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Petersen to Governor: Explain, Deny, Return or Resign

Petersen first Virginia legislator to suggest McDonnell resign over alleged wrongdoing in accepting gifts from prominent donor.

By VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

The tipping point for state Sen. J. Chap Petersen (D-34) was the \$6,500 Rolex watch.

Reports about the Rolex, one in a series of lavish gifts reportedly given to Gov. Robert F. McDonnell (R) and members of his family by a major campaign donor, told Petersen it was time to send a stern letter to the governor asking him to “come clean on this matter” by explaining the gifts, denying the reports, or resigning from office.

On Tuesday, July 2, Petersen sent his letter, becoming the first Virginia lawmaker to suggest McDonnell’s resignation in the wake of the deepening controversy.

“When I heard about the Rolex watch and the circumstances of that gift, that was when I knew I had to speak out,” Petersen said on Friday. “I actually drafted my letter a couple days before, but did not send it right away. I was waiting to see if somebody else would step up, but nobody did. So we mailed it out on the morning of July 2. I also called the governor’s staff and emailed them a copy.”

LATER THAT NIGHT, Petersen appeared on MSNBC’s Rachel Maddow show, featuring Maddow’s liberal and animated take on the political news of the day.

Maddow asked him if it was the “overall weight of the allegation, the long list of things he has ... allegedly received in his capacity as governor” or one item in particular that prompted the letter.

“I have three daughters, so when I heard about the \$15,000 spent on the wedding reception, that kind of took me aback,” Petersen told Maddow. “There was a lot of joking about it, and I guess people thought maybe this was a one-time thing, maybe there’s an explanation.” But Petersen said as the weeks went by with revelations of “one item after another,” he was dismayed by the deafening silence.

“There’s been no explanation from the governor ... and hiding behind ‘no comment,’ that’s not working. The people of Virginia deserve better,” Petersen said.

In an interview Friday, Petersen said he didn’t know why other members of his party had remained silent about the gifts McDonnell reportedly received from Jonnie R. Williams Sr., CEO of Star Scientific, which manufactures dietary supplements.

“Because of that continuing silence, I felt compelled to step forward. I didn’t understand why everyone was afraid to speak out, when this was so obviously wrong,” Petersen said.

For the past several months, reports have



State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) in his Fairfax office.



Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock) at a 2012 legislative conference.

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Petersen’s Letter

Dear Governor McDonnell:

In recent weeks, I have read numerous reports regarding gifts your family reportedly received from Mr. Jonnie Williams and his company Star Scientific, Inc. The substance of these reports gives the strong impression that your family was materially and systematically benefited by this person and his company, at least over the past two years. Few, if any, of these gifts were reported in the public disclosures that you (like all of us) must file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth. In return, it appears that you allowed this person to use the Governor’s Mansion and the Governor’s Office for the purpose of giving unique credibility to his company. That is unacceptable.

I am writing you directly to ask that you come clean on this matter. If you or your family has received gifts of the type alleged, then you should disclose that fully and immediately.

If those gifts are consumer items which you have retained for personal use, then you should return them immediately to the donor — or sell them and donate the money to the Literary Fund. That is the only method by which the public can regain trust in your Office. Without that trust, there is no purpose in continuing to serve.

If you are unable to explain (or deny) these reports or return the items, then I humbly suggest that you should step down as Governor and permit the Lieutenant Governor to serve out the balance of your term, pursuant to Article V, Section 16 of the Virginia Constitution.

Chapman Petersen
Member, Senate of Virginia

surfaced about the lavish gifts Williams gave to McDonnell and first lady Maureen McDonnell, including clothing, money and trips. The gifts included \$15,000 in catering for the 2011 wedding of McDonnell’s daughter at Virginia’s historic Executive Mansion.

McDonnell has said he did not disclose the catering because it was a wedding present to his daughter, and he has been thorough in his annual financial disclosures regarding gifts. In January, he told The Richmond-Times Dispatch that the Rolex was a gift from his wife.

The ongoing revelations about the gifts, and the lack of disclosure from the governor, are at the crux of ongoing state and federal investigations.

On April 29, it was first reported that federal authorities were interviewing

McDonnell and the first lady about their relationship to Williams, as well as actions the McDonnells may have taken that benefited Williams and his company.

In May, it was reported that Richmond Commonwealth’s Attorney Michael Herring is investigating whether McDonnell violated state gift and disclosure laws.

According to The Virginia Public Access Project, Star Scientific and Williams gave \$130,000 to Virginia officials and a PAC that supports McDonnell from 2009 to 2012.

“It is not illegal to accept gifts,” said Del. Dave Albo (R-42), the most senior delegate from Northern Virginia. “They are just supposed to be reported.”

According to Virginia state law, McDonnell must disclose all gifts to him worth more than \$50. But he does not have to disclose gifts to immediate family mem-

bers or gifts received from family or “personal friends.”

“I’m not saying it’s illegal,” Petersen said. “I’m saying it’s unacceptable.”

