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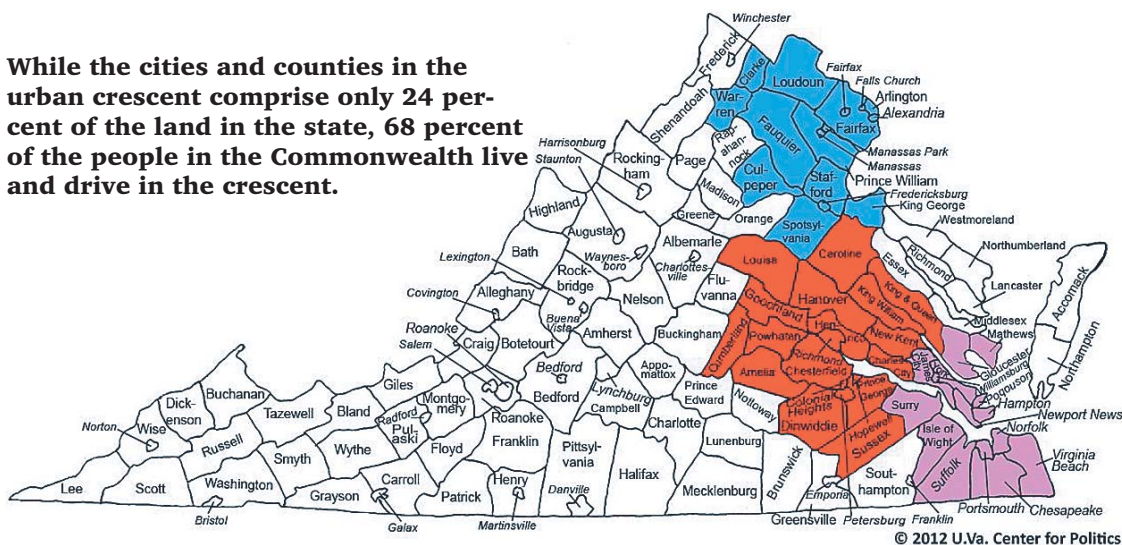
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Local Leaders to Virginia Governor: Time to Fund Transportation is 'Now'

Officials form historic 'Urban Crescent' coalition to press governor for transportation funding.

BY VICTORIA ROSS
THE CONNECTION

Local government leaders from urban centers across the state joined together last week in an unprecedented effort to pressure Governor Robert McDonnell and the General Assembly to head off the state's looming "transportation crisis."

Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chairman Sharon Bulova (D-at-large) led 54 mayors and county chairs of Virginia's "Urban Crescent"—the state's 46 most populous regions stretching from Northern Virginia to Richmond and Hampton Roads—in sending a letter to top Commonwealth leaders on Sept. 4, urging them to adequately fund Virginia's "crumbling" transportation system.

Bulova said state leaders were putting Virginia's business-friendly reputation at risk by failing to meet the state's responsibility to fund transportation.

"This is an economic issue, a jobs issue," Bulova said, referring to the recent CNBC rankings of America's "Top States for Business," which lowered the Commonwealth's overall ranking in state competitiveness from one to three, and dropped its ranking for infrastructure and transportation from 10 to 33.

"The cost of inaction will no doubt be higher than the cost of addressing this crisis now," Bulova said.

THE COALITION of Urban Crescent officials is bipartisan, broad and historic, according to county officials. It includes City of Fairfax Mayor Scott Silverthorne; Town of Vienna Mayor Jane Seeman;

Herndon Mayor Lisa Merkel; Alexandria Mayor William D. Euille; Prince William County Chairman Corey Stewart and Loudoun County Chairman Scott York.

"I don't think I've ever seen regional cooperation this broad," said Supervisor Jeff McKay (D-Lee). "This is unprecedented."

McKay said elected leaders in Virginia's economic heartland formed the coalition this summer, specifically because they were tired of Governor McDonnell and state legislators "pitting regions against one another."

"We all have the same interests, and by presenting a united front, it forces the governor to realize that we can't be manipulated," McKay said. "We want the governor and General Assembly on the hook. We want results. This is a problem the state created and the state needs to fix."

"In a nutshell, the letter makes the case that crumbling transportation infrastructure is harmful to businesses and to commuters across Virginia," said Bulova. "Where the Urban Crescent goes, so goes the Commonwealth."

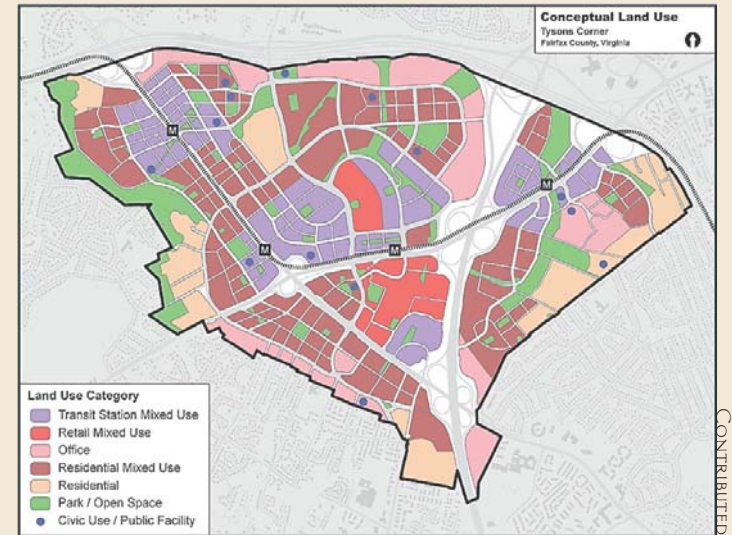
While the cities and counties in the urban crescent comprise only 24 percent of the land in the state, 68 percent of the people in the Commonwealth live and drive in the crescent. They provide nearly 72 percent of Virginia's employment, and generate nearly 80 percent of the state's gross product.

But the state's political clout rests with elected officials in Virginia's rural areas, which encompass a bigger swath of land—nearly 76 percent of the state.

On June 7, 2012, the urban crescent's top elected officials met in Henrico County for the first and only time. They vowed to come together to leverage their considerable economic influence, and pressure state legislators to provide new, long-term funding for the state's aging highways and transit systems.

"The consensus at that meeting was that Virginia's transportation system is significantly underfunded

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Proposed land use of Tysons Corner, after redevelopment.

'Strawman' Charts Tysons Future

Potential taxpayer burdens still not defined.

BY ALEX MCVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

The Tysons Corner Planning Committee has released the fourth iteration of their recommendations for redevelopment. The set of recommendations, nicknamed "Strawman," lay out the parameters for the anticipated 113 million square feet of development that Tysons Corner is expected to undergo by 2050.

"The core of the ideas that will be used to redevelop Tysons are in Strawman, they're early ideas of how things will eventually be implemented," said Committee Chair Walter Alcorn.

The third version was released by the Tysons Corner Planning Committee July 18, which was followed by feedback from various community members.

On Aug. 27, the McLean Citizens Association released a set of comments in Strawman version three, in which they raised about a dozen questions and recommendations.

Most were directly addressed by county staff, except for a major sticking point that has been raised not only by the MCA, but local residents and the mayor of Vienna.

Strawman calls for Fairfax County to "continue proactively searching for federal, state and other funding opportunities not dependent on countywide funding sources."

However, the MCA has wanted more specific language about a cap on the percentage of redevelopment costs that will be going to county taxpayers.

Their Aug. 27 comments call for a new sentence in the Strawman recommendations, one that would ensure "the county funding burden is no more than 25 percent of the total capital infrastructure costs."

The 25 percent comes from the development of the Route 82 corridor.

In a response to the MCA at the committee's Sept. 6 meeting, county staff said they did not add the 25 percent language because it "has been discussed but not embraced by the committee."

Louis Freeman, a McLean resident, submitted comment to the county where he called for a cardinal rule for all Tysons recommendations: that the county does not commit taxpayers to open-ended expenditures.

"When the [Planning Committee Tysons Corner] and [Planning Commission] make its recommendations to the [Board of Supervisors], please do not recommend actions that could leave the county and its taxpayers with potential unlimited funding commitments and unhappy future surprise," he said.

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NEWS

Pike Named to National Historic Register

Designation includes stretch of original road, now Dolley Madison Boulevard and Chain Bridge Road.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Georgetown Pike was named to the National Register of Historic Places Wednesday Aug. 22, giving the 14.4 miles of road from the Virginia-Washington, D.C. border to Leesburg Pike the recognition that many locals feel it deserves.

