village News*.

First, I commend him for his concern for the safety of the children on the streets of our little residential community.

However, I take issue with his designation of Tomlinson Avenue and Arden Road as a "commuter corridor." This is a strictly residential community, and we of Cabin John much prefer to keep it so. Quite simply, there is no advantage to us and we have no interest in widening our narrow streets to create a "commuter corridor" to accommodate Mr. Gaines and his fellow travelers from Potomac and points west in their mad dash to get ahead of the rush hour line on MacArthur Blvd. Leave our narrow streets to us and join your fellow commuters on MacArthur Blvd. **PLEASE.**

Elizabeth Towler
75th Place

Dear Editor:

I was dismayed to read in the January issue of *The Village News* that Ronald Gaines of Potomac considers Tomlinson Ave. and Arden Rd. to be a commuter corridor. Perhaps, in his morning rush through our neighborhood, Mr. Gaines has failed to notice the "No Left Turn" sign on Seven Locks Rd. at Tomlinson Ave.

I agree with Mr. Gaines that our streets are narrow and commuter traffic on these streets along with school children makes for a dangerous situation. Indeed, a few years ago several

near-misses prompted the community to ask for the "No Left Turn" sign to be installed so that our children could wait for their school buses in safety. Obviously some people, who consider themselves to be above the law, are refusing to obey traffic signs and are making this impossible.

I think that Mr. Gaines will agree that the lives of our children are much more valuable than the few minutes he may save each morning by cutting through our residential streets. Mr. Gaines, please don't do it.

Susan Gelb
Arden Road

(Ed note: Observation has it that the majority of traffic coming down Tomlinson/Arden comes from Persimmon Tree → MacArthur → Seven Locks → Tomlinson, or MacArthur → 77th St. → Tomlinson!)

Dear Editor:

This is in response to the letter in the January 1994 issue from Ronald Gaines of Potomac, Maryland.

First, Mr. Gaines is wrong when he refers to Tomlinson Ave. and Arden Road as a "commuter corridor." Perhaps he should slow down in Cabin John and then he would see that these are residential streets; not a commuter corridor.

Next he refers to school children playing in the streets unsupervised while waiting for the school bus causing a hazardous situation for motorists. Again, perhaps Mr. Gaines and his fellow short-cut seeking commuters should slow down and exercise caution on our streets in the area of these school bus stops. One such bus stop is next to my home and I rarely see these children without one or two adults in attendance. I also constantly observe the daily speeding of these commuters on our streets well in excess of the posted 25 mph posted speed limit. If they were to obey the speed limit, perhaps parents

would not have to stand guard over their children at these bus stops to protect them from these law breakers. Mr. Gaines and his fellow short-cut seekers also daily break the law by making the illegal left turn from Seven Locks Road onto Tomlinson Ave. Furthermore, who gave Mr. Gaines the right to tell Cabin John parents that they have to keep their children inside and off the streets? Has "Big Brother" assigned Mr. Gaines the authority to tell us how to raise our children? Perhaps he wants our children off the streets so that he and his fellow commuters can continue to speed through our residential neighborhood without our children hindering their progress. I wonder how he would feel if his street became a major commuter corridor. Would he request his neighbors to keep their children inside, or his own?

Another point he makes is that as taxpayers we do not have to accept sub-standard roads. We can force the county government to widen our streets and install curbs and sidewalks to accommodate rush hour traffic. Residential streets do not have a rush hour. Who does Mr. Gaines think will pay for these improvements? Certainly not he and his fellow commuters. You and I, the property owners would be forced to pay for these improvements just to provide Mr. Gaines and his fellow commuters with a speedier and easier commute through our neighborhood.

Mr. Gaines does not realize that most of us like our quiet residential streets as they are. He wants to change our quiet small town way of life into a busy metropolis full of automobiles. He seems to be missing the key concept in his comments. That key is that residential streets are for residents; not short-cut seeking commuters.

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Lifelong Cabin John Resident



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Tricia Peters *Con'd from pg. 3*

"The guest of honor was some man I had never heard of." During the evening, an acquaintance of Tricia's brought the guest of honor over to her, saying "Here, John, let Mrs. Peters read your hand." The party was boring so she agreed to do it, and soon the other guests were crowding around to listen. Tricia told him, "You're going to go way up to the top. There's someone blocking you right now, but that person will move sideways and the way will be clear for you." When an onlooker asked if that "top" meant Prime Minister, Tricia, reasoning that the top in government meant the Prime Minister, agreed.

The man was John Major, at the time a very distant contender for the office held firmly by Margaret Thatcher. The hand reading, witnessed by many guests including British journalists, was reported soon after in two large London newspapers. In a surprising set of events, Margaret Thatcher's leadership of the Conservative party was challenged, and John Major, to the surprise of many, (but not Tricia) won the election to succeed her, and he remains Prime Minister to this day. A British broadcasting network interviewed Tricia shortly before the election, when she confirmed that John Major would win. "It wasn't any political analysis on my part," says

Tricia. "I just saw it there in his hand."

Tricia tells of watching on television the three recent presidential candidates. "I had rather liked Perot, but I was amazed at what I saw in the auras of the three men. In the psychic pictures I saw, Perot was rigid as steel, trampling on people to achieve his aims; Bush was tired, very tired. But Clinton was surrounded by many benevolent and supportive entities; he was shining, as a star. I knew very surely that he would win and that he was destined to be President."


