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## Hundreds Turn Out for Farm-or-Soccer Meeting

Most speakers support farm, oppose private soccer fields, condemn lack of community involvement.

BY MARY KIMM  
THE ALMANAC

**M**ore than 300 people turned out at the Potomac Community Center on Thursday, June 9 for the county's second public meeting on a plan to build private soccer fields on 20-acres of land on Brickyard Road that has been farmed by organic farmer Nick Maravell for more than 30 years.

County employees, including David Dice, director of General Services; Gabriel Albornoz, head of the county recreation department, and Diane Schwartz Jones and Ken Hartman, both part of County Executive Ike Leggett's office, said that Leggett had decided to use a public private partnership to develop soccer fields on the site. At the end of the meeting, they continued to affirm that they would move forward as planned. The next step on the county side would be to issue a "request for proposal," allowing contractors to bid on the project to develop and operate likely four soccer fields with parking and possibly other amenities on the site. Montgomery Soccer Inc. is the most likely organization to run such a project.

For more than an hour and a half, anyone who wanted to speak was allowed three minutes to do so in the gymnasium. All but one speaker favored keeping the farm op-



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John and Jill Phillips, owners of Squeals on Wheels petting zoo, sign a petition in support of the farm.

**Byron Bloch of Potomac called for a "win-win solution, ... Nick's farm is not destroyed but is enhanced" and additional soccer fields are developed at Cabin John or Wheaton regional parks.**

erating and opposed to the decision on what to develop on the property without a public process. Meanwhile, in other parts of the community center, county workers conducted small worksessions on specific aspects of the proposal, including transportation, design and other elements.

**SOME IN THE AUDIENCE** began by shouting at county employees before settling down.

"We need community input, not corporate input," said Dennis Kelleher, a Brickyard Road resident. "This anger is a predictable result of a process that shut out the

community."

Local homeowners associations, civic associations and residents first heard about the proposal in early March, 2011, when the Montgomery County Public Schools notified Nick Maravell, the organic farmer, that his lease of the future middle school would not be renewed because the schools planned to lease the land to the county for a public-private partnership for soccer fields. This kicked off protests and residents pleaded with the Board of Education to delay action, but the board voted a few days later to lease the land to



**Ken Hartman explained that the county executive has decided to go forward with the proposal for soccer fields on this site because 30,000 people in the county play soccer and there is a shortage of fields county-wide.**

the county specifically for the purpose of developing soccer fields.

Later, residents discovered that the county executive's office had communicated with the school board and met with officials of Montgomery Soccer, Inc. in 2009 to discuss

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## Potomac Plastic Surgeon Works with Operation Iraq Star

Organization and volunteer doctors aid injured military personnel.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC

**D**r. Navin Singh, a local plastic surgeon, donates his time and surgical talents to servicemen and women through Operation Iraq Star, Inc, a nonprofit foundation. This organization provides reconstructive plastic surgery for the injured who are returning from the war zone.

Founded in 2007 by a California nurse, Maggie Lockridge, the nonprofit foundation covers the soldier's transportation and hotel costs as well as the anesthesia, hospital operating room and medical supplies — and sends a loved one to stay with them during and after the surgery. The organization pro-

vides Board Certified plastic and reconstruction surgeons who donate their skills.

"Over 40,000 U.S. troops have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan with serious injuries," according to the Iraq Star, Inc. website. The military helps them regain their lives by replacing missing arms and legs with prosthetics, performing skin grafts on burns and treating traumatic brain injuries and other psychological problems. Yet, because of the sheer num-



Dr. Navin Singh

bers the military must treat, they are not able to offer every wounded warrior reconstructive plastic surgery to repair scars caused by shrapnel, burns and wound trauma.

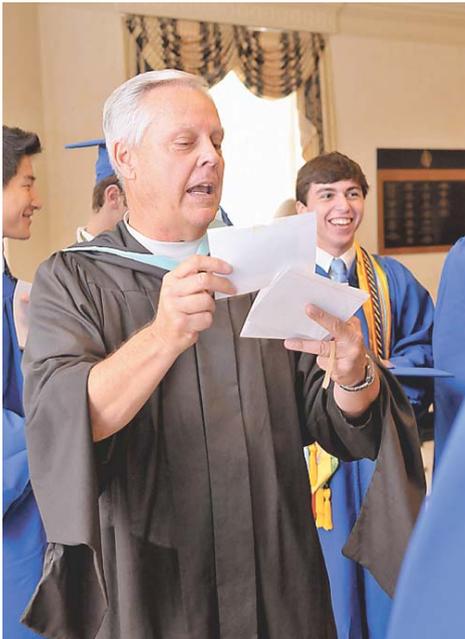
"The military does a very good job, but often, more surgery is required to repair the scarring from the shrapnel and burns and to remove little rocks and debris," said Singh. "The surgery helps the servicemen and women feel better about themselves. Many are understandably very self-conscious about their scars. My hope is to improve their outlook and self-esteem."

The surgeon must understand the nature

of the injury. "One thing that I have learned from performing this kind of surgery is that I have to be extremely careful with the laser," said Singh. "If gunpowder residue is in the area of the scarring, then the laser could actually cause the gunpowder to explode."

Singh has performed hair grafts and scar revisions for soldiers with severe scars on their faces, arms, legs and stomachs. "They are delighted with the results — as are their wives and children. It helps them feel more attractive and comforts the soul and the psyche. The goal is to assist them in returning to their pre-war lives," he said.

Singh is a graduate of Brown University, The Harvard School of Public Health and Johns Hopkins Medical School. He is a leading plastic surgeon with the Ivy Plastic Surgery Associates with offices in Chevy Chase and McLean. In the past, he has volunteered with Operation Smile performing cleft palate surgery in Ecuador, India and China.



Retiring MCPS teacher Mike Carroll organizes the graduates and volunteers for the procession into the Hall.



Camille Bachrach, Jane Asher, Natalie Geisler and Anjali Belur.



Ben Ruiz de Gamboa poses for a picture with his sister Amanda outside of Constitution Hall on Monday, June 13.

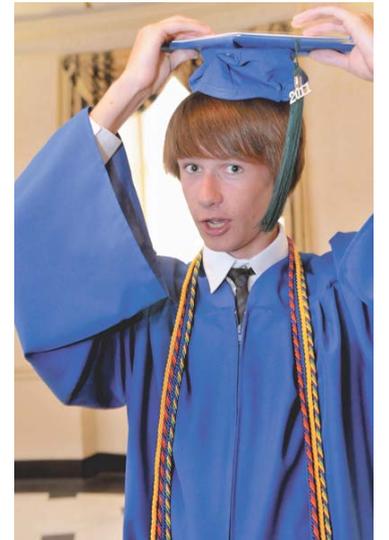
# Saying Farewell to Winston Churchill High



Deborah Anzilone places a cap on her daughter, Kathryn.



