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Mollie Vardell, chair of the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, said last weekend's Great Falls Studios Tour had drawn a steady stream of visitors. She is pictured while working in the new Arts Atelier on Saturday afternoon.

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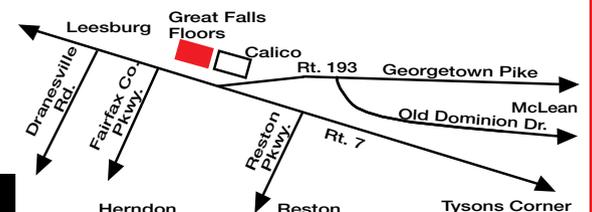




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The Artists Atelier in Great Falls opened their doors to the public as one of 19 stops on the Fifth Annual Great Falls Studios Tour.



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Brenda Drake, a member of the Artists' Atelier in Great Falls, works in her studio on Saturday afternoon.

# Great Falls Takes Art Tour

Studios tour gives community a chance to share, teach and learn about art.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Ten percent of the proceeds from the Great Falls Studios Tour were to go to the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, but buying and selling seemed to be less important than talking about art among the artists and visitors on the tour.

As she worked on a figure painting in the new Arts Atelier, Mollie Vardell, chair of the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, said the event had drawn a steady stream of visitors, many of whom wanted to learn how the art was created or even wanted to rent studio space. "I think art is infectious," Vardell said. "That's what our foundation is about. We want to make art accessible."

She was one of 14 artists working and exhibiting in the space during the weekend-long, fifth annual Great Falls Studios Tour, which was just beginning to wind down Sunday afternoon. "It's been amazing. We've had a lot of fun," she said, adding that the artists were enjoying each other's company as well. "Great Falls is full of artists. And artists love the camaraderie of being around other artists."

The tour, put on by Great Falls Studios, included 38 Great Falls artists at various locations around town, including many in their own homes.

"It's going very well. We've met some fascinating people," Adrienne Kralick said. She and Jill Banks were working on their paintings in a spot near the Atelier windows.

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Mollie Vardell, chair of the Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, poses with some of her work in the Arts Atelier.



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Jill Banks, left, and Adrienne Kralick take a brief break from their work.

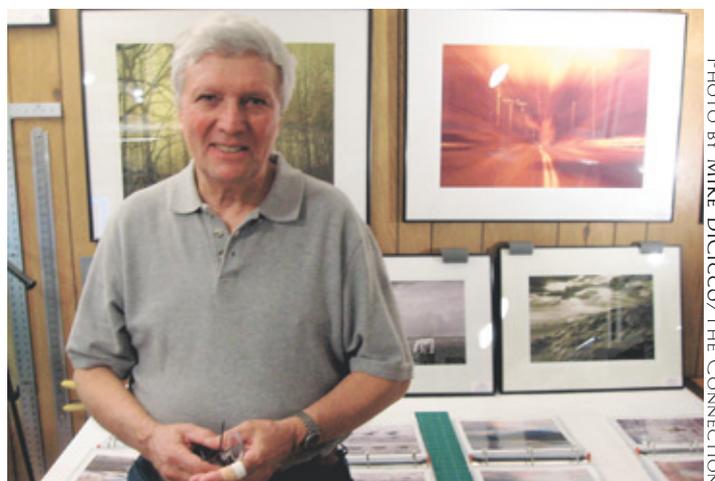


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Richard Suib's basement studio was covered in his photography and digital art.



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Heidi Mraz poses with one of the "paintings" she made on the computer.



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## Judy Feder

Age: 61  
 City/Community: McLean  
 Family: Husband Stan, two grown sons Sam and Lester, two granddaughters  
 Education: Brandeis University, B.A. in political science (1968); Harvard University, M.A. (1970) and Ph.D. (1977) in political science  
 Relevant Experience: staff director of an U.S. Bipartisan Congressional Commission on Health Care (1990s); principal deputy assistant secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (1993-1995); dean of Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute (1999-2007)  
 Web site: [www.judyfeder.com](http://www.judyfeder.com)

Congressional candidate Judy Feder talks with Dorothy McAuliffe at a fundraiser at the McLean home of Dorothy and Terry McAuliffe.

# Second Round

## Feder takes on incumbent Wolf again in 10<sup>th</sup> congressional district.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
 THE CONNECTION

During the 2006 election cycle, Democratic activist Eve Wilson agreed to throw her weight behind fellow McLean resident Judy Feder in Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> congressional district race on one condition.

"I had to be willing to run twice," said Feder, who ended up losing to Rep. Frank Wolf (R-10) by 16 percentage points two years ago.

Wilson, who died in 2007, was chair of the Democratic Party's 10<sup>th</sup> congressional district committee for approximately 15 years. Her candidates had a difficult time gaining traction against Wolf, a 28-year incumbent, in part because they would only run once and had low name recognition, said several local political activists.

Wilson and other Democrats were looking for a candidate who would be willing to run against Wolf multiple times and gain momentum. They pointed out that Wolf, himself, had to run for congress twice before winning his seat on the third try in 1980.

"IN THE past, we have had candidates who

would run and then quit, run and then quit. We needed someone to run and run again," said Sue Rosenberg, chair of the Dranesville District Democratic committee in Fairfax County.

Feder, stepped down as dean of Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute last year and kept her promise. She will face Wolf for a second time Nov. 4.

"I really want to do this. ... I am taking it all the way," she said.

The Democrat, who has lived in Northern Virginia for 30 years, said she never considered running for public office until shortly before the 2006 campaign. Frustrations with President George W. Bush's policies and Wolf's support of the administration lead her to run for office, she said.

"Our nation was moving in the wrong direction and our member of congress was not supporting what needed to be done," she said.

**FEDER** is one of the nation's top health policy analysts and was worked with then-First Lady Hillary Clinton's failed health care reform plan in the 1990s.

Feder was staff director for a bipartisan congressional commission on comprehensive health care, the Pepper Commission, which directly informed the debate over the health care during the Clinton administra-

tion. In 1993, President Bill Clinton appointed her to a high-level position in the Department of Health and Human Services, where she focused on how to expand health care coverage and make Medicare and Medicaid programs more effective.

In addition to teaching at Georgetown University, Feder has also worked at policy think tanks, the Brookings Institution and the Urban Institute. She is considered an expert on the nation's health insurance programs.

Feder's peers in the academic and public policy arenas are among the largest supporters of her congressional bid. Faculty and staff from Georgetown, George Washington, Harvard and Columbia universities are among her largest financial contributors.

"She is very well known and very well respected,"

said Linda Blumberg, who does health care policy research for the Urban Institute.

**FEDER'S** expertise coincides with rising importance of health care; voters in several polls have listed rising health care costs as their second biggest concern next to the

**"I really want to do this. ... I am taking it all the way"**

— Congressional candidate Judy Feder



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Congressional candidate Judy Feder

economy, said Blumberg, who worked with Feder when she was a member of the Clinton administration.

"She has the ability to discriminate between different options and know what is going to work and what is not going to work. ... There are lots of different analyses of health care reform and a real variance in the quality of those analyses. She can tell the difference between what is good work and what is not good quality work," said Blumberg.

Feder's analytic background could also be useful when tackling public policy issues other than health care, said several of her supporters.

"We need people who know how to think. ... Judy worked in government and understands government," said Sen. Jim Webb (D-Va.) at a McLean fundraiser for Feder.

McLean resident Nancy Fatemi used to work for New Jersey Rep. Frank Pallone (D-

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Using a measuring tape and a device called a clinometer, Jeff Kirwan calculates the height of a tree. Tree commissioner Eleanor Quigley looks on.

## Remarkable Trees

Tree specialist gets tour of big trees in one of Great Falls' most pristine woodlands.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Jeff Kirwan, who will teach Great Falls about trees tonight, got to learn a little about Great Falls' trees Monday afternoon, when he got a tour of the parkland known as "the Seneca property" at the end of Seneca Road.

For a couple of hours, Great Falls resident and Dranesville District representative to the county Tree

Commission Bob Vicars led the Virginia Tech professor of forestry and author of "Remarkable Trees of Virginia" around the old-growth forest to check out some of its remarkable trees.

Vicars said he wanted Kirwan to see the forest "because it has one of the best stands of American beech trees, of chestnut oaks and American sycamores in Fairfax County, and it's been undisturbed for at least 200 years."

