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NEIGHBORLY NEWS July 1999

by Barbara Martin

New editorial assistant! **Lennon Jackson Lewis** is the newest member of the Lewis family, born May 29. Lennon joins mom, Village News editor **Heidi,** dad **Scott,** and 2-year-old brother **Riley.** The Lewises live on Macarthur.

Another May baby is **Sierra Nicole Johnston,** daughter of **Neele** and **Jocelyn Johnston.** The Johnstons live on Froude Circle, but are currently in Vienna, Austria, on assignment with the State Department.

And yet another new Cabin Johner. **Debbie and Danny DuPont** added **Zachary** to their family, joining big brother, Joseph, 3. The Duponts are temporarily living in Rockville while renovating their house on 81st Street; they plan to move back in the fall.

Renee Culbertson and **Curt West** were recently married. Renee is in real estate, Curt is an attorney for the Postal Service, and both are enthusiastic runners. Daughter **Caitlin** is at Clara Barton Pre-School. The family lives on 77th Street.

Mary Catherine Fish of Froude Circle is on the cover of the May Reader's Digest. The feature story is from her book, "Beyond the Road's End."

Joshua Fischman is a recent graduate of Yale Law School. Joshua's mother, **Renee Fischman,** lives on Tomlinson Avenue.

Several houses on Carver Road have been rebuilt and look beautiful. Those with "new" houses are **Celeste Swedenlburg** and **Everett Matthews, Shannon Steward, Lily Gibbs,** and **William Bryant. Gloria McKinney Slayton's** house is in process of being rebuilt. Everett Matthews is home after 2 weeks in the hospital being treated for meningitis, and is now feeling good.

After a mountaintop wedding in Colorado, **Joannie Schrof** and **David Fischer** will honeymoon in Thailand and Indonesia, elephant trekking through the jungle and scuba diving off the islands. Joannie is a senior editor for US News & World Report; David special assistant to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Mary Vinton and **George Bingham** were sighted recently walking on the towpath. Mary and George and their children lived for many years on Riverside Drive; their home is now in New Mexico.

Former resident **Cathy Hearn** and her brother **Davey** Hearn qualified for the senior national kayak team. Cathy and Davey have both been Olympic competitors.

Tom Heslin, Gene Wright, and **Reed Martin** made the 185-mile Cumberland to Cabin John bike trip over Memorial weekend. Reed was saved from attack by a rabid groundhog by the quick thinking of Gene who got his bike between the animal and its intended prey.

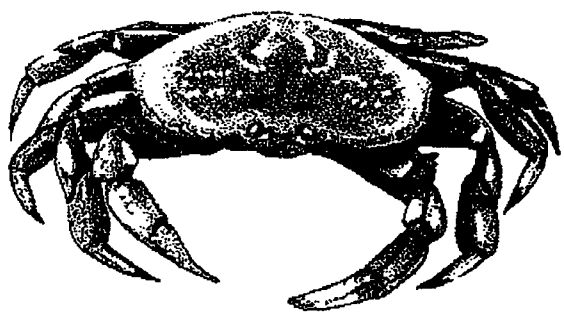
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Next year marks the 80th anniversary of the Cabin John Citizen's Association. Come join our efforts to preserve and promote the wonderful quality of life in our town.

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CABIN JOHN'S CAR MAVEN: TED ORME

by Barbara Martin

Ted Orme's first impression of Cabin John was not favorable. "I was 19, and I'd heard there was a tavern out beyond Glen Echo Amusement Park that would serve you beer and not ask about your age. When I arrived at Tuohey's Tavern, there was a fight going on. I wasn't even in the door when somebody hit me and knocked me down. I had an egg on my forehead, and I swore that would be the last time I'd ever come to Cabin John."

Ted was born in the Dominican Republic through one of those tricky turns of fate. His grandfather, one of Teddy Roosevelt's Rough Riders in the Spanish-American War, was rewarded for his service and serious injuries with a post in the Dominican Republic's American Embassy. Ted's father was a baby when the family moved there from Takoma Park, and he grew up as an Island kid. When he married, he took his Mississippi-born wife back to the Dominican Republic. And that's where their two children were born.

His father was working as an accountant when he decided it was time to leave the island. Under the dictator Trujillo life was becoming unsafe; also, as Ted and his sister approached school age, his parents thought a better education could be had in the United States.

"It was a hard move. In Santa Domingo, we had a house one block from the beach, servants, the whole deal. We moved to New York in 1944, to a sixth-floor walkup near Hell's Kitchen. We lived there 4 years, then moved to Metuchen, New Jersey, for a while. The back yard of our townhouse in New Jersey was cornfields and railroad tracks. I just about had free rein. My folks opened the door and never really got me back again. Then the company my father worked for transferred him to Washington, and I grew up in Silver Spring."