"The Georgetown Pike meets National Register Criterion A as locally significant in transportation for its role (1) as an essential link opening a major transportation route between the new Federal City and the west, (2) in the development of roads and road law in Virginia (1813-1934), (3) in the history of the Virginia Turnpike system (1816-1865), (4) in the extended tradition of public/private cooperative enterprise in internal improvements in Virginia and the District of Columbia, (5) in the cultural influence of the automobile in Northern Virginia (1919-1934) and (6) in providing the community a "main street" while linking the isolated farms and crossroads villages in the Upper Potomac area of Northern Virginia with each other and the markets in the District of Columbia (1813-1934)," reads the registration form with the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The registration was completed by Great Falls resident Tanya Beauchamp, who, along with several residents, particularly Doug Cobb, Karen Washburn and John Adams, helped compile the research and other materials needed to get the pike included in the National Register.

THE ROAD was built from 1813-1827 by men using hand tools and horse drawn equipment. Construction included stone walls, culverts, arches and bridges when necessary. The bridge over Bull Neck Run, just west of Langley Ridge Road, was one of the original structures, and is still present today.

John Mason, Jr. president of the Falls Bridge Turnpike Company, wrote in 1820 that the road was "paved with large stone, closely fitted together, 12 inches deep in the center, falling of to six inches on the sides, and covered with broken stone six inches deep from side to side; making 18 inches stone in the center and 12 inches on the side. The whole is covered with sand, gravel or clay, as was found most convenient."



Georgetown Pike was named to the Virginia Register of Historic Places June 21, and is now named to the National Register of Historic Places Aug. 22.



PHOTOS BY ALEX McVEIGH/THE CONNECTION

An abandoned stretch of road that used to be a section of the original Georgetown Pike, which was named to the National Register of Historic Places Aug. 22.

Today, the name Georgetown Pike simply refers to the 12.4 miles of Route 193 between Dolley Madison Boulevard and Leesburg Pike. The National Register of Historic Places considers Georgetown Pike extends past the eastern terminus at Dolley Madison Boulevard. The original road extended straight at Colonial Farm road, as opposed to the current curve that connects it to Dolley Madison.

The 100 feet of roadway just east of Colonial Farm Road and south of the CIA Building is now an abandoned section of road, used by bikers and joggers.

"Planning for the construction of George Washington Memorial Parkway and the CIA headquarters building in the mid-twentieth century balanced historic preservation values against the need for a four-lane divided highway leading out of the city," the application reads. "Dolley Madison Boulevard provided this, maintaining the original Georgetown Pike direction from the Parkway to the CIA then bearing south to avoid the historic road and the Langley Fork Historic District."

THE ORIGINAL GEORGETOWN PIKE consists of an additional two miles, starting at Dolley Madison Boulevard east of the CIA. It continues into Arlington County and to the D.C. border.

The National Register also includes six contributing structures as part of the historical nature of the pike: the entire roadbed including grading, elevation and direction, with adjacent drainage facilities; the abandoned 100-foot section of road; an original stone retaining wall at Pimmit Run; an original stone, brick and earth road bridge over Bull Neck Run; a remaining stone wall from the bed of Pimmit Run to the Chain Bridge Road-George Washington Memorial Parkway boundary; and the sightline, elevation, boundary and directional continuity provided at the intersections of Georgetown Pike and the GW Park

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The Forestville School, which was located on Georgetown Pike where the Fire Department is now. The pike was named to the National Historic Register Aug. 22.

Pike Makes National Register

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way, Dolley Madison Boulevard and the beltway.

Non-contributing structures, which are features contributed after the period of historical significance, are also included. This period is from 1813 to 1934, when the road was transferred to the Virginia Department of Highways.

With Georgetown Pike, the non-contributing structures include the .93 mile section of divided highway between the ramps to the GW Parkway and the CIA, the .53-mile section that includes access ramps to the Beltway, the .27 mile addition connecting the pike to Dolley Madison Boulevard and the .15-mile section of divided highway just east of Leesburg Pike.

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Finance Committee Meeting of the Whole. 7:30 p.m., at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. Treasurer Sean A. Dunn, will lead a meeting about the draft budget to finance center programs and events for the fiscal year 2014, discussing all revisions. www.mcleancenter.org.

THURSDAY/SEPT. 13

AIL Classes Open House. 10 a.m.-noon, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, 2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton. For a complete listing of classes or to register, visit <http://www.scov.org/ail.htm>.

Public Hearing on the Dulles Toll. 5-8 p.m., Spring Hill Elementary School, 8201 Lewinsville Road, McLean. See an informational exhibit about the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project and its effects and costs; Airports Authority representatives will be present for open-format discussion. Make public comments online through Sept. 16. www.mwaa.com/tollroad.

GrowthBusters: Hooked on Growth. 6:30 p.m., at Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Water shortages, hunger, peak oil, species extinction, and even increasing depression are all symptoms of a deeper problem—that being addiction to unending growth in a world that has limits; participate in a post-screening discussion of what to do locally. 703-402-9292 or sbonney001@aol.com.

St. Mark's English as a Second Language (ESL) Program. 7 p.m., on the second floor of the St. Mark Christian Formation Center (School), 9972 Vale Road, Vienna. The class for adults will conduct registration for the fall term (also on Tuesday, Sept. 18). Classes begin on Sept. 25 and meet on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8-9:30 p.m. \$25 to register. 703-626-3585 or st.mark.esl@gmail.com. For further information in Korean: 703-994-8510.

A Capital of Controversy: D.C. Memorials. 7:30 p.m., at George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale. National Park Service Ranger Michael Kelly discusses how many of Washington, D.C.'s familiar memorials provoked passionate disagreement along the way to becoming cherished national icons. Register at 703-256-3800.

SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

Nick Bielamowicz Eagle Project, Troop 1916. 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. Please donate your used bicycles to Bikes for the World where used bikes are matched to people who need transportation in developing countries; a \$10 cash donation is suggested to help offset shipping and distribution costs. All donations (bicycle and cash) are tax-deductible (receipts are provided). 703-470-5573 or www.bikesfortheworld.org.

CASA Volunteer Info Session. 11 a.m.-noon, at Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church. Fairfax Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) is hosting an information session on to learn more about advocating for abused or neglected children. 703-273-3526, x22 or ekosarin@casafairfax.org.

MONDAY/SEPT. 17

The Vienna/Oakton Vision Impaired (VIP) Resource Group Kickoff. 10:15 a.m., English Pasty

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- > Should hunters be allowed in our parks to exacerbate deer-vehicle collisions, which increase when deer flee in fear from danger?
- > Should we have to witness suffering, dying, or dead deer in our parks or surrounding neighborhoods?
- > Should animals be subjected to suffering & slow death when humane methods exist?

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NEWS

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Under the direction of Ellen Johnson, the Langley High School team will travel to Miami, Fla., where they will rehearse with

nationally acclaimed choreographers.

Johnson has been teaching for 9 years and will be personally leading the Langley High School group of 21 students to Miami. Johnson is excited to have the opportunity to travel to the 2013 Discover Orange Bowl on a WorldStrides Heritage Performance program. To learn how you can help the Langley High School team's fundraising efforts, contact Johnson at ewsjohnson@gmail.com.

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and bicycle shop, 131-A Maple Ave., Vienna. The 2012-2013 support group meetings at Sweet City Desserts begin. If you need a ride, contact Steve Sedgwick at 703-255-0515. 703-938-1533.

Open House Meeting on Changes in Providence. 7-9 p.m., at Luther Jackson Middle School Cafeteria, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. Providence Supervisor Linda Smyth and the Providence District Council are co-hosting an open house meeting on two major changes coming to Providence: The opening of the Mosaic District town center in Merrifield and the new express (formerly HOT) lanes on the beltway. contact@providencedistrictcouncil.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 19

Low Vision Support Group. 10-11 a.m., at

Vinson Hall, 6251 Old Dominion Drive, McLean. The Prevention on Blindness Society provides a support group for those with low vision. 202-234-1010 or www.youreyes.org.

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OPINION

Remembering Those Lost on Sept. 11

Eleven years after terrorist attacks.

On Sept. 11, 2001, 9:37:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon. The Pentagon's on-site firehouse responded immediately to the crash. Firefighters from nearby Reagan National Airport and Arlington County Fire Department arrived within minutes.

One-hundred-and-eighty-four lives were lost at the Pentagon that day. Nearly 3,000 people died that day in the nearly simultaneous attacks in Arlington, New York and Pennsylvania. Since Sept. 11, 2001, more than 6,400 U.S. military service men and women have died in support of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The following list of people who lived in Connection Newspapers coverage area and died in the Sept. 11 2001 terrorist attacks, is compiled from multiple sources, including news reports, and is likely not complete. The Pentagon Memorial website offers photos and biographies of most people who died at the Pentagon. <http://pentagonmemorial.org/explore/biographies>.