Petersen said he was also bothered by the quid pro quo nature of the gifts. In August 2011, the first couple hosted a launch party for one of Star Scientific’s products at the governor’s mansion.

“The reports give the strong impression that your family was materially and systematically benefited by this person and his company. ... In return, it appears that you allowed this person to use the Governor’s Mansion and the Governor’s Office for the purpose of giving unique credibility to his company,” Petersen wrote in the letter.

Petersen said the only response he’s had to his letter from the governor’s office was a call from McDonnell’s lawyer. “His lawyer called me and basically told me that his client could not talk because of the investigation. My response was ‘this is not just a legal issue. Your client needs to tell the people of this state what’s going on.’”

“As an attorney, certainly Senator Petersen understands this office’s not discussing the details of matters pending in the legal process,” said Tucker Martin, a spokesman for the governor, in a statement released last week. “And, as a legislator, certainly Senator Petersen is aware that Virginia’s disclosure requirements do not pertain to the families of elected officials.”

Martin also called the letter “blatantly political.”

SOME LOCAL OFFICIALS agree.

“Chap’s letter was political grandstanding,” said Supervisor John Cook (R-Braddock). “I am disappointed to see this issue out there. It is absolutely important to maintain integrity in government. But right now no one has proved any wrongdoing, so we just need to let the process [investigation] play out.”

“Honestly, I would prefer that someone else be doing this,” Petersen said. “I take zero joy in staking out this position.”

Petersen added that he has known McDonnell for 12 years and considers him sincere, forthright and unfailingly courteous.

“I still can’t believe that he would permit this type of dealings in his household. That’s why the Star Scientific reports are such a shock,” Petersen said.

During a gathering at Reston’s Lake Thoreau pool during the 4th of July holiday, several people were discussing the issue.

While some residents were highly critical, Peggy Hancuff said the issue of the governor’s alleged gifts was relatively unimportant. “There are politics that are important, such as voter ID and the governor’s election coming up, and then there are politics that are a distraction. This is a distraction. There are bigger issues out there,” Hancuff said.



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NEWS

Festival-goers pause as the national anthem is played. The Vienna Police Department Color Guard presented the colors.



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THE CONNECTION

Vienna Hosts Fun-filled 4th of July Festival, fireworks, highlight small-town celebration.

BY DONNA MANZ
THE CONNECTION

Traditionally, hundreds of families come out for the Town of Vienna's annual Independence Day festival and fireworks show. This year was no different.

"Vienna has the best local 4th of July celebration," said Adam Braucher of McLean, accompanied by wife Heather and 20-month-old daughter Gracelyn. "We love Vienna. There's nothing in McLean."

Everything from an inflatable rock wall, to an inflatable caterpillar and obstacle course, craft vendors outdoors and indoors at the Community Center, food vendors, all-day live classic pop music and a classic car show as well as the always-popular American Legion beer-and-food tent rounded out the five-hour festival on the grounds of the festival along Cherry Street.

The first-ever "Pooch Parade" drew more than 50

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Family members Sophie Scinta, 9, Gina Scinta, Kathy Dix-Haskins, Judi Scharfman and Ariane Scinta made certain their dachshunds were dressed up for the Pooch Parade.



The inflatable castle and the rock-climbing wall had lines, although the caterpillar and obstacle course offered quick access.

Water Quality Report Available

The 2013 Water Quality Report for the Town of Vienna and surrounding service area has been mailed to each address that receives a water bill from the town. In-town customers can view the report in the July Town Newsletter and out-of-town customers have been mailed a copy of the report. The report is also available at Town Hall, 127 Center St. S., and online at www.viennava.gov/

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Vienna Celebrates July 4th

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entries, most of who were dressed in their most spectacular July 4th attire. Human companions accompanied the dogs as they paraded a loop around Caffi Field as lines of paparazzi snapped their photos. Vienna's animal control officer came out to make certain the dogs stayed in line (they did—literally and figuratively).

Children looked especially patriotic in their red, white and blue dresses and shirts, and, occasionally, very little ones were pulled in flag-decorated wagons. The Optimists of Greater Vienna sold tickets to the kids' attractions and, occasionally, a mature couple braved the heat to dance to the party music of Ron Moody and the Centaurs.

The Vienna Police Department Color Guard presented the colors and stood at attention as the national anthem played. Festival-goers paused in silence, many with hands over hearts.

Every year the festival hosts a chili competition to benefit the Vienna Volunteer Fire Department and chili specialists come from throughout the region to promote their spicy products with samples.

No rain, no thunderstorms ... just heat and humidity, neither of which kept the crowd away.

Later in the evening, Fat Chance performed at Southside Park in a prelude to the highlight of Independence Day ... fireworks at Southside.

"It's a tradition to come here," said lifelong Vienna resident Gina Scinta, who noted she graduated from Vienna Elementary School, just "around the corner."

"We've been coming since we were little kids. It's fun and a good way to see your neighbors."



