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Citizens Association Meeting Tuesday, April 25 at 7:30 at Clara Barton Community Center

ON THE AGENDA:

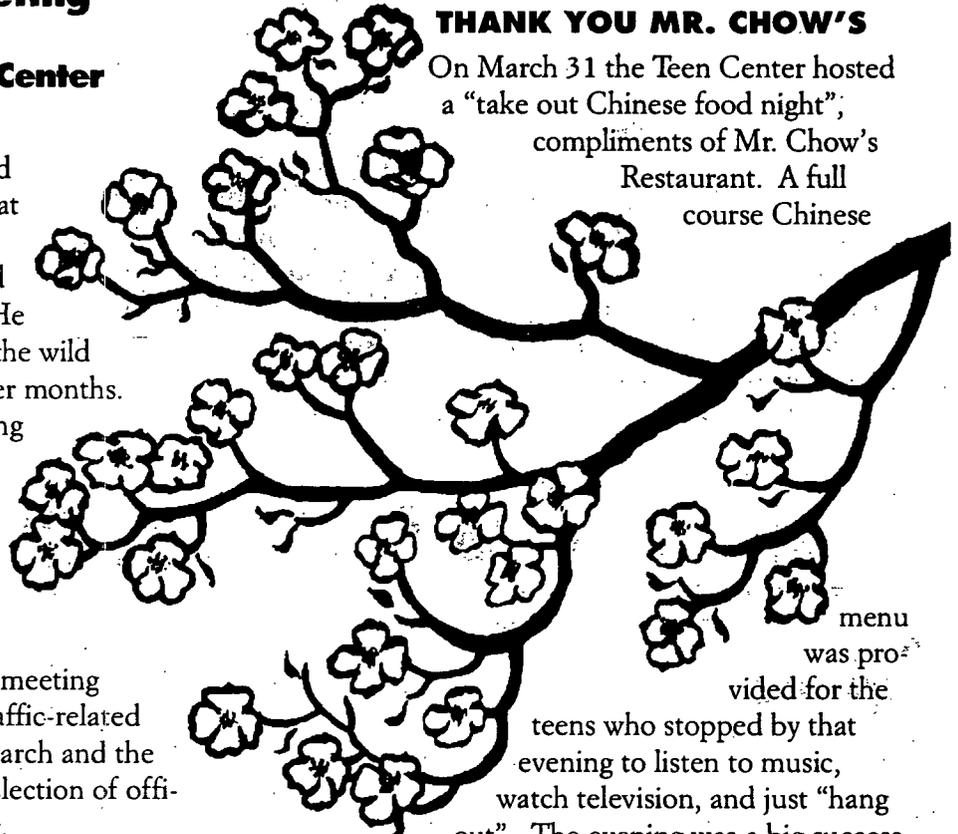
Mr. George Petrides, owner of the Wild Bird Center, will be our guest speaker at the April meeting. George will speak about the migratory birds of spring and their habitats along the C&O Canal. He will also discuss the proper feeding of the wild birds during the late spring and summer months. The Wild Bird Center will be celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, and to commemorate the anniversary they are making a donation to the Association for the establishment of a wild bird habitat in Cabin John. Join us for this presentation.

Other issues to be addressed at the meeting include a report on the status of the traffic-related petitions sent to the County in early March and the report of the nominating committee. Election of officers will take place at the May meeting.

The Crab Feast will be held on September 9. Mark your calendars now for this annual event. There will be a major planning meeting in June. Watch for the announcement in the May issue of the Village News.

Association officers

The nominating committee, composed of Helen Daniel, Cathie Nelson, Reed Martin, and Ger Quinn, met behind a closed door and have come forth with the following slate of officers for the Citizens Association for 1995-1996:
President, Harry & Lori Rieckelman
1st Vice-Pres., Stan Shaper
2nd Vice-Pres., Judie Mopsik
Treasurer, Elaine Tama
Secretary, Gary Barnhard



THANK YOU MR. CHOW'S

On March 31 the Teen Center hosted a "take out Chinese food night", compliments of Mr. Chow's Restaurant. A full course Chinese

menu was provided for the teens who stopped by that evening to listen to music, watch television, and just "hang out". The evening was a big success.

The next time you dine at Mr. Chows, be sure to tell them you appreciate their generous support of the community.

TEEN CENTER DIRECTOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Teen Center Director, Penelope Newman, will leave her position in August to return to Law School. Penelope has done an outstanding job with the management of the Center, the programming, and most importantly with the kids. She has provided them with direction and friendship. We will all miss her.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in this position, please stop by the Clara Barton Center during the week and speak with Penelope. This is a part-time, 20 hours/week position. The Director is at the Center weekday afternoons and Friday evenings. The County has posted an open requisition for this job.

