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## Rough Finish

**A**nthony Kim's descent from contention to win the AT&T National golf tournament last weekend was seen by millions on television but felt even more intensely by those at the course.

Literally.

Three of Kim's drives on the back nine on the final day of competition struck spectators in the gallery, and two of those spectators required medical attention as a result. One was struck in the head, the other in the middle of the back. Both were treated onsite and did not require medical transport, said Jim Seavey the chief of the Cabin John Park Volunteer



PHOTO BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE ALMANAC

**Kevin O'Connell (right) grew up in Potomac and played host to PGA pros Steve Marino and Marc Turnesa at his family's home in area during this past week's AT&T National. In the photo, he's joined by Chris Talbert, another friend of Marino's.**

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Fire Department.

"He didn't have a very good day, quite frankly," said Seavey, who was onsite to oversee the efforts of emergency personnel during the tournament and saw Kim's meltdown firsthand. "It got worse and worse and worse."

Five people required medical transport during the four-day tournament, each of whom survived after experiencing cardiac-

related issues, said Seavey. Six people were treated for dehydration during the tournament. Those figures pale in comparison to tournament's past at Congressional Country Club due likely to the moderate summer weather that has graced the mid-Atlantic region for the last two weeks.

— AARON STERN

## Shooting The Gap

**V**isitors to Great Falls this weekend may need to rethink how they view the Potomac River.

"The Potomac River isn't a dirty, polluted river that runs between a bunch of monuments, the Potomac River is a very wild and scenic and actually breathtaking piece of whitewater," said Sunny Pitcher, the founder and president of Potomac Paddlesports. Pitcher's kayaking instruction and equipment company is the major sponsor behind this year's Potomac Whitewater Festival, a battery of competitions for top-level paddlers both local and further afield.

The event kicks off with the only sanctioned shooting of treacherous Great Falls at 8 a.m. From there the next two days are scheduled to unfold in a variety of events that will showcase the talents of expert kayakers while also getting those with less experience on the water and more familiar with the Potomac River and with the sport of kayaking, including a community paddle and paddling clinics and demonstrations on Saturday afternoon.

"The idea here ... is to get people interested in kayaking," said Pitcher.

A buffet-style dinner at Old Angler's Inn restaurant is scheduled for Saturday night; the event will include a live auction and all proceeds from the weekend-long event benefit the American Whitewater organization which works to restore dewatered rivers and to improve public land management surrounding rivers.

For more information about the Potomac Whitewater Festival or to view the complete schedule of events for this weekend visit [potomacfest.org](http://potomacfest.org).

— AARON STERN

## Front and Center

### Berliner talks local issues in meeting with constituents at Potomac Library.

**M**ontgomery County Councilman Roger Berliner is no stranger to speed cameras. He's gotten tickets from two of them, one on Oaklyn Drive and one on Seven Locks Road. Neither is he opposed to them.

"I'm not ashamed to tax speeders," Berliner told more than 50 of his constituents who showed up to the Potomac Library on Monday, June 29 to discuss their concerns with him. The first concern raised by a member of the audience drew several followup questions about the cameras and Berliner and representatives from the Montgomery County Police Department explained that the cameras are intended to alter driver behavior and are not meant to act as an explicit revenue stream for the county.

Development was also a major concern of those at Monday's meeting. Many cited concerns over plans and proposals that would greatly increase residential density in the White Flint area, in Bethesda, and north of Potomac in the Gaithersburg West planning area. The proposed science city backed by Johns Hopkins in Gaithersburg West is something that Berliner said he was loosely familiar with but that he had not followed closely to date and he promised that he would give more attention to the high-density, mixed-use project.

"I am gaining an appreciation with respect

to it ... [but] I haven't spent as much time on it as clearly I need to," said Berliner.

With retirement and investment funds having plummeted over the last year, one man urged Berliner to keep the county's residential roads paved so that the value of homes doesn't decrease any further and said he had encountered a very difficult time in trying to get his street repaved and ultimately gave up. Berliner urged residents to contact his office with specific concerns such as those.

"This is one of the ways in which I can be helpful to you," said Berliner. "This is what we do."

The worldwide economic downturn has impacted local residents and it may indirectly impact the future of the Forest Conservation Law. Originally drafted in 1992, the law restricts the amount of trees that can be cut on lots 40,000 square feet and larger. Amendments to the law have been in the works for more than two years and have most recently bogged down in the county's Department of Environmental Protection, said Berliner. He said that he hoped to get the department's recommendations on a new bill that would apply the law to smaller lots and could possibly place certain requirements and restrictions on tree-cutting on all residential lots. But Berliner warned that in the current economic climate such a bill would send an anti-business message to the development community and would therefore likely have a hard time gaining the support of County Executive Ike Leggett (D) and would have an uphill road to approval on the County Council.

Berliner, currently the vice president of the County Council, is slated by tradition to become council president this fall when



PHOTO BY AARON STERN/THE ALMANAC

**County Councilman fields questions from constituents during a meeting at the Potomac Library on Monday, June 29.**

the Council returns from its August recess. To learn more about the County Council and ongoing legislation visit the council's Web page by going to [montgomerycountymd.gov](http://montgomerycountymd.gov) and clicking on County Council in the lefthand column.

— AARON STERN

## New Members On Board

**M**ichael Durso, who just retired as principal of Springbrook High School, was sworn in last week as a new member of the Montgomery County Board of Education, along with Timothy Hwang, a rising senior at Thomas S. Wootton High School, who was installed as the 32nd student member of the Board, during a combined ceremony at the Carver Educational Services Center in Rockville.

Hwang was elected to the Board in April, by 56 percent of the secondary students who cast ballots in the election, conducted by the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils. The overall voter turnout was 63,384 or 85 percent of secondary students.

