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Fire and Rescue vehicles line Chain Bridge Road, last Thursday afternoon, as traffic is merged into one lane.



Firefighters canvass the area while cars northbound on Route 123 are turned around at Courthouse Road.

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## Homes Evacuated after Gas-Line Rupture

Event closes Chain Bridge Road in both directions.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**A** rupture of a 2-inch, natural gas line last week forced several homes in Oakton to be evacuated and brought afternoon traffic on heavily traveled Chain Bridge Road to a standstill.

The incident occurred last Thursday, Aug. 7, around 2:05 p.m. after a construction crew struck the line while working in the

area. Washington Gas personnel rushed to the vicinity of 3050 Chain Bridge to locate and fix the gas leak.

Also responding were seven fire and rescue units and about 20 firefighters from multiple stations, as well as police officers to prevent vehicles from getting anywhere near the leaking gas. Traffic heading north on Chain Bridge, toward Vienna and McLean, was stopped and turned around at Courthouse Road.

This action was taken “to make sure there

was no ignition source,” said Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Department spokesman Dan Schmidt. The same thing happened to vehicles heading southbound on Chain Bridge toward Fairfax. As a result, traffic was halted in both directions.

As for the nearby residents who had to leave their homes after the leak, Capt. Bill Moreland, another Fire and Rescue spokesman, said it was a necessary precaution to keep people safe. “The gas was released into the air,” he explained. “But if it could get

into places where it could collect, it could ignite. So that’s why we did some evacuations.” He said firefighters, vehicles and equipment raced to the scene from Station 33 in the City of Fairfax, Station 2 in Vienna and Oakton’s station 34, as well as the HAZMAT units from the Fairfax Center Station 40 and McLean’s Station 1, “which is standard procedure.”

According to Moreland, “All units were cleared by 3:54 p.m.,” almost two hours after the incident began.

## Prison, Restitution for Vienna Man Sentenced for defrauding the IRS.

BY BONNIE HOBBS  
THE CONNECTION

**N**obody likes paying taxes. But most people don’t go to the lengths Michael F. O’Connor went to in cheating the IRS.

Eventually, though, his wrongdoing caught up with him. And now, not only will the Vienna resident have to repay hundreds of thousands of dollars to the U.S. government, but it will also cost him a year of his life.

“He’s a well-educated CPA,” said Assistant U.S. Attorney Jack Hanly during O’Connor’s sentencing last week in federal court. “He had every opportunity to make good money without doing this.”

On April 28 in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, O’Connor pleaded guilty to making a false tax claim and failing to pay withholding taxes. From 2007 through 2012, he owned and operated TyPay Ventures LLC, an accounting and tax-preparation business first located in Vienna and then in Woodbridge.

According to the Statement of Facts filed with his plea agreement, for several years, O’Connor prepared and filed with the IRS false tax returns on behalf of himself and his wife, receiving fraudu-

lent refunds – to which he wasn’t entitled – as a result. He also failed to pay withholding taxes for TyPay Ventures employees for the years 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

**FOLLOWING HIS GUILTY PLEAS** in April, O’Connor, 62, returned to federal court last Friday, Aug. 8, to learn his punishment. At the outset, defense attorney Nina Ginsberg told Judge Claude Hilton she had checks in her possession for the full amount of the restitution.

Referring to her client, she said, “This is an individual from a family with a long history of hard work and success.” She also noted that O’Connor didn’t “engage in conduct which would be considered illegal” until after nearly a quarter century as a CPA.

“He got involved in the offenses because he overextended himself, got into unexpected debt and made some poor decisions,” said Ginsberg. “His colleagues view him as a man of integrity, a hard worker and an honest person.”

She said O’Connor provided substantial

assistance to the tax authorities regarding other people who were also trying to defraud the IRS. Thanks to his help, said Ginsberg, “Tens of millions of dollars in back taxes will be recovered from [a particular] individual in California.”

She also contended that her client’s “own criminal conduct was overstated” by the prosecution. And she told the judge that other cases with similar amounts of tax losses have resulted in sentences ranging from probation to 36 months in prison. Furthermore, added Ginsberg, “Restitution had not been paid in these cases.”

“While Mr. O’Connor’s conduct was regrettable and illegal, he’s made an enormous effort to correct and make amends for it,” she said. “We think restitution, with a long period of home probation and a substantial amount of community service, will accomplish what this court wants to accomplish.”

Hanly, however, believed the defendant deserved some time behind bars. “This was a fairly significant tax [evasion] over sev-

eral years,” he told Hilton. “[O’Connor] filed false claims for himself and failed to pay withholding taxes for his employees. I ask you to impose an appropriate period of incarceration and supervised release.”

**BEFORE SENTENCING**, O’Connor stood and addressed the court. Choking up and crying several times while trying to get his words out, he said, “I’m extremely sorry for what I did – it’s been a tremendous embarrassment. I’ve been a CPA for 24 years, going over and above what the professional code calls for.”

“I was raised by a good, Catholic, conservative family with strict moral values,” he continued. “I got into financial problems in 2010, and I don’t know why I did what I did. But I raised two wonderful children and never had any problems until this situation.”

Apologizing again, O’Connor said, “It was a terrible thing. I hope people will forgive me and I will be able to carry on with my life. This caused a major upheaval in my life, both personally and professionally, and now I just want to move on.”

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— Nina Ginsberg, defense attorney

# Heads Up Football Flourishing in Fairfax County

**Program reduces concussion risk by teaching players to take the “head” out of tackling.**

BY VICTORIA ROSS  
THE CONNECTION

It wasn't that long ago when youth football coaches believed a player's toughness was measured by his ability to play through the pain. Concussions and other serious injuries were just “part of the game.”

“When I was playing football for W.T. Woodson in the late 1960s, you had two practices a day in the heat and humidity of August. There were no water breaks except before and after practice,” said state Sen. Dave Marsden (D-37). “Coaches thought drinking water would make you sick.”

Marsden, a wide receiver for Woodson, said injuries were minimized.

“When someone had disorienting head trauma, we'd say ‘you got your bell rung,’ or ‘he was shaken up by the play.’ Coaches clearly expected you to go right back in the game.”

During football's heyday, players and coaches alike looked up to legends like Paul “Bear” Bryant who left a legacy of 37 winning seasons and five Associated Press national championships at Alabama.

Bryant was also known as a strict disciplinarian: His first training camp as Texas A&M coach did much to write his legacy as a “tough” coach when Bryant took his “Junction Boys” to a small Texas town and ran a boot camp in which more than two-thirds of his players quit. As a player at Alabama, Bryant demonstrated his own toughness by playing against Tennessee with a broken leg.

“There was this thing that coaches had all been taught, that it took that kind of toughness to win ...,” Marsden said. “It was ridiculous, and we know better now.”

**TWO YEARS AGO**, as concussions were getting more attention in the NFL, USA Football — the national governing body for the sport and its youth outreach arm — created a program to teach safe tackling to youngsters called “Heads Up.” Heads Up Football is based on a style of tackling that puts emphasis on striking a blow with the shoulders instead of the head.

