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Italy's Francesco Molinari hoists the winner's trophy following the final round of play July 1 in the Quicken Loans National at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm. After 11 years in Potomac, the tournament will move to Detroit in 2019.



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A Blaze of Glory

Temperatures rise, records fall as Potomac bids farewell to PGA.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
THE ALMANAC

Italy's Francesco Molinari secured his first PGA Tour victory with an 8-stroke win in what is likely the final edition of the Quicken Loans National July 1 at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm.

Molinari, the first Italian player to win on tour since 1947, tied the largest margin of victory on the PGA Tour this year and broke the tournament record by seven shots earning him \$1,278,000.

After a final round of 62, Molinari finished at 21 under par, besting runner-up Ryan Amour by 8 strokes. Sung Kang finished third at 11 under par with Tiger Woods and third-round leader Abraham Ancer tying for fourth place at 11 under par.

Despite a heat index in the triple digits, crowds followed Woods, who served as tournament host when the PGA Tour stayed in Washington in 2007 at Congressional Country Club. Held around the Fourth of July, the tournament's mission has been to honor members of the military.

Following the loss of AT&T as a title sponsor, Quicken Loans stepped in for 2014. The Detroit-based company announced last month that it will not renew the contract and will instead sponsor a new tournament in Detroit in June of 2019.

Without a title sponsor, the tournament is unlikely to return to the Washington area, which has hosted a PGA Tour stop virtually every year since 1980. Exceptions were in 2010 and 2011 when it moved temporarily to Philadelphia as Congressional prepared to host the 2011 U.S. Open.

The tournament was the first in three years for Woods, who won in 2009 and 2012. Defending champion Kyle Stanley finished tied for 32nd with a -3 finish. Washington area native and Naval Academy graduate Billy Hurley III, the only veteran on the PGA Tour, did not make the final cut.



Thousands of fans crowd the course July 1 during the final round of the Quicken Loans National at TPC Potomac at Avenel Farm.

PHOTOS BY MARK MOGLE/THE ALMANAC



Tiger Woods greets HM2 Tyree Jennings at the first tee before starting his third round of the Quicken Loans National at TPC Potomac June 30.



Rickie Fowler signs autographs for fans following his second round of the Quicken Loans National at TPC Potomac June 29.



Australian Marc Leishman hits out of a greenside bunker on #5 during the first round of the Quicken Loans National at TPC Potomac June 28.



Defending champion Kyle Stanley hits out of a bunker on #5 during the final round of the Quicken Loans National at TPC Potomac July 1.

OPINION

Local Newspapers Under Siege

Need to address restraining orders and gun violence.

One member of Connection Newspapers staff is Kemal Kurspahic, who shares with us his first-hand experience of running a newspaper from a war zone when information was desperately needed by the besieged residents of Sarajevo. Kemal Kurspahic is managing editor for The Connection Newspapers. He was the editor-in-chief of the Bosnian daily *Oslobodjenje* in Sarajevo, Bosnia Herzegovina, 1988-94. Under his leadership the paper published every day from an atomic bomb shelter during the siege of Sarajevo, maintaining high professional standards and Bosnian culture and tradition of ethnic and religious tolerance in the midst of terror. The paper published the names of those killed each day in Sarajevo.

EDITORIAL He experienced first hand the horror of having staff members killed while out on assignment. He was critically injured himself when a vehicle taking him to his newsroom crashed as it traveled at high speed down "sniper alley." The International Press Institute named Kurspahic one of its first 50 World Press Freedom Heroes in 2000.

Journalism is a dangerous occupation in many other countries, usually not here in the U.S.

I tell this story now because of the newly minted fear that many journalists feel after the murders of five in the newsroom of the Capital Gazette in Annapolis. Police and survivors say the shooter had long held a grudge against the newspaper, and had sued for defamation. The targeted attack came very close to home.

The dead were Gerald Fischman, 61, editorial page editor; Rob Hiaasen, 59, editor and features columnist; John McNamara, 56, sports reporter and editor for the local weekly papers; Wendi Winters, 65, a local news reporter and community columnist; and Rebecca Smith, a sales assistant.

The shooter had restraining orders against him because of violent threats made in a different situation, but restraining orders apparently do not result in restricting gun purchases. He was still able to buy the gun he used in the attack. This is a loophole that desperately needs to be closed. A person subject to a restraining order of any type or duration for making threats should certainly not be able to buy a gun.

Every newspaper editor knows the experience of talking to a subject, source or reader who is irate over something the paper published. If we aren't making anyone angry, it's probably because we aren't writing about anything important. But my conversations with people who object to something we've reported have always had a subtext of respect. Many complaints have resulted in greater understanding on all sides that can create more lasting connections. Other times have resulted in agreeing to disagree.