- ❖ Spc. Craig Amundson, 28, Fort Belvoir, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Col. Canfield D. Boone, 54, Clifton, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Charles Burlingame, 51, Herndon, employed by American Airlines, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Rosa Maria Chapa, 64, Springfield, employed by Defense Intelligence Agency, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Eddie A. Dillard, Alexandria, employed by Philip Morris, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Capt. Robert Edward Dolan, 43, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Charles A. Droz III, 52, Springfield, employed

- by EM Solutions Inc., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Gerald P. Fisher, 57, Potomac, Md., employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon
- ❖ 1st Lt. (Ret.) Richard P. Gabriel Sr., 54, Great Falls, employed by Stratin Consulting, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Diane M. Hale-McKinzy, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Stanley R. Hall, 68, Centreville, employed by Raytheon, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Brady K. Howell, 26, Arlington, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Col. Stephen Neil Hyland Jr., 45, Burke, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Bryan C. Jack, 48, Alexandria, employed by Department of Defense, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Steven D. Jacoby, 43, Alexandria, employed by Metrocall, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Ann Judge, 49, Great Falls, employed by National Geographic Society, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Norma Cruz Khan, 45, Reston, Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Assn., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Terence M. Lynch, 49, Alexandria, employed by Booz Allen Hamilton, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Ada L. Mason-Acker, 50, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lt. Gen. Timothy J. Maude, 53, Fort Myer, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Mark McGinly, 26, Vienna, employed by Carr Futures, died in World Trade Center
- ❖ Patricia E. Mickley, 41, Springfield, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Khang Ngoc Nguyen, 41, Fairfax, employed by Navy contractor, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Barbara K. Olson, 45, Great Falls, attorney, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Maj. Clifford L. Patterson Jr., 33, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Capt. Jack D. Punches, 51, Clifton, retired from U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Lisa J. Raines, 42, Great Falls, employed by

- Genzyme Corp., died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Todd H. Reuben, 40, Potomac, Md., attorney, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Charles E. Sabin, 54, Burke, employed by Department of Defense, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Marjorie C. Salamone, 53, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Cmdr. Robert Allan Schlegel, 38, Alexandria, employed by U.S. Navy, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Mark E. Schurmeier, 44, McLean, employed by Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., died in World Trade Center
- ❖ Janice M. Scott, 46, Springfield, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Michael L. Selves, 53, Fairfax, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Diane M. Simmons, Great Falls, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ George W. Simmons, Great Falls, retired from Xerox, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Lt. Col. Gary F. Smith, 55, Alexandria, retired U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Norma Lang Steuerle, 54, Alexandria, died on AA Flight 77
- ❖ Lt. Col. Kip P. Taylor, 38, McLean, employed by U.S. Army, died in Pentagon
- ❖ Leonard E. Taylor, 44, Reston, employed by XonTech Inc., died on AA Flight 77
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Deliberate Falsehoods' - II

To the Editor:

Margaret Vanderhye's response "Deliberate Falsehoods in Health Care Debate," [Connection, Aug. 29-Sept. 4, 2012] to my letter "Questioning the War on Women," [Connection, Aug. 15-21] unfortunately illustrates my point perfectly. My letter argued that it was unfair to characterize those who oppose the HHS mandate as conducting a war on women. Her answer to that point was to conduct a war on me, accusing me of spreading "deliberate falsehoods" and using "scare tactics" that are "inimical to the public interest." She even compares my words to those of Congressman Akin. For the remainder of her letter she attacks a straw man, imagining that because I oppose the HHS man-

date, I must want the government to come between a woman and her doctor. Ms. Vanderhye never addresses my argument, that when government forces employers to violate their consciences by subsidizing contraception and abortion, religious freedom is trampled.

Though she claims my letter is "replete with inaccuracies," she addresses only one alleged "falsehood" and leaves the rest to our imaginations. Ms. Vanderhye attacks as false the statement that research suggests that contraception and abortion may increase a woman's chance of cancer and heart disease. Actually the statement is true, Ms. Vanderhye's vitriolic tirade notwithstanding. For example, the National Cancer Institute, the Mayo Clinic, and universities including Michigan and Harvard all acknowledge studies showing these risks of oral contraceptives. The Breast Cancer Pre-

vention Institute has compiled a fact sheet listing dozens of studies finding that both oral contraceptives and abortion may increase cancer risk.⁹ I did not suggest—as she implicitly does—that the science is settled. But while not everyone accepts the findings of these studies, few people have the audacity to suggest that the research does not exist. To attempt to silence the mention of such research with inflammatory rhetoric is both irresponsible and frightening. In any case, an employer who objects to providing contraception and abortion is not attempting to deny healthcare, but rather choices that come with their own risks.

In the rest of her letter Ms. Vanderhye takes on the straw man, her illogical conclusion that, by opposing the HHS mandate, I would like the government to "dictate...a person's own personal health care decisions." Once again

she makes my case for me—by twisting my words beyond recognition in order to demonize me for daring to oppose not freedom, but a mandate. The HHS mandate forces an employer to provide contraception and abortifacient drugs to their employees. These products are currently easily accessible, but before the HHS mandate the government did not force employers to provide them. Ms. Vanderhye denounces me because I suggested that this forced arrangement is wrong, unfair and unconstitutional. When the provision of a product or service impinges on the religious freedom of those forced to provide, the responsible citizen should take note and object. Ms. Vanderhye's heated rhetoric obfuscates the issue at hand and unfortunately serves only to further divide.

Laura Burke
Great Falls

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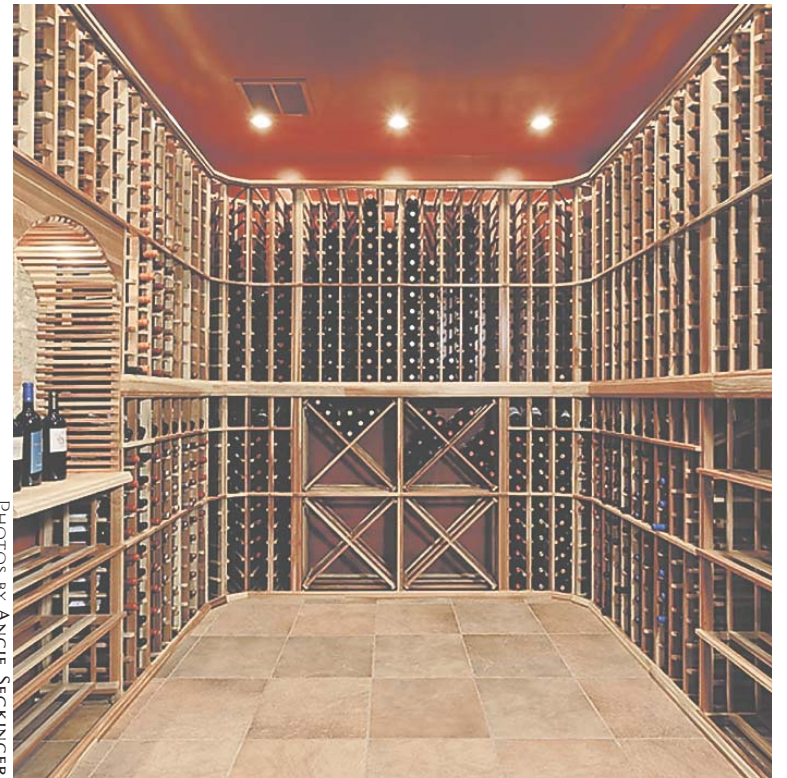
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The wine cellar in this McLean home opens to the adjacent billiard room. Designers say homeowners should create a style for the cellar that is consistent with the rest of the home.

Uncorking the Possibilities

Local builders say wine storage options are almost limitless.