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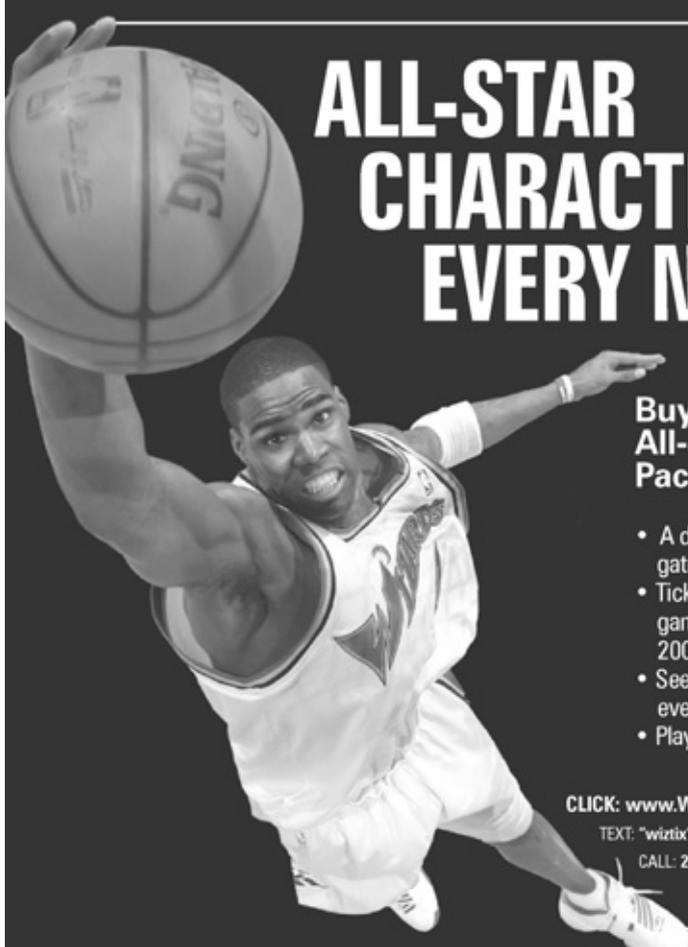
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## COMMUNITY

# Art Weekend in Great Falls

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They had drawn straws for the location. Kralick said many people were on the tour for the first time. "They were excited to come out and see how many artists there are in Great Falls and enjoy the day."

Banks said she had been keeping a rough count and estimated that about 94 people had visited that day. She said the turnout was similar to last year's tour, but the new, larger space made the scene less crowded.

She said some sales had been made but that the biggest reason it was important to participate in the tour was to meet members of the community and help them understand her art. She said she'd had people come back who had bought cards from her last year and were watching her progress.

**POTTERS AND JEWELERS**, whose wares are often less expensive, tend to make the most sales, Banks said.

A group of art tourists came by and asked questions about painting from photographs. "A photograph completely flattens out a person, and it's hard to know what they look like in three dimensions," Banks said, explaining that she often painted from a series of photos.

Great Falls resident Caroline Divone asked how much it would cost to commission a portrait and was told the price would depend on circumstances. She had come to find out about having a portrait of her children painted. "Many of the artists are represented here, so with my limited time, I thought I'd come here," she said, adding that she also wanted to support Great Falls artists and see the new space. This was all a matter of high priority. "It's my anniversary, and I'm here instead of with my husband," she said.

Robert Twyford was already familiar with many of the artists, as his wife, Suzanne, is a member of Great Falls Studios and currently had a show in the Atelier's gallery. "It's a chance to sell and show other people what you're doing," he said.

Mike Pahner had just purchased one of Suzanne Twyford's paintings, as well as one by Vardell, but not before visiting almost all of the 18 stops on the tour. "This is my third visit here today," Pahner said. "I enjoy these tours. I think they're well-done. I think it's also important to support the arts here in Great Falls." Having been on previous tours and taken this year's fairly thoroughly, he said this might be the best art tour yet, adding that he liked the new Atelier space.

"It has been a phenomenal success," said artist and Great Falls Studios board member Heidi Mraz. "There's been a steady stream of traffic, starting Friday night."

**A KICK-OFF PARTY** had been held on Friday.

"It allows us to showcase what we do, and most importantly, it allows us to show how we do it," Mraz said. She said many visitors were artists trying to learn new techniques or overcome challenges.

Mraz's own technique is unusual. Many of her "paintings" are created on the computer, using a program that imitates various brushes and paint. "Anything you see here, I could create on a computer, and you couldn't tell unless you felt it," she said.

In a basement studio in his home on a private drive off Springvale Road, photographer and digital artist Richard Suib said that even in his woodland location, he had received more than 80 guests over the



**Anita Sidhu had a set of flower paintings lining the stairway from her living room.**

course of the weekend. It was the first time he had been a stop on the tour. "I'm very pleased with it," he said.

Suib said his favorite guests were the ones who wanted to learn about art. On Saturday, a woman had come in with her teenaged son, wanting to get the boy interested in digital art and photography. At first, the teen was somewhat reticent, but after some conversation, "he just changed. It was like a light went on," Suib said. He plans to keep in touch with the family and help pick a camera for the boy.

"And there was a group of kids in here a little while ago with their parents, and they were asking all kinds of questions," he said. At least one-fourth of his visitors, Suib said, were people who wanted to learn digital art and photography or were artists themselves.

Sure enough, his last guest was Tom Cranmer, a photographer and painter who works out of a studio in his nearby home. "The opportunity for people to meet the artists is fabulous," Cranmer said, noting that the tour allowed patrons to connect with the people who made the art they hung on their walls and to understand how the art was made. "It puts the human element in it," he said. Cranmer said this was his first time on the tour, and he hadn't bought any art, but he had seen a number of pieces he wanted. "I only buy art from people I've met," he said.

A member of Great Falls Studios, he said he had not participated in a tour yet because his studio was on the fourth floor of his home, and his wife "doesn't want people traipsing through the whole house."

**DOWN THE STREET**, Anita Sidhu was also a first-time participant in the tour. "It's really nice. People come in and look, and they want to learn about art and ask questions," she said, after her last guest had left. Sidhu said she had been surprised by the range of ages in the people who had stopped by her home. Many children and many elderly had stopped in she said, noting that the tour had proven to be a family event. She said she had seen close to 100 visitors and was impressed by the turnout.

Sidhu also said she, in turn, had learned from the art tourists' critiques. "You know, just to see what turns people on and what they like and what they don't."

She said she thought the home environment allowed visitors to see what her paintings would look like on a wall at home. Her acrylic paintings, primarily of flowers and landscapes, were displayed in her living room and throughout the lower level.

Like many members of Great Falls Studios, Sidhu is a hobbyist with a day job. A neuroscientist and professor at Georgetown University, she said, "I have a real job that pays the bills, and then I do this for fun. And save money on the shrink's bills, too."

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## Connection Congressional Endorsements

### Wolf for Congress

As a member of Congress, Frank Wolf appears to consider how he can use the power of his office each day to make the world a better place. He is a man with empathy and a moral compass.

After 28 years in office, he is, if anything, more passionate than ever about human rights — working to curb human rights abuses in Darfur and other places around the world to shine the light on abuses and atrocities.

Wolf is also passionate about problem solving on a local level. In particular, Wolf has worked to contribute to solutions for the region's traffic congestion, from promoting flextime and telecommuting especially for government workers, to funding for Metro, to thoughtful and incremental approaches such as spot intersection improvements and timing of traffic lights. His ongoing support of rail to Dulles is critical, especially from his vantage point as a senior member of the Appropriations Committee.

Examples of his leadership on public safety issues include his early warnings and funding to help fight gang activity, and his efforts to fight the spread of methamphetamines.

Wolf is creative at problem solving, now working to establish a blue-ribbon panel to examine federal spending and tax policies to develop holistic proposals to head off the impending federal budget train wreck.

### Moran for Congress

Jim Moran is the right representative for his district, reflecting the views of his Arlington, Alexandria, Reston and Fairfax constituents.

Moran's strong grounding in local politics, rising from Alexandria City Council, makes him an especially effective and important representative in Congress, with an excellent record of bringing home funding for transportation and other local needs. His record on the environment is also first rate.

Moran's leadership and local background is also important in shepherding big local changes coming due to BRAC (Base Realignment and Closure) and the ongoing process of funding rail to Dulles.

Moran is one of the few members of Congress who opposed the Iraq war from the beginning, and has been a consistent critic of the Bush

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Trickle Down Politics

To the Editor:

As a Democrat in Great Falls, I have always felt like part of the silent minority, quietly observing my more vocal and numerous Republican neighbors, confident in my own beliefs and certain that no amount of debate would change their long-held beliefs (or vice versa). For the most part, I kept my political views to myself (with the exception of a few friends and family) — no bumper stickers, no buttons, no yard signs.

All that has changed this year. The stakes in this election are just too high and the differences between the candidates much too stark to sit silently on the sidelines. I proudly display not one but two bumper stickers on my car (one for Obama and one for Democrats in general), I wear a Barack Obama button on my purse wherever I go, and I have an Obama-Biden sign in my yard, which within days spawned not one, not two, but three McCain-Palin signs across the street (from just one neigh-

bor!).

