

The Corner Forum

for the 1200 and 1300 blocks of E, the 400 and 500 blocks of 13th,
Duncan Place and Emerald Street NE

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A Fecal Find

BY DUSTIN "FELLOW DOG WALKER"
PICCOLO, 524 13TH ST. NE

Caught at last!!! On the evening of Thursday, March 27, 2003, at approximately 7 p.m., one middle-aged, white male with gray hair and glasses, wearing a yellow jacket and walking a black dog with white markings, failed to clean up his dog's feces.

Please respect our neighborhood and clean up after your dog. Fellow neighbors, please be on the lookout for a gentleman fitting this description. §

P.S. I pick up.

Mr. Smith Volunteers to Be an April 19 Block Captain

BY SHARON COCHRAN, EMERALD STREET

Stephen Smith, 1311 E St. NE, has volunteered to be a block captain for the 1300 block of E Street NE, for our Cleanup Day — on Saturday, April 19.

Block captains (who will be in charge of the supplies for their block) are still needed for the 400 block of 13th, the 500 block of 13th, the 1200 block of E, Duncan Place and Emerald Street.

Call me at 399-0715 if you'd be willing to serve as block captain.

We'll have a cleanup kickoff at 10 a.m., at the corner of 13th and E. §



Stephen Smith

Ms. Washington Offers To Help Plant Flowers

BY SHARON COCHRAN, EMERALD STREET

Evelyn Washington, 1316 Emerald St. NE, shown below working in her yard, has volunteered to help anyone who wants to plant flowers (seeds or plants) in their yards on Cleanup Day, April 19.

I'll be glad to drive anyone to Frager's or anywhere else within the Beltway, to pick up any needed flower-planting supplies before April 19. Just give me a call, at 399-0715. §



Evelyn Washington

PHOTO BY SHARON COCHRAN

Residents React To the War in Iraq

BY STEPHEN SMITH, 1311 E ST. NE

Stephen Smith conducted a survey yesterday in the Corner Forum area. Passers-by were shown a paper asking, "What are your thoughts on the war in Iraq?" The responses he received follow, in alphabetical order...

"I have not yet decided about the merits of this war. I have a distinct dislike for the Iraqi regime, though, and I do support our troops, especially those in harm's way."

—BILL AMENT
515 13th St. NE

"It is a sad situation."

—PATRICIA ANDERSON
1326 East Capitol St. NE

"I think it's wrong to send people over there to fight somebody else's fight. I say send President Bush and his family over there to fight it themselves."

—ELLERY VADEN
1348 Emerald St. NE §

Howard Dean For President

BY DAVID KINSEY, 524 13TH ST. NE

With the presidential election coming up sooner than you think, it's time to begin contemplating who should be our next leader. The Democrats have a slew of candidates vying for the nomination of the party.

The only problem is they all look exactly like one another, except for one individual: Howard Dean.

Mr. Dean is a former Vermont governor who held office from 1991 to 2003. He is a physician who believes universal health care should be a reality for all our citizens. He implemented his plan, and every child under the age of 18 was guaranteed coverage, and more than 92 percent of adults in Vermont are now eligible for coverage as well.

Mr. Dean is also against the war with Iraq. He is a staunch supporter of our troops abroad. However, he believes President Bush has fallen short in proving the case that Iraq is an imminent threat to America or its allies.

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When it comes to the economy, Mr. Dean has it right again. Fiscal responsibility in the Bush administration has been shelved, and the top 1 percent of Americans are reaping the benefits. Dean would repeal the tax cuts that have only made the rich richer.

Mr. Dean, unlike his fellow Democrats, supports equal justice for all Americans without apology. He is responsible for signing Vermont's civil union legislation for gays and lesbians into law. He is quoted as saying, "This was a defining moment in my political career. ... There can be no compromise when it comes to basic human rights."

To put it simply, Mr. Dean is the right man for the job in

Neighbor News

Hear Debra Wynn Sing With the Washington Chorus

BY DEBRA WYNN, 538 13TH ST. NE,
INTERVIEWED YESTERDAY BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13H ST. NE

The Washington Chorus will be performing the Monteverdi Vespers of 1610 next Sunday.

It is wonderful music. We just had a rehearsal today. Our conductor said if you had a Mount Rushmore of composers, Monteverdi would be on it.

He also said that some people are worried about terrorism and so are staying home and not going out to concerts. "This isn't a time for that," he told us. "It's a time for good music."

Monteverdi is cool music. It's all in Latin, but hey — there's program notes!

This piece is very rarely performed. It's four choirs, seven soloists — all different kinds of styles.

It's very unusual. It's the bridgework between renaissance music and baroque, and it's a masterpiece, because he's trying things that have never been done before.

He's attributed to inventing opera, so this has elements of chant and polyphony. It's the first time in choral music that the orchestra is playing without the singers. Before, the orchestra always accompanied the singers. In 1610, that was just unheard of. §

Ms. Cioffi Starts New Job at Vet Clinic

BY TAMMI CIOFFI, 536 13TH ST. NE

Hello everyone! This week I started working at Union Veterinary Clinic located at 609 2nd St. NE. The doctor is Julie Giles.