At the same time, Marsden received a call from his son Connor, who had played football at the University of Richmond. “He asked me to watch a Bryant Gumbel special regarding head injuries in football and said, ‘Dad you have to do something,’ he told me.”

Marsden thought about legislation, but realized there was a more efficient way to get the program off the ground: In 2013 he introduced a bill in the Virginia Senate to



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**Vienna Youth Football players carry team trophy at last year's FCYFL awards recognition.**

## Supervisors Honor Those Promoting Heads Up Football

Last January, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors honored a group of local coaches and residents for their role in promoting Heads Up Football, a program to reduce the number of concussions among players, in Fairfax County Public Schools.

The board recognized Bill Curran, Fairfax County Public Schools; Mark Meanna, USA football board member; Dick Adams, former Annandale High School coach; Mike Lalli, Chantilly High School coach; Chris Haddock, Centreville High School coach; and State Sen. Dave Marsden.

Local coaches were also previously among just three districts in the country to adopt a pilot program. The program aims to improve tackling techniques, and by extension, reduce the number

of concussions — a topic of increasing concern among parents and on the professional level, in the NFL. “All the polls show that NFL football is the most popular sport in our country today...But there's a bit of a contradiction, as the pro game is so popular there is a growing number of parents who are concerned and won't let their children participate in youth sports or youth football. The concern is long-term impact of head injuries and concussion impacts. So this is just a huge step forward to give parents that one extra level of security,” said Supervisor Michael Frey (R-Sully District). Added Supervisor Pat Herrity (R-Springfield): “Every little thing that we do, if we can prevent serious injuries, it's important to our students and our communities.”

reduce the amount of full-contact practice allowed in high school football programs in Virginia.

Then he asked that his own legislation be tabled.

Marsden knew the chances of his legislation moving forward during a session that involved a contentious gubernatorial race — and the imminent implosion of popular Republican Gov. Bob McDonnell, who was

making national headlines as the target of an FBI probe — were slim to none.

So he introduced his bill, then asked that it be tabled in favor of a letter to the Virginia High School League (VHSL) by the Education and Health Committee chairman asking that the matter be studied.

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A task force was established and — after a year of meetings — significant reductions in full contact were written into regulations governing high school football in Virginia. VHSL Executive Director Ken Tilley presented the task force's action to the Senate at the 2014 session. Their actions also made “Heads Up Football” the standard of instruction.

Last year, Fairfax County became the first high school district in the country to adopt Heads Up Football.

Craig Richardson, the vice chair of Communications for the Fairfax County Youth Football League (FCYFL) and former president and commissioner of McLean Youth Football, said Heads Up football has become a key component of all Fairfax County clubs.

FCYFL is the umbrella organization comprising the 22 clubs that serve Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, Prince William and the City of Alexandria. Last season, FCYFL fielded more than 300 teams, with 1,200 coaches and more than 6,000 players.

When USA Football created Heads Up in 2012, it hoped to reach a few hundred of the nearly 11,000 leagues in the U.S.

**IN ONE YEAR**, Heads Up Football was adopted by nearly 2,800 groups.

The NFL noticed.

This year, the NFL provided USA Football with a five-year, \$45 million grant. And USA Football is in the process of hiring more master trainers, expecting to add between 50 and 70 to the first-year roster of about 30.

Heads Up football simplifies many safety techniques into six key components:

- ❖ education and certification
- ❖ equipment fitting
- ❖ concussion education and response
- ❖ heat and hydration
- ❖ the establishment of a player safety coach
- ❖ and tackling with the head up — and out of contact.

“The FCYFL has been on the forefront of making football the safest it can be for years,” Richardson said.

“For example, our age/weight matrix is the model that football programs across the county now follow. Every year, we weigh in every single one of the 6,000 or so players in our league, and they are placed within a particularly weight-class depending on their age and weight. The younger a player is in the weight-class, the more they can weigh, Richardson said.

Richardson also noted that — because there are three skill levels within each weight class — players are matched up appropriately.

“Finally, we require all coaches to be USA Football certified, which requires completion of an extensive online training course including a module on concussions and other safety issues, and they must complete a background check by a professional screening company,” he said.

Richardson said there was some initial hesitation from coaches, particularly those

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# Focus on Concussion Prevention

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who had been around for a while. “They had their own way of doing things, and they were a bit resistant to making changes to their approach to teaching. Once they saw the Heads-up football program, how it works, its safety benefits, and the ease in understanding it from the players perspective, all were converted and are now outspoken advocates for the program,” Richardson said.

“Parents are obviously concerned given the extensive negative publicity primarily at the NFL level, and are excited that at the youth level we were proactively addressing the issue,” he added. “The Heads-up program also requires significant parent involvement, so they are included in the training process and are an integral component of its success.”

As more than 6,000 local youth began football camps in every area of the county last week, Richardson said the FCYFL reminded players, coaches and parents that Fairfax County is a Heads Up organization.

“We take player safety seriously. Our number one rule stipulates that there’s no physical contact for any player during the first three days of practice, and that each player must have at least three practice periods of conditioning and training before engaging in any contact drills or scrimmages.”

Vienna Youth football commissioner Todd Casey ran a “Football Moms” camp last week at Oakton High School specifically to give parents the opportunity to experience and understand what their sons encounter during football practice. The camp was organized by VYI Football Moms, and nearly 50 Oakton and Vienna moms attended the Friday evening camp.

Tami Chadwick, whose son plays VYI football and whose daughter is an OHS cheerleader, said she is more concerned about the possibility of injuries in other sports.

“We have a great organization with involved coaches and parents,” Chadwick said. “It’s clear from day one that coaches are concerned with safety. For example, there is no way they let your son play with a helmet that does not fit properly.”

“We coach with safety in mind,” Casey said. “Fairfax County youth football is an incredible community that has a ridiculously large impact on the lives of those who play.”

Casey said Heads Up has not

detracted from staying competitive and continuing to compete in playoffs.

Greg Dunlap, a 15-year-old player from Lake Braddock, said the changes have made playing football “smarter and safer.”

“You understand what you’re doing more. It’s not just blindly running and hitting the guy with the football,” Dunlap said.

According to the National Federation of State High School Associations, participation in high school football was down 2.3 percent in the 2012-13 season compared to the 2008-09 season.

Some of that drop-off is attributed to parents’ concerns about safety in football. Former NFL running back Merrill Hoge, now a member of USA Football’s board of directors, said Heads Up Football is having a positive impact on the game and addressing parents’ concerns.

“The ultimate objective is to educate everyone who needs to know more about the trauma in sport, and when it happens, that the right action takes place,” Hoge says.

**TO FAIRFAX COUNTY COACHES** like Richardson and Casey, Heads Up Football benefits all coaches, whether they are working with pee wees starting out in football, or high schoolers with college scholarships in sight.