I canvass on the weekends, talking to undecided voters and identifying other Obama supporters, usually bringing my three daughters with me so they can see civics in action. They get as excited as I do when we discover another Democrat in Great Falls or come across a new Obama yard sign. They are learning important lessons about democracy and citizenship and about respecting other people's opinions when they differ from your own — even when those views are expressed rudely or dismissively on a Sunday afternoon when you could be relaxing at home instead of carrying brochures for your mother hours at a time!

My guess is that the people who are hostile to a volunteer canvasser and her young daughters are probably the same people whose children — while riding the school bus with my children — shamelessly equate Obama-Biden to Osama Bin Laden and brag about stealing Obama yard signs. This is "trickle down" politics of the ugliest kind.

Sadly, the theft of Obama yard

administration's tax cuts for the super-wealthy.

His understanding of the current economic crisis and how we got there will be essential as the next administration and the next Congress struggle to straighten out the mess and provide the kind of regulation we need, so it won't happen again.

With his seat on defense appropriations, Moran is master of channeling funding to local defense contractors.

### Connolly for Congress

U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R), who decided earlier this year that he would not seek reelection, served as a remarkable advocate for local needs, and his departure could raise concerns about representation.

Gerry Connolly (D), currently chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, more than meets the challenge.

Connolly has led Fairfax County with vision, enthusiasm and direction. Connolly's focus has helped achieve important results, including dedicated funding for affordable housing and the environment and significant investments for transportation. Connolly's intellect and drive have supported the quality of life in Fairfax County.

Connolly has supported intelligent approaches to sustaining and improving public safety. An excellent example is providing after-school programs in middle schools as part of a gang prevention effort.

Along with his local government credentials, Connolly brings more than a decade of experience on Capitol Hill in foreign affairs. His experience and intellect position him for success in representing this diverse district, including the interests of federal employees and government contractors.

Connolly has also exhibited unwavering support for the extension of rail through Tysons and Reston and out to Dulles Airport. Keeping this project on track will require continued vigilance from Congress.

— MARY KIMM

*Last week, the Connection endorsed Mark Warner for Senate to fill the seat of retiring U.S. Sen. John Warner (R). Read that endorsement here: <http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=320789&paper=59&cat=110>*

signs appears to be rather rampant in Great Falls and cannot be attributed simply to childish pranks. Several of my fellow volunteers have had their yard signs removed — repeatedly. Their Mark Warner and Judy Feder signs remain untouched, as do the McCain signs in their neighbors' yards; only the Obama-Biden signs are stolen in deliberately malicious acts of trespassing and theft. Many intersections in Great Falls are littered with candidate signs of both parties, yet volunteers report the recurring disappearance of Obama signs. These are disgraceful acts of disrespect and suppression of free expression, and they should not be tolerated in our community.

These are not the lessons our children should be learning about being good citizens and active participants in our democracy. The lessons I hope my children learn are about volunteering your time for a cause you believe in, participating in the process in a thoughtful and respectful manner that includes proudly planting your own yard sign and respecting your neighbors' rights to do the same. My neighbor with the three

McCain-Palin signs in his yard revealed that it was his teenage daughter who posted their signs (and who I believe may be voting in her first election in November); I made sure to tell my children that although I don't agree with her political views, I applaud this young person's passion and participation in the political process.

**Betsy Campbell**  
Great Falls

### Write

The Connection welcomes views on any public issue. The deadline for all material is noon Friday. Letters must be signed. Include home address and home and business numbers. Letters are routinely edited for libel, grammar, good taste and factual errors. Send to:

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### THURSDAY/OCT. 23

**School Board Work Session/Audit**, 4:30 p.m. Work Session/Forum, 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting, 7 p.m. Jackson Middle School, 3020 Gallows Road, Falls Church. 703-204-8100.

### SATURDAY/OCT. 25

**Fairfax County Government and Fairfax County Public Schools community dialogue sessions.** 9:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Register to participate in shaping the FY 2010 Budget. 703-324-9400 or 703-324-2391, TTY 711.

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- ◆Tysons-Pimmit Regional Library, 7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church.

### MONDAY/OCT. 27

**School Board Program Review Committee.** 4 p.m. Gatehouse Administration Center I, 8115 Gatehouse Road, Falls Church. 571-423-1000.

**TechCelebration: NVTC's Annual Banquet.** Meg Whitman, former CEO and President of eBay, on building eBay into the world's premier online auction site. NVTC will also honor Congressman Tom Davis of Virginia's 11th District. 5:30 p.m. The Ritz-Carlton, 1700 Tysons Boulevard, McLean. NVTC members \$ 250, non-members \$350. [www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo.php?event=BANQUET-5](http://www.nvtc.org/events/geteventinfo.php?event=BANQUET-5).

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**Great Falls United Methodist Church Fall Bazaar**, Saturday, Oct. 25, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Brunswick stew and barbecued brisket platter, Eat In or "To-Go," Adults \$10, half price for children under 12, Limited a la carte for \$3. Petting zoo, Christmas crafts and decorations, silent auction, homemade desserts and bake sale, arts and crafts, used books, videos and DVDs, GFUMC first edition cookbook, jewelry and scarves. 10100 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls. [www.greatfallsumc.org](http://www.greatfallsumc.org) or 703-759-3705.

**Dr. Max L. Stackhouse** will speak on Saturday, Oct. 25, at 9:30 a.m. about "Civil Society and Public Theology in a Global Era." Dr. Stackhouse is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and a theological ethicist with wide ranging interests that include economic ethics, public theology, global missions and the encounter of world religions. **Immanuel Presbyterian Church**, 1125 Savile Lane, McLean.

Contact Dan Thomas at 703-356-3042 or [dthomas@ipcmclean.org](mailto:dthomas@ipcmclean.org).

**Annual SALT Fall Conference at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Parish**. Highlights include Delegate Vincent Callahan speaking about "The Legislative Process at Its Best; The Legislative Process at Its Worst," and Jeff Caruso, Director of the Virginia Catholic Conference, on the "Art of Advocacy." 9-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 25 in the

Parish Findlay Hall Activities Center, 1421 Wiehle Ave., Reston.

**Robyn Muncy, U.S. historian from the University of Maryland**, will analyze the Progressive Party of 1912 in relation to today's politics. Teddy Roosevelt called for an activist government to "humanize" capitalism: to defend the interest of workers and consumers against the power of corporations. What lessons do the Progressives have for us today? Admission is free. Sunday, Oct. 26, at 11 a.m., at the **Northern Virginia Ethical Society**, 225 Nutley St. N.W., Vienna. [www.esnv.org](http://www.esnv.org) or 703 437 3161.

**All Souls Day Concert** on Sunday, Nov. 2, at 4 p.m. Saint Luke Festival Choir, Paul Skevington, artistic director, and Cheryl Branham, conductor, perform the Rutter Requiem and Barber's Adagio for Strings. The program features choir, organ, cello, oboe, flute, and harp. Adults \$15, seniors and students \$15. **Saint Luke Catholic Church**, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. 703-356-0670 or [www.musicinmclean.org](http://www.musicinmclean.org).

**St. John's Episcopal Church All Saints' Sunday service of Holy Eucharist**, featuring F. J. Haydn's Maria Theresa Mass on Sunday, Nov. 2 at 7:30 p.m. The choir will be joined by The Sunrise String Quartet, trumpets and clarinets, and the Small Vocal Ensemble of Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun Campus. St. John's Episcopal Church, 6715 Georgetown Pike in McLean. 703-356-4902 or [www.stjohnsmclean.org](http://www.stjohnsmclean.org).

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A full dinner menu of the Old Brogue's fine fare will be available, as well as one of the area's most extensive collection of choice beers and ales. Space is limited, so booking early is recommended. More information and online press releases are available at <http://www.ionamusic.com/brogueinfo.htm>.

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**NOV. 2: MOCH PRYDERI** (Welsh for "Pryderi's Pigs") is a six piece Celtic band firmly rooted in the traditional Brythonic music of Wales, and Brittany, interwoven with music from Ireland, Scotland, Turkey,

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**WHERE:** The Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls, VA 22066

**WHEN:** Five consecutive Sundays: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30. Two sittings for each concert at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**TICKETS:** Reservations must be made in advance through the Old Brogue's staff. Season tickets may be purchased for \$65 for all five concerts. Individual concerts are \$15 each. Call 703-759-3309

and Appalachia. [www.mochpryderi.com](http://www.mochpryderi.com)  
**NOV. 9: BEGGARS' CIRCUS.** The Roanoke-based trio explores and reinterprets the ancient tunes of Britain with a contemporary drive and remarkable vocal harmonies. Beggars' Circus is Mary Beth Coffey (fiddle and viola), Michelle Lawrence-Walker (hammered dulcimer, flute, whistle and concertina) and Tim Summers (guitar, cittern, flute, whistle and bagpipes). [www.beggarscircus.com](http://www.beggarscircus.com)  
**NOV. 16: CHARLIE ZAHM**, one of the most popular soloists at Celtic music festivals and maritime music events anywhere east of the Mississippi. He will be accompanied by Baltimore fiddler Tad Marks at this concert. [www.charliezahn.com](http://www.charliezahn.com)

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## THURSDAY/OCT. 23

**Los Straitjackets and Laika & The Cosmonauts.** 8 p.m. Surf rock at The Barns. Ticket Price: \$18. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 24

**Magpie.** 8 p.m. Folk duo at The Barns.

Tickets \$18. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Elizabeth Geers Loftis**, with the McLean Art Society from 10 a.m.-12 noon, the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean. 703-790-0123.