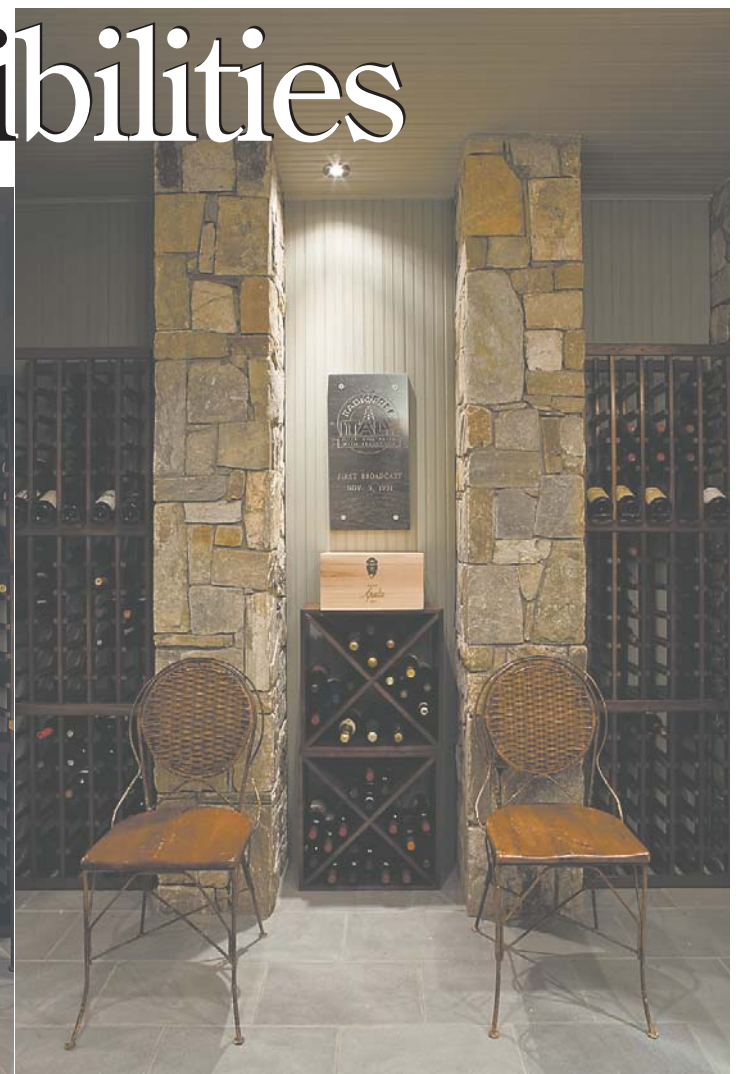
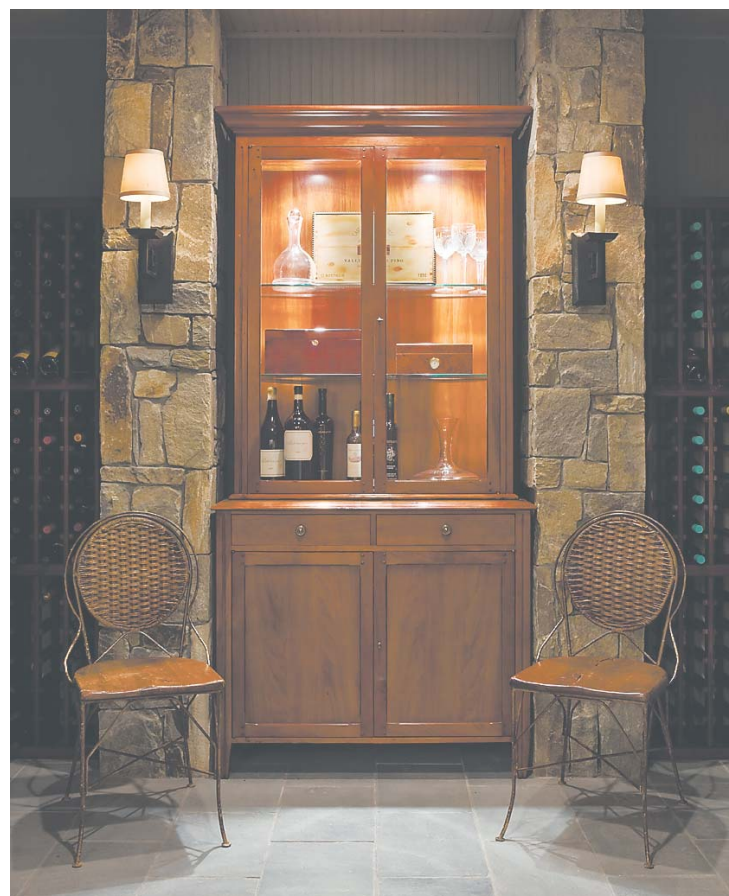
BY MARILYN CAMPBELL
THE CONNECTION

From those who sip an occasional glass of Chianti with friends to enthusiastic oenophiles, the notion of owning a wine cellar is fascinating to many people. In fact, a recent U.S. Luxury-Home Market survey by Wine Trends, a wine-consulting firm, showed that 67 percent of respondents were interested in incorporating wine storage into their homes.

“With wine cellar design, the sky is the limit. In fact, the sky is actually the starting point.”

— Jason Kirkpatrick

Local designers say they are now catering to a new breed of wine collector and are creating cellars equipped with perks ranging from full kitchen and dining spaces to rare art and LED lighting. Jason Kirkpatrick, of Kirkpatrick's Construction in Centreville, says creative options are virtually boundless.



PHOTOS COURTESY OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE REMODELING INDUSTRY

Jason Kirkpatrick of Centreville-based Kirkpatrick's Construction won a Contractor of the Year Award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for a McLean project that included a wine cellar with a tasting area.

“With wine cellar design, the sky is the limit. In fact, the sky is actually the starting point,” he said. “There are so many neat things that you can do with architecture, racking and lighting. You can turn a rela-

tively small space into a gorgeous wine cellar.”

DESIGNERS SAY that when planning a wine cellar, there are a few basic factors to

consider.

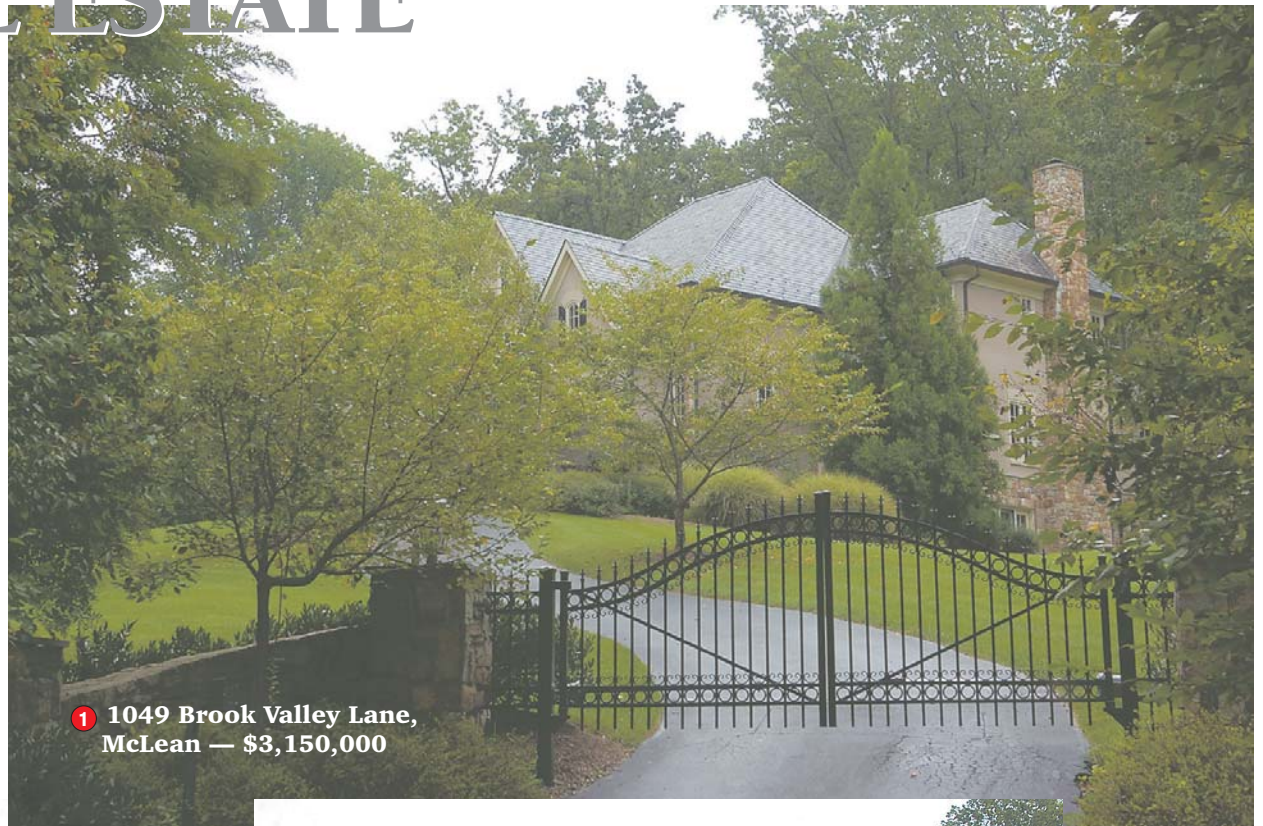
The first item that those who want to build a wine cellar should think about is a

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Local REAL ESTATE

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July 2012 Top Sales in Great Falls, McLean, Oak Hill, Reston, Oakton and Vienna



