

ADVERTISEMENT

Neiman Marcus

LOUNGE AROUND
THE LATEST OUTDOOR FURNITURE ▶

MEMBER CENTER: [Create Account](#) | [Log In](#)



You're At Home

Find Your Car

Get Coupons

[Email](#)

[Print](#)

[Text Size](#)

Oyster restoration goes orbital: concrete orbs offer a biosphere

Associated Press - June 30, 2007 2:15 PM ET

OYSTER, Va. (AP) - Some Chesapeake Bay oysters will have concrete condos.

Students from the Tandem Friends School in Charlottesville showed on the Eastern Shore last week, bearing 200 concrete balls. The orbs were set in salty, shallow water in Magothy Bay near Skidmore Island and in shallows at Smith Island.

The experiment brought the school together with a diverse group: The Nature Conservancy, the Virginia Marine Resources Commission, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Allied Concrete Company.

Allied's president, Gus Lorder, approached the conservancy a year ago after reading that concrete might be a suitable habitat for struggling oysters.

His Charlottesville company donated materials and concrete, which students shaped into reef balls.

The experiment is the latest twist in using alternative materials to attract and grow native oysters that have been killed off by disease, lost habitat and overfishing.

If the concrete orbs are successful, Allied wants to expand the experiment next year.

Copyright 2007 The Associated Press. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed.

News

[More >>](#)

[Veggie Booty snack food recalled because of possible salmonella contamination](#)

[WAVY wins seven awards from Virginia Associated Press Broadcasters](#)

[WAVY wins Murrow Award for coverage of evacuation of Lebanon](#)

National News

[More >>](#)

International News

[More >>](#)

[National News Minute](#)

[Funeral held for slain pregnant woman](#)

[Some iPhone customers face delays in service activation](#)

[Flaming SUV rams Scottish airport; four arrests](#)

[Israeli strikes kill seven militants in Gaza](#)

[Judge stands by Guantanamo decision](#)



[Plane crashes into Arkansas house, kills 2](#)
[Bogus toothpaste now in 6 states, Canada](#)

[Organizers set up for concert honoring Princess Diana](#)
[Brown calls for vigilance](#)



All content © Copyright 2000 - 2007 WorldNow and WAVY. All Rights Reserved.
For more information on this site, please read our [Privacy Policy](#) and [Terms of S](#)