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OPINION

More Than Disclosure Needed

Time for limits on campaign contributions as well.

At least until after November's election, most candidates in Virginia seem to think that there should be some reform to Virginia's campaign finance and disclosure rules. At least it seems likely that most will support expanding disclosure rules to require disclosure of gifts to immediate family members as well as candidates/officials.

Up until recent news reports about gifts to family members of Gov. Bob McDonnell, almost all elected officials would defend Virginia's notoriously unregulated system of allowing candidates and elected officials to take unlimited amounts of money and unlimited gifts from anyone or any company at all. Because Virginia has such strict disclosure requirements, elected officials seem to think that it's OK to be awash in all that money. Voters can

look up who is giving money and draw their own conclusions. How could it hurt if the details are all out in the open?

EDITORIALS

Discovering that the system is entirely self-regulated with no independent auditor, no ethics commission and no penalties for failing to report gifts or contributions should give voters some pause.

Consider that only four states, including Virginia, have no limits on contributions. Most states have limits; for example, in Maryland, individuals can give \$4,000 to any one candidate and \$10,000 total in a four-year election cycle.

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COMMENTARY

Voting Rights Need Protection

BY KENNETH R. "KEN" PLUM
STATE DELEGATE (D-36)

The Supreme Court had an historic week recently with major decisions on gay marriage, immigration and voting. I am particularly concerned about the decision that I believe does major damage to the Voting Rights Act.

I grew up in a segregated Virginia. Not only were there laws requiring that black and white children go to separate schools, that black and white customers be served at separate lunch counters, and that blacks always sit in the back of the bus, but there were laws designed to keep African Americans from voting. My earliest political involvement was in efforts to break down these barriers. I have always been disappointed that it took federal court decisions and federal laws to overcome these discriminatory prac-



tices, rather than the state legislature acknowledging that they were wrong and repealing them. Instead of desegregating the schools as the Supreme

Court directed, Virginia political leaders undertook a decade-long campaign of massive resistance that ultimately was unsuccessful.

A key part of extending civil rights to all citizens was the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It required states with a history of voting discrimination to have their laws reviewed and approved by the U.S. Justice Department. Virginia was one of those states because voter discrimination was rampant. Under laws passed beginning early in the 20th century by the dominant Demo-

cratic Party machine, voters had to complete a voter registration form that was so complex that few blacks were successful but whites—no doubt with some help—were able to complete. The \$1.50 poll tax as a requirement to vote kept some people from the polls as did the requirement that the tax be paid three years in a row at least six months before the election. The result of these and other laws led to Virginia having one of the lowest voter participation rates in the country. And Virginia's legislative district lines were drawn to exclude the possibility of a minority getting elected to office and to keep power in the rural areas of the state. Under a Supreme Court decision and the Voting Rights Act, Virginia had to hold elections three years in a row—in 1981, 1982 and 1983—until district lines were drawn to satisfy the federal review of fairness.

The Voting Rights Act and other court actions and laws ended much of the discrimination in voting and redistricting. The current Supreme Court seems to think that certain provisions of the Voting Rights Act are no longer needed. I do not agree. Justice Ginsburg said it best in her dissent to the court's decision, "Throwing out pre-clearance when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet."

Each year I see efforts by the now Republican majority to restrict or discourage minorities from voting under the guise of preventing unidentified voter fraud. I hope you will join me in encouraging the U.S. Congress to pass new provisions to the Voting Rights Act right away to ensure that minority-voting rights are protected.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Human Trafficking In Our Backyard

To the Editor,

I was ecstatic to learn of the progress local leaders like my delegate, Barbara Comstock (R-34), have made in raising awareness on human trafficking and sex trafficking right here in our backyard. This serious issue was brought to my attention about a year ago through several newspaper articles, and it seemed to me as though the majority of locals were not aware of this egregious viola-

tion of human rights occurring under their noses. As an intern in the office of Congressman Frank Wolf (R-10) last year, I was shocked to learn of how widespread and severe human trafficking is, not only throughout the world, but within our area. We cannot stand idly by as this blatant violation of human rights continues, particularly given the spreading awareness of its presence. As a Vietnamese-American, this cause resonates heavily with me, as throughout my life my mother and relatives have empha-

sized its prevalence within their homeland and beyond.

Thankfully, the new bill proposed by Delegates Comstock and Hugo (R-40), which was signed by Governor McDonnell earlier this year, makes soliciting sex from minors a felony, and it will create additional barriers for local sex traffickers, which hopefully will help stop this hideous process. I am proud of our local leaders for taking such steps towards reversing intolerable, illicit practices taking place in a civilized, educated area where no

such thing should be allowed to exist. Events like the Human Trafficking Forum hosted by Del. Comstock help educate people in the area and bring this despicable issue into the spotlight. We in Northern Virginia are lucky to have such committed legislators that focus on issues that affect us. This principled form of representation is the reason that I support Del. Barbara Comstock.