"I was going to Blair High School but academics didn't get much of my attention. I was more likely to be found at Joe Myers' pool hall. I considered myself a true Silver Spring redneck.11 Always a car enthusiast, Ted was a dedicated hot rodder, regularly traveling to compete at local drag strips.

After a couple of years at the University of Maryland, Ted left to find adventure. "For 10 years I roamed around--California, Florida, Europe, and points between. I had a lot of dead-end jobs and pretty much a drifted through my twenties. It was my hedonistic decade.of

In the late 60's, the era of student protest, long hair, and the War on Poverty, Ted went to work for the "Corpsman," the Job Corps' newsletter. He had found his true vocation--writing. "I loved it; I couldn't wait to get to work every day." He was hired by the editor, one Cathy Nikkel, who told him later that although he didn't have much experience to recommend him, she just liked his looks.

"Those were great days. I was working with Rita Kempley, future movie editor for The Washington Post, and Tom Shales who is now the Post's TV editor, and of course with Cathy."

In 1972, Ted married the boss, the one who had liked his looks.

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Call 301-320-1544 for details.

Episcopal Church Of The Redeemer cordially invites all interested members of the Cabin John community to services in their newly expanded home

"Our new space provides a place for quiet refreshement and renewal for our congregation and for those in the surrounding community," says the Reverend Susan Burns, rector. "To those who are mildly curious to see what's inside or to those who are actively seeking a spiritual connection to God, we say 'welcome,' and our doors are open." The chosen architect, Mark McInturff, describes the new space as "simple, almost spare. The Latin Cross form is very traditional - it could be 11th Century. Nevertheless, it does have a contemporary feel."

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CAR MAVEN
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Ted and Cathy lived on Kalorama Road and moved through several writing jobs with publications of the Labor Department and HEW. When they decided it was time to nest, they looked at places on Macarthur Boulevard inside the District. When their real estate agent asked if they wanted to see a house in Cabin John, Ted, remembering his ill-fated visit to Tuohey's Tavern, was not enthusiastic. But when they saw the house on 81st Street, with
sun shining down through the maples, "We thought it was the prettiest street and prettiest neighborhood we had ever seen." They bought the house from Sid and Mabel Graham for $35,000. That was in 1973. In 1976, son Toby was born and in 1978, daughter Katy. The Orme family was here to stay.

An old friend was Washington editor of Motor Trend and got Ted to do some writing for that magazine. He liked that work better than his regular day job. other moonlighting jobs came his way-all in the field of automobiles. (Remember that hot-rod teen?) When he had enough fairly regular writing assignments, he became a fulltime freelancer; the year was 1979. "A free man. I've never looked back; it's the best life style I can imagine. And I've been lucky. I've never had to go looking for work; it just comes across the threshold." He attributes that good fortune to having a niche in what used to be an uncrowded specialty, and "getting in clean copy on time."

Over the past two decades Ted has been a columnist and then Washington editor for "Motor Trend"; speech-writer and Executive Director of Public Relations for the National Auto Dealers Association; contributor to many auto trade publications as well as Kiplingers, Consumers Digest, and the Washington Post magazine; auto editor for the Washingtonian, the Robb Report, and Washington Dossier; and frequent guest of car manufacturers eager to introduce their latest models.

That last category has yielded some fine benefits. There have been trips (some with Cathy) to Europe to preview the new Mercedes, Porsche, and Jaguar. The best trip was to see the Range Rover--the English 4x4--which took them through Wales, into chateaux, and to dinner with Lady Di's father, the Earl of Spencer. Twice the preview trips have meant flying the Concorde. "First class is very nice." In 1979, when Toby and Katy were toddlers,