**Vienna Wireless Society**, 7:30 p.m. at the Vienna Community Center, 120 Cherry St. S.E. Anyone interested in amateur radio and communications welcome. 703/392-0150 or [www.viennawireless.org](http://www.viennawireless.org).

## SATURDAY/OCT. 25

**McLean High School Varsity Wrestling Team Car Show.** 1-5

p.m. McLean High School Junior Parking Lot, 1633 Davidson St., McLean. \$5 admission. \$10 advance registration, \$12 on site registration. Registration fee includes dash plaques for first 50 registered cars, and entry for Best-In-Show trophy contest. Best-In-Show winner to appear on next year's dash plaques. 50/50 Raffle, Concessions available. Raindate Nov. 8. [Rmills152@yahoo.com](mailto:Rmills152@yahoo.com)

## Galápagos George by Barefoot Puppets.

2 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., in the McLean Community Center. Tickets \$12, \$8 for McLean residents. There will be a Galápagos George Tortoise Puppet Workshop at 3:30, for

children ages 5 and older with an adult; make and decorate a tortoise rod puppet to take home. To purchase tickets, stop by the box office, contact Ticketmaster at 703-573-SEAT or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com). [www.mcleancenter.org/alden](http://www.mcleancenter.org/alden).

**Pop Artist Peter Max.** 6-9 p.m. at the Tysons Galleria, 1731 M International Drive, McLean. 703-883-0111 or [www.petermax.com](http://www.petermax.com).

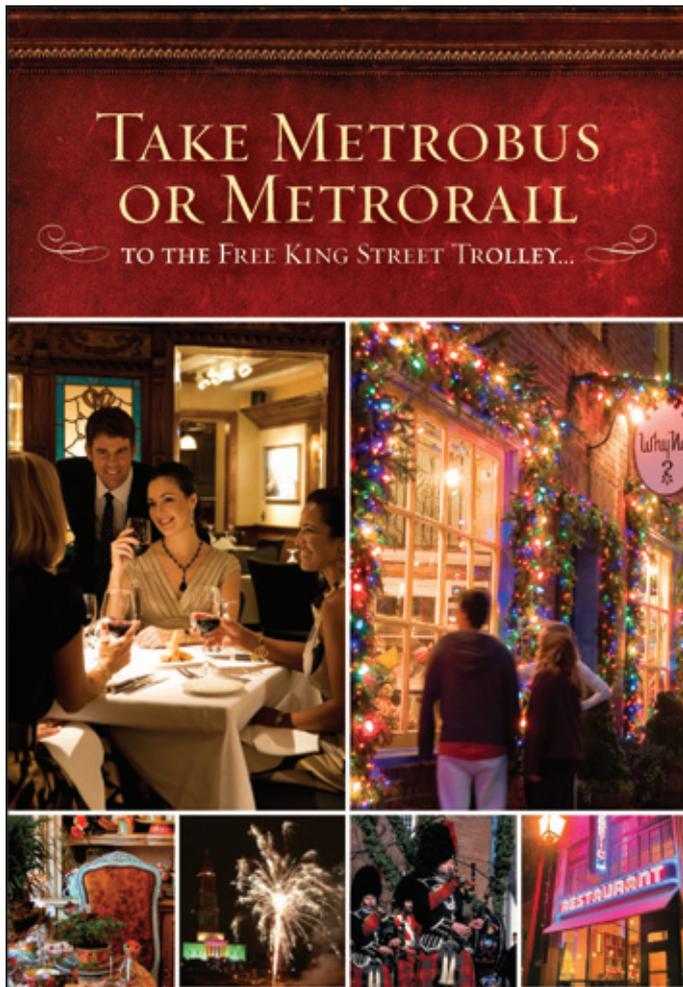
## SUNDAY/OCT. 26

**"Not Buying It"** at 1 p.m. at the Conscious Bean Coffee House, 10123 Colvin Run Road, Unit C, in Great Falls. Vienna residents Jim Dieter and Helene Shore spent 2007

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**"Hell Hawks: The Untold Story of the American Fliers Who Savaged Hitler's Wehrmacht"** book signing, by author Robert F. Dorr. 12-4 p.m. Business Aviation - Gallery 10, the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center, 14390 Air & Space Museum Parkway, Chantilly. Admission free, parking \$12. 202-633-1000.

## MONDAY/OCT. 27

**Open Mic, Hosted by David Cotton.** 7 p.m. Free. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).



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**An Evening with Willy Porter.** Guitar/folk/pop. 8 p.m. \$20 in advance, \$23 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

## WEDNESDAY/OCT. 29

**Halloween Fun Fest at Riverbend Park,** from 12:30 to 2 p.m. or 2:30 to 4 p.m. Come in costume for an afternoon of non-spooky fun at the batty scavenger hunt, spider challenge, Halloween howl and more. Suitable for children ages three to six years. \$8 per child. Prepaid reservations required, at 703-759-9018. Riverbend Park Nature Center, 8814 Jeffery Road in Great Falls.

**62nd annual Vienna Halloween Parade.** 7 p.m., on Maple Avenue from Branch Road to Center St. The parade theme is "It's an Old-fashioned Halloween!", with Grand Marshal Count Gore De Vol. Special guests, the Washington Redskins Marching Band. Children are invited to walk in the parade in Halloween costumes. No registration required; meet at 6:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Virginia Commerce Bank, 374 Maple Ave. E., Vienna. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The Vienna Parks & Recreation Department, 703-255-6360.

**Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver.** 8 p.m. Bluegrass and gospel at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Halloween Happenings!** 10:30 a.m. Holiday stories and activities. Come in costume. Age 2-5 with adult. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

**The New York cast tour of Forbidden Broadway,** 8 p.m. at the Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave. in the McLean Community Center. Tickets are \$37, \$30 for McLean residents, at the Alden Theatre box office, at 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com. 703-790-0123 or www.mcleancenter.org/alden.

## THURSDAY/OCT. 30

**Braddigan.** Acoustic/rock/reggae. 7:30 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Book Discussion Group.** 1 p.m. The Zookeeper's Wife by Diane Ackerman. Adults. No registration is required. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

**Pokemon League.** 3 p.m. Learn and play. Age 5-18. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

**Fight the Flu.** 6-8 p.m. Flu shots: \$25 or Medicare Part B; must be 18 or older. Call Inova for details: 703-698-2426. Adults. No registration is required. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

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**The New York cast tour of Forbidden Broadway,** 8 p.m. at the Alden Theater, 1234 Ingleside Ave. in the McLean Community Center. Tickets are \$37, \$30 for McLean residents, at the Alden Theatre box office, at 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com. 703-790-0123 or www.mcleancenter.org/alden.

## FRIDAY/OCT. 31

**Chris Smither,** 8 p.m. Vocals and blues at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Halloween Party,** featuring Mambo Sauce, Future, Mojai and Jon Braman. 8 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Halloween Howl.** 6-9 p.m. Live music, games, food, crafts, DDR and more. Age 12-18. Patrick Henry Library, 101 Maple Avenue East, Vienna. 703-938-0405.

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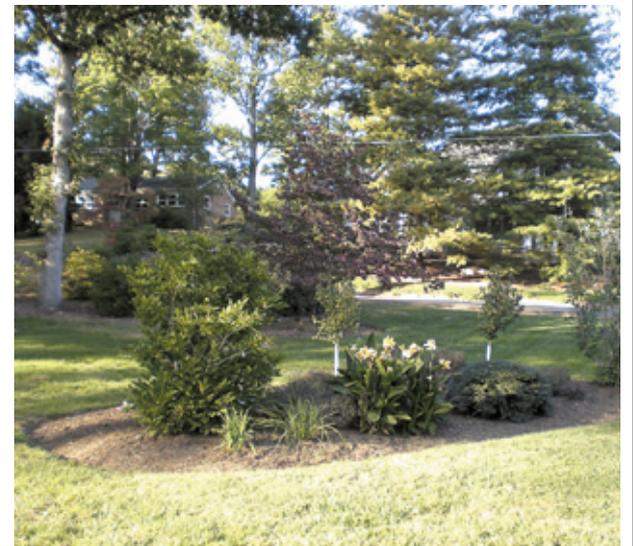
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**PROFILE**

**Feder Takes On Wolf**

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6), who is chair of a congressional subcommittee on health care. She said Feder is particularly appealing because of her expertise in the health care system and background.