Tricia is confident that she has psychic powers, yet she is humble about her abilities. "I do have a gift. I am psychic, I'm an astrologer, and I read hands. But I know that whatever I have is for a purpose—to help people. My goal in astrology is to reveal persons to themselves in an affirming way." When she was 21, Tricia was trapped in a house fire and had a near-death experience. "I travelled to the light and back. From that experience, I believe that the reason for life is spiritual growth and learning."

But Tricia Peters has another side. "I'm a down-to-earth, everyday wife and mother of three children. I keep house, walk the dog, help at Bannockburn School." At Cabin John Methodist Church, Tricia taught Sunday School for 2 years, and Nick served on several boards and committees. "I wish more people would come to our very own

town church; they would be warmly welcomed, as I was the first time I walked in."


How did the Peters family wind up in Cabin John? When they first came to Washington, they lived in a rented house in American University Park. "I spent many afternoons driving around, looking for the right neighborhood. When I came to Cabin John, I knew that this was a place where I could live happily." Tricia kept coming back to Cabin John, driving up and down streets. Her intention then was to find a building lot. "When I would find an appropriate place, I would leave a note in the mailbox, asking the owner to call me if there was any chance of selling." As it happened, an agent showed the Peterses a remodeled house on 79th Street that they both responded to immediately. "As soon as we could make arrangements, we bought it."

That was 3 years ago. Nick is now a freelance television journalist. Tricia's work as an astrologer is well established; she prepares charts and does private readings for "all sorts of people—anyone who calls, really." Sophie, Francesca and Alexander have adjusted well to American schools. Tricia says, "I like Cabin John so much probably because I am an individualist and there are so many individualists here. We've been in the United States 5 years and we're here to stay. We do miss seeing our families in England, but I know that this is our home now."



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Adoption Agency's Central Office Now in Cabin John

The Barker Foundation, an organization which has become well-known in the field of adoption during almost 50 years of service, is now offering crisis pregnancy and adoption services from its new offices in the MacArthur Plaza.

Barker works with any woman facing an unplanned pregnancy who is considering adoption as an option. Prospective adoptive families have the choice to adopt infants of all races and ethnic groups who are born in this country, or children of all ages from several countries overseas. As a non-profit organization Barker charges adopting families for its placement services but educational and support services are available to all members of the adoption circle as a public service.

Executive Director Robin Allen maintains that adoption can be a positive option for birthparents who are not yet ready to become parents but want to provide a loving future for their child. "Unfortunately most people don't know much about how adoption works in the 90s. Birthparents and adoptive families have many more options now and are much more involved in the process. Some meet around the time of placement and choose to maintain contact with one another through the agency for the many years that follow."

Allen reports that the peaceful, neighborhood quality of Cabin John is soothing for all Barker Clients—birthparents, adoptive parents and their children, and adult adoptees. People coming for individual interviews and educational groups find the location easily accessible from Virginia and DC, as well as the I-270 corridor. Barker has an additional office in the Tidewater area and serves Baltimore, Frederick and Northern Virginia from the Cabin John location.

M-NCPP Urges Support for Gun Turn-In Program

The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission has asked the Cabin John Citizens Association to endorse a no-questions-asked, gun turn-in program for Montgomery County. The program, called the "Moms on a Mission Campaign," is planned for April 16. This year, for each gun turned in, the Moms will donate \$25 to Children's Hospital.

High school students will be urged to pledge not to bring guns to school and take a "no tolerance" stand toward violence and guns at school. In 1993 Montgomery county collected and destroyed 121 guns and over 200 pounds of ammunition.

Guns should be taken to Epworth United Methodist Church, 9008 Rosemont Dr., Gaithersburg, MD.



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EDITORIAL:**Officer Relentlessly Enforces No-Left-Turn Sign**

In 1983 the Cabin John Citizens Association identified a major problem that was obviously going to get worse: commuter traffic blasting down Tomlinson Avenue, bisecting the community and threatening the pedestrians and children of the area. The Transportation Committee worked long and hard trying to persuade Ron Welke of Montgomery County Department of Transportation to erect no-left-turn signs for the morning and evening rush hours at Tomlinson Avenue. When he rejected the requests, the Transportation Committee offered several other proposals; all turned down. The Transportation Committee continued to call Welke and eventually he agreed to put up the no left turn sign with no rush hour stipulations as originally requested by the Committee.

According to an unnamed police sergeant at the Bethesda Police Station, officers can exercise their prerogative in ticketing motorists. In recent years some residents have been ticketed, but because some police officers are aware of our commuter traffic situation and they have used their "prerogative" to let many other residents go free.

Lately Officer Divers, operating out of the of the Bethesda Police Station has been stringently enforcing the no-left-turn sign at Tomlinson Avenue. Hiding on Carver Road or around the bend on Tomlinson Avenue, he has been using his "prerogative" to ticket one and all.

One resident who lives on 77th Street and asked not to be identified said she was ticketed during the first ice storm. She pointed out the danger of trying to drive up the 77th Street incline in the ice, but Divers was adamant: It's against the law to violate the sign. Period.

With the spring coming and the commuter traffic on the increase, its time that the community should resume its efforts to seek protection from the fast, dangerous volume of Potomac and up-county commuters blasting down our streets, threatening our otherwise sleepy neighborhood. We should demand signs that protect us from commuters, not penalize us further. ❧

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