Marsden added that Heads Up shifts the emphasis from treatment to prevention. “In the past so much of the focus has been on treating a player after a big hit. This is the first time we saw there was something we could do on the front end that makes the game safer,” Marsden said. “At the end of the day, prevention is always the best place to end up, whether it’s medicine, crime or sports. Prevention is always better than the cure,” Marsden said. Marsden sees the connection to high school football as essential. “The high school coach is critical to this program, not only continuing to succeed, but grow,” Marsden said. “The high school coach in the area is the guy who supports the youth programs, the guy who is looked up to on every level, the guy the kids want to play for some day. The more high schools applied to the program, it will legitimize the program even more. They prepare their kids for high school. If this is part of the high school curriculum, we will see more youth coaches embrace it.”

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## Homelessness: Source of Trauma for Children

Nearly 700 children live in emergency homeless shelters in Fairfax County at some point during the year.

BY DEAN KLEIN



Dean Klein

nity non-profits to support these children, they are not enough. Permanent housing is a critical and basic need of everyone and research has consistently shown that unless children's most basic needs are met in a safe and consistent

manner, their social, emotional, physical and cognitive development is often delayed.

Believe it or not, in a county where the median household income is in excess of \$100,000, housing costs are prohibitive for many. There is often a misconception about homeless families and it is not uncommon to hear, "they need to work like the rest of us."

The truth is they do. The vast majority of families in homeless shelters are employed and they are doing everything they can to move themselves to self-sufficiency and support their families. The problem is not with their motivation to support themselves. The challenge is that there is not housing available to them that they can afford.

While the median household income may be in the six figures, for many it is much lower. Using the accepted formula of spending one third of gross income on housing, a rent of \$1,200/month requires an approximate annual income of \$44,000. That equates to about \$21 an hour. People who work in the service industry and the stores and businesses we rely on each and every day earn much less than that.

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As stated in the Ten Year Plan to Prevent and End Homelessness adopted by our community in 2008, we need to have affordable housing that is accessible to all its hardworking members. While it is also imperative that we as a community continue to ensure that children have school supplies, access to good nutrition at school, clothing etc., without a home to call their own, they will continue to live in a perpetual state of fear and stress. If we genuinely want them to succeed, that is too heavy a load for the youngest and most vulnerable in our community.

If you would like to be a part of helping these families, please contact one of our non-profit partners working so hard to find and provide housing for them or the Fairfax County Public Schools Homeless Liaison Office working diligently to make sure these children receive the services they are entitled to and need. Visit <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/homeless/partnerupdate/community-partners.htm> and <http://www.fcps.edu/dss/ips/homelessinfo/HomelessBrochure.pdf> for more.

Dean Klein is director of the Fairfax County Office to Prevent and End Homelessness.

Summer vacation is wrapping up; kids everywhere are gearing up for the return to school. Stores are filled with school supplies; back-to-school advertising fills our TVs, radio and mailboxes. Many families are hustling from store to store getting supplies, backpacks, clothes and haircuts. As children, while we hated to see summer end, we fondly remember the yearly ritual and the excitement and anticipation of getting all those new things.

### GUEST EDITORIAL

Unfortunately, not all families and children in Fairfax County experience the new school year this way. It may be hard to imagine that in a county as wealthy as Fairfax there are hundreds of children that do not have a home to call their own. In 2013, almost 700 children resided in emergency homeless shelters at some point during the year. This uncertain existence is a constant source of trauma for children.

While Fairfax County does have strong programs and initiatives provided by its local government, its public school system and commu-

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Back to School with Asthma

To the Editor:

Back to school season is upon us! For many families, there's

more to do than sign up for activities and shop for supplies: 2,277 kids in Alexandria, 3,155 in Arlington, 417 in Fairfax City, and 23,441 in Fairfax County have asthma. Asthma accounts for more than 10 million missed days of school each year, so if your child has the disease, add a few extra items to your to-do list to help keep them healthy at school this year.

First, call or visit the school nurse. Find out what forms you need to fill out, how to provide your child's medication, and what you have to do to make sure your child is allowed to carry and use his or her inhaler at school.

Next, take your child to his or her healthcare provider for a check-up, and work together to complete an asthma action plan (<http://virginiaasthmacoalition.org/asthmaactionplan.html>.) Filling out this form with your child's triggers and medication, and keeping

copies at home and at school, ensures that everyone will know what to do if your child starts experiencing asthma symptoms.

Also, back-to-school season is also flu season, and kids with asthma are at particular risk – respiratory diseases like the flu are big asthma triggers. Make sure all your kids get a flu shot to help keep your whole family healthy.

Finally, check your local air quality in the morning. Kids with asthma are especially vulnerable to soot and smog, which we some-

times seen in high quantities here. If there's an air quality alert in the forecast, your child might need to take it easy at recess, PE., or sports practice.

Asthma doesn't have to keep your child from having a safe and healthy school year. For more tips and resources, visit

<http://www.lung.org/about-us/our-impact/top-stories/prepare-to-go-back-to-school-with-asthma.html>.

**Laura Kate Bender**  
Vienna

## Global Warming Is Impacting Us Now

To the Editor:

On Wednesday, July 30, I joined hundreds in Washington, D.C. to show my support for the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan by testifying at the public hearing.

With increasingly powerful storms bringing down trees and

flooding our roads, global warming isn't a distant threat for Virginia. It's impacting us now.

We need to act now to make this planet cleaner and healthier, while we have the opportunity.

The EPA's Clean Power Plan will reduce carbon pollution from power plants—the largest source

of global warming pollution in the U.S.

Unfortunately, some members of Congress are working actively to block the EPA's authority under the Clean Air Act to limit dangerous carbon pollution. With so much at stake, we need leaders to stand up to the polluters.

Virginia's Senators Mark Warner and Tim Kaine should stand up for Virginia and push back against polluters' attacks on this critical step to tackle global warming. Our children's future depends on it.

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# WEEK IN VIENNA

## Who Is This Person?

On July 21, an unknown person stole a credit card from a resident's mailbox in the 300 Block of Moorefield Road S.W. in Vienna. On the same day, say police, the person in this photo allegedly made fraudulent purchases with that card in Forestville, Md. Anyone with information about this person's identity is urged to contact Det. S. R. Leroux with the Vienna Police Department at 703-255-6332.



**Suspect**

access the market via Courthouse Road to Locust Street or via Park Street to Cherry Street.