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Neighborhood Services

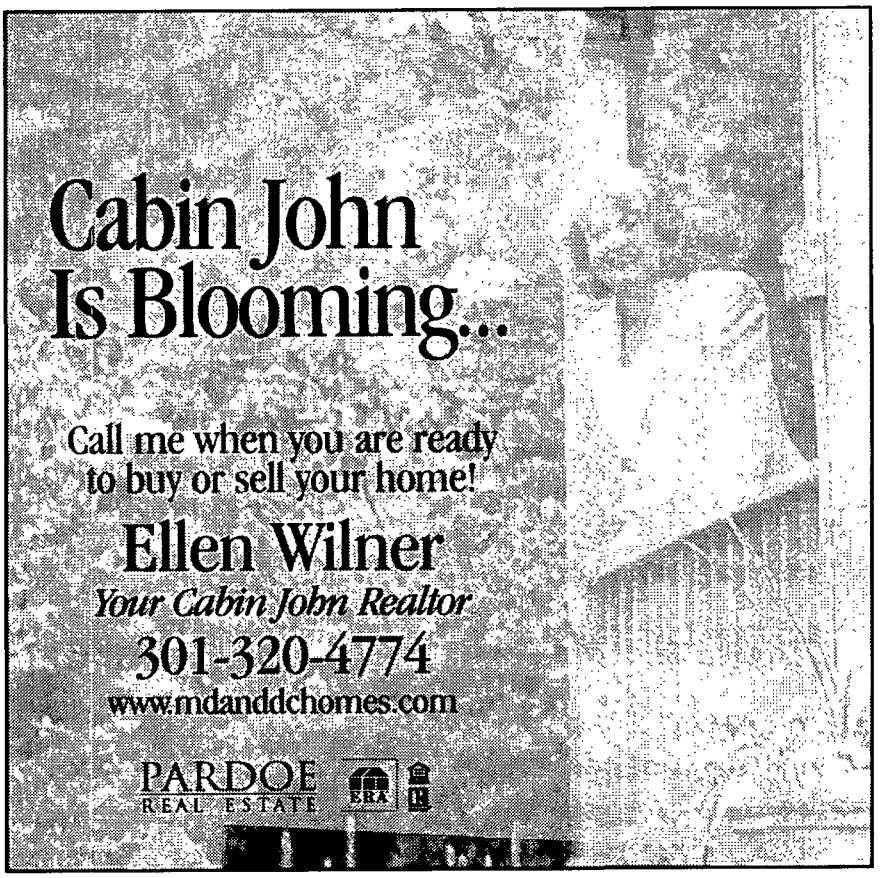
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Cabin John Takes to the Water

Potomac Canoe Trip - August 1 (Sun.) 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Canoe Trip down the Potomac from Old Angler's Inn to Cabin John (C&O Canal Lock 8). See lots of herons, ospreys, ducks, maybe an eagle, maybe deer. Have lunch on the river. Sit under a waterfall on Virginia side in the late afternoon. All whitewater can be bypassed, if desired. Expert guides to be provided.

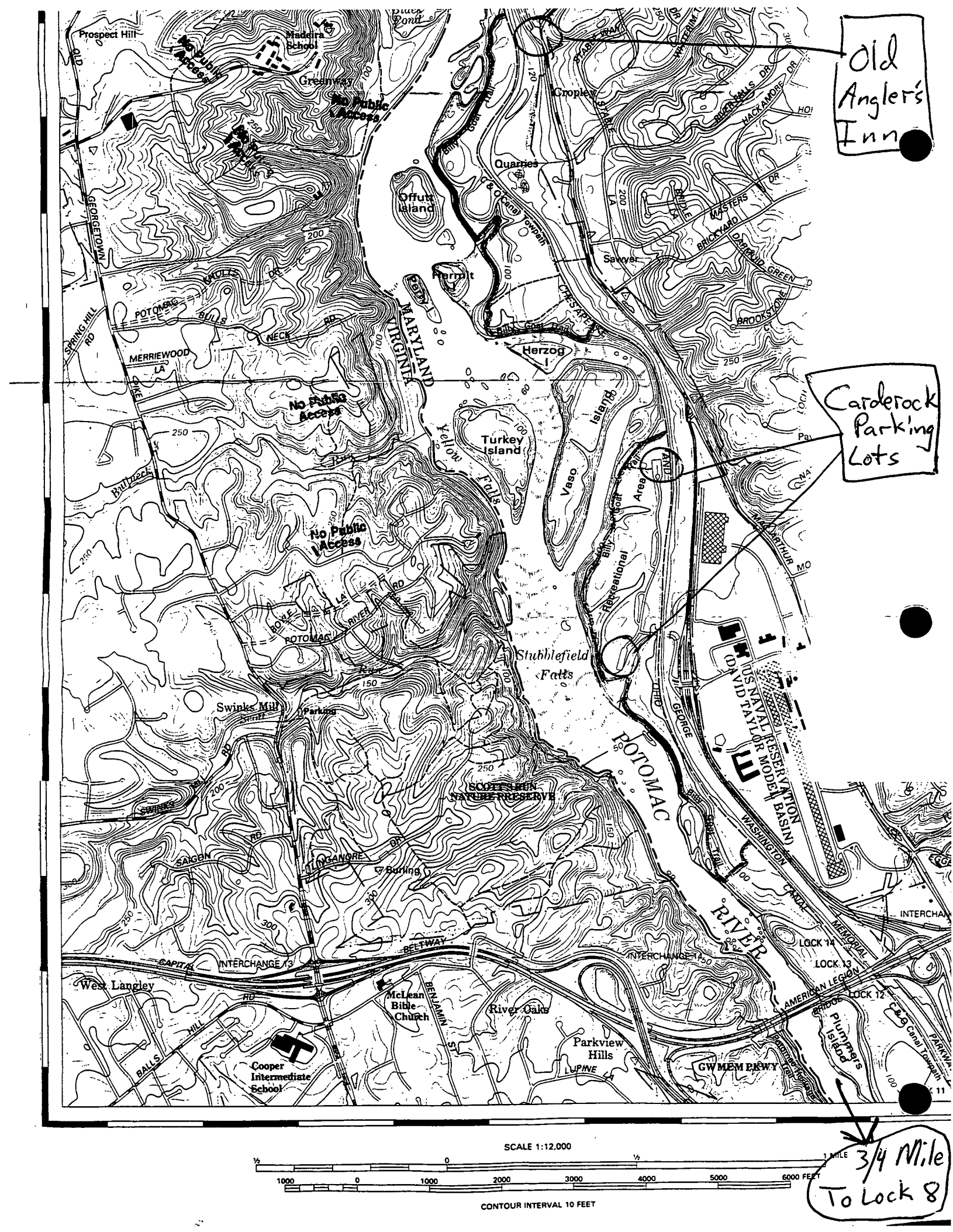
Younger children can depart the trip halfway (2:00 p.m.), if tired, at Carderock Recreational Area (off of Clara Barton Parkway across from David Taylor shiptesting center).