Hwang will begin his one-year term on July 1. He has been active in student government for several years and served as the

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Bicyclists get ready for the parade to begin.



Even dogs were dressed for the patriotic event.



Children watching the parade catch candy being thrown off of the floats.



Madison Gentilo decorated her bike in preparation for her first Fourth of July Parade.

# Neighborly Parade



Parade organizers Dr. Vincent Vaghi and Steve Doorman say the parade brings the neighborhood together.

The Annual Fourth of July Parade in Potomac began at River Falls Swim and Tennis Club, and was led by the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service. The parade was followed by a picnic, and community bake-off. The parade is something that is looked forward to by the community, and, as parade organizer Dr. Vincent Vaghi said, "It's a great way for the neighborhood to get together and honor our country."

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Decorated cars make their way through the streets in hopes of winning a prize for best float.



The Fourth of July festivities include a Bake-off, which is judged by members of the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service.



From left to right, Wyatt Talcott, 9, and Niklas Palttala, 8, watch the neighborhood parade every year.



Lifeguards at River Falls Swim and Tennis Club ride their float at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade.

## PEOPLE

# Psychotherapist Embraces Peace in the Garden

Potomac author Alice Miller discusses her new book.

BY JAMES DENISON  
THE ALMANAC

Potomac resident Dr. Alice G. Miller has just released her second book, "A Thyme For Peace." Miller works as a psychotherapist and her new book dwells on the need for inner peace on an individual level in order to achieve a greater peace throughout the world. It includes her own journey to find inner peace, specifically through her passion for gardening.

**Q:** Tell us a bit about your background, what you were doing before you started practicing psychotherapy and writing books.

**A:** I majored in journalism in college, and then later on I worked for the YMCA and ended up creating a call-in line there called "The Listening Post." You could call or walk in and I'd talk to people about their problems. I saw a lot of teenagers there. I also used to run karma houses, which are sort of residential treatment centers. In a sense you could say I was doing therapy long before I ever got my credentials. I guess you might say that I kind of backed into my profession.

**Q:** You've put out a new book, "A Thyme For Peace." What can you tell me about it and what inspired you to write it?

**A:** I guess I realized that in my own life, gardening was, for me, a form of spiritual therapy. There's a theory called biophilia, and it speaks to the idea that we, as a people, have lost contact with the earth. I feel a connection with the earth, but I look at our world today and I see people not living in the moment and not connecting with nature ... The book deals with life as a spiritual journey, and it's really me, speaking as a therapist, looking at the garden and saying that the garden paths in that book are really a metaphor for life ... Much of the book deals with my own spiritual journey.

**Q:** Elaborate a bit more on your personal spiritual connection with the garden.

**A:** I think that the garden is God's work. If anything, it gives you a sense of a higher power. I really like a quote from Edna St. Vincent Millay, one that I included in my book: "God I can push the grass apart and lay my finger on Thy heart." I think that really says

it well.

**Q:** Specifically, the new book portrays a connection between inner peace and world peace. Can you help explain that connection?

**A:** I got really fired up about the shooting at The Holocaust Museum a few weeks ago. We need to know how this sort of hatred builds. The shooter, [James Von Brunn], he was a smart man, he had a high I.Q., but somehow he became inspired to take a man's life. I just have a sense of moral outrage about the entire thing. And then, you look at the story of [Adolf] Hitler, this nasty little vi-



**Dr. Alice Miller relaxes in her Potomac garden.**

icious man who was so insecure within himself, and how many people died because of that? I just think that the world won't feel real peace until we stop this silly squabbling. It used to be we'd throw stones at each other and [nowadays] it's nuclear bombs but it still essentially the same thing. I just feel like things won't be all right until we stop making things in our world about "us" and "them" and start making them just about "us," as a whole, and all that stems from finding inner peace individually. All this is not to say I'm anti-military. I think I said it really well in the Acknowledgements section from my new book. "I believe deeply in peace and non-violence but I also recognize that evil does exist in this world and that there are people who are so destructive to others that they must be stopped."

**Q:** Do you feel that gardening has helped you with your work in psychotherapy? How so?

**A:** [Yes.] The experience of working with the earth helps you come to an inner stillness ... A large part of therapy is about listening. With gardening you just shut off the rest of the world, and whether it's planting something or nurturing it and watching it grow,

you really forge a connection with it, and all that has helped me in my work.

**Q:** Last question. What does gardening mean to you?

**A:** It means the joy of being a part of creation. It means to find a place in the world of peace and art and sanctuary. The garden ... you nourish it and see it grow, just like

in life. I feel like gardening is really about being a part of the earth. People come to see [my] garden and they say, "Wow. I want a piece of this in my life."

To learn more about Miller or her philosophy, see her new book, "A Thyme For Peace," or her previous work, "To Everything There Is A Season."

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## ONGOING

The **Bethesda Farmers Market** will be open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Norfolk and Woodmont Avenues, through Oct. 31. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org) or 301-215-6660.

**"You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown"** will continue through Saturday, Aug. 8 at Adventure Theatre, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, Md. Performances on Saturdays at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m. Special Thursday & Friday Evening Performances: July 9-10, 16-17, 23-24, 30-31, and Aug. 6-7 at 7 p.m. Book Club Performance: Saturday, July 11, at 1:30 p.m. ASL Interpreted Performance: Saturday, Aug. 8, at 4:30 p.m. Tickets \$12, children 12 and under; \$15, adults. Call 301-634-2270 or visit [www.adventuretheatre.org](http://www.adventuretheatre.org).