On Saturday, Aug. 23, there will be Free Live Music and Kids Entertainment at the Farmers Market. Bluegrass band, Sweet Yonder plays from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and children with one piece suits or shorts and tops can join in on Faith Baptist Church's "Water Fun," from 8 a.m. to noon which are also the market hours. Visit [www.viennafarmersmarket.com](http://www.viennafarmersmarket.com)

## Vienna Town Council Meeting

The next meeting and work session of the Vienna Town Council are scheduled for Monday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m., in the Town Hall, 127 Center St. S. in Vienna

## The Shepherd's Center Needs Volunteers

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna has an urgent need for volunteer drivers to take area seniors to medical appointments and other activities. Opportunities to volunteer for other services are also available. Hours are flexible to fit your schedule. Visit our website at [www.scov.org](http://www.scov.org) or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 703-281-5086 or email [volunteer@scov.org](mailto:volunteer@scov.org)

## Courthouse Road Bike Lanes

As part of VDOT's summer repaving program, Courthouse Road from Route 123 to the Town of Vienna is being reconfigured to include bike lanes. Where the road is too narrow for bike lanes, shared-lane markings are being used. Final pavement markings are now being installed. This popular bike route runs parallel to Route 123 between Oakton and Vienna.

## Vienna Farmers Market

The Vienna Farmers Market is held Saturdays, from 8 a.m.-noon, in the Faith Baptist Church parking lot at 301 Center Street S. And it will remain open during the construction on Center Street. Customers may

## Oakton Farmers Market

The Oakton Farmers Market is held Saturdays, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at Unity of Fairfax Church, 2854 Hunter Mill Road in Oakton.

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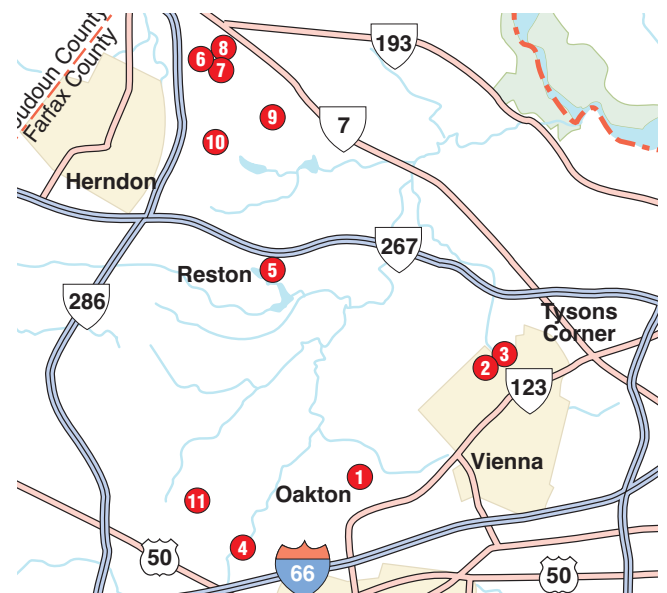
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# Home LifeStyle



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A screen porch addition by Sun Design Remodeling was recently named the nation's best-in-category by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry. The exterior integrates a Mediterranean style home with mature landscaping and a well-developed outdoor activities area.

The floorplan creates a flow from breakfast room to porch to patio that's ideal for entertaining.

## Vienna Screen Porch Judged Best of Class

Sun Design Remodeling named National Contractor of the Year for indoor/outdoor innovation.

BY JOHN BYRD

A spacious screen porch addition to a Mediterranean-style home in Vienna has won a national Contractor of the Year Award for Sun Design Remodeling. The indoor/outdoor

solution was judged the nation's best residential addition by the National Association of the Remodeling Industry at an awards ceremony held in New Orleans this past spring.

The custom-designed addition to the home's rear elevation integrates a nearly

4,000-square-foot house with mature landscaping that includes flowering shrubs, garden pathways and a fully-stocked koi pond. The project boasts a Tuscan-style interior design that incorporates a wood-fired pizza oven.

Sun Design founder and chairman Craig

Durosko described the addition as consistent with the kind of distinctive indoor/outdoor solutions homeowners have been seeking in recent years.

"There's a real demand for designs that marry the house and its setting," Durosko

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# CALENDAR

Send announcements to [north@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:north@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 14

**Boney James and Eric Benét.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Songs from saxophonist Boney James and R&B singer Eric Benét. \$35-\$75. 703-255-1900.

**Fashion Support.** 6-8 p.m. LiLi The First Boutique, 101 Pleasant Street NW, Vienna. Donation of lightly used fashion items will be accepted and sold in the boutique. All of the profit will be donated to The Women's Center in Vienna to use towards support and empowerment in the community.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 15

**The Whiskey Switch.** 7:30 p.m. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave E, Vienna. Luke Brindley is a critically acclaimed songwriter and guitarist and one of the owners of Jammin' Java. He is releasing a new album, The Whiskey Switch, with a special show. Purchase tickets at [jamminjava.com](http://jamminjava.com).

**YANNI.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Composer whose orchestrations fuse synthesized sound with instrumentation. \$35-\$75. 703-255-1900.

**Pokemon League.** 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Come play Pokemon with friends. 703-938-0405.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 16

**Mexican Fiesta Senior Social** (for those 50+). 5 - 8 p.m. Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry Street SE, Vienna. Sponsored by the Shepherd's Center of Oakton/Vienna. \$10, includes dinner. Register and prepay before Aug. 8. Send name, address, email, and check to: SCOV; 541 Marshall Road SW; Vienna, VA 22180. If you need a ride to the event, call 703-281-0538.

**ABBA- The Concert.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road Vienna. ABBA tribute band performing the greatest hits of pop band ABBA. \$25-\$42. 703-255-1900.

**Wolf Trap Opera.** 7:30 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. New productions ranging from tragic to comical and sung in French with English supertitles, Milhaud, Le pauvre matelot and Poulenc, Les mamelles de Tirésias. \$36-\$88. 703-255-1900.

**Breakfast Buffet.** 8:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Vienna's American Legion Post 180, 330 Center Street N, Vienna. Omelets, scrambled eggs, blueberry pancakes, bacon, sausage, biscuits and sausage gravy, fruit and home fries. \$3-\$8. 703-938-6580.