The Class of 2011 proceeds into the hall to the applause of their friends and family.



Oliver Palmer gets his cap on.

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LOUISE KRAFFT  
THE ALMANAC



Shannon Elias's family awaits her entrance.



Harrison Simon and Monica Malanoski.



Sarah Kim gives Eunice Nho a hug before the ceremony.

# New Nest, Same Eagles

**Beverly Farms Elementary School bids farewell to 44-year-old building.**

BY COLLEEN HEALY  
THE ALMANAC

**B**everly Farms Elementary School hosted an open house on Tuesday, June 7 for former and current students and teachers. It was a goodbye of sorts to the school built in 1967. This summer it will be torn down and a new school will be built — ready for students in 2013. The new school will be a green and environmentally friendly building with the newest technology.

For many, the open house was a trip down memory lane. For current students, it was a chance to race up and down the halls on a scavenger hunt that visited key locations throughout the school.

Rising fourth grader Danielle Miller is “sad it is being knocked down but excited to have a new school.” Seconds her friend Jordan Williams, “I am a happy to have a new school and all the classrooms will have Promethean boards in them.” Marsha Boymel is the staff development teacher and she is looking forward to the future. “I can’t wait to move into the new school. I am so excited. The soul of the school isn’t changing. It will still be the same Beverly Farms. The theme of our new school is ‘New Nest, Same Eagles.’ My children went to this school and I was on the PTA then and have been on staff since 1986. Beverly Farms is like a second home to me.”

Principal Beth Brown said she “can’t wait for it all to happen. The new building will take up most of our acres. All the artwork will move with us to the new building. Each year we have an artist in residence that installs a piece of artwork.”

Janet Strauss, a special education teacher for grades 3-5, said she was “excited about the change. I am used to the old building but the life of the school is what makes Beverly Farms what it is. That feeling will go with us into the new space.”

Debra Lieberman, class of 1991-1992, came back with her mother to visit her old school. “I am sad to see the old building go. I had a great experience at Beverly Farms. My kindergarten teacher, Linda Weinberger, made me want to be a teacher.”

Lisa Nasar will miss the old school. “It’s sad. I have been riding past this building since I was 4 years old. I live in the house I grew up in and walk my kids to school the same way I did. My brother and I went here and now my son and daughter go here. In fact, my brother just texted me to ask me to say ‘Hi’ to his teachers.” Her daughter, Jackie, is “perfectly OK with the school being knocked down. I am happy about the new school and new playground. We will be the first people to use the new school.”

Mindy Kim, the incoming PTA president, felt the day was “a great event to honor a beloved old building filled with memories. We look forward to the new building with all the promise and excitement it holds for our kids. We know the transition year will be challenging, but ultimately rewarding.”



The banner outside of the school reflects the theme of the day: “New Nest, Same Eagles.”



PHOTOS BY COLLEEN HEALY/THE ALMANAC

Students Danielle Miller, left, and Jordan Williams enjoy the goodbye party for Beverly Farms and the school-wide scavenger hunt.



Jennifer Miller and her daughter Danielle enjoy the open house at Beverly Farms. Both mother and daughter attended the elementary school.



Jackie Nasar will be in fourth grade next year. Her mother Lisa was also a student at Beverly Farms.



Photo from the dedication of Beverly Farms in April 1967.



Beverly Farms Class of 1976-77

## PEOPLE

# From Churchill to Channel 5

**Tisha Thompson named best local television reporter/correspondent in U.S.**

BY MAYA HOROWITZ  
THE ALMANAC

**T**isha Thompson, who grew up in Potomac and attended Winston Churchill High School, was named "Best Local Television Reporter/Correspondent in the U.S." by The Alliance for Women in the Media. She is the investigative reporter at WTTG (Channel 5) in Washington.

"I am really grateful that I grew up in my hometown," she said. "You can be anybody you want to be. We have such an advantage coming from Montgomery County. Look around, look at who your neighbors are. You are surrounded by extraordinary people."

She continued, "I am third generation Washingtonian. My kid is fourth generation Washingtonian and there's a reason. I love this town. That's why I'm back."

Thompson says she didn't always know she wanted to be a

journalist. She thought she might want to be an architect or an archaeologist. But journalism was in her blood.

"I'm actually fifth generation. I can trace being a reporter to my great-great grandfather in the wilds of Wyoming," she said.

Her mom was the main anchor for WRC (Channel 4) in 1980s. "I saw both the good and bad of being on TV. It felt like everyone else's mom was home for dinner at 6 o'clock. My mom was on TV at 6 o'clock.

"As a kid, I didn't like her job. When I got to college, I realized her job was actually really, really awesome. She helped people. She made a difference in their lives."

Thompson attended Princeton University and the University of Missouri's Graduate School of Journalism.

She says she entered journalism with realistic expectations because of her family's background. What



**Tisha Thompson**

Thompson didn't anticipate was the rise of the internet and its effect on journalism.

"I am a traditional broadcast journalist in an internet age. My grandfather had to deal with being a newspaper journalist in a television age. Every generation has technology that comes into what we do."

She worked at various stations,

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# OPINION

## Amazing Teens

Time to celebrate their talents and accomplishments, and to keep them safe.

It's a time to celebrate the amazing accomplishments of area teens. They're graduating from high school, many after completing college level work in Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate programs, for more than a year, earning scholarships and entry to college.

Some are accomplished athletes, ending high school careers as leaders on the field, demonstrating the benefits of practice and discipline, understanding more about what it means to work in a team than many adults ever will.

Some have excelled in theater, learning stage management, teamwork of different kind, complex tasks including lines, music and more. High school students excelling in theater were celebrated Sunday, June 13, at the Kennedy Center, with awards going to (among others) Walt Whitman High School.

Local high school students pursue all sorts of music with passion. They are involved in many other arts, including photography, painting, sculpture.

There are teens who devote themselves to community service. Many volunteer at homeless shelters, work on environmental projects,

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help in hospitals, animal shelters and nursing homes. Some have raised money for relief efforts in Haiti or Japan or the Gulf Coast.

It's not surprising that some of these teens are celebrating in a variety of ways. You can see photo slide shows of many area proms at [www.ConnectionNewspapers.com](http://www.ConnectionNewspapers.com).

Now the word of caution.

Many, many high school students consume alcohol, usually to excess. It's easy to forget, when high school students present themselves with maturity, with discipline, with intelligence, that they are, in fact, high school students. Their brains are not fully developed. They are not fully equipped to make what could turn out to be life and death decisions, especially in group settings. They still need guidance, protection, reminders, safeguards and safety nets, mostly from their parents.