Now, we lock the doors at least for now, knowing that there could likely be copy cat attacks, as school shootings began with one high profile attack. But we are not afraid.

We will continue to publish our 15 weekly papers.

The threat to survival for most local papers is the decline in advertising, compounded now by a tariff on newsprint. Don't forget that if you have an advertising or marketing budget, you should spend some of those dollars with local newspapers.

— MARY KIMM

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About This Week's Papers

Our papers go to press a day early due to the July 4th holiday. That means that this week's papers will not contain coverage of July 4th events. Watch for coverage next week.

Submit Your Photos for the Pet Almanac Now

The Pet Almanac, a twice-yearly special edition, will publish the last week of July, and photos and stories of your pets with you and your family should be submitted by Friday, July 20.

We invite you to send stories about your pets, photos of you and your family with your cats, dogs, llamas, alpacas, ponies, hamsters, snakes, lizards, frogs, rabbits, or whatever other creatures share your life with you.

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Or take this opportunity to memorialize a beloved pet you have lost.

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WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

Free Sober Rides. Wednesday, July 4, 7 p.m. through Thursday, July 5, 4 a.m. Area residents, 21 and older, may download Lyft to their phones, then enter a code in the app's "Promo" section to receive a no cost (up to \$15) safe ride home. WRAP's Independence Day SoberRide promo code will be posted at 5 p.m. on July 4 on www.SoberRide.com. The SoberRide code is valid for the first 1,500 Lyft users who enter the code.

MONDAY/JULY 9

Vehicle Technology Workshop. 10:30 a.m. at Oasis at Macy's Home Store, 2nd Floor, 7101 Democracy Blvd., Bethesda. Technology is changing the driving experience. The brand-new AARP Smart Driver TEK workshop will enable participants to use the safety features in a current or future car. Learn about blind-spot warning systems, forward collision warnings, smart headlights, and more. \$5. Space is limited. Register at www.aarp.org/findaworkshop9.

Working Together

Potomac Village Garden Club is working with the county government compliance officer and a contractor to ready three handicapped parking spots at the Potomac Library. Carol Jarvis, president of Potomac Village Garden Club, with Suzie Burbage finalized the tree pruning to open the new handicapped parking spots. Julia Perlman for more than 10 years has been the club's link to county government projects at the Potomac Library. Cindy Hall, the club's current landscape design expert, nurtured new plantings and kept the club involved in summer watering and weeding. The Friends of the Potomac Library help support the garden club's efforts. The club offers a plant guide of the library trees, shrubs, and perennials created by Perlman in celebration of the club's 50th anniversary. For more information about the Potomac Village Garden Club, contact Jarvis at jarvis.carol@gmail.com.



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WEDNESDAY/JULY 4

Independence Day Celebration. 7-10 p.m. at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park in King Farm, 1800 Piccard Drive, Rockville. Activities include live music and food and beverage for purchase. Guests may bring their own food and beverage. No barbecuing or open flames allowed on the event site. This location offers ample and convenient parking. Free admission. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov for more.

JULY 4-28

Art Exhibit: Four Seasons.

Wednesday-Saturday, noon-6 p.m. (noon-2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 4) at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. The exhibit will feature artwork by Aanen Nilsen, Tea Okropiridze, Antonio Scott and Joan Sarah Wexler. An opening reception for "Four Seasons" will be held Friday, July 13, from 6-8 p.m. Visit www.bethesda.org for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 5

Wes Tucker & The Skillets (Rock).

6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues, Bethesda. Free. Part of weekly outdoor concerts produced by the Bethesda Urban Partnership. With food and drink by Momo Chicken & Grill. Contact 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 6

Opening Reception: Four Exhibits

at Two Locations. 6-9 p.m. at Artists & Makers Studios 1, 11810 Parklawn Drive, Suite 210 and Artists & Makers Studios 2, 12276/12280 Wilkins Ave., Rockville. Artists & Makers Studios are celebrating summer at two locations with four exhibits, featuring Black Artists of D.C., Schroeder Cherry, AnaMarie Paredes, and Christopher John Hoppe in the galleries of both studio centers. Exhibits run July 6-25. Visit artistsandmakersstudios.com for more.

JULY 6-25

In July: Four Exhibits at Two Locations.