**"Pirates! A Boy at Sea."** At Imagination Stage. Performances on Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. 4 p.m. Some Saturday 11 a.m. performances as well. Tickets from \$10-\$21. Visit <http://www.imaginationstage.org>.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 8

**Calle Sur.** 7 p.m. Free Outdoor Summer Concert at The Music Center at Strathmore. Dance music from Latin America, including the Colombian cumbia, Brazilian samba, Cuban son, the Dominican merengue, the Venezuelan tambor, and the contemporary Caribbean reggaeton. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) or call 301-581-5100 for weather-related delay or cancellation notices of Summer Outdoor Events. Friday/July 10

**Last Train Home.** 7 p.m. Friday Nights Out Back at Strathmore's Backyard Theater Stage. \$10 admission (cash only). Eric Brace and D.C.'s favorite roots rock band may have moved to Nashville, but they're back for a rocking homecoming you don't want to miss!

## SATURDAY/JULY 11

**Artist's Reception.** 4-6 p.m. New Photographs and Paintings by Ruth Neubauer and Karen Van Allen. At the Yellow Barn Gallery, Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd. Show runs July 10-12, noon to 5 p.m.

**Sing-Along Celebration.** 8 p.m. Join song leader Elise Kress and guitarist Lawrence Brand for a fun evening singing along to your favorite songs from the 50's, 60's, 70's and 80's, from pop, folk, country, and rock & roll classics. The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Go to [www.SingAlongCelebration.com](http://www.SingAlongCelebration.com) Tickets: \$20. Call 301-639-7608.

## BUSINESS NOTES

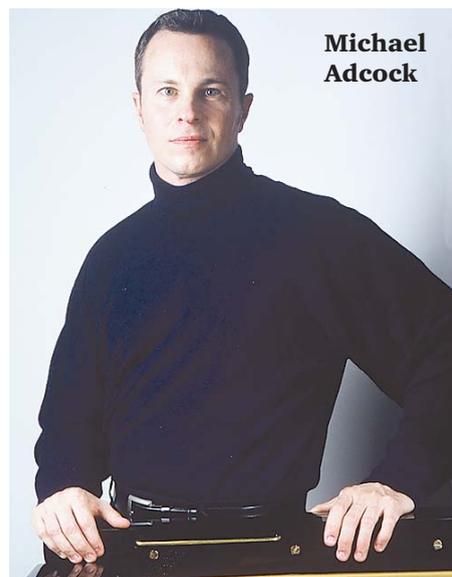
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District 27 Toastmasters has elected and prepared a leadership team for the year beginning July 1. **Mark Eyerly of North Potomac** was named Division D Governor.

**The Montgomery County Commission for Women** has announced the election of Jaclyn Lichter of North Bethesda as its new president. Lichter is the Political Director for Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 500 where she lobbies on local, state and federal issues on behalf of public sector and education employees.

**JSSA (Jewish Social Service Agency)** installed Deborah H. Lebbin as its new president and welcomed a new slate of officers and board members at its annual meeting June 14 at Temple Beth Ami, 14330 Travilah Road, Rockville.

During the meeting, JSSA presented the



**Michael Adcock**

**Potomac Conservancy picnic.** 4-7 p.m. At Carderock Pavilion, Carderock, Md. Admission is free, but bring a potluck dish. If your last name ends in: A-E, bring an appetizer; F-J, bring a main dish; K-P, bring a dessert; Q-Z, bring an salad. The Potomac River Ramblers will fill the air with bluegrass and country music. Call Monica Lyman at [lyman@potomac.org](mailto:lyman@potomac.org); 301-608-1188, x205.

**The Bethesda Artist Market.** 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The event will feature fine art and craft for sale by local and regional artists including painting, photography, jewelry, wood, glass and ceramics. Held in the Bethesda Place Plaza, at the elevated plaza at the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Woodmont Avenue.

**Bethesda-Chevy Chase Rescue Squad Appreciation Night at Bethesda Big Train Baseball.** 7 p.m. Meet firefighters and rescuers and explore fire and rescue trucks while enjoying a baseball game. Free kids' fire hats. \$2-\$7; kids 5 and under free. Gates open at 6 p.m. Shirley Povich Field, Cabin John Regional Park, 10600 Westlake Drive, Bethesda. Call 301-983-1006 or [www.bigtrain.org](http://www.bigtrain.org) for tickets.

## JULY 11-12

**"All shook Up."** July 11-12, 17-19 and 24-26. At Montgomery College Summer Dinner Theatre. Tickets \$37/adults and \$27/ children 12 and under. Prices include the performance and a dinner buffet. At Friday and Saturday performances, the doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with a show time of 8:15 p.m. On Sunday, the buffet will open at 12:30 p.m., with a 2:15 p.m. show time. At Theatre Arts Arena on the College's Rockville Campus, located at 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville. Go to [www.montgomerycollege.edu/sdt](http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/sdt) or call 240-567-7676.

Jac J. Lehrman-George M. Pikser Award recognizing outstanding community social service work to Rebecca Wagner, executive director of Rockville's Interfaith Works. Interfaith Works is a non-sectarian interfaith coalition of more than 140 congregations working together to meet the needs of low-income and homeless people in Montgomery County including the elderly and disabled.

Top producers for **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** in Potomac, for the month of March are Bryan Kinch, Top Listing Agent; Marc Infeld, Top Sales Agent, and Michael Tahmassebi, Top Producer.

Top producers at **Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage** in Potomac for the month of April were: Valerie Puddington, top listing agent; Marc Infeld, top sales agent, and Jeff Foster, top producer.