1 1049 Brook Valley Lane,
McLean — \$3,150,000



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Great Falls — \$2,175,000



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Lorraine
Avenue,
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\$2,615,642



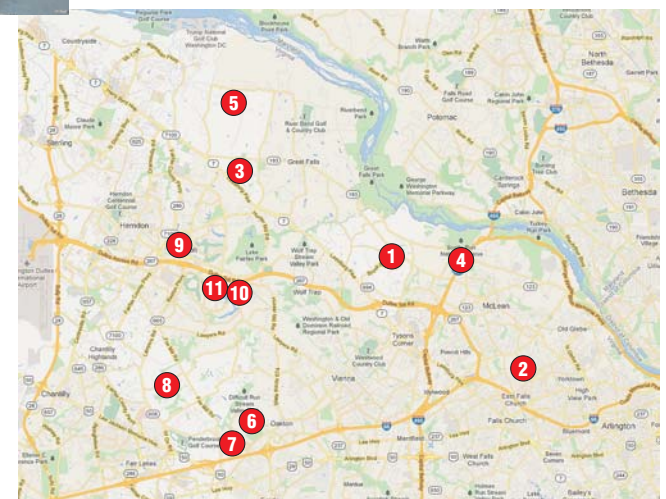
6 3105 Windsong Drive,
Oakton — \$1,610,000



8 12101 Old Pine Way,
Oak Hill — \$1,265,000



10 2022 Upper Lake Drive,
Reston — \$1,075,000



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3 1005 SHALLOW CREEK PL	6	5	1	GREAT FALLS ..	\$2,175,000	Detached	1.62	22066 ..	ESTATES AT LONGWOOD	07/09/12
4 7305 PETER PL	6	5	3	MCLEAN	\$2,000,000	Detached	0.70	22102	BEAUFORT PARK	07/31/12
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7 3521 SAINT AUGUSTINE LN ...	6	6	1	OAKTON	\$1,601,000	Detached	0.84	22124	AVONDALE GLEN	07/27/12
8 12101 OLD PINE WAY	4	4	1	OAK HILL	\$1,265,000	Detached	1.50	20171	SHADETREE ESTATES	07/26/12
9 11990 MARKET ST #2115	2	2	1	RESTON	\$1,200,000	Hi-Rise 9+ Floors	0.29	20190 ..	MIDTOWN@RESTON TOWN	07/16/12
10 2022 UPPER LAKE DR	4	3	1	RESTON	\$1,075,000	Detached	0.35	20191	RESTON	07/13/12
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Limitless Options for Wine Storage

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system of organization. “You have to not only think about how many bottles you have in your collection, but also how much you think your collection will grow over the next five to 10 years,” said Kirkpatrick, who lives in Clifton. “You don’t want to make this kind of investment in your home and then a year or two later say, ‘Gosh, we need to make an addition onto our wine cellar.’”

Local interior designer Marika Meyer of Marika Meyer Interiors says homeowners should create a style for the cellar that will be consistent with the rest of the home, something she and the design team did when creating the cellar in a McLean home.

“We ... developed a sophisticated space that was reflective of the home and the collection,” she said. “For example, the flooring is the same slate that is used in the exterior patio. We wanted to use the cherry cabinet that is featured in the center of the two front columns, so we designed the room around this piece. Each stone column was designed to work around the room based on the proportion established by this piece of furniture. We also wanted the space to feel open to the billiard room, which is attached. To that end, we widened the door enclosure and added side-lights to make the space open.”

HOW THE SPACE WILL BE used is another important consideration. “Are you planning to use it for strictly for utilitarian storage or would you like for there to be a space for entertaining in it as well?” said Kirkpatrick, who won a Contractor of the Year Award from the National Association of the Remodeling Industry for a McLean project that included a wine cellar with a tasting area. “Which do you drink more of: White or red? Do you prefer large format bottles or standard-sized bottles?”

Designers say the style and features of the rest of the home should be factored into the cellar’s design: “What are the spaces that are adjacent to the wine cellar? You can incorporate them into the design for a better flow,” said Kirkpatrick.

Kirkpatrick says he integrated a wine bar into the design of a south Arlington kitchen during a recent renovation. “We used interesting frosted glass cabinets and really designed the space for wine tast-

ing, there was even a space for tasting cheese or chocolate. The plan was integrated into the design of the kitchen and the whole space flowed.”

When remodeling a kitchen in Alexandria, Kirkpatrick created two spaces for wine. “We used open storage where wine can be

stored for easy accessibility and built-in wine storage under the cabinets. But one of the most cost-effective things you can do is to buy a glass-front refrigerator that is specifically designed for holding wine with so you can display the wine nicely,” said Kirkpatrick.

In fact, Potomac, Md.-based de-

signer Susan Matus of Case Design/ Remodeling says that there are budget-friendly options for wine storage. “[Kitchen] cabinet-makers are now making cabinets that incorporate wine storage in base cabinets or wall cabinets. There are also wine refrigerators that have two cooling zones that

are appropriate for red and white wine, but are not outrageous in terms of price.”

According to National Association of the Remodeling Industry spokesperson Nikki Golden, “Wine cellars are still very popular for people to put into their home during a remodel.”

‘Home Energy Makeover Contest’ for Area Residents

The Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP) is sponsoring a Home Energy Makeover Contest in Northern Virginia in order to promote awareness of energy efficiency in the Northern Virginia area.

Area residents are eligible to enter the contest and have the chance to win a home energy makeover worth up to \$3000, \$5000, and even \$10,000 dollars.

The Home Energy Makeover Contest, which is expected to reach thousands of residents in the Northern Virginia area, seeks to promote energy efficiency by educating residents on home energy usage. The contest is free to enter. Area residents can enter the contest

online at www.novaenergycontest.com. Residents must complete a quick and informative online-report about their home’s energy usage. This report is given to the homeowner whether they win the contest or not, and provides them valuable information.

Sponsors include—The Dominion Foundation, The Local Energy Alliance Program (LEAP), NVRC, Energy Sense: Value Your Power, Arlington County Government, The City of Alexandria Government.

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Visit five outstanding private homes located in Reston's renowned neighborhoods and clusters on Saturday, Oct. 13, 2012 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on the 11th annual Reston Home Tour. Presented by Reston Historic Trust, this self-conducted tour offers exclusive viewing of "wow factor" destinations showing inspiring interior design, architecture, unique ideas, art collections, and renovation successes. Reston Home Tour ticket proceeds benefit Reston Museum, which is operated by Reston Historic Trust.

Reston Home Tour tickets include the map of all locations, available for \$30 each, or less.

Online at www.restonmuseum.org - \$30

In Person, in September: \$25 until Oct. 5; \$30 October 6-13 at: Reston Museum, Lake Anne Florist, Appalachian Spring, GRACE, The Wine Cabinet at North Point, The Nature House.

Group discounts available.

Advice for Reston Home Tour Attendees:

- ❖ Start the tour at any location of choice using the map on the ticket. Receive a full tour program book with more details and resource information.

- ❖ Wear comfortable shoes. Attendees may be asked to remove their shoes at some of the homes, especially if weather is wet. Bags will be provided for shoes to be carried until exiting the home.

- ❖ Reston Home Tour is not recommended for children, and those under the age of 10 cannot be admitted into the tour homes.

Reston Historic Trust (RHT), "Best of Reston 2010", is a community-based non-profit organization founded in 1996 to sustain the unique history of the



A local woodworker was commissioned to create kitchen cabinets, stairways and more at the Beyer home.

award-winning, innovative, planned community of Reston through the operation of Reston Museum and Shop, which opened to the public in 1997. Located at Lake Anne Village Center, Reston Museum is open Tuesday through Sunday from noon until 5 p.m., staffed by volunteer docents. Reston Museum offers walking tours, community exhibits and archives, programs, commemorative bricks, and annual events such as Reston Founder's Day in April, and the Reston Home Tour in October. Reston Museum's shop is the only source for Reston-ware such as t-shirts, mugs, and more. Funding support for operation of Reston Museum comes from public membership with Reston Historic Trust, donations, grants, Reston Home Tour proceeds, and shop sales. Call 703-709-7700 or visit www.restonmuseum.org. Reston Museum and Shop, 1639 Washington Plaza, Reston, VA 20190.

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Alarm Over Transportation Funding

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and the situation continues to deteriorate, as evidenced by some startling facts,” according to leaders in the Sept. 4 letter.

They painted a bleak picture of the state’s transportation crisis, pointing out that:

*Within five years, no state funds will be available for highway construction, and the Commonwealth will be unable to fully match federal funds.