"With the war and the economy, health care has taken a back seat but I still think it is ... possibly the most important, issue," said Fateni.

**ALONG** with her intellect, several Feder supporters said the candidate's demeanor is well suited for working on Capital Hill.

Feder is known for her high energy, so much so that Webb joked he would have to drink "five cups of coffee" just keep up with her when they campaigned together in 2006.

"I think her people skills are just fantastic. She makes all the volunteers seem needed," said Doris Cheely, a McLean resident who is volunteering on the Feder campaign.

Professional colleagues have also said Feder's personality makes her an easy person to get along with professionally.

"Judy has amazing people skills. She is warm, friendly, sensitive, responsive. She is a good listener and has a good sense of humor. She was and still is very well liked by faculty, staff and students," said William Gormley, who took over as dean of Georgetown's public policy school when Feder stepped down in 2007.

During Feder's tenure as dean, Georgetown's Public Policy Institute climbed in the rankings and

the quality of student applying to the program noticeably improved. The number students and faculty members at the school also increased, said Gormley.

Feder also implemented several new programs that were extremely popular with students at Georgetown.

She arranged for a series of informal dinners between high-ranking government officials and people enrolled in the graduate program. She also hosted town hall style meetings for the public policy students, where they could share their concerns and recommendations about the program, said Gormley.

"She accomplished some wonderful things as dean of our program," said Gormley.

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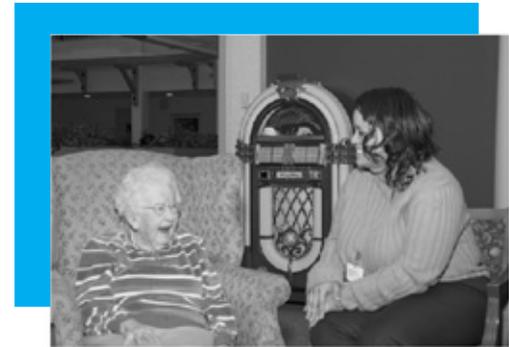
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## SPORTS

# Back Into Win Column

## Langley Homecoming win snaps three-game losing streak.

BY NICK CAFFERKY  
SPECIAL TO THE CONNECTION

It's been a rough couple of weeks for the Langley High football team. After starting out 3-1, the team lost starting quarterback Danny Pritchett for what was supposed to be the season, and dropped three straight games.

However, Pritchett, back in the line-up earlier than expected last Friday night, led the Saxons to a 35-14 homecoming victory over Liberty District opponent South Lakes.

The game wasn't always as secure as the final score might have indicated, though, as South Lakes drove the length of the field on an impressive seven minute drive that was capped off by a Justin Zeller touchdown pass to senior receiver Brian Stout. The first quarter score left many Saxon fans grumbling about the possibility of losing their fourth homecoming game in a row.

**HOWEVER**, Langley would respond quickly. Following a poor punt, the Saxons took over on the Seahawks' 38 yard line and punched it into the end zone on a five yard run by senior running back David Helmer. Then, on Langley's next possession, Pritchett found senior receiver Alex Devlin for a 24 yard scoring pass on a big third-and-11 play to give Langley the lead. South Lakes responded right before the half with a seven-yard scoring run by Brandon Price, who also ran in the ensuing two-point play. The Seahawks, as a result, went into the locker room tied at 14-14 and with momentum on their side.

"The touchdown gave us a lot



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**Langley senior running back David Helmer rushed for two touchdowns against South Lakes last week.**

**"It's really exciting to come back and get a win like that. The team played very well, so it was a successful outing."**

**-Langley High Senior Quarterback Danny Pritchett**

of confidence going into the half, which is important when you have lost quite a few games like we have," said South Lakes coach John Ellenberger, whose team fell to 2-6. "It let my players know they could compete with Langley."

Following halftime, Langley came at the Seahawks with a completely different approach on offense and defense and it worked to perfection. The second half was all Saxons as they outscored the Seahawks 21-0.

"They were giving us holes [in the first half,] we just weren't consistent on running through them so we made the switch and went with a bigger back," said Langley coach John Howerton.

The Saxons elected to use a bigger running back in senior Derek Eklund, who ran for a season high 94 yards. Helmer, complimenting

Eklund, ran for 85 yards and two touchdowns.

Along with it being Langley's homecoming, the game was particularly memorable as a result of Pritchett's miraculous comeback that had averaged fewer than six points a game in his absence. Pritchett completed 6-of-8 passes for 104 yards and two touchdowns.

"He was a little rusty, but he looked good," said Howerton. "We weren't planning on playing him that much, but he's just one of those kids who is tough and doesn't want to come out of the game."

**ADDED PRITCHETT**, "It's really exciting to come back and get a win like that. The team played very well, so it was a successful outing."

The win puts Langley (4-4) back in the Northern Region Div. 5 playoff hunt. The Saxons will travel to W.T. Woodson this Friday night before closing the regular season with a home game against McLean on Halloween night.

South Lakes, meanwhile, will be looking for its third win of the season when it hosts Marshall this Friday night. The following week will see the Seahawks play their regular season finale against visiting Jefferson.

## ROUNDUPS

**The McLean High girls volleyball team** saw its record slip to 9-4 with a pair of Liberty District losses last week. On Tuesday, the Highlanders fell to perennial powerhouse Langley, three games to one (9-25, 25-21, 23-25, 14-25). Two days later, McLean lost to Stone Bridge, also three games to one (18-25, 16-25, 25-18, 19-25). Both Langley and Stone Bridge were ranked in the Top 10 coaches' poll and have amassed impressive records.

Though disappointed with the

losses, McLean coach Steve Stotler felt McLean was competitive in both matches. "I was impressed with the girls' ability to bounce back after slow starts in both matches."

The Langley match took place at home, while the Stone Bridge competition was in Ashburn. In both matches, outside hitters Cat Davis and Alex Yensen led the Highlanders' attack, amassing 44 kills. The duo was supported by some key blocks and great hitting by senior middle hitter Lea Williams.

**The Jefferson High girls' varsity cross country team** overwhelmed the nearest competition in their 5K event at

The Glory Days Invitational a few weeks ago at Bull Run Park. Two Jefferson girls runners who earned medals by finishing in the top 15 individual finishers were: freshman Sarah Stites (2nd place) of Reston; and Stephanie Marzen (8th) of McLean. Katherine Sheridan (Vienna) and Neesha Schnepf (McLean) placed 24th and 42nd, respectively.

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## 2008 FALL VOTERS' GUIDE

### GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTIONS ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008 POLLS OPEN 6:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

#### ABOUT THIS GUIDE

The Leagues of Women Voters of Alexandria, Arlington, the Fairfax Area, Falls Church, Loudoun County, and the Prince William County Member-At-Large Unit, are cooperating with The Connection Newspapers to produce this Voters' Guide to assist citizens in choosing candidates for election to public office.

The League of Women Voters of Virginia sent questionnaires to candidates for the United States Senate, and the above-mentioned Northern Virginia Leagues sent questionnaires to all candidates for the United States House of Representatives as well as local candidates, whose names were qualified to appear on the November 4, 2008 ballot. Biographies and responses to the questions appear as written by the candidates and are not edited except to comply with Voters' Guide style and stipulated word and space limitations. A "///" at the end of the biography and/or responses indicates the word limit was exceeded. The candidates' original responses are on file with the Northern Virginia Leagues of Women Voters. Candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the ballot, as determined by lot by the Virginia State Board of Elections.

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### UNITED STATES SENATE

#### THE OFFICE

**TERM:** Six years

**SALARY:** \$169,300

#### REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE:

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**DUTIES:** Originate and pass legislation, approve presidential appointments, ratify treaties, conduct impeachment trials

#### BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS

**BIOGRAPHY:** Background provided by each candidate.

#### THE QUESTIONS

What is the most critical **ECONOMIC** problem faced by the U.S. and what legislation will you propose to solve it?

How should the U.S. deal with current **IMMIGRATION** issues?

Should the federal government ensure all Americans have access to affordable **HEALTHCARE**? Please explain.

# VOTE

**TUESDAY,  
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### CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATE – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE

**Mark R. Warner**  
*Democrat - Challenger*



**BIOGRAPHY:** Warner served as governor of Virginia from 2002 until 2006. His administration inherited \$6 billion in budget shortfalls, and ended with a surplus. He is a former high-tech business person, co-founding Nextel. He and his wife, Lisa Collis, and their three daughters, Madison, Gillian, and Eliza, live in Alexandria.

**ECONOMIC:** I believe we need to create a real national energy policy. We need a fresh approach that invests in renewable energy, allows states to drill offshore in an environmentally safe manner and eliminates our dependence on foreign oil. By making these new investments in solar, wind, nuclear, cleaner coal and electric and hybrid vehicles, we can create new world-class jobs here at home and make our nation more secure. A new

energy policy will also help us take-on the threat of climate change, letting us reassert America's moral standing in the world.