## TUESDAY/AUG. 19

**Toddler' Twos.** 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Storytime for young children. 703-938-0405.

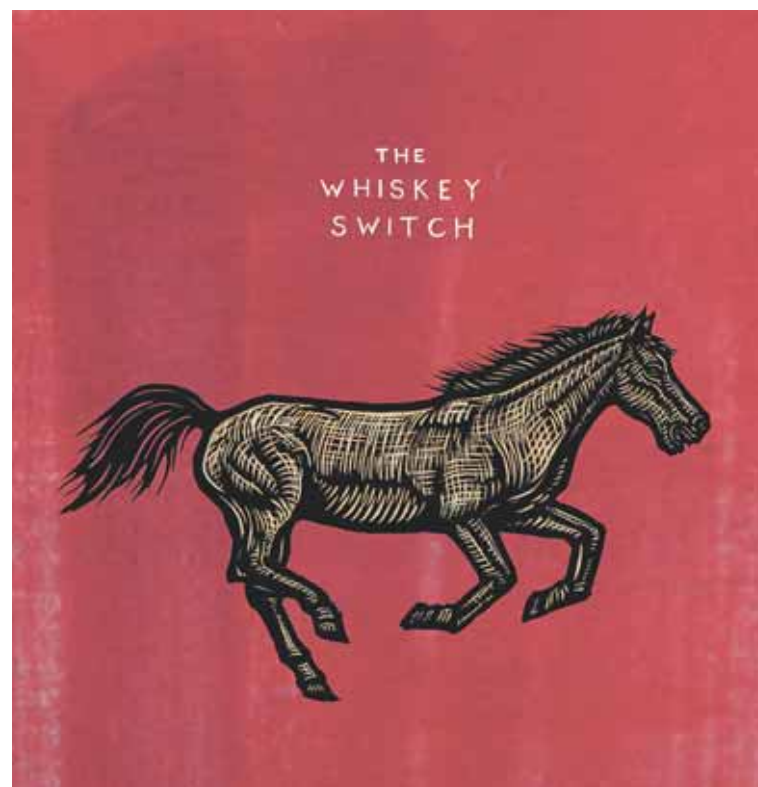
## TUESDAY/AUG.19/WEDNESDAY/AUG.20

**Josh Groban with Wolf Trap Orchestra.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Vocalist Josh Groban performs pop ballads. \$40-\$125. 703-255-1900.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 20

**Toddler Tales.** 10:30 a.m. Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Story time for young children. 703-242-4020.

**Small Wonders.** 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Storytime for young children. 703-938-0405.



Listen to Luke Brindley's new album, **The Whiskey Switch**, at Jammin' Java in Vienna this Friday at 7:30 p.m.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 21

**Robyn + Royksopp.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Pop vocalist Robyn is joined by duo Royksopp. \$30-\$55. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Classic Books Discussion Group.** 1 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Discussion on Crossing to Safety by Wallace Stegner. 703-938-0405.

**"Not Just For Teens" Adult Book Club.** 10:00 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Adult book discussion. 703-938-0405.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 23

**Sing-A-Long Sound of Music.** 7:15 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Big Screen showing of The Sound of Music with lyrics. \$25-\$38. 703-255-1900.

**Sound of Music Sing-A-Long.** 7:15 p.m. Wolf Trap, The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come watch the classic movie shown on big screens with a costume contest and sing-a-long. Admissions: \$25-\$38. 703-255-1900.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 24

**Boston - Heaven on Earth Tour.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Performance by Boston a rock and roll band. \$35-\$60. 703-255-1900.

## MONDAY/AUG. 25

**Treasured Threes to Fives.** 10:30 a.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Storytime for young children. 703-938-0405.

**A Face of America Production.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come watch the Pacific Northwest Ballet and Oregon Ballet Theatre dance to the music of Fleet Foxes and Chromatics with site-specific film. Admissions: \$10-\$44. 703-255-1900.

## WEDNESDAY/AUG. 27

**A Face of America Production.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Pacific Northwest Ballet and Oregon Ballet Theatre dance to the music of Fleet Foxes and Chromatics. \$10-\$44. 703-

255-1900.

**Great Falls Library Pokemon League.** 4:30-6 p.m. Great Falls Library, 9830 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. Come play Pokemon with your friends. Ages 5-15. 703-757-8560.

**Preschool Story Time.** 10:30 a.m. Lynnhaven Place, Oakton. Story time for young children. 703-242-4020.

## THURSDAY/AUG. 28

**The Band Perry.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Performance by country-pop trio The Band Perry. \$35-\$60. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Patrick Henry Book Club.** 1:00 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Discussion on The Big Burn by Timothy Egan. 703-938-0405.

## FRIDAY/AUG. 29

**Pokemon League.** 3 p.m. Patrick Henry Library, Maple Avenue East, Vienna. Come play Pokemon with friends. 703-938-0405.

## SATURDAY/AUG. 30

**The Fresh Beat Band Live in Concert!** 2 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Performance by Nick Jr.'s TV band. \$25-\$50. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

## SUNDAY/AUG. 31

**George Benson with Special Guest Andreas Varady.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap - The Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Jazz and pop performance. \$25-\$55. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

## THURSDAY/SEPT. 4

**Gipsy Kings with Special Guest Ole' Noys.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Rumba to guitar rhythms of flamenco's royal family! Admissions: \$35-\$50.

## FRIDAY/SEPT. 5

**Cirque Dreams - Jungle Fantasy.** 8 p.m. Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Come and watch the acrobatics in a musical adventure. Admissions: \$25-\$50. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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(July 1, 2015-June 30, 2016)

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**Monday, Sept. 15, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Center**

Residents who wish to speak at the Public Hearing are asked to call 703-790-0123, TTY: 711, to be placed on the speakers' list. Copies of the draft budget proposal will be available during the committee meeting and public hearing.

Written comments may be delivered to the Center's address (shown below,) marked "Attention: Executive Director," or sent by email to [feedback@mcleancenter.org](mailto:feedback@mcleancenter.org). Written comments must be received prior to the Governing Board's regular September meeting, on Wednesday, September 24 at 7:30 p.m.

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## NEWS

# Bank Robbers Convicted

## Prosecutor cites connections to bank robberies in Arlington, Vienna and Rockville.

James McNeal, 63, of Hyattsville, Md., and Alphonso Stoddard, 59, of Forest Heights, Md., were convicted by a federal jury of conspiracy to commit bank robbery, armed bank robbery and brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence. They were investigated for bank robberies in Arlington, Vienna and Rockville.

According to court records and evidence at trial, the FBI identified McNeal and Stoddard as possible suspects in a string of bank robberies in late 2013 and kept the men under close surveillance. On Dec. 27, 2013, McNeal and Stoddard were followed by law enforcement agents as they cased two banks in Arlington, Va. One of the banks the defendants were seen casing was a Wells Fargo branch on South George Mason Drive.

Stoddard was convicted of charges involving three separate bank robberies, and McNeal was convicted for his involvement in one bank robbery. Stoddard faces a mandatory life sentence because of prior convictions for armed bank robberies, and McNeal faces a mandatory minimum sentence of seven years and a maximum sentence of life in prison. The two defendants will be sentenced on Nov. 7, 2014.

The U.S. Attorney's office gave the following account of events: On Dec. 31, 2013, McNeal left his

residence in Hyattsville and picked up Stoddard before returning to the Wells Fargo branch in Arlington. At approximately 1:15 p.m., Stoddard and a third man, James Link, 56, of Washington, D.C., entered the bank. Inside the bank, Link brandished a firearm while Stoddard removed approximately \$47,000 in cash from teller drawers. The two men exited the bank and returned to the vehicle where McNeal was waiting. The FBI and Arlington officers arrested the defendants approximately one block away from the Wells Fargo branch. A handgun and cash were found in the vehicle.

A search of McNeal's house led to the discovery of an additional firearm believed to be used in earlier bank robberies, cash and gloves. Stoddard admitted to his involvement in armed robberies at a Wells Fargo in Rockville, Md. on Oct. 29, 2013 and the Bank of Georgetown in Vienna, Va. on Oct. 30, 2013. Link admitted he was involved in the Bank of Georgetown robbery and an armed robbery at a Wells Fargo in Arlington on Nov. 25, 2013.