*Approximately 26 percent of roadways statewide are in poor condition, according to the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), which maintains the roads. However, that number jumps to 34 percent for the Urban Crescent, including 39 percent in Northern Virginia, 36 percent in Hampton Roads and 31 percent in Richmond.

*State secondary and urban system construction funds have been eliminated.

*Only 66 percent of Virginia’s secondary roads currently meet pavement performance targets. Using VDOT’s estimates, the cost of meeting VDOT’s goal of 82 percent of secondary roads in fair or better condition could be \$1.3 billion to \$1.8 billion.

*In the Richmond area, commuters waste 20 hours per year stuck in traffic; in Hampton Roads, commuters waste 34 hours; in Northern Virginia, commuters waste 74 hours per year.

*The morning and evening rush hours in the Urban Crescent last as long as two and a half to seven hours each day.

With nearly 58,000 miles of roads, Virginia currently operates the nation’s third-largest state highway network, and the state government is responsible for virtually all Virginia’s main and local roadways.

The Virginia Department of Transportation’s annual budget for 2012 is nearly \$4.8 billion. However, almost \$1.3 billion of that money is borrowed, according to state officials.

State Sen. Chap Petersen (D-34) said state funds for transportation have disappeared in the past 10 years due to a number of factors.

“The most obvious is the fact that we have a fixed 17.5 cents per gallon tax on gasoline,” Petersen said.

According to state officials, every 1-cent increase in Virginia’s gasoline tax would generate about \$50 million for transportation. But state legislators historically have been reluctant to propose new taxes or new funding mechanisms.

THE LAST MAJOR INFUSION to the state’s transportation funding stream was in 1987.

That reluctance, Petersen said, is unacceptable.

“Now that cars are far more efficient, less gasoline is purchased at the pump. So less revenue is collected, even though more cars are

on the road. It’s a vicious cycle that won’t be solved until we go to an indexed tax—or simply replace all taxes with tolling,” Petersen said.

Though various efforts have been made in recent years to address the Commonwealth’s transportation needs, adequate and sustainable solutions have not been achieved, according to Urban Crescent officials.

“We believe that the time for action is now, and that inaction is a ‘traffic tax’ on our localities, our residents, our visitors, and our businesses through decreased productivity, diminished quality of life, higher fuel costs, higher maintenance costs, and increased pollution,” the leaders wrote.

The letter isn’t the final product of the Urban Crescent efforts. Bulova said it is part of a sustained effort and a “call to action” for the General Assembly and the administration to provide the funding Urban Crescent leaders say is needed in the Commonwealth to address the backlog of road and infrastructure maintenance needs, and funding for transit and road construction.

“Transportation is one of the state’s fundamental responsibilities,” Bulova added. “By shifting the responsibility to local government, it is essentially a tax increase on localities. When the state doesn’t invest in transportation improvements, it costs the commuting public lost time and productivity.”

Strawman

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Vienna Mayor M. Jane Seeman also expressed concerns in comments submitted to the committee Sept. 5.

“Our concerns continue to be about the proposed funding the Federal and State budgets ‘not yet identified,’” she said. “If those funds are not forthcoming or even budgeted beyond the [Congestion Mitigation and Regional Surface Transportation Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program] grants, then are Fairfax County taxpayers responsible for the necessary transportation improvements?”

The Strawman recommendations will be heard by the Fairfax County Planning Commission starting their Thursday, Sept. 13 meeting, and is currently scheduled for a vote on whether or not to send the recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

More information, including the complete Strawman recommendations, can be found at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning/tysonscorner.htm>.

FAITH NOTES

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SATURDAY/SEPT. 15

Multi-Denominational Women’s Conference. 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at The Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. A women’s conference featuring internationally known conference speaker and author Cheryl Sacks; childcare provided. Register at tot4given@aol.com or <http://www.antiochdoc.org/>. Child care will be provided.

SUNDAY/SEPT. 16

Stop Hunger Now. 11 a.m., at Vienna’s Church of the Good Shepherd, 2351 Hunter Mill Road, Vienna. The outreach effort involves assembling 25,000 meals that will be sent to hunger-stricken areas around the world. 703-648-0014.

Pastor’s Dinner and Worship Service. 6 p.m., at The Antioch Christian Church, 1860 Beulah Road, Vienna. Cheryl Sacks, guest speaker, talks about healing and encouragement at the dinner to honor all pastors for their service in ministry. Reservations. office@antiochdoc.org.

TUESDAY/SEPT. 18

Bishop Loverade on Modern Christian Life. 7:30 p.m., at Saint James Catholic Church Hall, 905 Park Ave., Falls Church. 540-635-7155 or www.InstituteofCatholicCulture.org.

WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 19

Creating Hypertufas. 9:45 a.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 1205 Dolley Madison Blvd., McLean. The Holy Hill Garden Club’s meeting

hosts Leigh Kitcher of the Ayr Hill Garden Club with a lecture and demonstration on creating hypertufas. 703-790-0682.

FRIDAY/OCT. 12

WFCM Fellowship Dinner. 6:30 p.m., at Fairview Park Marriott Hotel, 3111 Fairview Park Drive, Falls Church. Dinner begins at 7:15; business professional attire. Register by Oct. 5 at <http://www.ministrysync.com/event/home.php?e=3822>.

SUNDAY/OCT. 28

Doc Scantlin and his Imperial Palms Orchestra. 3 p.m., at the Vienna Presbyterian Church, 124 Park St. NE, Vienna. The Shepherd’s Center of Vienna-Oakton presents the benefit performance. www.GoodShepherdVA.com.

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Patrick Drohan, Max Becker, Taylor Nicholson, Dave Beddingfield and Bryce James, members of South Carolina-based Atlas Road Crew, who are preparing to release their first EP. Drohan is a native of Great Falls.



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Great Falls Native Finding the Beat

Patrick Drohan and band, Atlas Road Crew, ready first EP.

BY ALEX McVEIGH
THE CONNECTION

Summers on Atlas Road in Columbia, S.C. can get very hot. Especially if they involve five people and their various musical instruments crammed into a storage unit to play together. That's how Great Falls native Patrick Drohan and his band, Atlas Road Crew, spend their time.

"It definitely has its pros and cons. We can go there anytime and play, 24 hours a day, but it gets really hot in there," Drohan, a graduate of Langley High School, said. "It's not great for the wooden guitars and drums, they tend to need to be tuned a lot. I've even had a few drumheads just crack without playing them."

Drohan, the band's drummer, vocalist and rhythm guitarist Taylor Nicholson, lead guitarist Dave Beddingfield, bassist Max Becker and keyboardist Bryce James met while attending the University of Southern Carolina, of which Drohan is a recent graduate.

THE BAND started out as four classic rock aficionados getting together to jam on their favorite tunes by the Allman Brothers, Lynyrd Skynyrd and Led Zepelin. After hearing a few stories about James, they met with him, and soon their group was born.

"It was just a bunch of us having fun in our living room but one day one of the guys told us about a fraternity brother they had. The rumor was going around that there was a party going on with a piano around, and he got on it, and really rocked the party," Drohan said. "So we met him, and we decided to jam with him, and he just hops on the piano and we started going into 'Free Bird' and there was an immediate buzz in the room."

They came up with the name Atlas Road Crew the day before their first show, after the road their storage unit is located on. They began playing cover shows at the local college bars, before one bar owner said he would be able to arrange a meet and greet with Mark Bryan, guitarist for Hootie and the Blowfish.

"We set up a meeting, and sat around for a little



Patrick Drohan, a native of Great Falls, playing the drums in his band Atlas Road Crew. The band is preparing to release their first EP in October.

bit jamming on acoustic guitars, and he sort of guided us into songwriting mode," Drohan said.

The group wrote around 10 songs, and used five of them for their latest project, the release of their EP. It was recorded over a week period at Bryan's house in remote Awendaw, S.C., a small fishing town.

"We lived at the house for the whole week, working around 14-15 hour days recording," Drohan said. "We were much more of a live band before, we had no idea how to record, and it was very different. We spent two straight days on drums, doing like 12 takes. It could be tedious, but it was also sort of like a vacation, because when we weren't recording we could go out and fish and hang out."

AS A DRUMMER, Drohan learned firsthand about making sure he was keeping perfect rhythm

during recordings, he played to a click track for the first time.

"I've been playing drums since I was about nine or 10, and was in a few bands when I was at Langley. I took lessons for a few months at the Melodee Music in Sterling, but didn't feel like I was getting much out of it," he said. "I think I learned more from Mark during that week recording than I did during all my lessons. He showed me how some of the drum fills I would do might work live, but they would be too busy for a recording. I learned that simple can be good, that I shouldn't be afraid to keep it simple."