During the summer, nearly twice as many teenagers die in traffic crashes than at other times, according to the Washington Regional Alcohol Program [www.wrap.org](http://www.wrap.org). There have been some devastating examples of this locally.

The most important thing for parents to do for their teenagers is to talk to them. Even if

your teen tries to deflect what you're saying, the information is still working its way into his or her brain.

Tell them you love them. Tell them it's been too much work to get them to this point to risk losing them. Tell them not to text and drive. Tell them not to drink and drive. Tell them not to get in a car with anyone driving who has been drinking. Tell them you'll come pick them up anytime that they need a safe ride home.

WRAP offers tips, facts and strategies on their website.

## Correcting a Mother's Day Error

Because of an internal communications error, The Connection didn't receive many of the Mother's Day photos submitted to us by readers until late last week. We're so sorry we missed Mother's Day, but you'll find those photos at <http://bit.ly/iCiJcS>.

— MARY KIMM,  
MKIMM@CONNECTIONNEWSPAPERS.COM,  
ON TWITTER @MARYKIMM

### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## Reprehensible

To the Editor:

The following is an open letter addressed to County Executive Leggett.

I am appalled by your decision, without consideration of democratic process, to award a vaguely written land lease to Montgomery Soccer, Inc., a membership organization, to construct four soccer fields for its members on a 20-acre plot of land surrounded on all sides by small neighborhoods in Potomac. On this land exists the only organic farm in the Chesapeake Region that produces and supplies organic seeds.

As an elected representative of my community, your circumvention of citizens' rights to engage in public dialogue about the impact a radical change in land use would have on the community is reprehensible and violates your duty as an elected government official.

If you had been present at the public meeting June 9, at the Potomac Community Center, conducted by county officials for the purpose of allowing those present to comment on aspects of the Request For Proposals (RFP), you would have witnessed overwhelming support, from a large number of citizens around the county, for the educational and environmental purpose of the Brickyard Road organic farm.

It has been a special part of our community for 31 years.

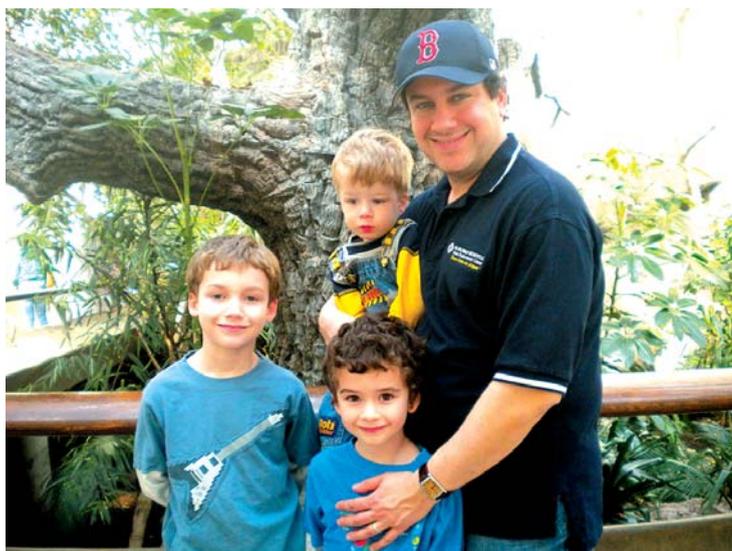
You have an obligation to consider the Potomac Master Plan and allow debate on whether a radical change in land use violates that plan.

I have joined a fight to expose your dereliction of office by serving a special interest group having little need to expand on more than 500 soccer fields in Montgomery County.

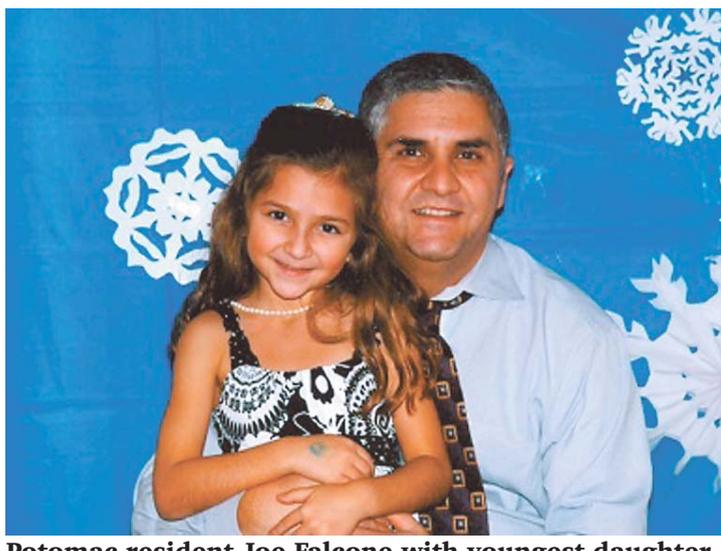
You owe this community due process and transparency. I await your response.

Mary Kathleen Ernst  
Potomac

### ME & MY DAD



Sean (8), Declan (5), Brendan (3) and Edward Healy enjoy looking at the tropical birds at the National Zoo.



Potomac resident Joe Falcone with youngest daughter, Grace (age 7), at the 2009 Girl Scout Snowflake Father/Daughter dance.

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# Delivering 18,000 Pounds of Food

Collection benefits Manna Food Center programs.

BY SUSAN BELFORD  
THE ALMANAC



Wootton High School senior Nasib Hafeez loads boxes of food with Quince Orchard High School senior Saqib Rana.

For six weeks, volunteers from the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation (MCMF) stood outside 12 Giant Foods stores collecting non-perishables for Manna Food Center. They were hoping to gather at least 12,000 pounds of food to stock its shelves. One hundred and thirty members volunteered and collected 18,000 pounds of food to help feed the hungry and needy in Montgomery County.

Sohail Malik of Potomac was the chairman of the food drive. "Giving alms to the poor is one of the five pillars of the Muslim religion. We decided that we wanted to help the local needy and thus we decided as a group to collect food in front of our local Giants. Manna Food Center needs food year around and was particularly grateful for our contribution at this time of the year. They

are always well stocked around holidays, but not always during the summer. We are pleased with the amount of food we were able to collect and donate."

Manna Development Director Natalie Corbin is thrilled by the donation from the MCMF. "We feed 200 families a day — 150,000 people per year and it's donations like these that make it all possible. We have a developing relationship with the MCMF

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## JUNE 10 TO 19

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## JUNE 13 TO 18

**Bethesda Summer Music Festival.** The Bethesda Summer Music Festival (BSMF) promotes Opera and Musical Theater for children, grades 9-12, college students, and young professionals who need to gain experiences for their careers. Master Classes will be presented (free admission) from Monday June 13 to Saturday, June 18, Opera to Pop Concert, and the following productions: "Oliver," "Le Nozze di Figaro" finale(s) of Act II and Act IV, and "L'Elisir d'Amor." The performance schedule: Opera to Pop Concert: Saturday, June 18 at 7:30 p.m.; "Oliver & Figaro" scene: Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 25 at 2:30 p.m. "L'Elisir d'Amor": Saturday, June 25 at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 26 at 7:30 p.m. All the performances will be held at Bethesda Presbyterian Church, 7611 Clarendon Road, Bethesda, one block from the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Wilson Lane, adjacent to the Bethesda Elementary School. Visit [www.aamsopera.com](http://www.aamsopera.com).