Link pleaded guilty to two counts of brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence and admitted his involvement in four bank robberies. He faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 32 years and a maximum sentence of life in prison when he is sentenced on Sept. 12, 2014.

Dana J. Boente, U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia; Timothy A. Gallagher, Acting Assistant Director in Charge of the FBI's Washington Field Office; and M. Douglas Scott, Arlington County Chief of Police, made the announcement after the verdict was accepted on Aug. 8, 2014 by U.S. District Judge T.S. Ellis, III.

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## Sentence

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guidelines for O'Connor's crimes are 24-30 months in prison, Hilton said he believed a punishment below those guidelines was appropriate in this case.

He then sentenced O'Connor to make the full \$313,393 restitution he owes and spend 12 months and one day in prison, followed by two years supervised release. (If not for the extra day, O'Connor would be able to serve his sentence in jail, instead of in a federal facility).

Hilton also ordered him to pay a special assessment of \$100 to the court. The judge gave

O'Connor the same sentence for both charges and ran each sentence concurrently. Conditions were that, if the restitution was not paid sooner, O'Connor would have to start repaying it, \$500/month, beginning 60 days after his release from prison. He must also provide any financial information his probation officer requires. And at O'Connor's request, Hilton agreed to recommend that the Vienna man serve his time in the federal facility in Cumberland, Md. In addition, the judge is allowing him to delay reporting to prison until after Oct. 15 so O'Connor may move his daughter to California.

## FAITH NOTES

Faith Notes are for announcements and events in the faith community. Send to [vienna@connectionnewspapers.com](mailto:vienna@connectionnewspapers.com). Deadline is Friday.

**The Antioch Christian Church** offers a time of Prayer and Healing on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. for anyone wanting encouragement and healing through prayers. People are available to pray with you or for you. Antioch Christian Church is located at 1860 Beulah Road in Vienna. [www.antiochdoc.org](http://www.antiochdoc.org)

**The Jewish Social Services Agency (JSSA)** offers a wide variety of support groups for those with emotional, social, and physical challenges. [www.jssa.org/growth-learning](http://www.jssa.org/growth-learning).

**HAVEN of Northern Virginia** of-  
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fers a variety of free bereavement support groups, meeting on a weekly basis. 703-941-7000 or [www.havenofnova.org](http://www.havenofnova.org).

**McLean Bible Church Fitness Class at Body & Soul Fitness.** Gain balance, energy and strength at 9:45 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Free childcare for registered students. [bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org](mailto:bodyandsoul@mcleanbible.org).

**St. Dunstan's Episcopal Church,** 1830 Kirby Road in McLean, holds a third Sunday service every month at 10:15 a.m. which allows children to play active roles in the music and as greeters and ushers. Traditional services are every Sunday at 8:15 and 10:15 a.m.

**Vienna Christian Healing Rooms** are open, every Saturday, 1-5

p.m., at 8200 Bell Lane. A team of Christians is available to anyone requesting prayer. Free and open to the public. 703-698-9779 or [www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com](http://www.viennachristianhealingrooms.com).

**Chesterbrook United Methodist Church** is at 1711 Kirby Road, McLean. Worship service is at 11 a.m. Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. for adults and children. 703-356-7100 or [www.ChesterbrookUMC.org](http://www.ChesterbrookUMC.org).

**Centering Prayer Group meets Fridays,** 9:30 a.m. at Andrew Chapel United Methodist Church, 1301 Trap Road, Vienna.

The hour includes a brief reading related to Centering Prayer, followed by a 20-minute prayer period. E-mail Martha Thomas at [mmthomas211@hotmail.com](mailto:mmthomas211@hotmail.com) or call the church at 703-759-3509.

# Oakton's Rizzo Committed to South Carolina

## Q&A: Infielder led Cougars in batting average as freshman.

**J**oe Rizzo not only made the Oakton varsity baseball team as a freshman, he was the Cougars' best hitter. Rizzo led Oakton in batting average as a ninth-grader in 2013, earning second-team All-Concorde District honors as a utility player. He helped the Cougars win the district title, finish Northern Region runner-up and win a game at the state tournament. As a sophomore, Rizzo moved from third base to shortstop, where he earned first-team All-Conference 6 honors. He also garnered second-team all-region accolades as a utility player, helping Oakton win a second consecutive district/conference title.

Now a rising junior, Rizzo is committed to play baseball at the University of South Carolina. He recently took part in a Q&A via email with The Connection.

❖Connection: You're committed to the University of South Carolina. What made the Gamecocks the right choice for you?

Rizzo: I was focused on the larger conference (SEC) because of the level of competition, and there was a real fit between my skills and what South Carolina needed. My comfort level was high with South Carolina because the program, the coaching and the university offered the greatest opportunity to grow as a ballplayer and as an individual.

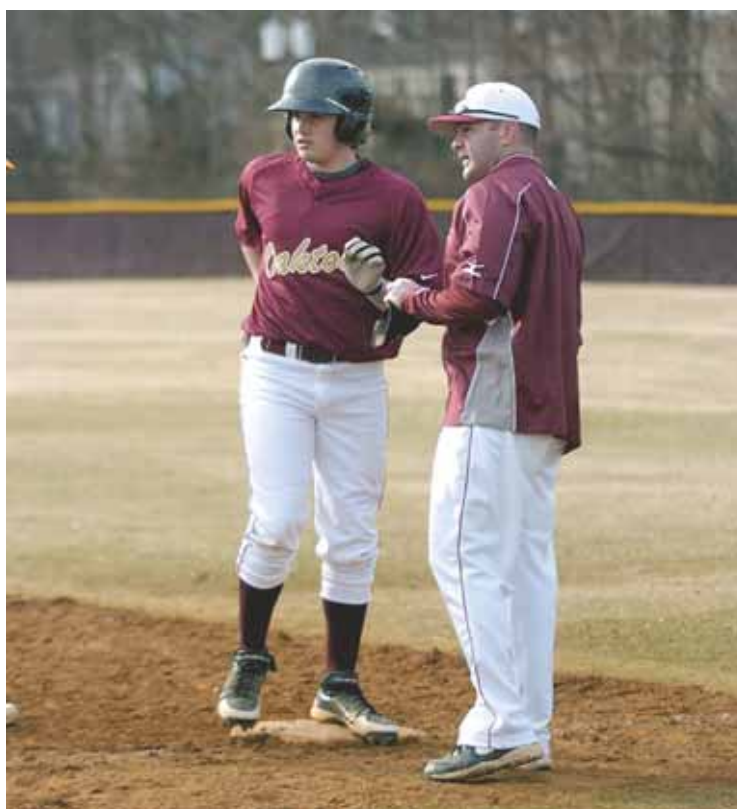
❖Connection: Are you being recruited to play a specific position?