**IMMIGRATION:** Our immigration policy demands a comprehensive solution. First, we need to secure our borders by increasing border patrols and utilizing improved technology to prevent undocumented people from entering the country.

Second, we must enforce existing immigration laws. The federal government should hold responsible business owners who knowingly hire undocumented workers.

Finally, we need to deal with the estimated 12 million workers who are here illegally. They should be required to pay back taxes, pay a fine, and learn English as they begin the path toward

legal status.

**HEALTHCARE:** Yes. It is morally wrong that 47 million to 50 million Americans don't have access to healthcare in this country, but it is also wrong that we pay twice as much per person as our competitors around the world and we don't get twice as good a value.

We need to bring down the price of prescription drugs, so Americans no longer pay the research and development cost for drugs for the rest of the world. We must make sure every American has access to affordable, universal health care coverage.

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**James S. "Jim" Gilmore III**  
*Republican - Challenger*



**BIOGRAPHY:** A Richmond native, Jim Gilmore is the son of working class parents who served as a member of U.S. Army counter-intelligence; a crime busting prosecutor; Attorney General and Governor. The former chairman of the anti-terrorism Gilmore Commission, Jim Gilmore is a recognized authority on national security.

**ECONOMIC:** The most serious economic problem facing our nation is the need for a comprehensive energy plan and a lack of domestic energy resources. As a member of the U.S. Senate I will push for a broad based energy plan that will include conservation, the use of alternative energy sources like wind and solar, an expansion of nuclear energy, clean coal technology and lifting the government's restrictions on drilling for oil offshore as well as in ANWR in Alaska. If we

increase America's domestic energy resources, including drilling for oil that is now restricted by Congress, we can bring down the price of gasoline, create jobs and make our nation independent from hostile foreign energy sources.

**IMMIGRATION:** We are a nation of immigrants. Immigrants from all over the world have been extremely important to the development and the success of our nation. However, if we are going to keep channels of legal immigration open, we must enforce our existing immigration laws. As a former member of U.S. Army counter intelligence and the former chairman of a much heralded government commission dealing with the homeland security concerns facing our nation, I believe keeping America safe requires that we control our borders. And as a former prosecutor and Attorney General,

I believe we must obey the law.

**HEALTHCARE:** Every American deserves access to affordable, high-quality, and reliable health care. In order to achieve this goal, I support a broad range of health care reform measures including tax reform to help people buy health insurance and maintain health savings accounts; making it easier for small businesses to provide health care for their employees by allowing them to form Association Health Plans; implementing medical liability reforms to reduce frivolous lawsuits and bring down health care costs; improving health information technology to decrease medical errors and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of medical treatments.

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**CANDIDATES FOR UNITED STATES SENATE (CONTINUED) – VOTE FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE**



**Glenda Gail Parker**  
*Independent Green - Challenger*

**BIOGRAPHY:** Business owner consultant, mother of three, grandmother of five. Senior budget analyst with over twenty years experience with high-dollar value government programs, retired Air Force Officer. Woman of strong faith and family values. Light-rail advocate.  
**ECONOMIC:** There are two: the energy crisis and the \$9.5 Trillion Federal debt. We must encourage alternative fuels, such as hydrogen, and remove the financial barrier

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**William B. Redpath**  
*Libertarian - Challenger*

**BIOGRAPHY:** I am National Chairman of the Libertarian Party. I ran for the House of Delegates (1993), Virginia Senate (1998) and Governor (2001). I am a financial analyst specializing in media and telecommunications. Certified Public Accountant, Chartered Financial Analyst, and two business valuation designations. BA, Indiana University. MBA, University of Chicago.  
**ECONOMIC:** The most critical economic problem facing the US is our aging population and the coming entitlement spending

explosion.  
I support the Cato Institute's "6.2% Solution" for Social Security, in which individuals would be able to invest 6.2 percentage points of their payroll tax in personal accounts, with the employer's 6.2% paying for transition costs and disability and survivors' benefits. Under this plan, people would own their personal accounts and be able to pass them to heirs. This plan would help restore Social Security to long-term solvency and provide workers with higher benefits than would Social Security, although people who want to stay in the current Social Security system could do so.  
Social Security will run a deficit by 2017;

Medicare is already doing that. Medicare needs to be reformed with prepaid Medicare accounts for workers. The prescription drug benefit should be repealed. Seniors should be allowed to opt out of Medicare without losing Social Security benefits or receive a voucher—that could be supplemented with private funds—to purchase health insurance from competing private insurers or to deposit in a Health Savings Account.  
Federal Medicaid spending should be frozen at current levels, distributed to states as unrestricted block grants, and phased out over time, with this program becoming the responsibility of the states.

**IMMIGRATION:** There should be open, but regulated, immigration to the US. If someone has no criminal record, does not have a communicable disease and is not reasonably deemed a security threat, that person should be able to come to the US with a path to citizenship, including amnesty for those already here, provided that no welfare benefits are made available.  
**HEALTHCARE:** No. It does not have that power in the Constitution. Additionally, health care is not a right, as it requires the talents and resources of other people.  
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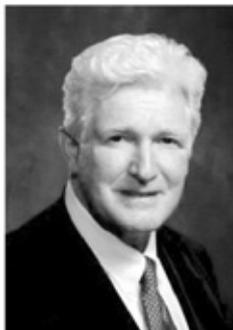
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**TERM:** Two years  
**SALARY:** \$169,300  
**DUTIES:** Legislative powers, with responsibility for making laws, raising revenue and adopting the federal budget; sole power of impeachment

**BIOGRAPHY AND QUESTIONS**

**BIOGRAPHY:** Background provided by each candidate.  
**THE QUESTIONS**  
What are your top three **GOALS** for the next Congress?  
What are your **BUDGET** priorities for program funding and deficit reduction? Do you believe that both could be accomplished and, if so, how?  
What do you believe are the most critical **ENERGY** problems facing the U.S. and what legislation and/or other steps will you support to solve them?  
What other **ISSUES** are important to you?

**James P. "Jim" Moran, Jr.**  
*Democrat - Incumbent*



**BIOGRAPHY:** U.S. Congressman; Founder, New Democratic Coalition; Co-chair Congressional Prevention Caucus; Co-chair Task Force on Sovereign Wealth Funds; MPA University of Pittsburgh; BA Economics; College of the Holy Cross; Mayor, Alexandria; Vice Mayor, Alexandria; Chair, United Way; Chair, Human Development Committee, National League of Cities; Chair, Aging Committee, COG // **GOALS:** First, we need to transition defense policy from a near exclusive reliance on the hard power of military force appropriate for cold war national conflicts to balance with smart power of diplomacy. Second, we need to bring the federal budget back into balance by allowing unnecessary tax cuts to expire, enabling the Medicare program to negotiate with drug companies and requiring

any entitlement expansions to be fully paid for. Third, we need to reinvest in the nation's physical and human infrastructure, especially public transit, and early childhood development.  
**BUDGET:** We must balance the budget and make long term investments in education, transportation and alternative energy sources by requiring all tax cuts to be paid for or allowed to expire. We need a tax surcharge to pay for any additional Iraq war costs matched by Iraqi oil surpluses and the simplification of tax codes eliminating unnecessary corporate and individual subsidies. Immediate fiscal responsibility is essential if we are to avoid passing on an insurmountable debt burden to our children and grandchildren. However, it is equally imperative that future generations of Americans be better educated so as to prosper in an increas-

ingly competitive global economy.  
**ENERGY:** With 4 percent of the world's population and 3 percent of world reserves we cannot continue to consume 25 percent of the world's energy supply. Individually, we consume 20 tons of carbon per person, many times more than any other nation's citizens. Off-shore drilling could produce 1% of our needs in a decade, but conservation can cut demand by over 50% today. It's past time to shift to plug-in hybrid cars, clean natural gas for fleet vehicles and expansion of wind and solar power usage. I will also continue pushing for a mandatory 15 percent shift to alternative, renewable fuels by utility companies by 2020.  
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**Mark W. Ellmore**  
*Republican - Challenger*

**BIOGRAPHY:** Born and raised in Alexandria, mortgage banking executive, son serving overseas in USAF and daughter attending Marymount Univ., Chairman of KTT international missions, environmental activist, served Habitat for Humanity, the House in Annapostia, and Jill's house for children with special needs.  
**GOALS:** To eliminate our foreign oil dependence

within ten years, ensure the continued safety and security of all Americans and revitalize and energize the national economy.  
**BUDGET:** We need greater accountability and oversight of federal spending to ensure that our tax payer's dollars are spent wisely. I propose that Congress operate within a balanced budget.  
**ENERGY:** I support a national mandate to be off of foreign oil dependence by 2019. This is a national security and national economic imperative.  
**ISSUES:** Keeping our environment clean, our

families safe, and protecting our individual liberties.  
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**J. Ron Fisher**  
*Independent Green - Challenger*