Arielle Swett
Great Falls

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The forum is free and open to the Greater Vienna area. For more information, call 703-255-6356 or visit www.viennava.gov/index.aspx?nid=1031.

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The Friends of the Vienna Town Green was established to help support free concerts and performances at the Town Green, located at the corner of Maple Avenue (Rte. 123) and Mill Street, NE. This year over 30 different performances are planned for all ages and tastes; however, additional support is needed to continue to offer free quality programming.

This meeting is an informational meeting; there is no obligation to become a Friend of the Town Green.

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Sea-themed accessories can add a beach-like tone to a backyard party, says Ann O'Shields of The Nest Egg in Fairfax.



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Ann O'Shields of The Nest Egg suggests serve wear made of melamine for outdoor entertaining. "Bright colors help set the tone for a festive gathering," she said.

Safeguarding Jewelry During Summer

Experts offer simple safety suggestions for protecting valuables.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Kenzie Campbell left her home recently for a week-long trip to care for her ailing father. While she was away, her Northern Virginia home was burglarized, and in addition to a flat-screen television and an iMac computer, the thieves got away with all of her jewelry.

"I could care less about the television and the computer," she said. "But they took a Cartier ring that I bought during a family trip to Paris, my grandmother's wedding ring and almost all of the gemstone jewelry that my mother had given me, like a pair of denim sapphire earrings, which were my birthstone," she said. "It is heart-breaking, not because of the monetary value, but because of the sentimental value."

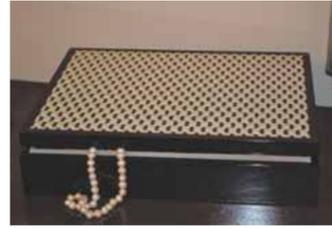
Summer is a time when many go on vacation and leave their homes unattended. In fact, according to the FBI, more burglaries occur during summer months than any other time of the year. The U.S. Department of Justice further reports that an American home is broken into about every 15 seconds. However, experts say there are simple precautions the average person can implement to safeguard valuable jewelry from potential burglaries.

"A jewelry box is the worst place to store valuable jewelry," said jeweler and goldsmith George Kaufmann of Robert Bernard Jewelers in Potomac, Md. "A jewelry box is an invitation for a crook. Essentially, you're packaging all your valuables in one obvious place and making it easy for a crook to take."

In fact, the Jewelers' Security Alliance, a nonprofit trade association that provides crime prevention information, advises homeowners not to store their most precious jewelry in a bedroom or jewelry box. Statistically, it's the first place a burglar will look.

Campbell says that was her experience. "The burglars never went into my bathroom," she said. "They took all of the jewelry from drawers in my bedroom."

Diversion safes are clever options for hiding valuables. "There are a lot of items out there like books that are not really books but spaces for valuables or picture frames that are really security for jewelry," said Robin Wagner, an associate professor of interior de-



A jewelry box that is kept in a bedroom is one of the least safe places for storing valuable jewelry.

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sign at Marymount University in Arlington. There are even safes disguised as household food containers complete with barcoded wrappers, as well as decorative, wax candles that are made with interior metal storage compartments. Kauffman says certain pieces of furniture also work well for hiding jewelry. "I had a client who has a piece of furniture that was an antique and it had a secret drawer that rotated," he explained. "It was something that nobody would ever find."

He also recalls a clever hiding place from his childhood home. "When I was a kid, my mother wanted a vanity, so she took shelves out of the linen closet and made a little dressing table. It was deeper than what she needed, so she hid valuables in the shelves that were hidden. Every home has some kind of nook and cranny where you can hide valuable jewelry. Unless a crook has time to spend hours combing through your home, these usually work."

It's also a good idea to consider adding covert jewelry storage spaces, such as those suggested by Kauffman, during a home remodeling project. Unfortunately, Bob Gallagher of Sun Design Remodeling in Burke said, "It is not something that people are thinking of when they go into a remodeling project. Clients don't bring it up often. People want to remain hopeful that they aren't going to be a victim."

However, says Gallagher, jewelry storage is not a complicated process during a construction project. "You build a safe into the actual construction project, inside the framing of the house. Sometimes people ask for safes to be recessed into a closet so people can't walk away with it, and you could hang a picture over the safe to cover it." Fairfax resident Susan Hergenrath, an assistant professor of interior design at Marymount University agrees, offering a caveat about traditional safes. "You can buy a safe, but if it is one that can be picked up and taken out, it is not much good."

Knowing the value of your jewelry is another component of safe-

guarding it. "You have to have it tested to determine whether the stones are real and [to] determine their quality," said Kauffman. "Sometimes a ring might be stamped 14k gold, but that doesn't guarantee that it is real. Have jewelry appraised and that will tell exactly what you have."

Valuable pieces of jewelry should be insured through one's homeowner's insurance policy, say experts. "If something is really valuable and irreplaceable, keep it in a safe deposit box at the bank," said Hergenrath. "Keep a photo and written inventory of your valuables and put that in the safe deposit box. That way if something is stolen, you have an accurate record."