**Link TV**, a nationwide television network which includes Earth Focus, based in Potomac, presented an award for Outstanding Environmental Documentary Film to Children of the Amazon at its Washington, D.C. premiere at the Environmental Film Festival in the Nation's Capital.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 1

**Pianist Michael Adcock.** 3 p.m. Free. Presented by the Washington Conservatory of Music as part of the grand opening celebration and open house of The Washington Conservatory at Glen Echo Park. Adcock will perform music by Spanish, South American, and Spanish-influenced composers. Glen Echo Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Boulevard in Bethesda, near the intersection of MacArthur Blvd. and Goldsboro Rd. The Washington Conservatory at Glen Echo Park is in the South Arcade of the Park (by Adventure Theatre.) Call 301-320-2770 and [www.washingtonconservatory.org](http://www.washingtonconservatory.org)

## SUNDAY/JULY 12

**Zydeco Dance Party.** 3:30-6 p.m. Introductory Zydeco Dance Lesson from 3-3:30 p.m. dancing from 3:30-6 p.m. with the band Johnny Ace and Sidewalk Zydeco. Admission is \$15. At the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park. Call Michael Hart at 301-762-6730 or Glen Echo Park at 301-634-2222, or go to [www.DancingbytheBayou.com](http://www.DancingbytheBayou.com). The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

## WEDNESDAY/JULY 15

**Project Mingus.** 7 p.m. Free Outdoor Summer Concert at The Music Center at Strathmore. Enjoy the rarely performed, complex, infectious sounds of avant-garde jazz legend Charles Mingus. This seven piece band brings together two saxophonists, trumpet, trombone, piano, bass and drums, led by Chris Kjørness. Visit [www.strathmore.org](http://www.strathmore.org) or call 301-581-5100 for weather-related delay or cancellation notices of Summer Outdoor Events.

## FRIDAY/JULY 17

**Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band.** 7 p.m. Friday Nights Out Back at Strathmore's Backyard Theater Stage. \$10 admission (cash only). The Washington Post calls Chopteeth "a sensation - the dozen-plus member outfit cooks up a scintillating stew of Afrofunk, rumba, salsa, ska and funk."

**Slow Blues and Swing Dance.** Lesson from 8-9 p.m. Dancing from 9 p.m. to midnight. With instructors Donna Barker and Mike Marcotte, and the band Eli Cook. At the Bumper Car Pavilion at Glen Echo Park. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231, e-mail to [info@CapitalBlues.org](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org), or visit [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org). The Glen Echo National Park is located at 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo.

## SATURDAY/JULY 18

**Slow Blues and Swing Dance.** 9 p.m. to midnight. With the Gordon Webster Band. At Du-Shor Dance Studio, Bethesda. This event is part of the Red Hot Blues n' BBQ Blues Exchange Weekend. Call Donna Barker at 301-634-2231, e-mail to [info@CapitalBlues.org](mailto:info@CapitalBlues.org), or visit [www.CapitalBlues.org](http://www.CapitalBlues.org). The Du-Shor Dance Studio

is located at 7800 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda.

**Navigating Over Land.** 2-5 p.m. Clint Cosner, an expert surveyor with 25 years of experience, will lead an orienteering workshop for hikers and outdoor enthusiasts ages 8 and up. Meets in the parking lot of Old Angler's Inn, 10801 MacArthur Blvd., Potomac. RSVP to [chapin@potomac.org](mailto:chapin@potomac.org) by July 16.

**Canoe Clean-up.** 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Help protect the waterway by taking a short canoe trip to Minnie's island. After an island/river clean-up, enjoy a relaxing picnic lunch on the island, dessert will be provided. RSVP to [chapin@potomac.org](mailto:chapin@potomac.org) by July 16. Bring a canoe or, if one is needed, reserve one when you send in your RSVP. River Center at Lockhouse 8, C&O Canal National Historical Park, 7906 Riverside Ave. Cabin John, Md.

## SUNDAY/JULY 19

**Sing-Along Celebration.** 8 p.m. Join song leader Elise Kress and guitarist Lawrence Brand for a fun evening singing along to your favorite pop, folk, country, and rock & roll songs from the '50s, '60s, '70s and '80s. At The Music Center at Strathmore, 5301 Tuckerman Lane, North Bethesda. Call 301-639-7608 or go to [www.SingAlongCelebration.com](http://www.SingAlongCelebration.com) Tickets: \$20.

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- ❖ July 17: Billy Otis, Classic Rock
- ❖ Aug. 5: Jack, Denise & Neal, Classic Rock/Originals
- ❖ Aug. 7: Open Mic Night, Songwriters Association of Washington
- ❖ Aug. 12: Slow Jim Duo, Modern/Classic Rock
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On Saturday, July 11 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m., the Bethesda Artist Market will feature 25 local artists who will display and sell their fine art and fine craft. The Bethesda Artist Market will also feature continuous musical entertainment. Both events are free.

Bethesda Art Walk tours meet at the Bethesda Metro Center, located at the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Wisconsin Avenue. Visit [www.bethesda.org](http://www.bethesda.org).

The Bethesda Artist Market is located in the Bethesda Place Plaza, at the corner of Old Georgetown Road and Woodmont Avenue. Free parking is available in the Woodmont Ave./Old Georgetown Road garage.

## SCHOOL NOTES

To have an item listed mail to [almanac@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:almanac@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Thursday at noon for the following week's paper.

The following local students were awarded Dean's List honors for the spring semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland:

- ❖ **Nathan Bossie** of North Potomac,
- ❖ **Michael Correll** of Potomac,
- ❖ **Lauren Georgevich** of North Potomac,
- ❖ **Tina Lee** of Potomac,
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- ❖ **Henry Scott** of Potomac,
- ❖ **Erik Stanford** of North Potomac,
- ❖ **Jennifer Yogi** of North Potomac,
- ❖ **Michael Young** of Potomac.