## THURSDAY/JUNE 16

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## FRIDAY/JUNE 17

**Swingin' the Blues.** Admission is \$15. Slow Blues and Swing Dance. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight; dance workshops from 8 to 9 p.m. (West Coast Swing workshop and Slow Blues workshop). With the band, Terence McArdle and Jumpin' Tonight. At the Bumper Car Pavilion, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. E-mail or call Donna Barker at [dbarker@glenechopark.org](mailto:dbarker@glenechopark.org) or 301-634-2231, call Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to [www.DanceDC.net](http://www.DanceDC.net).

## JUNE 17, 18, 24, 25, 26

**Two Plays.** ArtStream presents "That 60's Play" and "The Good, The Bad and The Money," written, choreographed and scored by ArtStream's Gaithersburg Inclusive Theatre Company. Show times are Friday, June 17 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 18 at 2:30 p.m.; Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 25 at 2:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 26 at 2:30 p.m. At Asbury Methodist Village, Rosborough Theatre, 201 Russell Ave., Gaithersburg.

## SUNDAY/JUNE 19

**Brain Health Blitz Race.** 8 a.m. is the 2K Run; 9 a.m. is the 5K Run. Sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. At the Washington Center, Washington Boulevard, Gaithersburg. For more information or to register, call 703-766-9009, e-mail [BrainHealth@alz.org](mailto:BrainHealth@alz.org) or visit [www.alz.org/nca](http://www.alz.org/nca).

## Waltz Dance.

3:30 to 6 p.m. Admission is \$10. Waltz workshop from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m.; dancing from 3:30 to 6 p.m. With the band, Some Assembly. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Joan Koury at 202-238-0230 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, go to [www.WaltzTimeDances.org](http://www.WaltzTimeDances.org).

## JUNE 20 TO 24

**Vacation Bible Camp.** The theme is Jesus Chooses Us and will be lead by trained counselors. At Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7730 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Call 301-365-5733.



**Eve (Leora Goldbloom-Helzner) and the Snake (Jackie Rogers) in the Musical Theater Center production of "Children of Eden," June 24 - 26 at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre in Rockville.**

## JUNE 24, 25, 26

**"Children of Eden."** Musical Theater Center brings Adam and Eve and a menagerie of singing and dancing animals to the stage in "Children of Eden." Friday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 25 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, June 26 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$20/adults; \$18/children. At F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive, Rockville. Call 240-314-8690.

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 22

**Food 'n Fun.** 12:30 - 3 p.m. Food 'n Fun featuring lunch at The Original Pancake House, 12224 Rockville Pike, Rockville, followed by the game Stand Up and Be Counted. Lunch \$14. Bus transportation from selected sites \$5. Part of Coming of Age. For ages 60 and older. Call 301-348-3832.

## THURSDAY/JUNE 23

**Summer Concert Series: "U.S. Navy Band Commodores."** 7:30 p.m. Free. Enjoy free music in the Park during the Summer Concert Series in the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Call 301-634-2222.

**Slow Blues and Swing Dance.** 9 to 11:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. With DJ Mike Marcotte and Guests. Slow blues lesson from 8:15 to 9 p.m.; dancing from 9 to 11:30 p.m. At the Back Room at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231 or go to [info@CapitalBlues.org](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org) or [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org).

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## SUNDAY/JUNE 26

**Cello Concert.** 7 p.m. Miron Yampolsky, who has studied under renown cellist Mstislav Rostropovich, will give a free concert. Potluck dinner at 5:30 p.m. At Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 7730 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda. Call 301-365-5733.

703-766-9009, e-mail [BrainHealth@alz.org](mailto:BrainHealth@alz.org) or visit [www.alz.org/nca](http://www.alz.org/nca).

## JUNE 25 AND 26

**Heritage Days.** Noon to 4 p.m. Free. Features 36 sites around Montgomery County that are free, focusing on history, outdoor recreation, family activities, music and fun. Many sites will feature distinctive musical performances; programs with a focus on Civil War history; games, crafts and activities for children. Check the Heritage Montgomery website, [www.heritagemontgomery.org](http://www.heritagemontgomery.org) or call 301-515-0753 for a brochure.

## TUESDAY/JUNE 26

**Gathering Time.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Dr., Rockville. Visit [www.focusmusic.org](http://www.focusmusic.org). Contact David Spitzer at

[focusrockville@earthlink.net](mailto:focusrockville@earthlink.net) or 301-275-7459.

**Medicinal Plant Walk.** 9 to 10:30 a.m. Join Potomac Conservancy for the annual medicinal plant walk led by Randa Steblez. Learn about the history and folklore of common trees, weeds, and wildflowers along the C&O Canal whose beauty and medicinal qualities are often overlooked. No registration necessary. At the River Center at Lock 8, 7906 Riverside Drive, Cabin John. Visit [www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php](http://www.potomac.org/site/river-center-events/index.php).

## WEDNESDAY/JUNE 29

**Family Fun Night.** 6:30 - 8 p.m. Come to Har Shalom for an evening of family fun and learning. A great introduction to the religious school. Open to the community. Invite friends and neighbors. No fee. Learn to make challah and create a silk painted challah cover. At 11510 Falls Road, Potomac. Email Rabbi Deborah Cohen at [rabbicohen@harshalom.org](mailto:rabbicohen@harshalom.org).



## TUESDAY/JUNE 28

**Folk and Blues singer Danielle Miraglia.** 8 p.m. Tickets are \$18/door; \$15/advance. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockville, 100 Welsh Park Drive, Rockville. Visit [www.FocusMusic.org](http://www.FocusMusic.org). Contact David Spitzer at [focusrockville@earthlink.net](mailto:focusrockville@earthlink.net) or 301-275-7459.



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**Cadence from Canada**



**The Cordana Youth Choir from Indonesia**

## JUNE 9 - JULY 17

### "The Great Dinosaur Mystery".

Thursdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. ASL performance, June 26 at 1 p.m. The Puppet Co. presents "The Great Dinosaur Mystery." Running time is 50 minutes. Tickets \$10, group rates available. Call 301-634-5380 or visit: www.thepuppetco.org.



