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Gavin, left, and Ayden Boyd of Darlington get their frog hopping with some encouragement as they compete in Friday morning's Great Bel Air Frog Jumping contest at Shamrock Park.

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Rumble at school injures 4

20 to 30 battle in Abingdon

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At least four people were injured last week in a brawl at an Abingdon elementary school that involved 20 to 30 people, baseball bats and golf clubs.

As of Tuesday afternoon, no one had been arrested, but investigators insist there is no indication the fight was drug or gang-related, according to Sgt. Dave Betz, public information officer for the Harford County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to William S. James Elementary School last Wednesday around 10:30 p.m. for a report of a fight in progress, according to police.

When they arrived, they found a man on the ground, bleeding from the head and complaining of back pain, according to police.

The man, whose name is being withheld by police, they say for safety reasons, was treated by medics from the Abingdon Volunteer Fire Office.

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Low end homes for Edgewood?

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Just as sensitivities are being raised about Edgewood and its role in turning off people relocating to the county because of BRAC, a major redevelopment project for the community is up for review.

Thought the project has the blessing of county officials and has been largely made possible by the federal government, it has raised the specter of bringing more low income housing to Edgewood, which has the county's greatest concentration of such housing.

A Baltimore based developer that specializes in affordable and senior housing proposes to redevelop the former Washington Court federal housing complex off Cedar Drive near Edgewood Elementary School.

The plan by Shelter Development Corp., which operates as a nonprofit, will be reviewed by the Harford County Development Advisory Committee at 9 a.m. next Wednesday. The meeting in the second floor conference room of the main county office building in Bel Air is open to the public. The building is located at 220 S. Main St.

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Appointments to be announced

Change expected on school board

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Gov. Martin O'Malley's appointments for the two open positions on the Harford County Board of Education will be released today (Wednesday), and it is likely both appointees will be newcomers.

Shaun Adamec, deputy press secretary, said the governor received the Harford County Board of Education Recommendation Committee's two recommendations for the open positions on Tuesday.

He said the names of the appointees will be released today after all of the candidates have been notified.

After 30-minute interviews of the five candidates, the local committee decided on Nancy Reynolds of Bel Air as its first recommen-

dation and Dr. Mohammad Reza Shahab of Forest Hill as its second recommendation, according to Barbara O'Connor, Harford County Council administrator.

The two open positions on the board include the seats of Thomas Fidler and Salina Williams.

Williams, who was appointed to the board in 2003, said she was seeking reappointment and had sent her letter and resume straight to the governor. She said she sent her letter and resume prior to the formation of the recommendation committee by the county council in June.

Williams announced her resignation from the board of education at Monday's board meeting. She said she had learned O'Malley did not reappoint her for another

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Good times boom

Rain doesn't dampen Fourth of July festivities, fireworks

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For the second year in a row, the town of Bel Air's annual Fourth of July parade continued through town while spectators were greeted with a cool breeze and a light drizzle on and off throughout the event.

The theme of this year's parade, which began at the intersection of Gordon and Bond streets at 6 p.m. Friday, was a "salute to those who serve our country." After crossing Baltimore Pike, the parade route continued to Kenmore Avenue, then to South Main Street and ended at Idlewild Street.

Chris Apple, 26, of Aberdeen said he has been coming to Bel Air's Fourth of July parade since he was a child and has fond memories of being a part of the parade in past years.

"My father works for the Harco car dealership and I used to ride little cars around in the parade for them when I was a kid," he said.

Apple said the rain was not ruining his time on Friday, however, he did wish the sun was shining.

"Being in the parade is more fun, but I like to come here on the Fourth of July because it's my girlfriend's birthday and we watch the parade together," he said.

Greg Osik, 19, of Bel Air said he has been going to the Bel Air parade ever since he was born.

"I've been coming to the parade for 19 years," he said. "I like to come for the cars and the fire department, I am a member of the Jarrettsville Fire Company 7."

Osik, who said his uncle is County Councilman James



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Bel Air's 4th of July ended with a bang during the fireworks finale in Rockfield Park.

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Standoff in Edgewood

Though a neighborhood was disrupted for hours, a man who barricaded himself in his home ended up surrendering to police Monday morning.

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COMING FRIDAY

OUTDOORS

It's the time of the season for packing up a basket and heading for a place to serve lunch or dinner, but beware of those picnic basket swiping bears.