The band is influenced by their classic rock leanings, but also by more modern rock groups such as the Black Keys and the White Stripes. Nicholson's vocals evoke the Southern, visceral style of the Black Crowes' Chris Robinson or The Band's Levon Helm.

The songs on their EP go directly back to their roots, with "Sweet Southern Woman" featuring heavy riffs resembling The Doobie Brothers' "China Grove" or "Betty," whose booming drums and clipped guitars call back to Montrose's "Rock Candy."

"We've gotten a pretty good response locally, our shows usually sell out pretty quick, and we've branched out to some of the other universities nearby," Drohan said. "We're thinking about a mini-tour to the Southeast later on, and next summer it would be really cool to go up the East Coast."

Atlas Road Crew has been raising money for their EP's production costs through the fundraising site Kickstarter. They can also be found at www.facebook.com/atlasroadcrew, and at www.twitter.com/atlasroadcrew.

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FRIDAY/SEPT. 14

McLean Area AAUW Used Book Sale. 9 a.m.-7 p.m. McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. A large assortment of books for \$7 a bag. 703-790-5550.

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WEDNESDAY/SEPT. 19

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Marshall's MacKenzie Haight finished 10th at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8.



Amanda Swaak was the top finisher for the Madison girls' cross country team, which placed third at the Monroe Parker Invitational on Sept. 8 at Burke Lake Park.

PHOTOS BY CRAIG STERBUTZEL/THE CONNECTION

McGorty, Christen Win Monroe Parker Titles

Chantilly boys, Lake Braddock girls win team cross-country titles.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Sean McGorty is focused on himself as he enters the 2012 cross country season. But don't confuse the Chantilly senior's mentality for selfishness; he's simply searching for motivation.

McGorty has been one of the top high school harriers in Virginia since his sophomore season, when he finished fourth at the 2010 VHSL state meet. In 2011, he finished state runner-up. Each year, however, McGorty was surpassed by fellow Northern Region runner Ahmed Bile, who won back-to-back state championships as a junior and senior. While McGorty couldn't catch Bile at states, the Annandale harrier pushed McGorty to succeed.

This year, Bile, who is now a freshman at Georgetown, won't be there to motivate McGorty. Instead, McGorty, who was ranked in the milesplit.com preseason national top 10, is looking for drive from within.

On Sept. 8, he put his approach to the test and came out a winner.

McGorty finished first at the Monroe Parker Invitational at Burke Lake Park, posting a time of 14 minutes, 50 seconds. He finished 26 seconds ahead of his nearest competitor and helped Chantilly capture the boys' team title.

"You have to be very mentally strong," McGorty said of running with no competitors around him. "I've been working on that coming into this year because I really want to be able to motivate myself during races and not rely on other people or other events...It will be a little different not having someone right there with you. Mentally, last year I had to focus on staying with [Bile] or pushing the pace, trying to beat him. This year, it's more pushing myself, keep-

ing myself motivated, so it just takes out the aspect of having someone right there next to you."

McGorty praised Northern Region harriers after the race, but none posed a threat on this day. Lake Braddock's Nick Tuck finished second with a time of 15:16, followed by Edison's Louis Colson (15:18), Battlefield's Haben Zemichael (15:54) and Chantilly's Peter Malander (15:55). Madison's Matthew Calem (15:56) finished sixth, followed by Stone Bridge's Brady Guertin (15:56), Chantilly's Faris Sakallah (15:57), South Lakes' Ashkan Mohammadi (15:58), Marshall's MacKenzie Haight (16:05), Battlefield's Aaron Hill (16:05), Bishop O'Connell's J.J. LaPointe (16:05), Yorktown's Ryan Hart (16:07), Lake Braddock's Alex Corbett (16:07) and T.C. Williams' Anteneh Girma (16:08).

Chantilly finished first as a team with a score of 57, followed by Battlefield (122) and Robinson (134).

South Lakes (258) finished seventh, led by Mohammadi's ninth-place individual effort. Madison (462) was 15th, led by Calem. McLean finished 20th, including a team-best 67th-place finish by Daniel Bachman (17:11). Haight's 10th-place effort helped Marshall finish 22nd. Langley was 27th, led by Jack Flatley (114th, 17:51).

In girls' action, Lake Braddock senior Sophie Chase, ranked in the milesplit.com national top 10, pulled out of the race around the halfway point with lower-body discomfort.

Despite Chase's early exit from the race, Lake Braddock captured the girls' team championship, thanks to Hannah Christen capturing the individual title. Christen, ranked in the milesplit.com national top 15, finished with a time of 17:40. She battled West Springfield's Caroline Alcorta, who placed second at 17:46.

Lake Braddock finished with a team score of 83, followed by Battlefield in second with 108 and Madison in third with 120.

South Lakes finished 13th, led by August Durham (31st, 20:20). Marshall was 15th, led by Zoe Scopa (56th, 21:00). Langley ended the race in 21st, paced by Rebecca Powell (95th, 21:51).



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Oakton senior quarterback Kyle Downer threw three touchdown passes and ran for one during a 28-21 victory against South County on Sept. 7.

QB Downer Leads Oakton Football Past South County
Senior throws three touchdown passes, runs for one.

BY JON ROETMAN
THE CONNECTION

Oakton quarterback Kyle Downer and the Cougar offense were on the field for all of six plays during the third quarter of their matchup against South County on Sept. 7. Meanwhile, the Stallions scored a touchdown, recovered an onside kick and reached the end zone a second time.

The South County football team had seized momentum, using an effective ground game to move the ball, chew up clock and keep the ball out of Downer's hands.

While his opportunities were limited in the third quarter, Downer made up for lost time in the fourth, using his right arm and his legs to assure Oakton remained undefeated.

Downer threw a 40-yard touchdown pass and scored on a 32-yard run in the final quarter, and the Oakton defense forced a turnover on downs in the red zone with 1:04 remaining as the Cougars defeated the Stallions, 28-21, at South County Secondary School.

"[The Stallions] took control of the tempo in the third quarter," Oakton head coach Jason Rowley said. "I think we only snapped the ball on offense [six] times and they got the onside kick... But like I told the players, facing that adversity, that's what they're going to face week in and week out in the Concorde District. This is a great win for our program."

One week after beating Madi-

son, 35-13, Oakton improved to 2-0 with a victory of the nail-biting variety, thanks in large part to the performance of Downer. The Cougar field general completed six of 13 passes for 116 yards and three touchdowns, and carried nine times for 47 yards and a score.

"We'll go as far as Kyle Downer can take us," Rowley said. "He is a great football player. He can do it with his feet, he can do it with his arm, he just does a great job. He is the leader of our team."

Downer found Andy Boone for a 29-yard touchdown late in the first quarter, tying the score at 7-7. Late in the first half, Downer threw a 37-yard touchdown pass to Kelly Brooks-Muse, giving the Cougars a 14-7 advantage.

Oakton trailed early in the fourth quarter when Downer and Brooks-Muse connected for a 40-yard score, leading to a 21-21 tie. On the Cougars' next possession, Downer scampered 32 yards for what proved to be the winning touchdown with 7:22 remaining.

"That's a great team. They've been tested in battle," Downer said about South County, last season's Division 5 state runner-up. "I have so much respect for that team because they play us hard every single year and it just gives us that much more confidence moving forward."

Oakton's home opener is Friday, Sept. 14 when the Cougars take on Woodson at 7:30 p.m. Oakton opens Concorde District play on Oct. 5 when the Cougars host Herndon.

Trip Without a Fall

By KENNETH B. LOURIE



Recently, for the first time in nearly two years, I took a trip without having my car. Significant to me in that not "having my car" meant not being able to transport/have all my cancer things. And by "things" I mean all the not-prescribed-by-my-oncologist supplements I have assimilated into my treatment regimen. "Things" that are not particularly well-suited or even allowed on an airplane; impractical, but allowed on most other public conveyances, however. Specifically, I refer to gallon containers of my alkaline water (100 oz. per day), pureed asparagus which I refrigerate and "tablespoon" eight portions of a day, organic apple cider (32 oz. bottle) from which I mix a tablespoon in with my alkaline water twice a day, Green Tea extract – another liquid from which I "drop" 4 mL per day, and baking soda (I don't want to bring white powder onto a plane) which I mix with my alkaline water once a day, typically washing down my 10 raw almonds and pancreatic enzyme pill. All part of a routine I have maintained rather assiduously ever since I was diagnosed with stage IV non-small cell lung cancer back in late February, 2009.