**Stephen Kent of Potomac** was named to the dean's list at the University of Vermont. He is a first-year undeclared major in the College of Arts & Sciences.

**Asaduz Zaman** of N. Potomac received a Juris Doctor degree from Widener University School of Law on May 17.

The following students have been named to the dean's list for the 2009 spring semester at Connecticut College.

- ❖ **Claire Dufek**, a member of the class of 2010 and a resident of Potomac, achieved Dean's Honors.
- ❖ **Allison Weiss**, a member of the class of 2009 and a resident of Potomac, achieved Dean's High Honors.

**Artemis Giorjia Apostolaros** of Potomac has been named to the spring semester Dean's list at Radford University. Apostolaros, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Apostolaros of 8815 Maxwell Dr., is a junior fashion major.

**Jamie Cepler of Potomac** graduated with a Master of regional planning in Urban and Regional Planning from the University at Albany.

**The Marian Greenblatt Education Fund** gives awards to a junior at each public high school in Montgomery County to recognize significant achievement in Social Studies. It is important for our young people to learn the lessons of the past, so we may build a better society in the future. This award salutes these students beginning to travel down that path: Kelsey Kiser (Bethesda-Chevy Chase), James Blum (Churchill), Caroline Kahlenberg (Walt Whitman), Heather Allentuck (Wootton)

**Eighteen Montgomery County Public Schools** students are among 143 Maryland students named Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholars for 2009 by the Maryland State Department of Education. Each honoree receives a four-year scholarship worth up to \$1,500 per year, to be used for undergraduate study at any institution of higher education based on cost of attendance. Local student winners and their high schools are:

- ❖ Montgomery Blair: Sahar Shahamatdar
- ❖ Winston Churchill: Eric Moy
- ❖ Walt Whitman: Jacob Levitt

**Caroline Beth Possick** graduated from Ursinus College with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry during commencement exercises on Saturday, May

16, on the college campus. A graduate of Walt Whitman High School, Possick is the daughter of Mr. H. Possick and Ms. J. Mayers of Potomac.

**Paulina Nicole Curto** of Potomac recently graduated from Stonehill College with a Bachelor of Arts degree.

**Emily Elizabeth Gillespie** of Potomac graduated on May 17 from Fairfield University with a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing.

**Albert Anthony** of Potomac received a Bachelor of Science degree in Management during the commencement ceremony at Widener University on May 16.

On Wednesday, June 10, **Amory Tetteh and Patrick Tshiani**, both Herbert Hoover Middle School eighth grade students, were recognized at the STAR (Stand Tall and Reach) scholarship reception. The STAR scholarship program recognizes African-American and black students from Montgomery County Public Schools for hard work and strong academic achievement.

The following Potomac students were recently named to the Dean's List at the College of William and Mary for the spring 2009 semester: **Elizabeth Brigham, Eleanor Chessen, Daniel Epstein, Seung Han, Stephen Hurley, Daniel Leifer, David Mendler, Christopher Persels, John Roche and Lindsey Stinson.**

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# SPORTS

## Neighbors for the Week

**PGA pros turn Potomac area into home while playing in AT&T National.**

BY MARK GIANNOTTO  
THE ALMANAC

**T**he heavier than usual traffic on River Road and the cavernous driveways turned parking lots around Congressional Country Club were a dead giveaway to residents that the AT&T National had descended upon Potomac for a third-consecutive summer.

Little did some Potomac folks know, some of those players could have been sleeping right next door.

Take Steve Marino, a Fairfax native and currently the No. 72 ranked player in the world. All too familiar with Beltway traffic, he decided to eschew his own bed for a place closer to the course this week. Lucky for him, his current roommate in Tequesta, Fla. and former teammate on the University of Virginia golf team, Georgetown Prep grad Kevin O'Connell, grew up right around the corner from Congressional off of Kentsdale Drive.

Marino has stayed at O'Connell's parents' place the past three years he has come to play in the area. This time around, Marino's friend on tour, Marc Turnesa, also chose to take the non-hotel route and stayed with O'Connell.

"He was a great host," said the 29-year-old Marino of O'Connell. "He was the host with the most. He lives a few minutes from here, real low key, real laid back, you can't get much better."

**SOME DON'T** realize just how much travel is involved with being a regular member of the PGA Tour. A third-year pro on tour, Marino has been all over the map, playing tournaments from Charlotte to Ponte Vedra, Fla., to Dallas to Ohio in just the past

### Record Crowds

With a field featuring just six of the world's top-15 players according to the current world golf rankings, some wondered whether this year's AT&T National would surrender to declining attendance once again. In 2008, without the presence of host Tiger Woods due to a knee injury, Congressional attracted 107,120 people over the course of six days of practice rounds and competition, more 30,000 less than came to the country club for the inaugural AT&T Invitational in 2007.

Many top European players decided to skip the D.C. area's only PGA Tour stop, taking their games overseas in preparation for golf's next major championship, the British Open, to be held in two weekends. But that didn't stop the masses from showing up, and even before Sunday's exhilarating final round that saw Woods take home his own trophy, attendance numbers had already surpassed 2008.

In total, 194,073 people made their way over to Congressional, including a tournament record 46,932 on Friday July 3. Tournament organizers credited the near-perfect weather, Fourth of July weekend, and a leader board that included some of the biggest names in the somewhat-depleted field for the record attendance figures.

two months.

Most professionals arrive for a tournament on Tuesday, and if they make the cut, are there until late Sunday afternoon. That leaves one travel day before they start the grind all over again.

So it was nice for him to be able to come home, sit back, and relax with friends in a familiar setting.

"It's been a fun week," said O'Connell, 27, who is also trying to make it as on the professional golf circuit, currently taking part in several mini-tours. "We grilled outside a bunch. Steve's an individual, but he's also just a normal guy. I've lived with him a few years now and this is just comfortable for him. You can't get any closer and a hotel is kind of messy."