**BIOGRAPHY:** Engineer, nonprofit executive, businessman, family man, optimistic, civic minded, responsible, caring. Honors graduate USNA, MA Business Management, ICAF, Retired Navy Captain, 16 nuclear submarine patrols, destroyers, shipyards, Engineering Duty Officer, experience in project management, power generation, air - water purification, educating, training, safety/homeland security, www.dfpa.org, law, justice, civil rights.  
**GOALS:** Meaningful job opportunities at living wages for all (including the 42,000 lobbyist that work Capitol Hill) in green industries, recycling, environmental protection, renewable energy, planting trees, building walk-

ways, bike paths, affordable housing, health care, LTC, pre-k- programs, etc.  
Peace through diplomacy in Iraq, Afghanistan and rest of the world. Strengthen UN, its agencies, the ICC, the rule of law, etc. Bring all troops home from all over the world.  
Restore and strengthen peoples control over Congress and Congress's control over: making laws; appropriating funds; regulating trade; declaring war; impeaching errant officials.  
**BUDGET:** Switch from a war economy to a peaceful, green, sustainable economy. Repeal the Iraq FY 2008/09 War Supplemental, drastically reduce DoD spending, etc. Replace

military aid and weapons sales with foreign, economic aid. Implement fair, progressive income and property taxes. Provide publicly supported, single payer health care. Yes, we can have both deficit reductions and funding for necessary programs through responsible leadership, education and training, social justice, cooperation, sharing, democracy, elimination of fraud waste and abuse and the fact that there is an abundance in our world.  
**ENERGY:** Pollution and global warming from use of fossil fuels. Growing demand for fuels around the world. Greed of oil company executives and under regulated energy traders. Large users in particular transportation

and DoD. To resolve these problems, I would support: Renewable energy sources; Modern energy-saving technologies; Trains and trolleys including high speed interstate rail along existing right-of-ways and oppose privately owned toll roads and toll lanes for example around the beltway; Dedicated bus lanes on highways; Natural gas powered and hybrid buses; Comprehensive planning and an immediate Kyoto II conference. Other issues and plans for most of the above are at: www.WeThePeopleNow.org. Please send me your comments.  
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(Voters in This District Vote for Not More Than One)

**Judy M. Feder**  
*Democrat – Challenger*



**BIOGRAPHY:** My husband and I have lived in Northern Virginia for more than thirty years. As the Dean of Georgetown University's Public Policy Institute, I trained the next generation of military and civilian leaders. For thirty years, I've been an independent expert working to provide quality, affordable healthcare for all Americans.  
**GOALS:** 1. Quality, affordable health care for every American. Health care is the tip of the iceberg as a threat to economic well-being. We need to rebuild our economy for everyone. 2. End the war in Iraq, reengage the rest of the world diplomatically and redirect the

resources being spent in Iraq to pressing economic needs at home. 3. Transportation and mass transit – Virginia's 10th District is without a single Metro stop. That needs to change. I am fully committed to Rail to Dulles and to increasing federal support for mass transit in general.  
**BUDGET:** Deficit reduction is incredibly important. We must make a change from the borrow and spend policies of the last eight years that are saddling our children with debt. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, my opponent, Frank Wolf, has been one of the chief architects of President

Bush's unprecedented deficits. We must hold politicians accountable, and change Washington in order to budget responsibly. This means restoring fiscal discipline and continuing to adhere to the pay-as-you-go rule that ensures we balance the books, which Frank Wolf and his colleagues did away with.  
**ENERGY:** We have to end our dependence on foreign oil. I support a comprehensive approach that would focus on support for developing renewable sources of energy and increasing efficiency while also increasing domestic production of traditional sources as we transition to renewable energy. This

approach would put everything on the table including nuclear and drilling for gas and oil offshore.  
**ISSUES:** We need to make college more affordable for everyone. As someone who has taught veterans I'm also committed to honoring their service by ensuring they get the health and education benefits they've earned. We also need to protect homeownership by cracking down on fraudulent lending and ensuring that families can stay in their homes.  
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**Frank R. Wolf**  
*Republican – Incumbent*



**BIOGRAPHY:** Elected 1980. Reelected 1982, 1984, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1998, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006. Appropriations Committee ranking member State, Foreign Operations subcommittee; member, Transportation-Treasury-Housing subcommittee. Co-chair, Human Rights Caucus. Interior Department congressional affairs staff. Attorney. LL.B., Georgetown Law, 1965; B.A., Penn State, 1961. Married. Five children. Thirteen grandchildren.  
**GOALS:** Continuing to improve transportation for area commuters; keeping the economy growing with good paying jobs and safe neighborhoods; providing our children with a

first class education system.  
**BUDGET:** Our nation is facing a financial crisis as baby boomers retire and bring an unsustainable increase in entitlement and other federal program spending. I've co-authored the leading bipartisan bill, which has broad support across the political spectrum, to establish a national commission that puts everything – entitlement spending, all other federal spending and tax policies – on the table and requires Congress to vote up or down on the recommendations in their entirety. Newspapers across the country have praised the legislation for its pragmatic, bipartisan approach to address the problem.

**ENERGY:** America must start immediately to become energy independent and stop relying on unstable or hostile countries for our vital energy supplies. We need a comprehensive plan (like the one I have cosponsored) that protects consumers and looks at everything – domestic oil and gas exploration (I voted for environmentally sensitive drilling offshore and in remote Alaska); clean, alternative and renewable energy including solar, wind, clean coal, nuclear, hydrogen, biofuels; conservation; increased fuel economy (I voted to increase CAFE standards); mass transit and telework.  
**ISSUES:** To me, honesty and integrity matter above all else. I annually publish my entire

voting record and have always treated this office as a great public trust and always will. I've always believed that one elected official willing to listen to and work with people can make a major difference. It's an approach I've followed that has enabled me to help improve highways, airports and mass transit; expand telework; fight street gangs; assist federal workers, and preserve historic lands, while helping to lower taxes, protect Social Security and Medicare, strengthen education, toughen congressional ethics laws, and work for international human rights.  
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**Neeraj C. Nigam**  
*Independent – Challenger*

**BIOGRAPHY:** I am 54 years old, married to a wonderful woman for the last 28 years, have two great kids both well settled. By education, I am a scientist and management professional as a certified PMP. I work at a leading tech firm in the technology field.  
**GOALS:** 1. Restore constitutional rights being currently curtailed by our government 2. Replace 'No Child Left Behind' with 'Help

all children move Forward' 3. Work towards replacing government benefits to corporations with benefits to Americans  
**BUDGET:** Reduce Taxes, as Americans are smart enough to spend their own money and do not need the government to spend it for them. Reduce/eliminate benefits for those not entitled to them. Work towards a balanced budget. We need to start working towards eliminating the deficit now so as not to burden our children with a burden that may be too much for them to bear.

**ENERGY:** We are facing multiple energy crisis that need attention now before they become impossible to address. We need to drill for oil now for the immediate need and at the same time promote solar/hydro/wind power to power Americans for generations to come. The government has to promote alternative energy sources through grants for R&D, government orders and subsidies to make them more affordable until mass production gets a chance to take effect.  
**ISSUES:** The current financial crisis caused

by bad mortgages and fuel prices. In the first, Congress is rewarding companies that gave provided mortgages to people who could not afford them knowing that it would lead them to bankruptcy. In the second, congress went on vacation without doing anything to help alleviate the problem. Health Care needs to be made affordable to all.  
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## Survive to Drive or Vice Versa



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

What a shame! At a time when the price of a barrel of oil has dropped 53 percent (as of Oct. 16th) from its most recent 2008 peak and gasoline prices have fallen to a 14-month low, so too has my family income declined, unfortunately, thereby preventing me from truly enjoying the advantages and benefits of paying fewer dollars for energy than I have in what seems like a very long time.

I suppose the bright side is, had the oil prices not declined so precipitously, my ability to pay/absorb them into the family budget — given the recessionary state of the present economy — would have been stressed and stretched to its breaking point, mentally and physically. And though I can certainly appreciate the cash flow-relief we're experiencing of paying one dollar less per gallon of gasoline, give or take, than we had throughout most of 2008, making less money has definitely reduced that pleasure not to mention reducing our discretionary dollars as well.

Sure, we're paying less for gasoline (and home heating oil as well, presumably, although we haven't received a delivery in six months), but since we have fewer dollars, the net effect, meaning the percentage of the budget (if we even had a budget) that we do have available for gas and oil, is not appreciably different than when we had more dollars but oil and gas was much closer to its all-time high than it is now.