Gallery hours at Artists & Makers Studios 1, 11810 Parklawn Drive, Suite 210 and Artists & Makers Studios 2, 12276/12280 Wilkins Ave., Rockville. Artists & Makers Studios are celebrating summer at two locations with four exhibits, featuring Black Artists of D.C., Schroeder Cherry, AnaMarie Paredes, and Christopher John Hoppe in the galleries of both studio centers. These four exhibits will open First Friday festivities, July 6, 6-9 p.m., through Wednesday, July 25 and will showcase resident artists' open studios for browsing as well. Visit artistsandmakersstudios.com for more.

SATURDAY/JULY 7

Dulcimer Music.

2:30-3 p.m. at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center, 11710 MacArthur Boulevard, Potomac. Join the Mountain Dulcimers of Northern Virginia for live music and try playing this unique instrument. Park entrance fees may be charged at Great Falls Tavern Visitor Center but park ranger programs are free. Call 301-767-3714.

SUNDAY/JULY 8

Waltz Dance. Workshop, 2:45-3:30 p.m.; dance, 3:30-6 p.m. at the Spanish Ballroom at Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo. Honeysuckle Rose will provide a lively mix of folk waltzes with a few other couple dances, including Hambo, Schottische, Swing, Tango, and Polka. Admission is \$13. No partner required. Call 202-238-0230 or 301-634-2222, or visit www.WaltzTimeDances.org.

THURSDAY/JULY 12

Sahel (African). 6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues, Bethesda. Free. Part of weekly outdoor concerts produced by the Bethesda Urban Partnership. With food and drink by Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery. Contact 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.

FRIDAY/JULY 13

Opening Reception: Four Seasons.

6-8 p.m. at Gallery B, 7700 Wisconsin Ave., Suite E, Bethesda. The exhibit will feature artwork by Aanen Nilsen, Tea Okropiridze, Antonio Scott and Joan Sarah Wexler. The exhibit will run July 4-28. Visit www.bethesda.org for more.

THURSDAY/JULY 19

Sojourne (Soul).

6-8 p.m. at Veterans Park, corner of Woodmont and Norfolk Avenues, Bethesda. Free. Part of weekly outdoor concerts produced by the Bethesda Urban Partnership. With food and drink by Flanagan's Harp & Fiddle. Call 301-215-6660 or visit www.bethesda.org.



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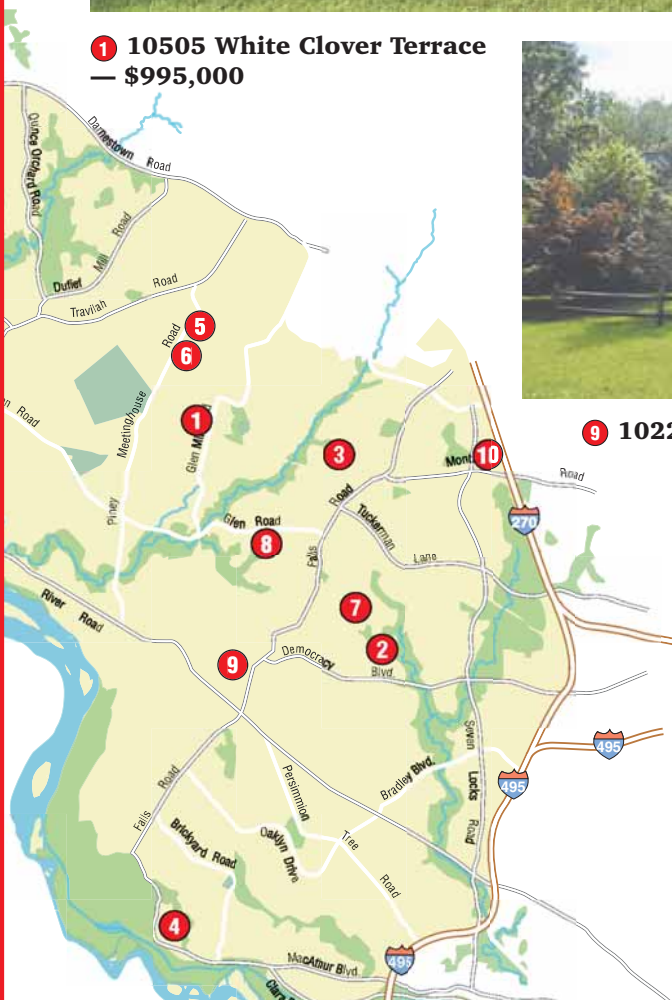
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NEWS

To Be Determined ...

Democratic candidate for County Executive depends on absentee and provisional ballots.

BY PEGGY McEWAN
THE ALMANAC

The ballot is set for the Nov. 6 Maryland General Election except for a few key Montgomery County positions for which the Democratic primary results were too close to call.

On top of that list is the race for County Executive.

