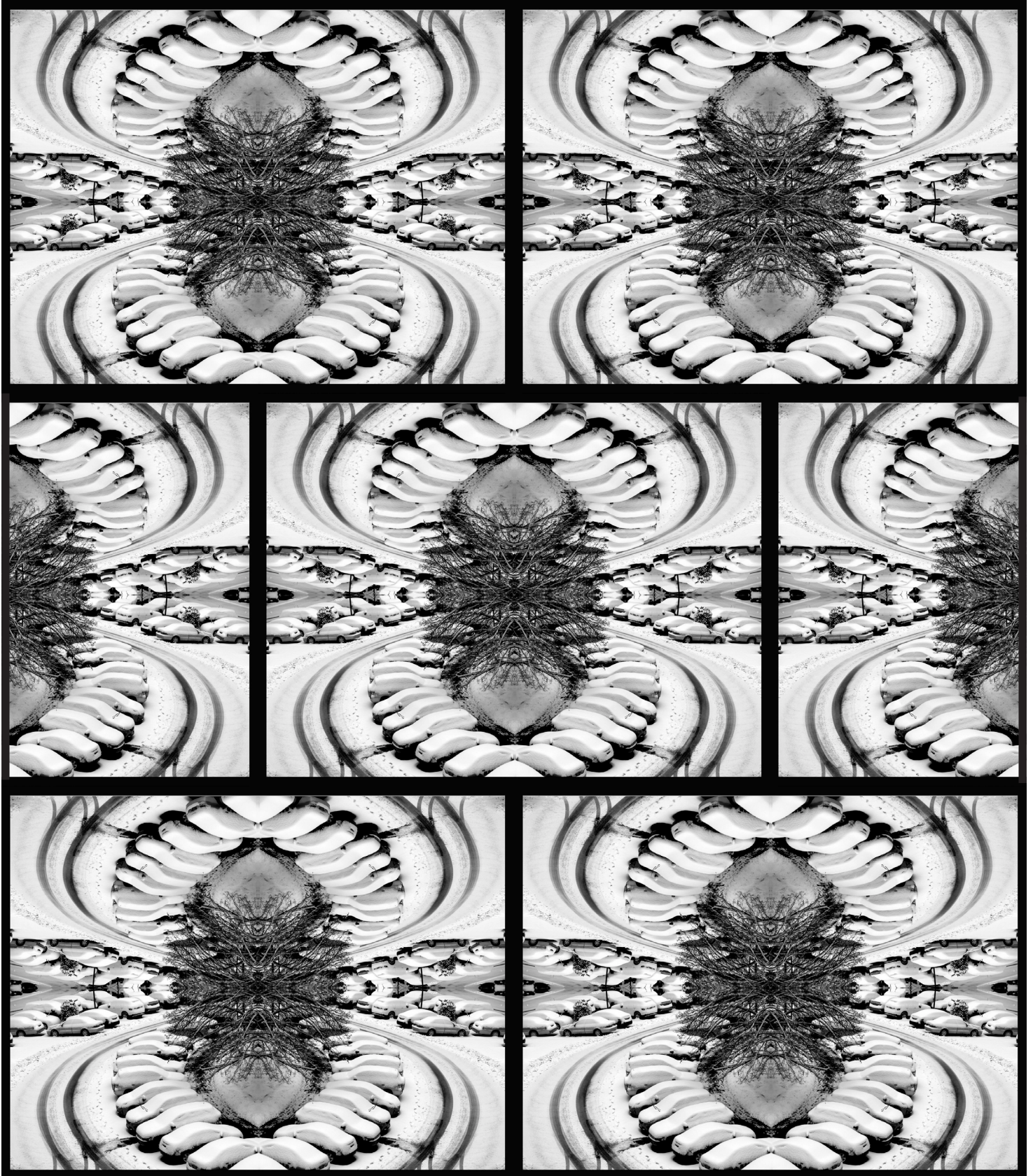


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Kaleidosnow by Joel Miller

There's gotta to be a better way

By name withheld by request

As our condo fees rise again, many of us are hoping that we can find ways to tighten our belts at Montebello. On a recent walk with a fellow resident, I mentioned my frustration with all the papers that are placed under our door. Not only is it a security concern (piles of unclaimed papers implies a resident out of town) but it can be a constant recycling chore as well as a needless expense to some residents who are "snow-birds."

As we walked along Montebello's woodlands, our neighbor suggested a simple solution: a visible small magnet or sticker could be placed on the upper corner of the door indicating the resident is interested in receiving notices. No magnet, no notices. If you opt out, you can still be informed of important developments through email or simply read the notices posted near the mail room. Extensive visuals have been placed in the lobby of the many renovations; or go to BuildingLink to read up on changes.

After serving on my children's PTA board for over a decade and working in a Title One school, I know the importance of communication. But in this age of computers, most of us are

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also receiving these notices via email. An opt out option, much like we use at our schools, can cut costs, albeit minuscule, as well as save on our consumption of paper.

I would also suggest printing notices 2-up on paper and printing back to front. With almost 1,000 units in our community, we would be saving 500 sheets per notice simply by printing two to a page.