Granted, things could be worse (wait a day, heck, wait an hour). Nevertheless, they just don't feel as good as such a significant drop in energy costs would lead you to believe they are. Yes, I'm paying less — absolutely, but I'm/we're earning less. At the end of the day (literally, not just the expression), my wallet is still empty. And just as money doesn't grow on trees (figuratively and literally, as it was pointed out to me by an alert reader), nor does it get electronically deposited into my checking account simply because I need it to be.

I don't mind working for my money (although, let's be honest, not having to work for your money wouldn't be much of a hardship, for me, anyway). But I do mind when the money I'm working for is basically gone/accounted for before I ever get it, if you know what I mean. The only thing that's discretionary about my dollars is how much I send to whom; that's my choice. Some choice! It's not exactly pick your poison, but neither is it pick your pleasure.

Unless of course one finds pleasure in spending every nickel they earn paying bills whose end does not appear to be in sight. Unfortunately, there's no magic in these mundane money matters. It's simply supply and demand, ironically, similar to two of the main factors contributing to the fluctuating price of oil and gas in particular and energy in general.

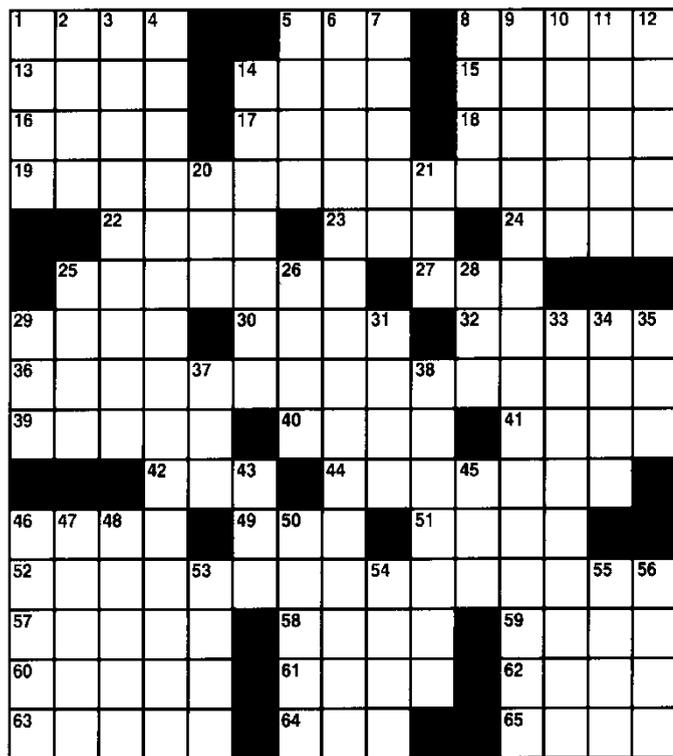
Often, we're told, what goes up must come down. And certainly we are seeing confirmation of that old adage with respect to energy costs. However, I wish it was my income that was going up while those energy costs were going down, not both going down; that's not much of an adage. I can't afford to be "Even Steven," anymore. At the least, I need to be "Steady Eddy." At the most, I need to be "Dollar Bill."

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- 5 Season opener
- 8 Agreements
- 13 Au fait
- 14 Av follower
- 15 Celebrity
- 16 It can make a date
- 17 Obey a court order
- 18 "La — di seta" (Rossini opera)
- 19 Oregon Trail sight
- 22 Sheet of matted wool
- 23 Ore suffix
- 24 Atlas abbr. before 1991
- 25 1935 musical with Astaire and Rogers
- 27 Time in history
- 29 Arthur and others
- 30 John Beck's "Sleeper" role
- 32 Cornered
- 36 Phoenix or Sparrow

- 39 One of Mia's exes
- 40 It may be tended
- 41 Trial run
- 42 — tangent
- 44 Spills one's guts
- 46 McDonald's founder
- 49 Shadow, so to speak
- 51 Häagen-Dazs alternative
- 52 Some noncoms
- 57 With all one's might
- 58 Where Zeno of Citium lectured
- 59 Kind of hall
- 60 Asperity
- 61 Series finale: Abbr.
- 62 Future J.D.'s hurdle
- 63 Minute
- 64 Hamilton's place
- 65 Girl's name ending

## DOWN

- 1 "Hair" producer
- 2 Stowe tow
- 3 Trackside shout

- 14 Republic since 1993
- 20 Itinerary abbr.
- 21 Bray beginning
- 25 It might run down the neck
- 26 Calc preceder, perhaps
- 28 Rio Treaty implementer: Abbr.
- 29 Leicester cry
- 31 The toe of the Arabian Peninsula
- 33 Branch office?
- 34 Porters
- 35 "Uh-huh"
- 37 Across, in verse
- 38 Like some aliens
- 43 E.R. administration
- 45 Cowley composition
- 46 It first opened in 1962
- 47 Summer fabric
- 48 Missouri feeder
- 50 Resource
- 53 "Just you wait, — iggins . . ."
- 54 Bookbinding leather
- 55 Udder part
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Bob Vicars, left, and fellow tree commissioner Ron Rubin examine the initial-scarred trunk of a massive beech tree.

# Big Trees of Seneca Property

FROM PAGE 5

**ENTERING THE WOODS**, with Claire Blanchard of the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority at the wheel, Vicars noted that beech trees dominated the 500 or so acres of the Seneca property.

Kirwan said beeches tend to thrive in relatively undisturbed forests because they can survive in their own shade, while most other trees in the area are at least partially intolerant to shade. "If a forest is left undisturbed indefinitely, in this area, theoretically, it would become a beech forest," he said. He guessed that the forest had been lightly logged in the past and had seen little in the way of fires.

"To me, this is the prettiest park, certainly in Fairfax County, because the beeches don't allow undergrowth," Vicars said.

The group left the car and walked into the forest. Though they may not have been trees, Vicars pointed out portions of canal built along the Potomac by George Washington's men in order to bypass rapids. The embankments were walls of stone slabs. "This was all done manually. I mean, you might have had some mules or an ox," he said. Indicating one island, he noted that it was among the few in the Potomac that belonged to Virginia because it was created by a canal that was dug into Virginia soil, so fishing in the canal did not require a Maryland fishing license.

Near the dirt road the party had driven in on, a monolithic beech trunk rose into the canopy, its base tattooed with the marks of scores of passers-by. "Unfortunately, this one being so close to the road, it's attracted people who feel the need to write their initials in it," Vicars said, as he pulled out the measuring tape.

The trunk measured 11 feet, 5 inches in circumference. One of the eight Great Falls trees Vicars had helped to get into the state's Big Tree Database was a beech only slightly wider, with a circumference of 11 feet, 9 inches.

Hunter Mill District tree commissioner Ron Rubin guessed the tree to be about 140 feet tall, which turned out to be a near miss. Using measuring tape, a small device called a clinometer and the Pythagorean Theorem, Kirwan roughly calculated the height to be about 130 feet. "There's a lot of error involved," he admitted. The branches had an 82-foot spread.

## Great Falls Big Trees

Great Falls has eight trees in the state Big Tree Database, recognized for their circumference, height and spread, relative to their species.

- ❖ An American elm in the parkland just east of the Frasier Preserve, 19 feet, 9 inches around.
- ❖ A box elder on Georgetown Pike just west of Leigh Mill Road, 18 feet, four inches around.
- ❖ A bitternut hickory, also in the parkland east of the Frasier Preserve, 11 feet, three inches around.
- ❖ An American beech off the end of Blackberry Lane, 11 feet, nine inches around.
- ❖ A black gum at the Grange, 11 feet, six inches around.
- ❖ A red hickory on Springvale Road, across from Allenwood Lane, eight feet around.
- ❖ A chestnut oak on Chesapeake Drive, near Darlene Lane, 16 feet around.
- ❖ A paw paw on the Seneca property, 1 foot, 9 inches around.

Vicars showed the crew the largest chestnut oak he had found in the forest, one that's trunk was 14 feet, 8 inches around. "All the biggest chestnut oaks in the state are in Northern Virginia," Kirwan said, adding that the furthest one from Great Falls was in Loudoun County.

**THE CREW** was then introduced to the largest tree it would encounter, a three-trunked sycamore whose base was the size of a compact car, with a circumference of 21 feet. One of the trunks, however, was dead. Vicars also pointed out a towering box elder that was about 15 feet around.

"Is this how these woods were 2,000 years ago?" Mount Vernon District tree commissioner Eleanor Quigley asked Kirwan, who answered with an unequivocal no.

He said pollen is easily preserved and can be found and studied to determine forests' histories. "The picture that keeps coming back is how dynamic these things are," he said. For example, forests move according to climate change. Kirwan said most of Virginia's forests waited out the ice ages in Florida and then shifted northward as the cold retreated. Also, Native Americans were known to cultivate plants, which would have altered the ecosystem. "Where we are now could have been dramatically different 500 years ago or 1,000 years ago," he said.

Tonight, Kirwan will give a presentation on his book and the maintenance and preservation of trees to the Great Falls Citizens Association at 7:30 at the Grange.

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