**Konevets Quartet from Russian**

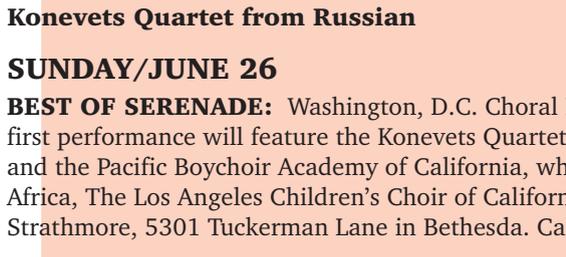


**Los Angeles Children's Choir**

## JUNE 24 - SEPT. 5

### "Charlotte's Web." Tuesday-Friday, 10:30 a.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Adventure Theatre presents "Charlotte's Web."

E. B. White's popular tale of love and devotion takes theatergoers to Zuckerman's Farm, where the delightful runt pig Wilbur appears headed for the dinner table — as a main course, not as a guest! Yet he is saved by the remarkably crafty spider, Charlotte, and the whole town begins talking about it. Tickets \$15. Call 301-634-2270 or visit: adventuretheatre.org.



## SUNDAY/JUNE 26

**BEST OF SERENADE:** Washington, D.C. Choral Festival. 4 and 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 to \$21. The first performance will feature the Konevets Quartet from Russia, the Cordana Youth Choir from Indonesia and the Pacific Boychoir Academy of California, while the second will feature the Wits Choir of South Africa, The Los Angeles Children's Choir of California and Cadence from Canada. At the Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane in Bethesda. Call 301-581-5100 or visit www.strathmore.org.

# 14th Annual Montgomery County Heritage Days

Saturday, June 25 and Sunday, June 26 - noon to 4 p.m.

Join Heritage Montgomery in celebrating the 14th annual Heritage Days at 35 sites around Montgomery County on June 25 and 26. All events are family-friendly and open free to the public.

In conjunction with the Civil War Sesquicentennial, many sites are offering Civil War-inspired programs, telling the stories of the significant impact the conflict had on the residents of Montgomery County - a border county in a border state.

❖ **Historic 1893 ST. PAUL COMMUNITY CHURCH** and cemetery, Poolesville - Saturday only. At 2 p.m. "Spiritual Harmony" will perform the story of Sugarland's history in skit and song featuring old Negro hymns. Meet Civil War personas portrayed by the Washington Revels.

❖ **SANDY SPRING SLAVE MUSEUM** - Saturday only. See the cross-section of a slave clipper ship and a slave log cabin, view African and African-American art and artifacts. The Washington Revels Jubilee Voices will perform at 12:30 p.m. Meet historical personas from the Civil War era.

❖ **Hike the UNDERGROUND RAILROAD EXPERIENCE TRAIL**, Sandy Spring - Saturday only.

❖ **GLEN ECHO PARK** - open Saturday and Sunday; Civil War programs on Sunday only. Hear the Washington Revels chorus and string band perform Civil War era music at 2 p.m., meet "President Lincoln," watch and learn dances from the late 1800s, crafts for children.

❖ **Visit the STONESTREET MUSEUM OF 19TH CENTURY MEDICINE**, Rockville - Saturday and Sunday where Dr. Stonestreet, a Union contract surgeon during the Civil War, will hold office hours.

❖ **KING BARN DAIRY MOOSEUM**, Boyds - Saturday and Sunday. An exhibit on Civil War milking practices, as well as demonstrations and activities related to dairy farming in the county.

❖ **SANDY SPRING MUSEUM** - Saturday only. At 1:30 p.m., participate in the debate, Maryland 1861: Union or Confederate? for adults and children under 12; scavenger hunt for younger children.

For locations and contact information about each of these sites, visit the Heritage Montgomery website at www.HeritageMontgomery.org or call 301-515-0753 for a brochure.

# LET'S TALK Real Estate



by **Michael Matese**

## That's A Wrap!

With Seller financing, often a big concern is the seller's security. A sales agreement often allows the buyer to make little or no down payment, take over the payments on the existing loan and secure the remainder with a second mortgage. This is fine, but it does leave the seller's credit at risk if, for whatever reason, the buyer doesn't make the required payments.

A solution could be the wraparound mortgage. Using this technique, the seller agrees to include his or her existing loan in the seller financing provided to the buyer by wrapping the existing loan into the terms of the new financing agreement.

This method offers the seller security by providing better control of the financing. If the buyer fails to make the payments, the seller knows almost immediately and can move forward with the process of protecting their credit and equity.

Offering a wraparound also makes it easier to sell the property quickly and quite often at a better price as well as offering tax advantages to receiving payments over time, rather than all at once. The biggest seller benefit to a wraparound though is the potential to earn interest income on the money that is still owed on the existing mortgage of the property.

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# Home Life Style

## Opening Doors for the U.S. Open

Some will have a house full of guests, others move out to make way for a house full of renters.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL  
THE ALMANAC

**A**nne Bolen of Potomac spent last weekend getting ready for the U.S. Open. But instead of practicing her swing, she was renovating her River Falls home. Bolen is one of many Potomac residents opening their homes to guests and renters during the U.S. Open Championship going on until June 19 at Congressional Country Club. The tournament will bring an estimated 250,000 visitors to the area, many of whom need a place to stay.

With a cadre of contractor responding to her calls for help, Bolen refinished her hardwood floors, installed new carpet, built a new walk-in closet, decorated her basement in an Ohio State theme -the family are Buckeye fans and her youngest son is an alum - and transformed the decor of her son's bedroom from high school athlete to adult professional.

"I have a son coming from Ohio and one from New York. My oldest son, who is 39 years old, and his entourage have attended every U.S. Open for the last 15 years," says Bolen who will have 10 houseguests in town for the tournament. "I spruced up the patio, screened in the porch and bought new bedding. Sometimes you need a kick in the



Anne Bolen, on her porch with Golden Retriever Jake.

butt."

Bolen says her most challenging house guest experience was hosting dinner for the Ohio State Lacrosse team. "I had 60 college boys in my house. Imagine trying to find places for 60 boys to fit."

Bolen's general rule of thumb when hosting visitors is simplicity. "I try to make [the

visit] convenient and easy for people," said Bolen. "I don't get uptight. I just relax and enjoy."

Although Bolen's guests are staying free of charge, other U.S. Open ticket holders are paying top dollar to rent local homes. Joni Fontana listed her 7,000 square foot, 6.5 bathroom Bethesda home for \$9,000 for the week.

"Nine thousand dollars would pay for how many months of my mortgage? It was a no-brainer," says Fontana. "We're packing up and going to

Williamsburg."

Fontana is no stranger to rentals and isn't worried about damage. She owns a rental home in Bethany Village, Delaware. "I asked for a security deposit, which would cover any damages. And we will lock up valuables."