The good times extended onto the golf course. After shooting a 3-over 73 in Thursday's first round, Marino and O'Connell made a bet for the weekend.

"Before Friday, I told him if he made the cut for the weekend, that I'd wear this out," said O'Connell,

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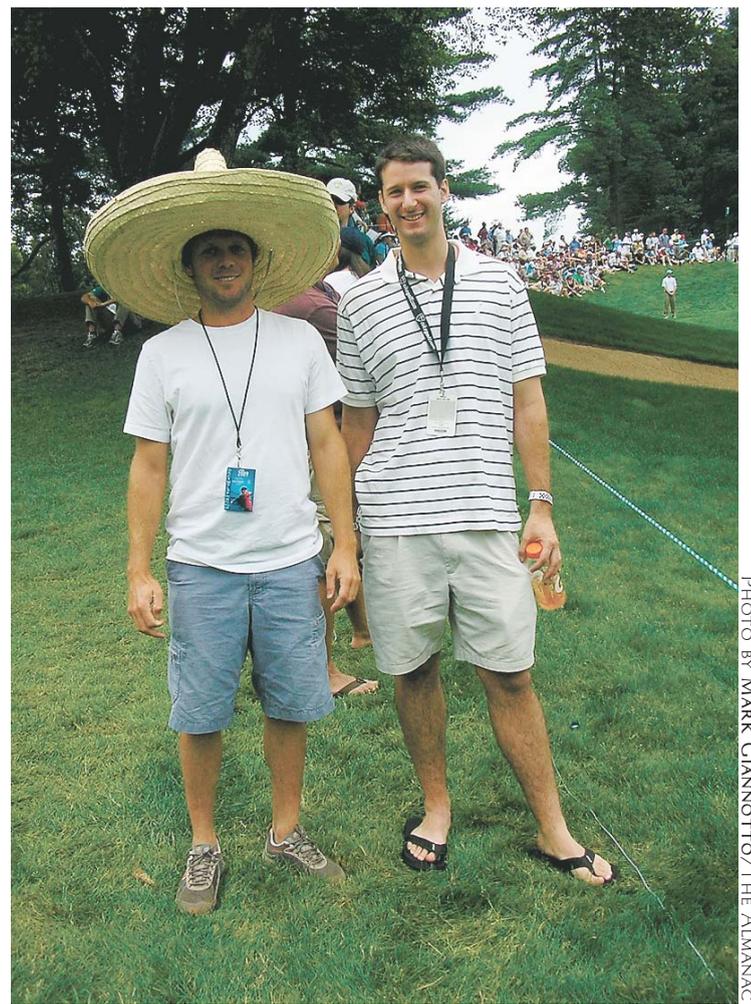


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**Kevin O'Connell (left) grew up in Potomac and played host to PGA pros Steve Marino and Marc Turnesa at his family's home in the area during this past week's AT&T National. He's joined by Chris Talbert, another friend of Marino's, in the photo.**



**The presence of host and eventual 2009 AT&T National champion Tiger Woods brought record crowds to Congressional Country Club this past weekend.**



PHOTOS BY ROBBIE HAMMER/THE ALMANAC

**Galleries were packed more than 10 rows deep for the final Sunday pairing of Tiger Woods and Anthony Kim. Congressional saw record crowds of close to 195,000 people for last week's AT&T National.**

# SPORTS

## PGA Pros Turn Potomac into Home

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pointing to a giant straw sombrero he had on Sunday afternoon. "He made the cut [with a 5-under 65], so I had to wear it today. But it's not giving him any good luck."

After carding a 2-under 68 Saturday that left him six back, Marino stumbled on Sunday, shooting a 6-over 76 to finish at

2-over par for the week. As for living in the Potomac area, despite being less than a mile away from the course, tournament traffic meant it took Marino 30 minutes to maneuver through the busy area streets on Friday. Still, though, Marino enjoyed his stay.

"I'm kind of sad it isn't gonna to be here [in Potomac] the next two years," he said. "I love this tournament."

Matteson has played in both the AT&T National and the now-defunct Booz Allen Classic at the TPC Avenel.

"In terms of atmosphere, you aren't gonna find many places like this in America," said Matteson after finishing at plus-nine and in a tie for 66<sup>th</sup> this weekend. "I've always enjoyed it when I come back here."

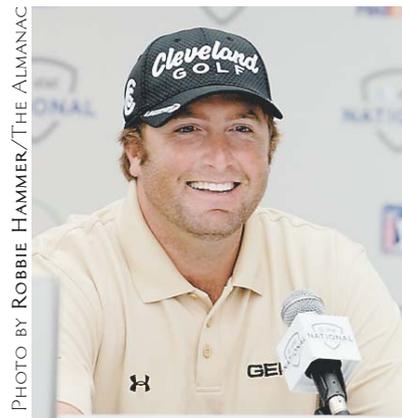


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**Fairfax native and PGA pro Steve Marino stayed with friend and former golf teammate Kevin O'Connell in Potomac during this week's AT&T National.**

**MARINO AND TURNESA** weren't the only ones to set up shop right near the course. Tour pro Troy Matteson is one of several golfers that travel over the course of the season in RVs and this week, the group parked their homes right near the Bolger Center, a United States Postal training facility at the corner Democracy Boulevard and Newbridge Drive.

Matteson spent two summers during his college years at Georgia Tech working at the Army-Navy Country Club in Fairfax, Va., and his parents still reside in McLean, Va.