Rizzo: At USC, if you can hit, you're going to play. So even though many schools have seen me as a third baseman, you just never know what is going to happen. But I know that if I'm performing, then I'll have the opportunity to play.

❖Connection: What made you decide to commit prior to your junior year?

**Oakton rising junior Joe Rizzo, left, is committed to South Carolina.**

CONNECTION  
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Rizzo: I've noticed that during the recruiting process, schools are starting to recruit earlier and earlier. So this is not an early commit relative to how the process has been sped up.

❖Connection: At what age did you realize playing college baseball was a possibility for you?

Rizzo: I've always had aspirations of playing collegiate baseball, but until colleges have an interest, you don't know if those aspirations will come true. So it was between my freshman and sophomore years in HS that colleges were taking an interest in me, and that's when I knew.

❖Connection: You bat left-handed and throw with your right. At what age did you start batting from the left side? Was it a difficult transition?

Rizzo: From the moment I first picked up a bat I was hitting from the left side. So I've been swinging lefty since when I can remember.

❖Connection: What was it like playing varsity baseball as a freshman?

Rizzo: It was a tremendous experience. I knew my role was not going to be a team leader, but another piece to the team puzzle, so I was there to support my teammates in achieving our team goal of the district and state championship.

❖Connection: What is your favorite baseball moment from your first two years at Oakton?

Rizzo: My favorite baseball moment was

winning the second district championship, because that meant we won two district championships in a row.

❖Connection: Better feeling: getting a clutch hit, or making a highlight-reel defensive play?

Rizzo: They are completely different feelings. The clutch hit is a team accomplishment, where I can drive in runs toward winning a game. A highlight-reel defensive play is an individual accomplishment, which is a completely different feeling. Both feel great!

❖Connection: What is your favorite food?

Rizzo: Pasta with meatballs and sausage. Can't get enough.

❖Connection: Who is your favorite music artist? Why?

Rizzo: I listen to a variety of artists, from rap to rock to country, and I don't have an individual favorite music artist. However, my parents took me to a Bruce Springsteen concert, and it was the greatest concert I've ever been to.

❖Connection: What is your favorite movie? Why?

Rizzo: I have many favorites such as 'Road to Perdition,' 'Full Metal Jacket' and others, but my favorite is 'Moneyball,' because it involves looking at baseball at a completely different way.

❖Connection: What is your favorite hobby outside of baseball?

Rizzo: I don't know if this is a hobby, but we have barbecues every weekend out in the cul-de-sac with all our neighbors, and that is a great time. We do a whole bunch of things as neighbors: Wiffle Ball, KanJam, and a fire pit.

❖Connection: What location is the farthest you have traveled from the Washington, D.C. metro area?

Rizzo: I've been up and down the East Coast, from NYC to Miami, Fla. I hope next year I will be traveling to the West Coast.

❖Connection: Are you a pro sports fan? If so, who are your favorite teams?

Rizzo: Baseball: the Nationals and the Yankees; football: the Redskins and the Giants; hockey: the Caps.

— JON ROETMAN

## SPORTS ROUNDUPS

### Reston to Host Charity Tennis Tournament

The 3rd Annual Rally for a Cause tennis tournament dates are set for Sept. 20-21, 2014 at Reston's Lake Newport tennis courts. The charity event will feature brackets for 3.0, 3.5 and 4.0 and above players, competing in men's and women's doubles and singles matches. The \$30 entry fee guarantees each player two matches with awards, raffle prizes and participation t-shirts. It is through the generosity of presenting sponsor, Dr. Hani Thariani, and dona-

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All proceeds will go to the charity organization of each participant's choice: USTA Serves Foundation/Wounded Warriors Program Curriculum, supporting rehabilitation through tennis for wounded, ill and injured military service members and veterans or Cornerstones/Laurel Learning Center, providing comprehensive family services and developmental childcare programs.

Last year's event hosted 65 players and raised \$3,100 for charity organizations.

Registration is now open. For more information or to sign up, email rally4acause@restontennis.org or visit

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The 2014 NVSO will be held Sept. 13-24 with more than 50 events taking place at 19 venues throughout Northern Virginia. Events include 10K and 20K cycling, with each event entering its fifth year.

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There is no onsite registration for any event. Information is available at [nvso1982@gmail.com](mailto:nvso1982@gmail.com).

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## Vienna Porch Wins National Award

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said. “A screened porch can become a de facto outdoor room —the place where friends and family gather from early spring until well into the fall.”

Sun Design’s recent award-winner was initially conceived as a rear elevation addition that would replace a small deck outside the existing breakfast room. After looking at the plans for a while the homeowner decided a porch would be a more useful solution. Still, Dawn Parker, the project’s design manager, made use of the earlier plan, incorporating exterior trim detailing into the new porch.

“Architectural appropriateness is always critical in an improvement of this caliber,” Parker said. “We decided early on that the best way to rationalize the re-made exterior elevation was to match the pyramid-shaped roof over the breakfast room. By contrast, the entrance from porch to patio was designed as a hyphen between two clearly defined enclosed spaces. This approach enabled us to avoid too much massing on the rear of the house, and to keep the scale accessible and comfortable. Overall, the new exterior presents a very appealing rhythm.”

To further join house and garden, Parker’s porch design calls for a ground level course of local quarry stone that matches those used in the existing patio.

Taken as a whole, the owner’s wishes concentrated on several specifics: a bug-free family outdoor play area near the existing patio barbecue; generous zones for dining, cooking and conversation; open views to the well-developed koi pond and backyard landscaping beyond.

“Given the emphasis on sightlines, one of my early decisions was to bring the footprint for the new porch further into the backyard so that the pond would be a focal point from the sitting area,” said Parker. “That said, the porch is much more the result of specific ‘use’ requirements than a traditional L-shaped wrap-around porch would have allowed.”

The 144-square-foot conversation area, for instance, is situated below a tray ceiling accentuated in old wood that outlines the pyramid-shaped roof overhead. A wrought iron chandelier dangles down from the center of a perfect square. The decorative touch reinforces the sense that the seating area is a separate pavilion within the bigger picture.

“Our goal was to create psychologically private spaces dispersed within an open and airy whole,” Parker said.

By extension, the 9-foot-by-12-foot dining area — which now includes a wooden table and two benches under a pair of pendant lights — is both convenient



The porch addition was positioned to make the Koi pond a primary focal point.

### Details

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to food preparation options and safely removed from foot traffic.

The room’s piece d’ resistance, however, is the 825-pound wood-fired pizza oven situated on the western elevation. Made in California, the oven was delivered in large clay sections. To prepare the site, Parker and team had to first design and build a concrete masonry foundation with a footer that is some two feet below grade. All additional porch floor framing extends out from the oven’s necessary undergirding.

The oven also required a chimney which rises 15 feet on the outside wall and, in accordance with local code, is at least 10 feet from the nearest peak.

“It gets pretty technical,” Parker said. “But this is a one of a kind feature that really suits the neo-Tuscan interior design and — more importantly — it’s a great source of family fun.”