Given the fact that I am alive and still writing three and a half years after receiving a "13-month to two-year prognosis," it is a routine which presumably has contributed something (along with the standard "lines" of chemotherapy with which I have been infused and now on to an oral medication) to my amazing survivability (median life expectancy for my type of cancer is eight months; 10 percent survive beyond 5 years). And so, any time the opportunity or even suggestion has been made for me to travel away from home, where the logistics of getting to and from would have prevented me from being able to have my cancer "things," it has been met with very little enthusiasm – by yours truly. I don't know which I've feared the most: starting chemotherapy in early March 2009 or stopping any of the routine I described in the previous paragraph, a routine I truly believe has contributed positively to my overall health. (And there will be no backsliding, either. Perhaps a few modifications. I do remain open to suggestions.)

Nevertheless, a unique set of circumstances presented themselves in July (an invite, actually) and so I decided to fly with my wife, Dina, to Bozeman, Mt. to spend a weekend with a family – the Knightons (former teachers from her high school, along with their three sons,) and a close friend, Jeff (from Pensacola, FL. who was traveling with his wife, Sherril), all of whom (save for Sherril) have been major influences in Dina's life, but due to time and distance had rarely been seen over the years. I certainly didn't anticipate dying on the trip simply because I wouldn't be able to drink my normal 100 oz. of alkaline water, with or without all my magic ingredients. However, breaking my routine does give me pause.

And this was the first 'pause' in a long time. And I was anxious, and afraid. But no, I wasn't second-guessing myself. However, I was looking forward to returning home afterward and resuming my drinking (you know what I mean). But given what the reunion (of sorts) meant to Dina, and knowing – from previous first-hand experience, the quality of the individuals involved, we bought the tickets and away we went.

To say that the trip exceeded my expectations would be disparaging to any and all "expectations." I had a great time. My wife, Dina, had a great time. And most importantly, Kenny-with-cancer (one of my handles, unfortunately) had a great time, one I will remember for years to come. The Knightons were beyond gracious and hospitable. Jeff, Dina's friend from high school and his wife were super cool. Montana was magnificent and my routine wasn't so routine. I survived just fine. I suppose now I'll have to live with the consequences of my actions. In fact, I'm counting on it.

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

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TRUSTEE'S SALE
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Improved by the premises known as
8894 Windy Ridge Way, McLean, Virginia
In execution of a Deed of Trust from David J. Cho,
also known of record as Jae Yong Cho, and Eun Jung Cho,
dated July 13, 2007, and recorded July 18, 2007, in Deed Book
19461 at page 918, and re-recorded September 21, 2007, in
Deed Book 19577 at page 1053 among the Land Records of
Fairfax County, Virginia, the undersigned substitute trustee will
offer for sale at public auction at the front entrance of the Judi-
cial Center for Fairfax County, at 4110 Chain Bridge Road,
Fairfax, Virginia, on

Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 25, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.
the following property being the property contained in said
Deed of Trust, described as follows:

Lot 9, Resubdivision of Parcel 1A, FOS-
TER SUBDIVISION, as the same appears duly dedicated, plat-
ted and recorded in Deed Book 11178 at page 1032, among
the Land Records of Fairfax County, Virginia.

Commonly known as 8894 Windy Ridge Way, McLean, Virgin-
ia 22102.

TERMS OF SALE: A deposit of
\$100,000.00 or ten percent (10%) of the sale price, whichever
amount is less, in the form of cash or its equivalent will be re-
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teen (15) days after sale, time expressly being of the essence,
with interest at the rate of 7.125 percent per annum from date
of sale to date of settlement. Provided, however, that if the
holder of the secured promissory note is the successful bidder
at the sale, no cash deposit shall be required, and part of or
the entire indebtedness, including interest and costs, secured
by the Deed of Trust, may be set off against the purchase
price.

Any defaulting purchaser shall forfeit
the deposit and stand the risk and cost of resale.

Sale shall be made subject to all exist-
ing easements and restrictive covenants as the same may law-
fully affect the real estate. Sale is further subject to mechanic's
and/or materialman's liens of record and not of record. The
property will be sold subject to all conditions, covenants, re-
strictions, rights of redemption of federal lienholders or encum-
brances, and agreements of record affecting the same, if any.

In the event the undersigned trustee is
unable to convey to the purchaser good title, then purchaser's
sole and exclusive remedy shall be in the refund of the deposit
paid at the time of sale.

The subject property and all improve-
ments thereon will be sold in "as is" condition without warranty
of any kind. Purchaser shall be responsible for any and all
building and/or zoning code violations whether of record or not
of record, as well as for all unpaid and enforceable homeown-
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ments, if any. Purchaser also shall be responsible for obtain-
ing possession of the property at his/her expense. Purchaser
shall assume the risk of loss and shall be responsible for any
damage, vandalism, theft, destruction, or the like, of or to the
property occurring after the time of sale. Conveyance will be
by special warranty deed. Conveyancing, recording, transfer
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other costs of conveyance are to be at the expense of purchas-
er. State and local taxes, public charges, and special or regu-
lar assess-ments, if any, shall be adjusted to the date of sale
and thereafter shall be assumed by the purchaser.

Sale is subject to post-sale confirmation that the
borrower did not file for protection under the U.S. Bankruptcy
Code prior to the sale, as well as to post-sale confirmation and
audit of the status of the loan with the loan servicer including,
but not limited to, determination of whether the borrower en-
tered into any repayment agreement, reinstated or paid off the
loan prior to the sale. In any such event, the sale shall be null
and void, and the Purchaser's sole remedy, in law or equity,
shall be the return of his deposit without interest. Additional
terms may be announced at the time of sale. This is a commu-
nication from a debt collector and any information obtained will
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Capital One to Sponsor Celebrate Great Falls

Capital One Bank has become a Preferred Partner of the Celebrate Great Falls Foundation "and we are so grateful for their support," said President Candace Campbell. "Not only does it take a lot of volunteers to put on the fabulous community events families look forward to throughout the year, it takes a lot of money, and Capital One really stepped up to the plate to help."

Celebrate Great Falls (CGF) is a nonprofit foundation that has become the umbrella organization for many of the town's major annual events: Cars & Coffee; Summer Concerts on the Green; Celebrate Great Falls Days which includes the baseball game, golf tournament and festival; July 4th Hometown Celebration; Halloween Spooktacular and the Holiday Festival of Lights in December. CGF also provides information for and about community businesses, schools, nonprofits, sports organizations and other local entities via the website and online calendar.

"Our goal is to become the place to turn for information about our town and local events," Campbell said.

"We were delighted to be asked to get involved in the community by supporting this organization and the many wonderful events they help make happen throughout the year," said Yenisel Gamez, the branch manager in Great Falls. "We are still relatively new in town and wanted a way to show our commitment, to get to know residents and to roll up our sleeves and help an organization that gives so much back to Great Falls. It has already been a wonderful experience for us and we look forward to a long and enjoyable relationship with Celebrate Great Falls."

All of the money raised through the Celebrate Great Falls Foundation is used to fund community events and projects and to meet critical needs in the community. For more information or to post events on the online calendar, please visit www.CelebrateGreatFalls.org.



Kuala Lumpur Laundry by Val Mahan

Photography Exhibit at The Artists' Atelier

Photographers of Great Falls Studios are presenting a photography exhibition at The Artists' Atelier, 1144 Walker Rd., Suite G, Great Falls, throughout the month of September. A reception

will be held on Saturday, Sept. 15, 1-4 p.m.

Judging will be by Annie Griffiths Belt, award winning National Geographic Photographer. Open Wednesdays and Saturdays, Noon-4 p.m. and by appointment.



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Marine Sgt. Kenneth Lyon, Ret. addressing the audience of Patriot Club members and their guests.

Wounded Warrior Honored in McLean

Wounded warrior Sgt. Kenneth Lyon, Ret., 27, was an honored guest at the Patriot Republican Women's Club brunch event to commemorate the 11th Anniversary of Sept. 11.

Also in attendance at this McLean event were Lt. Gen. Jack Klimp, Ret., U.S. Marine Corps—president of the National Assoc. of Uniformed Services; State Delegate Barbara Comstock (R-34); and Army Col. Patrick Murray, Ret., candidate for Virginia's 8th Congressional District.

Sgt. Lyon spoke of losing his leg in Iraq in 2006, of sustaining serious jaw, hand and head

injuries, and his long road in treatment with many surgeries and outpatient services at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. Along the way, he recovered his engaging sense of humor and positive zest for life. He recently attended the Republican National Convention in Tampa with Patriot Club member and Convention Delegate Erin Anderson from Arlington. Lyon said that as an active serviceman he was not allowed to have a "political opinion" but, now, he most definitely can say that he supports Gov. Mitt Romney for President, and will be voting for him because of his strong support for national defense.



Club VP and RNC Delegate Erin Anderson and special honored guest Sgt. "Kenny" Lyon, Ret.



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