Brittany Prater, United States Golf Association (USGA) volunteer and player services liaison helped players who qualified for the U.S. Open find housing in the area.

"We didn't advertise or open it up to the public. Homeowners usually find out by

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PHOTO BY DEB STEVENS/THE ALMANAC

This home near Congressional Country Club is rented for \$9,000 during the U.S. Open.



Anne Bolen in her living room with Meg, a foster-Golden Retriever who is looking for a permanent home.

# Home Life Style

## No Room at Your Inn?

COMPILED BY KEN MOORE

No room in the house for a family of guests? There are countless hotels in neighboring Bethesda, Rockville and Tysons Corner, but there are also alternatives.

### For the First Class

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Some 425 hotel rooms are available on 83 acres of land on Newbridge Drive in Potomac, a property owned by the U.S. Postal Service for training programs. The Catholic Sisters of Mercy originally pur-

chased the property in 1930 as a convent and school.

Now, it is the only hotel in Potomac zip code 20854. Operated by Dolce, Bolger Center has traditional hotel rooms, nature trails, tennis, basketball and volleyball courts, bike rentals, a 24-hour fitness center and indoor pool.

### B and B

Local bed and breakfasts in the area can be found nearby, including:

❖ **Lucy's Bed & Breakfast**, 9203 Wadsworth Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817-2411, 301-564-1818

❖ **Bed and Breakfast in Boyds** <http://www.pleasant Springs Farm.com/>  
16112 Barnesville Road, Boyds, Maryland 20841, 301-972-3452, E-mail preferred: [pleasantsf@intairnet.com](mailto:pleasantsf@intairnet.com)

### For the Nostalgic or Rugged

Pitch a tent.

Campsites are available along the C&O Canal at various locations, including **Swain's Lock**, which is named for lockkeeper Jess Swain's father, who helped excavate and build the canal in the early 1900s.

**The Mardsen Tract Group Campground**, near Carderock Recreation Area and Old Angler's Inn, is nestled in the woods between the canal and Potomac River.

<http://www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/camping.htm>

Call C&O Canal NHP Permit Office at 301-767-3731, 11710 MacArthur Blvd.

Permits for campsites at **Cabin John Regional Park Campground**, 7701 Tuckerman Lane in Potomac, are offered by

the Montgomery County Department of Parks.

Call 301-495-2525 (for permits) or visit [www.mc-mncppc.org/permits/facility/camp/cabinjohn](http://www.mc-mncppc.org/permits/facility/camp/cabinjohn)

### Historic Accommodations

Experience the life of a canal lockkeeper by staying overnight in one of their homes. Lockhouses served as homes for the families of locktenders, who opened and closed the lock gates for the mule-pulled canal boats.

**The Canal Quarters Interpretive Program** includes interpretive media and furnishings reminiscent of different periods of the canal's history to convey the living conditions of a lockkeeper's home.

<http://www.nps.gov/choh/planyourvisit/canalquarter.htm>

## U.S. Open Preparation

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word of mouth," said Prater. "They would call us and we'd send them an application asking for basic information like how many bedrooms are in the house and whether it has amenities like a swimming pool." There are no specific requirements for homes to qualify.

Homeowners must vacate their homes for the week, but can keep personal items in closets and drawers. "The players are used to being on the road, so they usually don't ask for anything special," said Prater.

Once Prater receives the applications, she inspects and photographs each home and compiles a list of homes that she provides to players or agents looking for housing. The homeowner sets the price of the rental, which can range from \$7,500 to \$15,000. Prater says they rented homes to 17 players for this week's tournament.

To help answer potential landlords' questions, the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services listed U.S. Open-specific rental information on their website. According to the site, renting a home is permitted under the zoning code as long as it remains a single-family dwelling and is not used for commercial purposes.

Both Bolen and Fontana have welcomed the opportunity to open their homes. "When you have guests coming, you have to go further to make things nice," says Bolen. "The Open has been a catalyst for change."

## Buy a Home with Guest Quarters

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**All listings due by Monday at 3 P.M.**

## REAL ESTATE



### Star Cup

County Council President Valerie Ervin presents the Star Cup to environmentalists Ginny Barnes and Caren Madsen at the Annual Awards Banquet of the Montgomery County Civic Federation, May 13. Barnes and Madsen are co-chairs of the Federation's Environmental Committee. Ervin praised both for their work, noting that they were recently named among the County's top 40 environmentalists. Barnes and Madsen collaborate with others to promote stronger laws and regulations to protect the county's natural resources.

### REAL ESTATE NOTES

Top agents for Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in Potomac for May are:

❖ Sheila Duncan-Peters was the Top Listing Agent.

❖ Rokhsan Fallah and Frank Holliday were the Top Producing Team

❖ Debra Marko and Madhu Anand were the Top Sales Team.

The top agents for April were:

❖ Valerie Puddington was the

Top Listing Agent.

❖ Rokhsan Fallah and Frank Holliday were the Top Sales Team.

❖ Debra Marko and Madhu Anand were the Top Producing Team.

**Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** offices in the Greater Washington, D.C. Metro collected 4,749 pounds of food during the company's annual "Harvest for the Hungry" food drive for the Capital Area Food Bank.

According to the food bank, this will allow them to provide nearly 4,000 meals to families and individuals in local communities. The Coldwell Banker North Potomac/Rockville office individually collected 2,310 pounds of food.



### Millers Celebrate 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Bennett Miller and Patricia D. Miller celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3, 2011. The couple was married in the Chapel of Columbia University in New York City and took up residence in Teaneck, N.J.

New Jersey natives, the couple moved to Montgomery County in June 1970 when Dr. Miller joined the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, now the Department of Energy. They have resided in the county since then. In 1973, Mrs. Miller began teaching at Potomac Elementary School in Potomac, where she taught for the next 25 years, retiring in 1998.

The Millers have two married children, a daughter Beth Ann Smith (Gregory) and a son Jeffrey Martin Miller (Shawn). They have four grandchildren, Kayla, Bennett, Annie, and Megan.

The Millers celebrated their anniversary at a dinner hosted by their children. The entire family will cruise the Caribbean later this month in honor of this special event.

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**D**rew Farber attended Big Train baseball games as a youngster growing up in the Edgewood neighborhood of downtown Bethesda. He enjoyed the experience from the stands, but Farber never imagined he'd one day suit up for the local collegiate summer league team.

Now a rising sophomore catcher at UNC-Wilmington, Farber is back for his second summer as a member of the Bethesda Big Train. Not only has his role changed from fan to player, Farber is part of a 1-2 punch behind the plate that has helped the team to an undefeated start.