Ideas For Summer Outdoor Entertaining

Local tastemakers offer design and decorating ideas for alfresco soirees.

By MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

Summer is a time when many enjoy outdoor gatherings with friends and family. From soirees in small courtyard spaces to poolside barbecues for a crowd, warm weather is often synonymous with alfresco entertaining.

From shatterproof platters and plates to furniture that can withstand the elements, outdoor accessories are plentiful. Local décor and design experts offer ideas for chic summer entertaining.

Robin Wagner, an associate professor of interior design at Marymount University in Arlington, says function and safety are top priorities when designing an outdoor space. "In talking about outdoor spaces, people view it as an extension of their home," said Wagner. "There are ways of making it feel like your home, but you have factors like weather impacting it, for example, the sun fading the fabrics or rain making things problematic. Companies now make furniture specifically for outdoor spaces."

Ann O'Shields, of The Nest Egg in Fairfax, says options for outdoor furniture are abundant. "The past few years have brought a huge introduction of outdoor materials that allow you to create an outdoor living space that is as beautifully decorated as your interior space. Indoor-outdoor rugs, seating, entertaining pieces and even artwork allow you to introduce wonderful

color and texture to your deck, patio and garden spaces. Comfortable seating invites guests to linger long after the barbecue is over to enjoy cocktails and the evening air."

Wagner offers a caveat when purchasing furniture for outdoor use, however. "You don't want to end up with something that might look fine on the outside but that is holding in mold or mildew on the inside," she said. "Make sure it has the correct inside component of foam or fill that is impervious to mold or mildew."

When choosing colors for outdoor furniture, experts say to consider your surroundings. "If your garden is vibrant in color, you want neutral fabric to let the flowers stand out," said Wagner. "If it is an open space, say a pool or grassy area, then you want the furniture to be the focus and you use vibrant colors and patterns."

When it comes to lighting, designer Kelley Proxmire of Kelley Interior Design in Bethesda, Md., suggests LED lights. "They come in the form of pillar candles and small votives and you don't have to worry about them catching fire or the wind blowing them out."

Wagner said, "Solar lighting has come a long from what it was years ago. There are some great solar components out there. Don't think of lighting in the way you would inside your house. Use ambient lighting to set the mood for sitting outside and talking with your friends."

Susan Hergenrath, an assistant professor of interior design at

Marymount University suggests stringing LED lights. "[They] can add sparkle. [They're] not just for winter holidays."

Candles are another lighting option, but they can serve multiple purposes. "Using candles not only helps keep the bugs at bay, but adds to the ambiance," said O'Shields.

While Hergenrath says homeowners should be mindful of candles that are unattended or if children are present, she also offers a decorative idea: "If you do use candles, vintage wooden spools make cool candle holders for tapers."

When it comes to casual serve ware, varieties are vast. "Melamine is a wonderful choice for outdoor serving while entertaining," said O'Shields. "Bright colors help set the tone for a festive gathering."

Proxmire adds that melamine can almost replicate indoor place settings. "There are melamine cups and plates that are patterned like Portuguese ceramic pieces," she said. "I had a client who went on [the website] Etsy.com and found navy blue and hot pink whale plates, monogrammed cozies and monogrammed disposable plates."

Unorthodox vessels can be used to hold accessories ranging from plants to utensils as well, allowing homeowners to expand their creativity. "Unexpected containers like a planter lined with plastic can be filled with ice to hold cold beverages," Proxmire said. "Mason jars are casual and [can be] used for flowers."

Chic and aesthetically appealing containers don't have to come with a high price tag, however. "The local flea market, yard sales [or] thrift shops ... have very cool 'found objects' you can use as con-

tainers," said Hergenrath. "I found a great old metal pail that is perfect. [I] love anything metal like old wash basins for ice and beverages."

In fact, when it comes to accessories, Hergenrath says inspiration and materials can often be found in one's own backyard. "Use greenery, flowers, sticks [and] rocks [that] you have readily available in your yard to create interesting decorations," she said. "Use sea shells in glass containers to add interest to flower arrangements."

Evelyn Kinville of The Behnke Florist Shop in Potomac, Md., suggests using zinnias, dahlias and delphiniums in warm weather floral arrangements. "Usually in summer there are things like mountain mint which has a minty aroma to the leaf and a small puffy looking flower," she added. "Many people have daisies and hydrangeas in their yard and, of course, the real classic is sunflowers."

Kinville adds that summer arrangements are often casual and colorful. "But they are also geared toward the general décor that the person doing the entertaining might be using in the linens," she said. "Generally, though, bright colors are more popular in summer than paler flowers."

Hergenrath says that even though outdoor furniture, flowers and accessories help create an aesthetically appealing design, they are not the most important element for a successful outdoor event, however.

"Remember it is the people that make the party special, not the décor," she said. "Make your space comfy and welcoming, keep the mood happy and festive ... enjoy your family and friends."

