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Sports columnist
Mike Winch and
his wife, Sheryl, found the
perfect home in Bethesda's
Wildwood Estates.

Sandwiches

2 AM falafels at Amsterdam Falafel (2425 18th St., NW; 202-234-1969). This tiny walk-up has established itself as a trusty late-night destination for hot, fresh-

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ly prepared food in the midst of a chaotic 18th Street lineup of bars, pizza shops, and fast-food joints. Partiers in Adams Morgan have come to depend on Amsterdam's double-fried potatoes (\$2.75 to \$3.85; the Belgian mayo is the best dipper) and Israeli-style falafel (\$3.85 to \$5.50)—fried-to-order chickpea patties stuffed in warm pitas—which can be dressed up with such toppings as a tart yogurt and dill sauce, earthy hummus, and veggies like beets, red cabbage, and eggplant. Yes, it's open until 4 AM on weekends, but these terrific little pockets are worth fueling up on anytime.