A pro since 2003 and a PGA card member since 2006,

### POTOMAC SPORTS BRIEFS

#### Free Family Golf

The Montgomery County Revenue Authority (MCRA) has introduced a new golf program called Family Golf Days. The program, which is offered at all MCRA courses, including Falls Road Golf Course, and will allow players of all abilities to learn and share the game of golf as a family. To help get families started, the MCRA is offering a series of free one-hour family golf clinics on the basics of

the game, with the next one scheduled for Saturday, May 2 at 4 p.m.

The free one-hour clinic will also take place during the following dates and times at all MCRA courses: Saturday, June 6 at 4 p.m.; Saturday, July 11 at 4 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 1 at 4 p.m.

Additionally, each day during the golf season after 5 p.m., families will be able to play at any of the MCRA courses at a discounted rate of \$15 per person, or \$50 for a family of four.

#### New Members on School Board

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vice president of the Montgomery County Region of the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MCR). Among his recent honors are the Bentley Tomorrow25, a competition that identifies exemplary leaders of tomorrow. He also is the recipient of the Youth Entrepreneur of the Year for the Greater Washington Region, an honor given by Ernst & Young and Junior Achievement of the National Capital Area.

Durso was appointed unanimously last week by the Board of Education to fill the District 5 seat vacated by the election of former

Board member Nancy Navarro to the Montgomery County Council.

Durso served as principal at Springbrook since joining Montgomery County Public Schools in 1996. Prior to that, as part of a 44-year education career – including 38 years as a school administrator – he was a principal at Yorktown High School in Arlington, Va., and a principal at Woodrow Wilson High School and Lincoln Junior High School in the District of Columbia. Durso holds a bachelor's degree from The Catholic University of America in American History and a master's degree from American University in educational administration.

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## Nature? Nurture? Not Sure



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Now I don't exactly know what to make of the following observation, but I am going to make it nonetheless. Our two cats, brothers Biscuit and Cappuccino – 3 years old come this September, rescued May 12, 2007 at approximately 7 months old – seem to be hanging around me (the one with cancer), touching me, maintaining body contact with me, staying in close proximity to me, more than they do with my wife, Dina. Not that they ignore her, either. Hardly. But they do seem to find me.

"The Buff Boys" are uniquely affectionate and attentive; in fact, at this very moment, Biscuit is lying on the dining room table, not two feet away from me as I write, back to me of course, but still within meowing distance. And not that I don't have a certain amount of animal magnetism, but the kind of attention I'm receiving from the cats who, as a breed are generally speaking not so instinctively inclined (certainly not in the same manner as dogs are), is somewhat unsettling. Unsettling, with respect to the alleged/presumed animal instinct to want to comfort the sick and dying. We noticed this behavior twice before: once with our previous cat, Smokey, who tended to our first rabbit, Pirate (who was sick at the time) by laying around her cage, making contact with it even, and currently with our two "newer" cats who likewise have tended to our current rabbit, Chester (again, by laying around his cage, literally) while he's had some health issues of late. Heck, for all I know, this is how animals communicate; perhaps they understand more than we do.

So what I occasionally take from this uncharacteristic attention and body contact is a sort of cross-species aid and comfort; an instinctive, centuries-old, attempt at healing the sick. And being that I'm sick, I am getting their attention, deservedly so, I may add (and I'll take as much as I can get, by the way). But how much attention is my concern, and is their attention, varying as it may be, reflective of something that either my oncologist doesn't know or hasn't told me, or something only the animal kingdom is privy to? And if it is the latter, then what am I doing writing this column? I should be under medical observation somewhere with doctors attempting to discern the cause of our cats' peculiar interest in my whereabouts.

But perhaps I'm overreacting. Perhaps the cats are simply exceptional in some intuitive, non-verbal method of connecting emotionally with people they see on a regular basis (who feed and water them, no doubt)? Or maybe the cats are merely expressing their gratitude and appreciation for our having "rescued" them and in turn providing them a permanent home (ours) where they can live in cozy comfort for the next 15 years or so? Or maybe they do know more than we give them credit for? Maybe I am sicker than either my doctor or I have admitted; I'd hate to believe that.

No, I choose to believe that our cats are loving and affectionate and they want to be around me as much as is "catly" possible. Thinking anything else would be unhelpful, and right now, given my rather precarious health situation, I can use all the help I can get; however, and from whomever.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

# Caring for Animals Is Ageless, Rewarding

BY SHARON ALLEN GILDER  
THE ALMANAC

**N**o one could forecast a more perfect day for the Friends of Montgomery County Animals' (FMCA) annual luncheon meeting catered by River Falls Seafood on May 28 than the event's hosts, WUSA9's Chief Meteorologist Topper Shutt and his wife, Alison. The lush landscape of their Potomac home set the stage for 80 members and guests who gathered to support animal welfare. The Shutt's dog Gibby, named in honor of a favorite Washington coach, served as their mascot. Explaining the tri-color Cavalier King Charles Spaniel's moniker Shutt said, "His name is all for Coach Gibbs coming back into town."

Board president and Potomac resident Claire Proffitt noted that FMCA is all volunteers with few administrative expenses in her address to the gathering. Ninety percent of funds raised go directly to animal care.

Recent cases benefiting from FMCA's help include: Timmy, an eight-year-old cat owned by an elderly woman on a fixed income who is diabetic. FMCA paid for medical tests and food; Jasper, a young dog with seizures whose evaluation and expenses are on-going; Max, a geriatric dog with fatty tumors and Lyme disease. FMCA is paying for Max's Lyme treatment and monitoring the tumors; Sandy "the service dog" is being supported by FMCA with a small monthly subsidy for her veterinary bills; and Eva the Diva, a geriatric four pound Chihuahua with digestive problems has her testing, food and continued monitoring supported by FMCA.