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SPORTS

Vienna's Brooks Wins Mid-Atlantic PGA Junior Championship

Shannon Brooks of Vienna was the overall girls' winner of the 2013 Middle Atlantic PGA Junior Championship at Evergreen Country Club in Haymarket.

Brooks earned a spot to play in the Junior PGA Championship presented by Under Armour and Hotel Fitness, which will be held at Trump National Golf Club in Washington D.C. on July 30-Aug. 2.

With a four-hour rain delay in the second round, all 25 female competitors finally completed their rounds. Brooks had a two-round total of 140. Brooks shot a course record of 68 on day one and finished day two with a 72, beating the next competitor by two strokes. She also took the title in the girls' 16-18 age division. In the girls' 13-15 age division, Victoria Tip-Aucha of Manassas shot a score of 154 and won over Sienna Ferrick (156) of Vienna.

Vienna's Amber Liu finished eighth in the overall competition with a score of 159.



COURTESY PHOTO

Vienna's Shannon Brooks won the girls' overall championship at the 2013 Middle Atlantic PGA Junior Championship.



PHOTO BY KAREN OSOFSKY

Kenna Campfield competes for the Oakton Otters dive team.

Oakton Otters Fall to Highlands

The Oakton Otter Dive Team lost to Highlands Swim on July 2 in a Division 4 meet, 32-31.

Three Otter divers took first place in their respective categories: Haley Liddell in freshman girls with a score of 70.50, AJ Colbert in senior girls with a score of 207.30, and Liam Klopfenstein in senior boys with a score of 172.65.

Other Otter divers who placed were: Lexi Pierce (freshman girls, second), Finn MacStravic (freshman boys, third), Mackenzie Brennan (junior girls, second), Kenna Campfield (junior girls, third), Elana Colbert (intermediate girls, second), Julia Powell (intermediate girls, third), James Crowley (intermediate boys, third), and Everi Osofsky (senior girls, third).

Sharks Get Third Victory

The Shouse Village Sharks beat the South Run Seahawks 228-191 in NVSL Division 10. Double winners for Shouse were: Monica Balistrere, Sinead Eksteen, Will Hitchcock, Alex Minutoli, Kathleen Oakley, Annie Springsteen, Jessica Thurin and Charlie Williams.

One Shouse record was broken: Eksteen beat her own 11-12 50 free record of 29.16 seconds with a new time of 28.88.

Vienna Knuckleheads 9U Beat LOUYAA Bears

The bats were busy at Dogwood Park in Rockville on June 30, and when the dust cleared, the Vienna Knuckleheads 9U baseball team had a 10-8 win over the LOUYAA Bears in six innings.

The teams combined for 26 hits, including seven extra base hits.

The game was back-and-forth heading into the sixth, with five lead changes.

Vienna Knuckleheads 9U took the lead in the sixth inning and held on for the victory. After a key sacrifice by Kevin Wilson, Vienna Knuckleheads 9U scored on a two-run double by Jack Emory, scoring Alex Jreige and Hunter Moss.

Vienna Knuckleheads 9U would not relinquish the lead as the LOUYAA Bears were unable to weather a four-run sixth inning deficit.

The LOUYAA Bears scored two runs in the sixth on a sacrifice fly and an RBI triple. Still, the LOUYAA Bears couldn't draw even.

Vienna Knuckleheads 9U pounded the LOUYAA Bears' pitching, as six hitters combined for 14 hits, eight RBIs and seven runs scored. Ethan Rowles paced the Knuckleheads with four hits on the day while Jaden Kritsky contributed three hits.

The bottom of the first saw the LOUYAA Bears take an early lead, 4-0. Vienna Knuckleheads 9U scored one run in the second inning, and then followed it up with one more in the fourth. In the second, Vienna Knuckleheads 9U scored on a sacrifice fly by Jreige, scoring Nick Toole. Vienna Knuckleheads 9U tied the game in the fifth on a steal of home.

The LOUYAA Bears scored two runs of their own in the fifth. The LOUYAA Bears scored on a two-run double by Wiles.

Vienna Knuckleheads 9U never surrendered the lead after the sixth inning. The runs piled on thanks to singles by Dean Vance, Toole, Moss, Kritsky and Rowles and doubles by Ryan Salvosa and Emory.

Vienna Knuckleheads 9U solid pitching was led by Ryan Salvosa who allowed no runs over three innings, Tyler Schoeberlein and Bryce Eldridge who closed out the victory.

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Preserving Vienna's 'Oral History'

Interns conducts interviews, create exhibit on Vienna history.

BY JASMINE KANG
THE CONNECTION

Working with Historic Vienna, Inc., interns Caroline Gardiner and Virginia Harness have undertaken a project to create an archive of town residents' memories. Harness describes the project as an "oral history of the town."

"We're trying to tell the story of Vienna by incorporating actual events with personal memoirs," Gardiner said.

Currently, the pair is conducting interviews of residents with strong ties to the town. This, according to Harness, includes individuals who have lived in the area for the longest or have contributed to significant historical events.