Bethesda defeated the Silver Spring-Takoma Thunderbolts 12-9 on June 13 at Blair High School to improve to 8-0. Farber, who injured his right quadriceps in a recent contest, did not play, instead serving as the bullpen catcher. Before getting hurt, Farber was off to a hot start, batting .412 (7 for 17) with one double and six RBIs in four games. He is also error-free behind the plate and will return to action once his quad has healed.

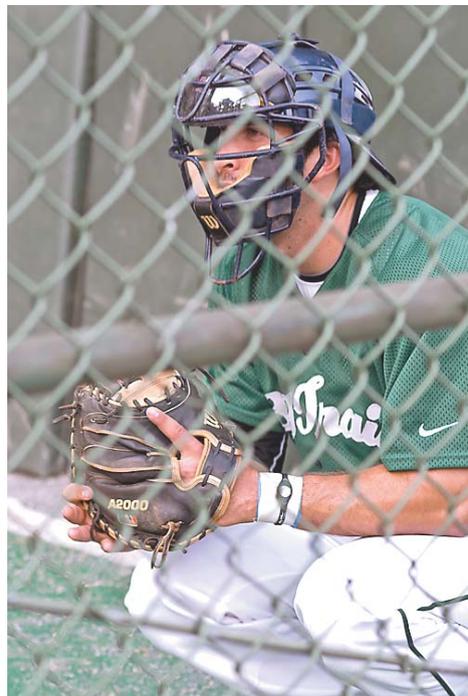
"He works hard every day," Big Train manager Sal Colangelo said. "He's a dirtball. He gets after it; he understands the game. He knows what to throw, when to throw it. He gets very aggressive at the plate."

Farber, 19, joined the Big Train of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League in the summer of 2010 after a standout career at St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C., where he earned second-team All-Met honors as a senior and was a two-time first-team all-WCAC selection. Hitting with wood bats and interacting with fans are two reasons the 6-foot-2, 190-pound Farber said he enjoys playing for Bethesda.

"When I was younger, I definitely always watched" the Big Train, Farber said. "I never thought I would play here, which is kind of cool. Coming out, signing autographs, seeing all the little kids like when I was [one] and then actually playing and being one of those guys is fun."

"[Signing autographs] is something you always want to do. You never really think someone is going to want your autograph until it actually happens. I'm still getting used to it, but [it is] definitely awesome."

Third-year Big Train catcher Mason Morioka helped develop Farber last summer and has worked with the Bethesda native on a limited basis so far this season due to Farber's injury. Morioka was the primary catcher on last season's league champion-



**Bethesda native Drew Farber is in his second season with the Bethesda Big Train of the Cal Ripken Collegiate Baseball League.**

ship team and earned postseason MVP honors. The rising senior at the University of San Francisco is batting .429 with one home run and four RBIs in three games this season for Bethesda.

"Mason's a great catcher," Colangelo said. "He gets after it. As a catcher, you want that leadership back there. He has those aspects and skill sets as a leader."

Morioka said his biggest contribution to Farber's development is helping him call a better game behind the plate.

"It's not so much the physical tools that he needs," Morioka said, "it's more so the mental part — how to call pitches against certain guys, what you see in a swing and what the pitcher has."

Farber said he has paid attention.

"Last year, he taught me a lot," Farber said. He's given "a bunch of tips this year, he'll probably do the same. He's real strong behind the plate. I try to mimic some of the stuff he does — he's a lot more flexible than I am — but I'm trying to be where he is because he's definitely strong behind the dish."



**Third-year Big Train catcher Mason Morioka earned postseason MVP honors during last season's league championship season.**

Farber played 24 games in the spring during his freshman season at UNC-Wilmington, including 17 starts. He batted .254 with one home run and nine RBIs. Morioka said Farber has what it takes to be successful; he just needs to continue working.

"He's already on the path right now,"

Morioka said. "As a hitter, he's 10 times better ... than I was as a freshman. Behind the plate, he's already passed me in the sense of arm strength, etc. It's just a matter of him continuing to stay on that path, working hard, getting better by 1 or 2 percent every day. He's a great team guy and he's willing to do what it takes for this team to win."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

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# Confused Yet Again



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

I really hope that the nesting/organizing/getting-things-in-order-type behavior I've been exhibiting lately is not my subconscious cashing a check that my conscious hasn't even written. Certainly we're all entitled, periodically, to spring-clean but when you're post-the-end-date of your oncologist's original prognosis (two years), everything takes on added significance – and meaning. And simply being grateful for having lived beyond your doctor's original expectations doesn't always carry the day; there are nights to worry about, too. So yes – in my head, anyway, I wonder why I'm doing things and I am extremely sensitive as well, to what my body is doing (or not doing), that is: whether what I'm feeling/how I'm behaving is a symptom of my having stage IV lung cancer or predictable – and normal, middle age?

Hopefully, my arranging/simplifying my life-activity of late is nothing more than time on my hands and the motivation to use them to try and make that life easier/less complicated. Then again, it might not. It might be the part of our brain that we don't use – or even control, making decisions for me. I keep remembering a M\*A\*S\*H episode when Radar was telling Capt. Pierce about his Uncle Ernest who sort of knew things in advance (like Radar), and how two days before he died, Uncle Ernest moved closer to the undertaker. "How thoughtful," Hawkeye wise-cracked. I don't believe I'm Uncle Ernest reborn (after all, he was a fictional character); still, being affected by television programming as I have – and am, I can't completely ignore Radar's story, humorous though it was meant to be.

And another coincidence is worrying me, again. My wife, Dina, thinks our two cats, Biscuit and Cappuccino, are hanging around me more, as if they know something life-changing (heck, let's be honest; life-ending) is imminent. We've noticed this animal-instinct behavior twice before: once when I was chemo-sick and another time when our rabbit, Chester, now deceased, was having health problems – to which he eventually succumbed. The cats hung around Chester's cage. I'd like to think, although I'm having a little difficulty convincing myself, totally, that the cats are hanging around me because they love me and because I "treat" them, feed them – mostly, and clean out their litter box – always. Dina is not so sure. She thinks, if I were to characterize out of context, that the cat's attentiveness is a version of the elephant's graveyard (if you know your Tarzan movies), the place where elephants go to die when they know they're close to death. I don't want to believe any of it, except I did grow up watching Johnny Weismuller's Tarzan movies and since I never had any real pets growing up (other than parakeets and those 50-cent turtles once sold at Woolworth's), and Dina did, I've never observed animal behavior other than on television. Dina was raised with lots of pets, even had a horse, and never watched Tarzan movies so maybe she knows something – that I certainly don't, about animal behavior that she actually witnessed which possibly could be relevant now or even accurate? Then again, perhaps the cats' behavior of late is simply about proximity and familiarity and any similarity to instinctual/sixth sense-type behavior is purely coincidental?