Shutt's rescue efforts extend beyond his lifelong love of dogs. "Actually, I'm kind of a nut. I catch and release pretty much ev-



**Gibby, the Shutt's Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.**

everything, stink bugs, moths, everything else that comes in here." Shutt added, "It is our pleasure to host this event and I can't turn Claire down."

Potomac resident Susan Cameron has been a member of FMCA for five years. "Because animals need a voice. They're my favorite creatures on the planet. We have four cats and our house revolves around their happiness and welfare. My husband and I share our passion about animals. It's a wonderful union for the two of us," she said.

Alison Shutt expressed her enthusiasm for the event, "I'm happy to do this. It's such a great cause. The rescue work is important so the animals don't get put down in a shelter. FMCA is an adjunct to the Humane Society that I think is critical."

One of the senior friends of Friends is Virginia Scalzone. She will celebrate her 90th birthday in August. She is a cat sitter for her friend, Cynthia Edwards. Edwards said, "She's someone I trust. I've known her for 25 years." Edwards has been a FMCA member for 15 years. When Scalzone was asked about the secret to a long life she enthusiastically exclaimed, "It's my sense of humor, keeping busy and movement. I'm still hangin' on, but walkin' around. My son fixed my late husband's cane for me to use. I look at it, I touch it, and leave it where it is." In addition to the fact that she likes cats and they like her, she wanted to attend the luncheon she said, "Because when I heard about Topper Shutt, I wasn't going to miss that fella! I watch him faithfully. Whatever he says, I believe!"

**MONIES ARE** always needed for the organization's outreach to cats, dogs, horses and the people who create loving homes for them. Longtime Montgomery County resident and FMCA treasurer Winnie Reed shared: "We run at a loss but that's what we're here for. When we send out a news-



**Alison Shutt, Topper Shutt, Claire Proffitt FMCA board president and Janet Lamkin, FMCA vice-president.**

letter, a lot of you respond with donations." Still the group can use more help financially. Proffitt asked attendees to contribute to the Fix-it Fund that pays for Trap-Spay-Neuter-Release (TSNR) and Trap-Spay-Neuter-Place (TSNP). She issued a challenge by committing personally to match donations up to \$1,000. She added, "We are, and always will be, dedicated to helping solve animal homelessness because of overpopulation by supporting TSNR and TSNP. We are only hampered by the lack of money in the Fix-it Fund. In these hard economic times, the calls for help with dumped cats, many into feral colonies, has dramatically increased. We need to double our efforts to be sure the feral colonies are stabilized by TNR and the friendly cats and kittens are trapped and spayed or neutered and placed."

Andrew Barto has two Burmese cats. He and his wife are Friends volunteers at the Germantown Pet Smart where FMCA holds cat adoptions. They nurture the cats and clean cages. Barto said, "This was my wife's idea more than mine but it makes me feel good to help the cats and in some way that they can't otherwise help themselves. The organization is wonderful and everyone seems to be working for a good cause. I'm glad to be part of it."

North Potomac resident, Carolee Priddy has six cats, two dogs and six horses. She said, "I've rescued animals all my life. I've lived in my home almost 40 years. People used to open their car doors on farmland and shove their animals out. It was all open country then. It makes me feel good to help and they're such giving and forgiving animals. My main goal is to find homes for them. I don't just take them in to keep them."

Kathy Bonebreak came from Clarksville, Md. to be part of the event. She said, "I'm an animal lover so I'll go anywhere I have

to to be involved." Her German Short Hair Pointer is 12 years old. Her dog developed breast cancer three years ago and has quickly and thoroughly recovered. Bonebreak also cares for two cats, a Tabby and a Calico, her daughter adopted in New York City from a rescue group. She rented a limousine and gave them a journey to Ocean City, Md. among other stops before nestling into her home in Clarksville. She added, "I also have a goldfish. The Tabby exercises vigorously by banging on the side of the tank to get the attention of the fish. You could say the Tabby is can-tank-erous. I keep a lid on the tank to protect the fish."

Laura VanTassel shared photos of her three dogs, Diesel, Rocket and Luna. They are Belgian Malinois, a breed known for military and police work. They resemble German Shepherds yet enjoy a handsome look of their own. Luna is VanTassel's therapy dog. She takes her on regular visits to the Oncology ward at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital and to local nursing homes. VanTassel said, "It's amazing what a dog can do for therapy. We see different people every week. It's a nice thing to do and on a selfish level, it makes you humble when you think you're having a bad day."

**FOR OVER 15 YEARS** Topper Shutt has led the Montgomery County SPCA's annual Dog Walk in Potomac. Annually on WUSA9's broadcast, he features the SPCA's mascot and owners who adopted through MCSPCA. WUSA9 features Petline 9 on air every Thursday at noon when a representative from a humane organization appears with information about an animal seeking adoption.

Shutt said, "It's a cause near and dear and a great way to get the word out. It's a great station service to find an owner for a pet."

For more information visit: [www.friendsofmontgomerycountyanimals.com](http://www.friendsofmontgomerycountyanimals.com).

## Corrections

In "From Bible Study to Carousel Rides," [Potomac Almanac July 1-7], the article incorrectly conveyed that there are many rides still at Glen Echo Park. The only ride that is left from the amusement park days is the carousel. Nothing else remains from that era. The park is an arts and cultural center now, offering children's theatre performances, dances, art exhibitions, classes, and special events.

In "Potomac Author Writes New Lincoln Book," [Potomac Almanac, June 24-30], the article should have noted that Anthony Pitch came to Washington in 1980 to be a senior writer in the books division of U.S. News & World Report. He arrived in the U.S. in 1969 and was with the Associated Press, soon becoming their broadcast editor in Philadelphia.

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