"I think one really interesting thing is that the four people we've



PHOTO BY JASMINE KANG/THE CONNECTION

The Freeman Store sells Civil War-themed items and presents exhibits about town history. Historic Vienna, Inc. interns Caroline Gardiner and Virginia Harness are working to create an exhibit about the history of Vienna, which will be located in the Freeman Store.

interviewed have really different perspectives," Harness said.

According to the pair, interviewees have discussed subjects ranging from the cutting of maple trees to overpopulation.

"It has been amazing to watch the growth of Vienna from a typical small town in the mid 1950s to the wonder that it is now," interviewee Barbara Chaudet said.

According to Gardiner, Chaudet and her husband, Norman, helped found the Vienna Theatre Company.

Despite the variety of responses, Harness said that all of the interviewees emphasized the strong sense of community.

"Vienna has always been closely connected with Washington, but has tried to maintain a small town

feel," Gardiner said. "There is a core that has been keeping it the way it was, even through all the evolution."

These interviews will then be compiled to create in an exhibit in the Freeman store, as well as an accompanying blog.

Both Gardiner and Harness are passionate about historical studies. Gardiner is pursuing a double major in anthropology and archaeology, while Harness is completing her master's degree in architectural history and historical preservation.

Harness said that she is "interested in oral history as a way to present a community's history back to its citizens.

"Being able to take video and audio recordings is a great way to get people engaged in their community's history," Harness said.

The pair is currently conducting interviews and plans to begin the process of creating the exhibit in August. According to Gardiner, they are working closely with the board of Historic Vienna, Inc. and hope that the project will remain ongoing.

Send announcements to vienna@connectionnewspapers.com. Deadline is Friday for the following week's paper. Photos/artwork encouraged. For additional listings, visit www.connectionnewspapers.com

THURSDAY/JULY 11

Instant Opera! 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Singers from Wolf Trap Opera Studio create a story on the spot using character and setting suggestions from the audience. \$8. http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

Encaustic Painting Demonstration. 7:30 p.m., Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., Vienna. The Vienna Arts Society invites the public to watch artist Dick Neff show his unique method of working in this unusual medium. 703-319-3917 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

David Cole and Main Street Jazz. 7:30-8:30 p.m., at Nottoway Park, 9537 Courthouse Road, Vienna. A favorite of the D.C. Blues Society, David Cole brings the full range of his experience as one of the area's most versatile musicians to his expression of the blues. www.davidcolemusic.com/biography.html.

She & Him with Special Guest: Camera Obscura. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. She & Him is comprised of the TV and film star Zooey Deschanel and indie-rock M. Ward. Camera Obscura, an indie-rock band, opens the evening. \$30-\$40. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

FRIDAY/JULY 12

Instant Opera! 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Singers from Wolf Trap Opera Studio create a story on the spot using character and setting suggestions from the audience. \$8. http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

Vienna Volunteer Fire Department's Auction. 6 p.m., at VVFD Station, 400 Center Street, Vienna. Volunteer Firefighters and EMTs will be auctioned off for a date, dinner, private tour of the VVFD and attending the Fire Ball. RSVP at <http://firefighterauction.eventbrite.com>.

Difficult Run Jazz Band. 6:30 p.m., at 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The Difficult Run Jazz Band plays jazz music on the Vienna town green. <http://www.viennava.gov>.

"Damn Yankees." 8 p.m., at The McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. The Alden Theatre presents the classic musical-comedy. \$20. 866-811-4111 or www.McLeanPlayers.org.

Carmina Burana and More. 8:15 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The NSO, Choral Arts Society of Washington and soloists from Wolf Trap Opera Company present Carl Orff's Carmina Burana and Mussorgsky's pictures at an exhibition. \$22-\$55. http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

SATURDAY/JULY 13
Surf's Up Water Fun Day. 8 a.m.-noon at the Vienna Farmers Market, 301 Center St. S., Vienna. Free water fun children's activities are the highlight. viennafarmersmarket.com.
The Deedle Deedle Dees. 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. America's Ultimate Teaching Band combines guitar, bass, mandolin, drums, and bouzouki into a depiction of famous people, places, and events in U.S. history and folklore. \$10. http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

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Oakton Church of the Brethren Community Concert Series. 7 p.m., Oakton Church of the Brethren, 10025 Courthouse Road., Vienna. Violinist Dr. Rami Kanaan and pianist Bettye Cooley return to the Oakton Church of the Brethren in a lecture-recital. www.oaktonbrethren.org or 703-281-4411.

SATURDAY/JULY 13

NSO Video Games Live. 8:30 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The National Symphony Orchestra presents an all-new show featuring music from video games such as Halo, Zelda, Tron, Sonic, Super Mario Bros., Final Fantasy and many more. \$22-\$55. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

Joanie Leeds & The Nightlights. 10 p.m., at Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave., Vienna. Joanie Leeds celebrates the release of her new CD, featuring her songs for children. \$10. <https://jamminjava.com> or 703-225-1566.