Nevertheless, it's impossible to ignore certain behaviors, both mine and others who live with me/see me most often. Somebody knows something. Perhaps those closest to me know the most. Presumably they would notice the slight, almost imperceptible signs, changes that most casual observers, even non-casual observers like myself might miss (or who are loathe/afraid to admit). And since I have never been one to look in the mirror, especially when I was bald for all those months during – and a little bit after – my heavy chemotherapy, another set of eyes would likely see some truths that are not self-evident.

As much as I try not to focus on myself and my circumstances, however, invariably an unexpected observation or a twinge or a random thought will cause the inevitable trip back to cancer land. It's not always a horrible trip, and so far, all my trips have not resulted in falls, nor have they been one way. But they have been my way. And in my opinion/experience, there's only one way to view all this cancer stuff: askance, or not. Ergo my continuing problem/dilemma.

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# Hundreds Turn Out over Brickyard Site

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the proposal. But nearby residents and the farmer were kept in the dark for nearly two years.

"The reality is that there are far too few fields ... and we overuse the ones we have to death," said Doug Schuessler, president of Montgomery Soccer Inc., at a public meeting in April. Schuessler took exception to some opponents of the soccer proposal blaming MSI.

Jakir Manela, who was captain of Winston Churchill's 1999 state champion soccer team, began as many did, saying he played MSI soccer since he was 5 years old. But he said he left Potomac to go to college looking for more than suburbia and soccer.

"We need to plug back into basic elements of life, sun, soil, water, air, plants, food, interaction with life. Everybody wants this, everybody needs this. When Nick talks about forming an agricultural center here, it will succeed, it will transform the county. There are not things like this in ... the entire country where you have an organic farm that is growing organic seed. ... It's inconceivable to me that this decision could be made."

It takes many years to establish an organic farm, both because of certification requirements and because of the time it takes to develop the biological systems. Maravell produces organic corn and soy seed, something very few farmers do, because production must take place isolated from commercial farms to avoid contamination with pollen from genetically modified crops. So the 20-acres on Brickyard Road, surrounded by housing, is ideal.



**Elie Pisarra Cain, who chaired the Potomac Master Plan Study Group for its two years of meetings, said the approved language in the master plan was to allow a local park only if the property were declared surplus.**



**Sophia Maravell, 23 and daughter of Brickyard Road farmer Nick Maravell, currently attends The Farm School in western Massachusetts. "I don't think you understand," she said to county officials.**



**Diane Schwartz Jones, Assistant County Administrative Officer, justified the proposal because the master plan says the site, if surplus, could be used for a local park with ballfields.**



**Byron Bloch of Potomac called for a "win-win solution ... Nick's farm is not destroyed but is enhanced" and additional soccer fields are developed at Cabin John or Wheaton regional parks.**

**THE AUDUBON** Naturalist Society, the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and the Sierra Club are among 17 organizations that have called upon Leggett to create an education center for organic agriculture on Brickyard Road.

"I'm not going to apologize for doing what the taxpayer is supposed to do," said Doug Schuessler, president of Montgomery Soccer, Inc., of the organization's hope to build the soccer fields. "We're here to be open and honest."



**Gabriel Albornoz, head of the Montgomery County Department of Recreation, explains that the county does in fact need more soccer fields, including in Potomac.**



**Peggy Dennis of the Montgomery County Federation: "This is not the way Montgomery County is supposed to be run."**

Hartman said that the decision to turn the property over to soccer fields was based on a shortage of fields, the fact that 30,000 people in the county play soccer, and that the master plan says the site could be used for ballfields.

As envisioned, the four soccer fields and as many as 200 parking spaces would be built and maintained by a nonprofit soccer organization, almost certainly MSI. The fields would be for MSI member use, and not for public use. While Hartman and Dice earlier said that there was some possibility that a smaller farm could also be accommodated on the site, and that there was a possibility of other community amenities like playgrounds, the lease from the school system to the county allows only for the development of soccer fields.

# Thompson Named Best Local TV Reporter

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including MTV News, before coming to Channel 5.

"I am so excited to be at Channel 5 ... It has magical qualities. It's coming home.

"I think our television station does really well. We have really talented reporters who have been around the block but we are given the opportunity to get the story that no one else has."

Thompson describes herself as "the only full time investigative reporter left in Washington, D.C.

"For me it's like a scavenger hunt. I enjoy piecing together the tiny details that make the big picture."

She cares about making a difference through her work. "I enjoy any story that helps people. When I can look someone in the eye and say 'I fixed it for you' ... I'm doing it on behalf of the people who don't

have the time or the money."

Thompson is bashful about her latest award.

"I'm turning red. I almost get uncomfortable about it. I am incredibly grateful about it. I find it such a great honor. I was absolutely stunned when I got the phone call because D.C. is full of phenomenal reporters. But I do think we have been given the opportunity to do some really good reporting."

# 18,000 Pounds Of Food

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and we are so appreciative for all they do."

Manna has three different food programs. Food for Families provides 70 pounds of food per household every 30 days. Families pick up the food at 15 locations in the county. They receive a box of non-perishables which includes canned goods, cereal and pasta, and a box of produce, cheeses, meats and fresh items that Manna rescues from the grocery stores.

Another distribution program is "Smart Sacks Backpacks." Every Friday, Manna distributes backpacks to children on free and reduced lunch at 46 elementary schools. These backpacks contain child-friendly, easy-to-prepare food, such as peanut butter, granola bars, fruit cups, soups and pasta.

Manna also partners with 50 Montgomery County agencies to distribute food to shelters, soup kitchens, emergency shelters and smaller food pantries.

The day after their final food drive, the MCMF held a picnic at Black Hills Regional Park to bring together the volunteers and to assemble the collected food. They also collected cash donations and bought more food — so much that it would not fit into their truck and they had to call in the Manna truck fleet for assistance. The number of volunteer hours donated to this project by the MCMF totaled 608 hours.

In the spirit of Islam, this organization believes in giving back in every way they can — and they involve the entire MCMF. At Thanksgiving, holiday dinners, toys and clothing were delivered to more than 200 needy Montgomery County families. This past year, they fed almost 1,000 people at the Community for Creative Non-Violence in Washington D.C. during Ramadan. They also prepared three meals a day and collected clothing for Sophia House in Rockville. Throughout the year, the group works with community partners to eliminate hunger, provide senior assistance and help with community development projects in education, legal assistance and health care.

Tufail Ahmad has been leading charitable projects for the Montgomery County Muslim Foundation since 2002. "We have found that our projects are easier because we all pitch in," he said. "We involve the entire family. Our children are very proud of being able to help the community they live in through their faith. They are proud to be Americans and feel very satisfied helping others."

The MCMF plans to continue its food drives, clothing collections and other charitable projects for the needy of Montgomery County. As Ahmad said, "The Montgomery County Muslim Foundation wants to be involved in our community to make it a better place to live."

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