David Blair, as of June 27, had 34,408 votes, 28.86 percent of those cast. But Marc Elrich was ahead with 34,900 votes or 29.28 percent. That is just 492 votes separating the two Democrats. Those numbers are from the Montgomery County Board of Election website: montgomerycountymd.gov/elections.

The winner will run against Republican Robin Ficker, who was unopposed in the primary.

Also, too close to call is the race for the House of Delegates District 16 representative. Voters could vote for three of the candidates on the Democratic ballot. Positions one and two went to Marc Korman with 12,181 votes or 24.19 percent, and Ariana Kelly, 10,925, votes, or 21.69 percent of those who voted.

Waiting for the outcome of the absentee and provisional vote count are Samir Paul who received 10,303 votes, 20.46 percent of the total, and Sara Love, who got 10,185 votes, 20.22 percent. That is a difference of only 118 votes.

The winners for these races will be determined and the other races believed to have been decided when the polls closed on June 26, should be certified by the end of the first week in July, after absentee and provisional votes are counted.

The counting process, called canvasses, was explained in a press release from the Board of Elections, Montgomery County, Maryland:

"The Montgomery County Board of Elections wishes to remind voters that the unofficial results released on the board's website on election night contain only those votes cast during Early Voting and in the polling places on Election Day. The board must still process absentee and provisional ballots.

"Absentee ballots (vote by mail) in Maryland shall be postmarked no later than Election Day or delivered to the Board of Elections by 8 p.m. on Election Day. A provisional ballot is issued to a voter when there is a question regarding the voter's eligibility to vote. Election officials must review the returned provisional ballot envelopes containing voted ballots and verify the voter's eligibility to cast his or her ballot.

"There were 14,902 absentee and 3,616 provisional ballots issued in the Gubernatorial Primary Election. The absentee and provisional ballots are counted in a public

process by bipartisan teams of voters during the weeks following the election. Results for each of these ballot-counting sessions, referred to as the 'canvasses,' are then added to the Election Day totals before the official results of the election are certified. The canvasses are held at the Montgomery County Board of Elections at 18753 N. Frederick Ave., in Gaithersburg. The first canvass of absentee ballots for the 2018 Gubernatorial Primary Election will commence by State law on Thursday, June 28, 2018 at 10 a.m. However, the board will promptly recess until 1 p.m. in order to allow staff to complete its research on the 6,342 ballots to be considered during the first absentee canvass.

"Provisional ballots are canvassed beginning the following Thursday, July 5, 2018 at 10 a.m. and remaining absentee ballots returned by the statutory deadline will begin being canvassed on Friday, July 6, 2018 at 10 a.m. The Board of Canvassers will convene daily, beginning June 28, to continue canvassing remaining ballots. You may check www.777vote.org nightly to see updates to the canvass schedule. Statewide certification will follow upon completion of all tabulation and those results may be found on the Maryland State Board of Elections' website."

The crowded Democratic race — there were 33 candidates — for At Large seats on the County Council was honed down to four with Gabe Alborno, Evan Glass, Will Jawando and incumbent Hans Riemer representing the party in the October election.

They will be challenged by Republicans Robert Dyer, Chris P. Fiotes, Penny Musser and Shelly Skolnik, all who ran unopposed in the Primary.

For County Council District One, representing Potomac, voters chose Andrew Friedson, 8,512 votes, 28.31 percent, to run against Republican Richard Banach.

The Board of Education, made up of seven members plus one student member elected by secondary school students, are selected for four-year terms and may run "at large" or for one of five board districts representing their home district.

The Primary resulted in the following races for the Board of Education:

At Large: Julie Reiley and Karla Silvestre, both running as non-partisan candidates. District 3, representing Potomac, will have incumbent Patricia O'Neill running against Lynn Amato. As every voter can vote for Board members from all districts, Potomac residents can select from Maria Blaeuer or incumbent Judith Docca, running in District 1 and Brenda Wolff, running unopposed from District 5.

Full results as of June 27 can be found on the Montgomery County Board of Election website: www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Elections select "Election Day and Cumulative Report."

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Well Blow Me Down



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Ah. The whirr of chain saws finally cutting their way through the nearly two dozen trees in my front half acre knocked down during the March 2 wind storm. Given what this cut down and clean up will cost, it is not an expense to be paid out of petty cash. In fact, we needed a little help.

And considering the time allowed by Rigo (the man for the job), to come back and do the work; it's been approximately two months since we shook on the deal, it's enabled us to arrange for payment on a mutually beneficial schedule.

He'll the do the work when he can (not a fixed time and date) and we'll pay him what and when we can; sort of a trade and sort of because he's doing some other regular work in our neighborhood (the adjacent property in fact).