SUNDAY/JULY 14

Red, Hot & Blue Reception. 2-4 p.m., at Vienna Art Center, 115 Pleasant St. N.W., in Vienna. See art at an artists reception with refreshments and music from The Higher Ground String Band Sunday. 703-319-3971 or www.ViennaArtsSociety.org.

Aria Jukebox. 3 p.m., The Barns, 1635 Trap Road, Vienna. Artists perform selections from Puccini, Rossini, Verdi, Wagner, Gerswhin and Mozart. \$32-\$48. <http://www.wolftrap.org/Barns.aspx>.

Saxophone Ensemble. 6:30 p.m., at 144 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. The

"Hope," watercolor, by Dillian Deal, is one of the works in the Red, Hot & Blue exhibition at the Vienna Art Center. See the art at a reception with refreshments and music from The Higher Ground String Band Sunday, July 14, 2-4 p.m.



Annandale Saxophone Ensemble performs traditional hits for all ages. <http://www.viennava.gov>.

Boz Scaggs and Michael McDonald. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. Boz Scaggs & Michael McDonald play popular Motown covers like "I Heard it Through the Grapevine" and hits like "Lido Shuffle." \$25-\$42. <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

10:30 a.m. at 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. This multi-generational dance company combines the excitement and energy of drumming with elaborate choreography and audience participation. \$8. www.wolftrap.org.

Jethro Tull. 8 p.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. The front man of the British rock group Jethro Tull, Ian Anderson, revisits his 1972 album, Thick as a Brick. \$30-\$40. 1-877-965-3872 or <http://www.wolftrap.org>.

MONDAY/JULY 15

Jill Scott, Raheem DeVaughn and Fiveology. 8 p.m., Filene Center at Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. R&B soulstress Jill Scott is set to bring her provocative, intelligent music. \$40-\$95. www.wolftrap.org.

WEDNESDAY/JULY 17

Recess Monkey. 10:30 a.m., at Filene Center, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna. A trio of elementary school teachers sing about the fun of being a kid as they rock to fan-favorites from their newest albums Deep Sea Diver and Desert Island Disc. \$10. http://www.wolftrap.org/Filene_Center.aspx.

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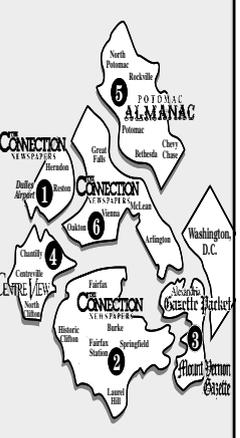
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Infused But Confused



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As I titled and wrote about in last week's column, I have indeed been there (infused) and have done that, so why am I feeling as if I haven't? Sure, I have some things to do in advance and some considerations to be aware of infusing forward; so what? I need weekly lab work; that's nothing new. I may experience certain side effects: flu-like symptoms or a rash. OK. If I do, Call. I'm likely to feel "crappy," according to my longtime oncology nurse, Ron. Really? (If I didn't know any better, I suppose that would be a surprise. But I do know better. Hardly could I consider that news. I've probably written a half-dozen columns on that exact subject during my previous multiple lines of I.V. chemotherapy over these past four-plus years.) Life is going on, just differently than before. That's as good as it gets for a terminal cancer patient, reasonably thinking. Only 16 percent of stage IV, non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC) patients survive beyond five years and I'm almost there (four years, five months). To say I'm lucky to be alive – and grateful for being so, is almost disrespectful the vast majority of previously diagnosed patients who've predeceased me.

Nevertheless, I feel a certain anxiety about this particular I.V. chemotherapy restart, a restart that I guess I didn't anticipate. It's as if I'm taking it personally, if that makes any sense. Previously, I think I took it more in stride, like I was one of many (which no doubt I was) and together we were all going off on this big life-saving adventure. Now, it feels – in my head, anyway (and probably more so in my head than anybody else's), that the adventure part is over and what's left is more a battle royal than a series of skirmishes.

Not that I feel weakened or fatigued by the previous four-plus years of the medical combat I've endured; rather, I feel humbled by the experience, sort of. So far, I've taken cancer's best shot (at least I hope it was) and survived way beyond any statistical expectation. I can't help wondering though, if my above-average life expectancy makes me somehow immune to cancer's reach or more susceptible to its grasp. Am I closer to the end or just further from the beginning? Moreover, does how long I've survived have an impact on how much longer I can continue to beat the terrible odds which us stage IV lung cancer patients face? I realize that past is often prologue, but at this juncture, I'm having a little difficulty not seeing the epilogue. I don't want to finish this book quite yet. But I fear cancer may have the last word, literally.

Perhaps returning to the original scene of the crime (so to speak), the Infusion Center, where my treatment began, is what's behind my stress. Weekly chemotherapy, as familiar as the process may be – to me, may simply be too much cause not to be concerned.

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