According to our 2019 Montebello budget, we have allotted \$16,000 for copying expenses, \$14,000 for office supplies, and \$7,500 toward printing. Imagine if we can cut this by half, or even by a quarter, as well as the staff efforts producing these notices. Although one might believe this alone will not impact our budget, we should continue to find innovative ways to conserve and reduce our carbon footprint. 📄



The Montebello Voice wants to hear from you

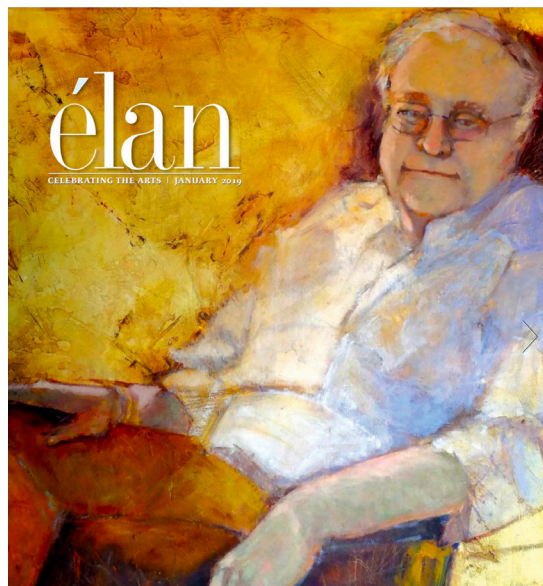
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Montebello artist Anna Schalk is featured in this month's élan magazine. Her painting of Peter Aliferis graces the cover. Read her profile on page 23.

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In time of need: helping Officer Hill

By Joe de Angelis

Last week Montebello residents learned that Mr. Ed Hill was terminally ill and would be entering hospice care. Ed is one of our Safety and Access Control officers and had been a friendly and familiar face around Montebello for the past 28 years.

Although Ed has had health problems for several years, my wife and I were very disheartened and saddened upon learning of Ed's current health situation. We have known Ed for 27 years we have been at Montebello and found him to be friendly, caring and more than helpful on many occasions. I remember on one occasion when I was fighting cancer, my wife was out walking alone and Ed approached her with

tears in his eyes thinking that because she was alone that I had died.

Ed is a very caring person and those of us who know him will miss him. Recently Ed told us that his son was in an automobile accident that left him permanently disabled and that he now has to support his son.

Because of Ed's current health and his family's financial situation, my wife and I would like to ask those of you who know Ed to make a donation to help him and his family through this terrible time. This would be a private undertaking in no way associated with Montebello. General Manager George Gardner was kind enough to agree to provide a collection box at the front desk for anyone who would like to contribute. The box will be at the

front desk from January 15 to 22, after which time I will collect all the donations, consolidate them into a single check, and forward it to Ed and his family. Cash or a check made out to Ed Hill is desirable, or if you prefer, you can submit a sealed envelope and I will forward that also. I will also include the names of all those who contribute.

If you would rather send Ed something on your own, his address is below. Thank you all in advance for your caring and your generosity.

Ed Hill
16135 Inheritance Drive,
Brandywine, MD 20613



Hugh Schwartz examines why behavioral economics doesn't explain the emergence and prominence of certain entrepreneurs and how we can overcome its shortcomings.

By Hugh Schwartz

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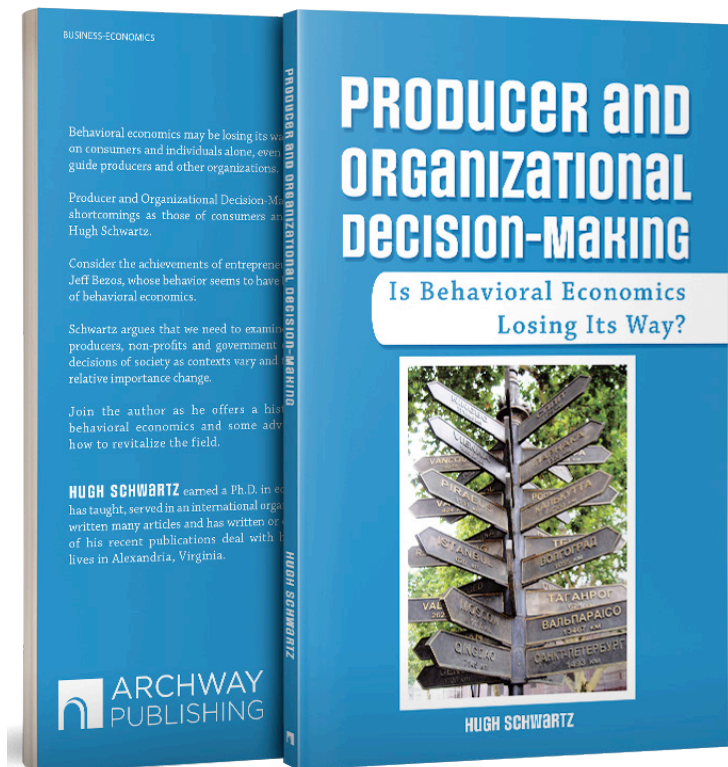
Behavioral economics, which aims at describing the manner that decisions are actually made, may be losing its way by basing its analyses essentially on consumers and individuals alone, even though the results are also used to guide producers and other organizations.