Looking Backwards in Cabin John

Volume I, Number 1 of the "Cabin John Newsletter" appeared twenty-eight years ago this month in **April 1967**. The forerunner of today's Village News, the first issue asked its readers: "What shall we name our baby? Win a buck and two pounds of Cabin John Sausage from the Good & Quick [Ed. Note: now the Captain's Market]. Send your suggestions to the editor by April 28." [Anybody know what Cabin John Sausage is?]

What was the news back then?

The lead story was about "Operation Clean-up" the first project of the new Beautification Committee of the Citizens Association. Two trucks had been hired and every house was to be visited, starting at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 15, to pick up trash. "The pick-up is to for cleaning out the attic or basement," the story warned. "It is to get the stuff already out in the yard cleared away."

Other stories included a report on the second meeting of the just organized Cain John VFW Post; plans for landscaping Clara Barton School's new addition, which had been dedicated on April 2; and an account of a downtown meeting of CAN (Committee Against National) to rally support for its campaign against jets at National Airport.

The **April 1973** issue of the Village News announced Community Health Day on Saturday, April 7 - a free 4-hour event, organized in cooperation with the County Health Department and many voluntary health-related agencies, which provided immunizations for children, testing for high blood pressure, TB, hearing loss, glaucoma, etc., and information on smoking, nutrition, drug abuse, and many diseases.

The major news in the **April 1980** paper was the announcement that ground would be broken in May for the new MacArthur Square (now MacArthur Plaza) shopping center. The tract, although zoned commercial in the community plan adopted in 1973, had been vacant for some time, and the builders' plans aroused much antagonism among citizens, on the grounds that the community had not been consulted in designing the development and that the project was way out of scale to Cabin John's needs. [Ed. Note: The community's love/hate relationship with the shopping center has continued ever since!]

Thanks to Village News Archivist Andy Rice for contributing this feature. If you have photos or mementos of the old days in Cabin John, the Village News would like to use them with this feature.

Neighborhood Events

at Bannockburn School
6520 Dalroy Lane, Bethesda, MD, at the intersection of Bannockburn Drive and Dalroy Lane.

BANNOCKBURN MAYFAIR

May 7, Noon to 4pm

Don't miss Bannockburn Elementary School's Annual Mayfair and Silent Auction. (The Silent Auction continues until 5). Fun activities for children including a Moonbounce, a Dunk Tank, Face Painting, Cake Roulette, many games and Fast Food.

Bid on weekend getaways, fabulous restaurants, theater tickets, great kid gifts and loads of fun gift certificates at the Silent Auction.

Proceeds benefit the school's PTA

To announce an event in The Village News send a written notice to: Editor, PO Box 164, Cabin John Md 20818. The next deadline and mailing date is published on the inside back page.

NEWS FROM THE TEEN CENTER

The Teen Center has booked its Friday evening events for the rest of the school year.

April 28 High School Band night and Coffee House

May 5 Middle School Open Lounge night with free subs and sodas

May 12 American Gladiators - Middle School (7:30) and High School (9:00)

May 26 Open Lounge night for all students

June 29 Open Lounge nights - Final Exam Study Halls with tutoring available

June 16 High School Band night

June 17 Saturday night - Cook out and Final Party - Middle and High School

Due to the success of the teen center the County has approved our funding for the next fiscal year. The new funds will provide for a full year of programming from July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

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JO HAVEN'S PRIZE WILLOW OAK

Early this year, Joel Rosenthal learned that Montgomery County wanted to locate the biggest tree in the county for every species. Joel suspected that the willow oak of his neighbor, Jo Havens, would be a contender. Following county stipulations, he measured height, breadth (branch span), and circumference (at the 4 1/2' mark). A county forester came to Jo's home to confirm the measurements. Both Joel and the forester made their calculations from measuring the tree's shadow. (Remember your high school geometry).

Mrs. Havens and Joel were notified that they had a winner, and were invited to a ceremony at the Lathrop Smith Environmental Education Center in Rockville. On April 8, they attended the ceremony, and were awarded a certificate— "Largest Known Willow Oak in Montgomery County".

The event was sponsored by the Montgomery County Forest Conservancy in cooperation with Maryland National Capital Park and Planning. Named the "Big tree

Celebration," the event was to thank people for their "protection" (as the certificate states) of valuable trees.

