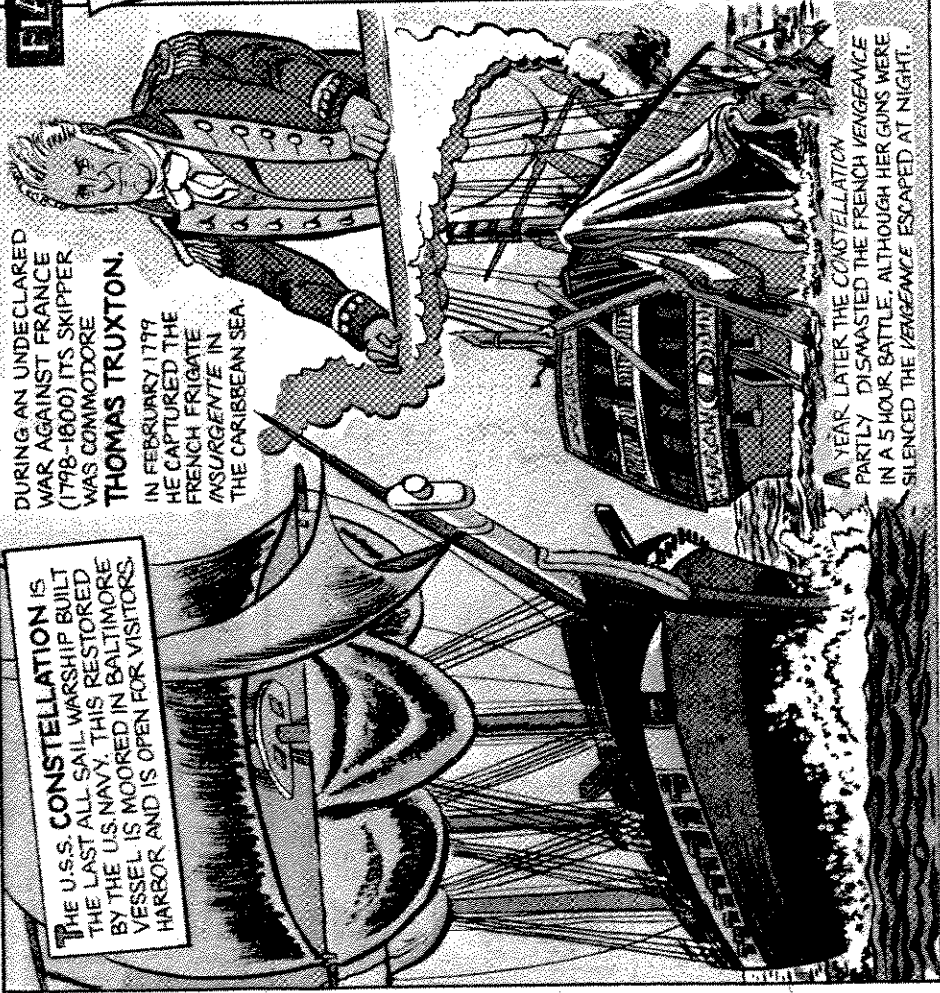


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THE LOST CIRCLE

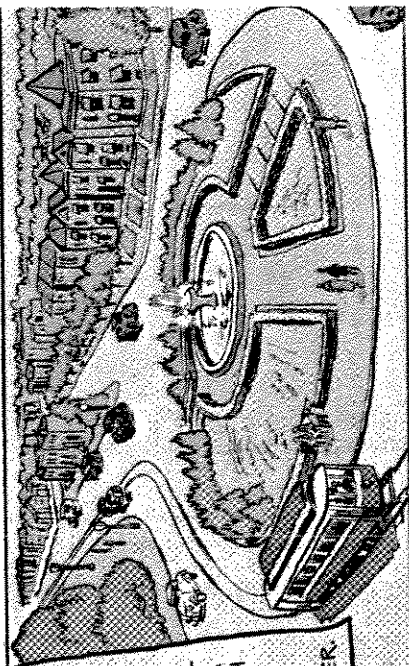
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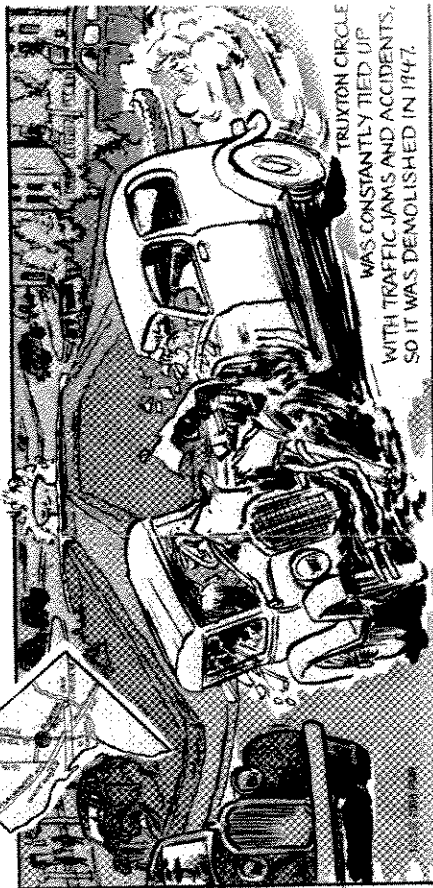
DURING AN UNDECLARED WAR AGAINST FRANCE (1798-1800) ITS SKIPPER WAS COMMODORE **THOMAS TRUXTON**. IN FEBRUARY 1779 HE CAPTURED THE FRENCH FRIGATE *ASURGENTE* IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA.

THE U.S.S. **CONSTELLATION** IS THE LAST ALL-SAIL WARSHIP BUILT BY THE U.S. NAVY. THIS RESTORED VESSEL IS MOORED IN BALTIMORE HARBOR AND IS OPEN FOR VISITORS.

A YEAR LATER THE *CONSTELLATION* PARTLY DISMASTED THE FRENCH *VENGEANCE* IN A 5-HOUR BATTLE. ALTHOUGH HER GUNS WERE SILENCED THE *VENGEANCE* ESCAPED AT NIGHT.



SOME TIME IN THE 1800s THE DISTRICT FATHERS NAMED A TRAFFIC CIRCLE IN HONOR OF THE COMMODORE **TRUXTON**. IT STOOD AT THE INTERSECTION OF FLORIDA AVENUE AND NORTH CAPITOL STREET. A LARGE, ORNATE FOUNTAIN GRACED THE CIRCLE'S CENTER.



TRUXTON CIRCLE WAS CONSTANTLY TIED UP WITH TRAFFIC JAMS AND ACCIDENTS, SO IT WAS DEMOLISHED IN 1947.

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