Producer and organizational decision-making do not always involve the same shortcomings as those of consumers and other individuals.

Moreover, consider producers like Steve Jobs, Elon Musk and Jeff Bezos. They began as outliers but emerged as successful and even dominant in some industries on the basis of behavior that seems to have been quite contrary to the findings of behavioral economics.

We need to examine the behavior of organizations – producers, non-profits and government entities – if we are to understand the decisions of society, particularly as contexts vary and the size of organizations and their relative importance changes.

I offer a short book that provides a history, analysis and critique of behavioral analysis, along with some advice, perhaps controversial, on how to revitalize the field. 📖



Local history



Montebello's West Virginia connection

The Montebello Voice wants to hear from you: musings, travels, announcements, photos, book reviews, commentary, memoirs, essays, analysis, poems, suggestions, club news, recipes, and free ads

A twice-monthly publication for the residents, by the residents

Text and photos by Ralph Johnson

I liked the information regarding the historical marker [Voice, December 14]. It ties together two times of my life, the early years and now, the later years. My early years were in Berkeley Springs, a former small resort town in colonial Virginia, now West Virginia. The town, then called Bath, was surveyed by George Washington. After surveying, he kept several lots. It is accepted that the town was the Las Vegas of Colonial times. Hotels were built. My ancestors settled on farms near Bath helping to supply milk, vegetables, and fruits for people visiting the hotels and town residents. The early work of George Washington resulted in my ancestors and family living and working in Bath. The influence of George Washington and the Fairfax family is very evident in the town.

I now find that my condo at Montebello is less than a 100 yards from the location of the former Mount Eagle mansion, a place George Washington often visited. I am sure we appreciate the efforts of Chuck Amorosino and Paul Zeisset to install a commemorative historical marker.

Attached are photos of the park in the center of Bath containing many areas of interest, including the George Washington Bath Tub and a historical marker.



Berkeley Springs is about 120 miles from Montebello. A circular drive is nice using the Beltway, I-270, I-70, and 522 south to Berkeley Springs. Return by going south on 522, then US 50, toward Montebello. Use Trip Advisor for additional information about Berkeley Springs. If you choose to stay at the historical Country Inn of Berkeley Springs, a place I delivered milk as a young boy, enjoy a massage and the warm mineral waters. 🍷



the arts



Theresa Kritcher's family came to her art show opening in the café on January 5. Her artwork will be on display until February 15.

Photo by Dian McDonald



Photo by Dian McDonald

Are you having a party?

The Montebello Environment Club is encouraging residents to borrow and use the community's flatware rather than relying on throw-away plastic ware. Both our Potluck and monthly Cup of Joe sponsors are already using it regularly.

More than 10 individuals have donated flatware to the cause. If you would like to borrow some for a special event, please contact Don or Karen Barnes at chinakaren@yahoo.com. If it is available, simply come by to pick up the amount you need, use it, wash it, and bring it back for the next event.

Back by popular demand, pianist Thomas Pandolfi performed on December 23. In addition to some holiday favorites, he played Beethoven's Pathétique.

This photo of Pandolfi appeared in the Mount Vernon Gazette on January 3, in a news release sent by Carole Appel with knowledge of the Promoting Montebello Committee. Its caption mentioned his appearance here, along with a sentence describing Montebello.

new year's eve



Photos by
Rebecca McNeely



Little tables make a big impression

By Sue Allen

It's a small thing but it's making a big difference at the Cup of Joe coffee events. Tall circular bistro tables, frequently seen at wedding receptions, have been added to the once-a-month coffees in the Community Center. The idea to have such tables has been kicking around Montebello for a while, so when Communications Committee Chair Don Hinman got wind of it, he didn't waste time and bought several. The tables made their debut in December. Feedback was so positive that Hinman ordered one more. The tables were paid for by Hinman, Joan Burg, Thomas Ahern, and Azita Mashayekhi, who donated them to MCUOA. "People are mingling and moving around more," said Hinman, "we also learned they are particularly good for wheelchair users. They're the perfect height and are easy to get around." 🪑



cup of joe



Theresa Kritcher
An Artist Over the Years

Montebello Café
January 5 - February 15

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SUZETTE MANDULEY, Data Platform Project Manager, US DEPT OF ENERGY, will offer the presentation.

Thursday, January 17th at 7:30 pm
Community Center Lounge

Sponsored by the Activities Committee

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Production and Printing by Jeanne Tiffit

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Franco Brusati's
BREAD and CHOCOLATE
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Italian comedy-drama about clashing cultures when a hardworking Sicilian goes to Switzerland to find a job. The contrast between the cool elegance of the Swiss and the unpolished style of the Italian immigrant conflict to create laughs and tears. This touching film is a "hidden gem" with some unforgettable images that reveal the gap between the wealthy and the working poor. The film won the New York Film Critics Circle Award for best foreign film in 1978.

Caryl Curry will introduce the film and lead the post-movie discussion.

final glance



Photo by Joel Miller