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## Write Now, I Just Don't Know

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



The biggest writing problem that I have, other than the ones you regular readers generally know about, is writing a current column on the weekend immediately preceding the next Wednesday's publication date, when I am still waiting on results from my most recent CT Scan. This isn't like putting the cart before the horse, this is more like putting the horse in the cart and pulling it. Aside from not knowing definitively about this most recent look into my lungs, and thus not wanting to discuss it – premature announcement you might call it – assimilating the ever-present anxiety and worry about any and all things cancer-related never gets easy. Moreover, the not-knowing corrupts my brain and stifles my creative juices. How can I think about anything other than what information I don't have? And considering the circumstances and the context: my life being at stake; anything, everything, all the things, pale in comparison and nothing feels worth writing about – so that's what I'm writing about.

Let me attempt to clarify a bit. This feeling isn't about waiting for results per se. It's not about the interval of time between my scan and my next face-to-face meeting with my oncologist when Team Lourie will be updated; it's not about wondering if any symptoms I've had (I haven't had any) are indicative of potential trouble; it's not about my insurance coverage or money running out and in turn there being some gap in my coverage; nor is this, generally speaking, about business or pleasure. No, this is about living my day-to-day life when the elephant is not only in the room, it's on your shoulders, in your head, and everywhere else it can possibly be.

Not that I'm totally blocked and unable to function; hardly. I am still in control of most of my bodily functions and almost all of my activities of daily living, and when I get dressed, I am still able to put my pants on one leg at a time like everybody else with very little difficulty. In short, my life appears to be relatively normal. No one could tell by looking at me that I'm living on the edge, maybe the cusp, hopefully not precipice, of potentially life-changing information. The reality of this upcoming Friday's appointment/reality so dominates my brain that it's practically impossible for me to mind anything but my own business, and what seems to suffer most is creative pursuits, and unfortunately that is reflected in this week's column: a meandering (though not necessarily intended to be) testament to cancer's insidious effect, emotionally. Cancer may occasionally work in mysterious ways, but in one way it's effect is perfectly clear: your thinking is not what is used to be, pre-cancer.

Nevertheless, I can manage. It's no problem, really. After five and one half years, I know what to expect. It's just time that thankfully I still have. I'll know soon enough though. It's already Monday. Besides, good things come to those who wait, right?

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

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# Tysons West Meets Expanding Community Needs

**T**he JBG Companies and JBGR Retail have closed on the sale of the current phase of its Tysons West mixed-use development. LaSalle Investment Management, a leading global real estate investment manager, purchased the property on behalf of a separate account client.

Tysons West, which delivered August 2013, is immediately adjacent to the Spring Hill Metro station on the newly opened Silver Line Metrorail. Phase I presented an attractive transit-oriented opportunity with more than 165,600 square feet of commercial space. This first of three phases, located at 1500 Cornerside Blvd., includes the Washington region's first urban-format Wal-Mart, which includes a full-service grocery component, a 24 Hour Fitness, several restaurants and nearly 30,000 square feet of medical office space. Its more than 135,800 square feet of retail space is 100 percent leased.

Tysons is a burgeoning hub in the Washington, D.C., region, currently with 28 million square feet of office space, more than 13,000 residential units and 14 hotels. It is the 12th largest central business district in the country and has 40 million more square feet of new development in the pipeline, spurred largely by the new Silver Line



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Metrorail which has four stops in Tysons. "Tysons is being transformed by the arrival of the Silver Line, and Tysons West has helped lead the way," said Jay Klug, Princi-

pal of JBG. "With strategic and creative thinking, we were able to conceive and develop a first phase to meet community needs and serve a high-demand area. We look

forward to continuing our place-making work in the next phase of Tysons West to create a complete neighborhood."

According to David Craine, Managing Director of LaSalle Investment Management, "By acquiring the Tysons West project we have added a very well-conceived Necessity Retail/Medical Office complex to our portfolio. This project will meet the demands of the thousands of new residents and office workers that will be moving to the Tysons Corner area during the next thirty years. The demand for groceries, general merchandise offerings, athletic facilities, and medical services has significantly been met by Tysons West. Our complex will truly benefit by the ease of access to pedestrians, users of the Silver Line, as well as automobile drivers who can use the onsite structured garage consisting of over 650 spaces."

Phase II of Tysons West is in the planning process. It will include 400,000 square feet of residential space and another 50,000 square feet of retail. The final phase is planned for 300,000 square feet of residential space, 380,000 square feet of office space and 50,000 square feet of retail.

The sale of Tysons West was brokered by Eastdil Secured. JBGR Retail will continue to manage the property.

## Charity Event to Help Fight Brain Cancer

### The Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series raises \$40,000.

**W**aters Field was the place to be on Saturday, Aug. 2, for The 19th Annual Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series [NVWWS]. The charity event was sponsored by the 2 Young Foundation [2YF], an organization dedicated to raising money for the fight against brain cancer, and Van Metre Homes. The day was filled with games, prizes and fun for everyone.

The day began at 8 a.m. as all 40 of the Wiffle ball team members checked in at the gate and made their way onto "The Field of Dreams," where they were given their official team gear and rallied with the other players. The opening ceremonies started with an introduction speech by 2YF's President, Michael Ryan, and the Vice President of Van Metre Homes, Brian Davidson, followed by the National Anthem performed by Abby Miller, a Loudoun local who is one of the nation's



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**The 19th annual Wiffle ball World Series raises over \$40,000 for local families in need of medical support who have been affected by cancer. First time participants, Delicious Swine (Jacob Han, Lee Morrison, Max Kolasch and Spencer Dols) take home the Bedell Cup.**

leading advocates for childhood cancer awareness. The Special VIP guest of the day was Lara Sankner, a local 9 year old with Astrocytoma Grade 2 brain cancer who schedules her chemo early in the morning,

so she can play softball in the evening. Tara was awarded the MVP trophy for her inspiring story, which kicked-off the 19th Annual Northern Virginia Wiffle World Series.

The NVWWS had multiple mini-stadiums laid out at Waters Field for the games to take place throughout the day, and Delicious Swine beat the Cocky Lambos to receive the coveted "Bedell Cup". Long-time contributors of the NVWWS, Jason Farley and Joanie Dempsey, were inducted into the NVWWS Hall of Fame this year for their dedication to the foundation and the tournament.

2YF has sponsored the Wiffle World Series for the past nine years, contributing \$300,000 in support of its cause. The 2 Young Foundation and Van Metre Homes are thankful that so many were in attendance for this year's tournament, and the large number of teams and sponsors that contributed to the success of the fundraiser. The tournament raised over \$40,000; with a portion going to National Children's Medical Center this year, on behalf of Van Metre Homes' new affiliation with this event. A grant will also be awarded to a local family in need of medical support who has been affected by brain cancer. For information about the Northern Virginia Wiffle Ball World Series, or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit [www.2YF.org](http://www.2YF.org).