Bring your own canoe or rent one from Potomac Outdoors (302-320-1544) - $20 for a two person canoe (price reduced for this trip), includes life preservers and paddles. Bring your own lunch/sodas/water/sun tan lotion.

Transportation to/from Old Anglers Inn, Carderock Recreational Area parking lot, and C&O Canal Lock 8 will be provided/worked out once numbers and desire of participants are known.

Call Burr Gray (703-607-2740 (w), 301-320-2918 (h), or e-mail burr.gray@alum.dartmouth.org) if you plan to come. Call Potomac Outdoors if you need to rent a canoe.

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the Ormes took a motor home trip through the mid-West courtesy of the Winnebago Company who wanted a family to test drive their newest propane model.

What does an auto critic do? "I write about the cars I've previewed. I'm honest about the products. Sometimes I'm enthusiastic, sometimes I have reservations and I say so. The auto magazines want a report, and that's what I can give."

At first Ted's home office was his converted garage. Then in 1989 when neighbors and good friends Mac and Vera Dodds decided to move, Ted and Cathy bought their house right across the street, and Ted expanded into a larger home office, where he can watch the trees from his window and listen to the birds as he writes. The main part of their house was built in 1938. Cabin John old-timers have told the ormes that the house was built of scrap materials from the old Fort Myers barracks. Floor joists are turn-of-the-century, none of the salvaged doors match, and many of the recycled windows have wavy glass. "But it's all sturdy, a testimony to old-time quality." (Ted has been told that other nearby houses were built of 2x4s from crates from the Navy Model Basin.)

Cathy is a well-established writer, too, now Washington editor of Motor Trend, published author ("The Magic of Grandparenting" 1975), and Ted's collaborator on many of his assignments. Toby, who has run a lawn-mowing business in town from the time he was 13, graduated from Frostburg with a degree in business management. Katy is a communications senior at Towson whose big interest is photography.

With the kids getting out of college, Ted plans to taper off on his professional work. A former editor (with Cathy) of the Village News, and grand champion Crab Feast ticket seller, held like to give more time to his town. Or maybe do volunteer work for a political campaign. But most of all, continue to enjoy the nice, quiet, friendly life in Cabin John.

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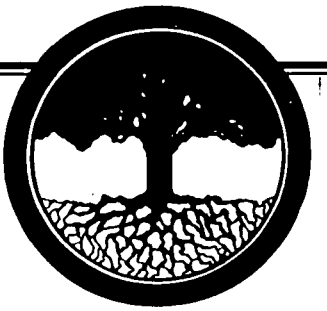
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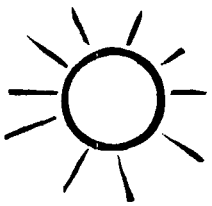
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