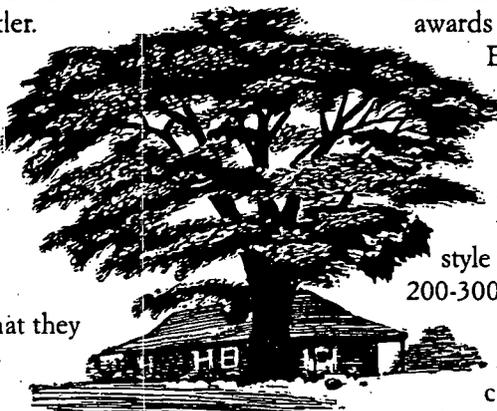
After the ceremony, the 40 people receiving awards took a bus tour (bus furnished by Edy's ice cream). The tour visited each of the winning trees. Jo reports that she enjoyed the trip immensely. "Most of the trees were on old estates, with beautiful gardens, boxwoods, and old houses in the Federal style architecture. Some of the trees were 200-300 years old."

As an added surprise, her fellow honorees sang Happy Birthday to Jo, celebrating her 90th.

The willow oak was planted by Jo's father shortly after he bought the land that was then a field - farmland. When he built their house in 1923, the willow oak was a very young tree. For more than 70 years, the tree has flourished and is today in healthy shape.

To see Cabin John's own famous tree, drive up 76th Place to the end. The Havens property is on the Left.

—Barbara Martin



RECYCLE YOUR UNWANTED BOOKS

Do you have books crowding your shelves that you'd like to give away to someone who would really appreciate them? Mrs. Susan Teagle, 85 years old, who lives at 37 Ericsson Road and can almost never get out of the house, loves to read mysteries, westerns, animal stories and similar books. After she finishes with them, she passes them on to her daughter-in-law who shares them with still others. If you'd like to give some books you no longer want to Mrs. Teagle, she would be glad to hear from you.

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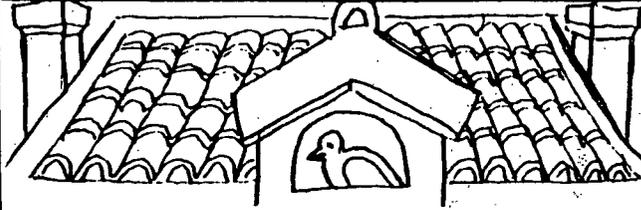
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SPORTS



Ty Bookman earns national distinction in wrestling

Cabin John's Ty Bookman finished high school wrestling with his 100th win in his last time on the mat. Ty has earned distinction throughout his wrestling career. In his final meet Ty placed 3rd among more than a hundred schools in the National Prep Schools Tournament in the 152 pound weight class. Earlier in the season he led his school to the team championship in the D.C. Classic tournament, and was named the tournament's outstanding wrestler.

Ty wrestles for Sidwell Friends Academy where he is a senior. He also wrestles for the Bulldog Wrestling Club in Potomac, and is a volunteer fireman and registered medical technician with the Cabin John Fire Department.

Ty hasn't settled on a college yet, but a lot of college wrestling coaches are hoping to add him to their teams.

If something is bothering you, Ask Doctor Bob

He's back due to overwhelming popular demand!



Dear Doctor Bob,

I've been noticing that a lot of people in my neighborhood don't seem to go to work anymore. I see them out in their bathrobes and slippers at 10 o'clock in the morning picking up the newspaper. These are people who used to wear suits and go to the office everyday. Now they wear sweat pants with baggy knees and congregate at the 7-11 and Hannibals looking like a ragamuffins convention. I'm not talking about three or four people, I'm talking dozens.

What's going on and how can I get in on the action?

-Still wearing a tie

Dear "Still wearing that noose"

The phenomenon you so astutely observe is called "working at home." People who "work at home" have learned that productivity is unrelated to time spent on the job. After all, it's quality time that really matters. By spending no time whatsoever doing actual work you can really hit maximum efficiency. Of course this only applies in occupations having no basis in tangible reality, which is to say, 97% of the jobs inside the Capitol beltway. Tell your work at home neighbors that there's a new Fed-X drop box next to the Coop. The pick-up time is 6:30, a half hour later than the one at Glen Echo which allows just enough time for another cup of coffee. *-Dr.B*

Doctor Bob is not an actual doctor but is willing to give cheap, sensible opinions about legal, financial, and personal matters, and home improvement. Write to Doctor Bob c/o The Village News, PO box 164, Cabin John Md 20818



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Three bicyclists are trying to find a **one-way ride to Cumberland** on Thursday evening, May 25th, for themselves and the three bicycles. Willing to pay. Does anyone have an answer as to how to get there without having to drive and leave a vehicle there? Please call Reed at 229-3482.

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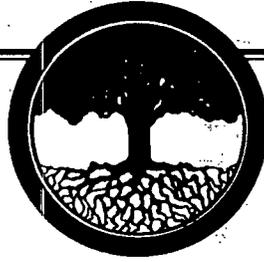
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