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To the Editor

ment could be banishment from participation but the question is "who is the arbitrator of civility?"

Another "fact of life" addressed by the mayor is that NAC opinions on land-use decisions are not worth the breath of those who dare challenge the perfection of the planning department. Since the Land Management Code of the Comprehensive Plan, which is being revised because anybody could drive a bulldozer through it unscathed is the gospel of the planning department, the mayor warned that any dissent will be considered heresy in the eyes of the approval process.

JERRY PATRICK
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BNBI contract gives Frederick obscene distinction

Richard Ochs' op-ed in The Frederick News-Post's Nov. 24 edition came as a fire bell in the night. Ochs noted that Battelle National Biodefense Institute was contracted by Fort Detrick to operate new labs at the installation.

BNBI carries the dubious distinction of exploring ways to make an anthrax pathogen that will be resistant to any prophylactic treatment.

In short, Frederick will "enjoy" the obscene distinction of being home to a company intent on creating a weapon of mass destruction with genocidal capabilities.

The government, in its infinite wisdom, has decided to plunk this horror down in Frederick, the third largest city in the state, without so much as a by-your-leave.

As a resident of Frederick for the past 30-plus years, this cannot be allowed to stand.

I hope others in the community will find ways to protest this insanity.

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Football-goer calls "foul" on Linganore announcer

Someone needs to educate the Linganore announcer on the proper way to announce football games. For too many years I have had to endure his unprofessional antics as the Lancer announcer.

I always dread playing the Lancers, not because they have a great football team, but because the announcer makes it unbearable to enjoy the game.

I find it ironic that at the beginning of the game he makes an announcement to the fans to be respectful but as soon as kickoff begins, he becomes annoying and extremely biased towards the home team.

During the playoff game against Thomas Johnson, he announced that the Lancer fans need to make noise when the Lancers were on defense. It is not his job to get the crowd into the game. That is the job of the cheerleaders. His job is to announce the plays in an unbiased and professional manner.

When TJ got a last second field goal to win the game, nothing was announced from the booth. If it was, it was done in a manner that no one could hear. I am proud to say that the announcer at TJ is very