

## to the ears and soul

Coming back ...

**Joseph Martin** of Dallas, an outstanding pianist, composer and storyteller with more than 750 compositions in print, will give a concert at 7:30 Saturday at Manassas Baptist Church.

Martin is a Dove Award nominee and has appeared at Carnegie Hall and as a featured performer in Branson, Mo. Tickets are not necessary as the concert is free but a love offering will be taken.

The Prince William County-Greater Manassas Chamber of Commerce will have its 69th dinner/dance/officer installation "Margaritaville: An Evening in Paradise" banquet from 6:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly. **Susan Jacobs** will be installed as the new president with **Mark Holcomb** serving as master of ceremonies.

The soccer event of the year is returning to the Washington, D.C., area for the 11th straight year as McDonald's McSoccerfest 2004 will be conducted in Poolesville, Md., on July 10-11.

The four-on-four youth soccer tournament is for boys and girls, ages 5 to 16. Fans may pick up a registration form at McDonald's restaurants or call (800) 784-1700.

The Prince William United Way has revealed its Community Service Fund for this year is \$294,249 which will be distributed to area non-profit organizations such as Action in the Community Through Service Emergency Assistance,

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ON THE MOVE

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A power company employee, left, raises the powerlines early Sunday near the intersection of Va. 234 and U.S. 15 to accommodate the oversized structure of the Bushy Park house.

## 18th-century house moves into the future

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The first piece of a new Gainesville library is in place after contractors moved a historic Catharpin house in the early morning hours Sunday.

Until then, the Bushy Park house had sat on the same hill near Catharpin Road that it had in the late 18th century. Now, it sits on a small lot near the corner of Lightner Road and U.S. 15, where the county plans

to build a library for the growing Gainesville population.

"It's pretty amazing when you think about what they can move," said county library system Director Dick Murphy. "I'm glad it's not getting torn down."

The old frontier house originally came to the county's attention when the Catharpin Valley Estates subdivision began to spread around it. The developer came forward to ask what should be done with it, and Murphy had the idea of moving the

house and using it as part of the library.

The move had originally been planned for late April or early May, but was postponed on numerous occasions because of unfavorable weather.

"In the springtime, you have to play the weather a little. It's hit or miss," said Brendon Hanafin, the county's historic preservation manager.

But the rising sun welcomed clear skies Sunday as county police escorted the small

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