Typically in the past, when I've received knocks on my door by other tradesman saying they're doing similar work in the neighborhood to what I've needed — or appeared to need: yard clean up, tree maintenance, driveway repair/repaving, etc., offering me discounts because they're "working on the street," I've always resisted because I've never had the money (cash) or trust to pay them.

Well, I don't exactly have the money now, but neither did Rigo knock on my door. I had been given his name and number months ago by an extremely reliable former neighbor so I had the trust and the time seemed right. When I spoke to Rigo and told him who I was, he said he had been expecting the call, as my neighbor apparently assured him I would.

And so, almost four months since the trees "thudded" to the ground, Rigo and his men have hit the ground sawing. As Dennis Eckersley, a Major League Baseball Hall of Fame inductee and current member of the NESN/Boston Red Sox television broadcast so often says: "It's a beautiful thing."

And what makes this "treatment" a "beautiful thing" is not just the sense of accomplishment for work which most definitely needed to be started — and finished, but specifically work yours truly is incapable of doing.

As the homeowner of a registered historic property built in 1742 ("Belly Acres" I call it) sitting on two acres, constantly in need of something or other both inside and out, to say that I am — and have been overwhelmed since we took ownership in May of 1992, is an understatement.

The overstatement would be: I am in so over my head that to invoke a childhood expression that still doesn't make any sense: "I need to look up to look down."

Hearing multiple chain saws, even starting at 8:30 a.m., as I had been forewarned two days prior would occur, is music to my ears. Any progress I can make — or others can on my behalf — in stemming the tide of my maintenance malfeasance is huge. It's not exactly a sense of pride, it's more a sense of passing homeowner 101, the entry level course I've mostly failed going on 26+ years.

Needing the kind of help I do — in terms of time, money, tools, skillset and inclination — is an unrelenting burden of incompetence which I readily accept. Unfortunately, time does not lessen the responsibility. Nevertheless, I'm lucky to own such a unique and historic property.

If some maintenance suffers, it's not for lack of concern, it's for lack of ability and knowledge. Moreover, I just can't summon up the necessary fortitude. Throw in a stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer diagnosis and the prospects in the future for home-owning improvement are not great.

It's been my nine+ years experience that a cancer diagnosis (especially a "terminal" one) tends to rearrange your priorities/rewire your brain, so to speak. And even though I'm very happy seeing and hearing the trees being tended to, I'm more concerned about the forest.

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A lack of swimming skills is one of the top factors increasing the risk of drowning.

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Summer Water Safety

Supervision and learning to swim are top ways to prevent drowning.

BY MARILYN CAMPBELL

Blazing heat and sky rocketing temperatures often mean cooling off with a dip in the pool. As the summer is in full swing, safety officials are reminding the public of drowning risks and prevention methods.

"Learning to swim at any early age is all about being safe in and around the water," said Gina Bewersdorf, owner of Goldfish Swim School in Reston, Falls Church and Alexandria. "Undeniably we all will have an opportunity to visit a pool, lake or ocean at some point, and our goal is to equip our swimmers with water safety skills early on."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) cites a lack of swimming ability, failure to wear life jackets, alcohol use and a lack of close supervision while swimming as some of the top factors that affect drowning risk. According to the CDC, from 2005 to 2014 there was an average of 3,536 unintentional drownings. One in five people who die from drowning are children 14 and younger.

"A person can drown in a matter of seconds," said Aaron Schultz, a lifeguard in Arlington. "When I'm

at the pool, I notice that parents are often texting while trying to watch their children, but even if children look like their playing they could easily go under and be in danger a less than a minute. This is especially important to remember at the beach."

Taking part in formal swimming lessons reduces the risk of drowning among children between one and four years old, but many people lack basic swimming skills, according to the CDC. "Beginning formalized lessons as early as 4 months old has shown benefit in children developing a love for water and foundation upon which to build water safety skills," said Bewersdorf.

American Red Cross swimming safety tips such as always swimming in a designated area attended by lifeguards, avoiding swimming alone, wearing life jackets, securing a pool with barriers and making sure everyone in your family is a strong swimmer, are among those that Mary Anderson of the Montgomery County Office of Health and Human Services says the county is reinforcing.

"There's a website that we put together called 'Summer of Safety', and it's got everything from A to Z with summer safety and swimming pool safety."

Other suggestions include enrolling in courses to learn CPR, having appropriate equipment such as a first aid kit and cell phone to make emergency calls.

"If someone is around water and discovers that their child is missing, it's a good idea to check

the water first because even seconds can make a big difference in stopping a drowning," said Schultz.

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