She used to run the Dupont Vet Clinic, and she's a wonderful person and doctor. If anybody needs a vet, this place is great! The people there are really nice and friendly, and the doctor has many years of experience. §

2004. Mr. Bush has robbed Social Security, ruined our foreign relations, shelved our civil liberties with the passage of the Patriot Act, and will only deny us more of the liberties we, as citizens of the United States of America, are entitled to. Mr. Bush has proven he lacks respect for the nation's laws and institutions and he needs to be reminded that we did not elect him, and we will not allow him to continue to destroy the prosperity our country once knew.

Please show your support for Mr. Dean by going to his Web site now at <http://www.deanforamerica.com>. Chances are you'll be convinced, like I am, that the Doctor is in, and it's time for a change in America. §

Updates

KINGSMAN: Joel Scharfer, financial adviser of the Charter Schools Development Corporation, left a voicemail message for me on Friday, saying: "The City Council approved the Kingsman sale last week. We closed on Wednesday of this week, so we're now the proud owners of the Kingsman site, and we are applying for permits as we speak. We will start doing work on the annex in May, for Sasha Bruce to take possession of the annex for the September 2003 school year, and right after that, we'll begin work on the main building. Everything's on course. [ANC Commissioner 6A05] Michael Musante, was very helpful in helping us get this through the City Council, along with the City Council members Sharon Ambrose, Jim Graham and Harold Brazil." (—Marc Borbely, 536 13th St. NE)

CHERRY BLOSSOMS: The National Park Service forecast yesterday that the cherry blossoms around the Jefferson Memorial will be in peak bloom (with 70% of the trees blooming) for eight days starting this Friday. Last weekend, the Park Service was still forecasting that the days of peak bloom would start the Tuesday after, on April 8. (Info: <http://www.nps.gov/nacc/cherry/updated.htm>) (—Marc Borbely, 536 13th St. NE)

HOUSES FOR SALE: If you have met one of the area's new residents or know someone about to move out, please ask them if they'd like to introduce themselves or say goodbye. According to the Long & Foster Web site, <http://www.longandfoster.com>, viewed yesterday, the real estate listings for the Corner Forum area have changed as follows... Two houses are newly listed: 1227 Duncan Place NE (\$320,000) and 1205 E St. NE (\$330,000). One house has come down in price: 1342 E St. NE (was \$310,000; is now \$299,999). Two listings remain unchanged from last week: 1302 E St. NE (\$485,000) and 1364 Emerald St. NE (\$365,000). (—Marc Borbely, 536 13th St. NE) §

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Nurses, Contractors, Others Can Apply for Parking Permits

SUBMITTED BY SHARON COCHRAN

1300 BLOCK OF EMERALD STREET NE

Adapted from the Department of Motor Vehicles Web site
<http://dmv.washingtondc.gov/serv/parking/temporary.shtm>

Health care providers who take care of residents in the area can get a residential parking permit even if they themselves aren't local residents. To apply for a "Health Care Provider Temporary Parking Permit," which is free and valid for up to 90 days, the following original documents must be presented at the Department of Motor Vehicles: 1) a valid vehicle registration; 2) proof of vehicle insurance; 3) proof of residence for District resident requiring medical attention; and 4) a statement on doctor's letterhead certifying the resident's medical needs and the name(s) of the persons providing care.

Contractors working for residents in the area can also get a residential parking permit. To get a "Contractual Employee Temporary Parking Permit," which is also free and valid for up to 90 days, the following original documents must be presented at the Department of Motor Vehicles: 1) a valid vehicle registration and a vehicle that displays commercial license plates; 2) proof of valid vehicle insurance; 3) a statement from residential property owner certifying that construction, plumbing, painting, etc., is being performed on the property, and the estimated length of project; and 4) proof of residence from the property owner.

Residents who need permits for visitors can get a free, two-week "Visitor's Parking Permit" at the 5th District police station (at 1805 Bladensburg Rd. NE). Special consideration will be given to residents who are incapacitated or disabled. Applicants must provide one of the following as proof of District of Columbia residency: 1) a valid District of Columbia driver's license; 2) a valid District of Columbia vehicle registration card; 3) a current utility bill or rent receipt along with a credit card or other generally acceptable form of identification; or 4) any other legal document showing District of Columbia residency acceptable to the member issuing the visitor parking permit.

Visitor parking permits are issued only to eligible District of Columbia residents and are for use only by their bona fide visitors. A "visitor" is defined as any person who visits a District of Columbia residence and is a guest of an eligible resident for longer than a two-day period between 7 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays.

If you are a temporary resident (either a full-time student attending a college or university in District of Columbia, a member of Congress, on the personal staff of a member of Congress from your home state, or a U.S. military personnel on active duty), you may qualify for a reciprocity parking permit that allows you to park in your residential area while maintaining your out-of-state license plates and registration. §

Runners Use 13th Street Sidewalks Despite Cancellation of Marathon

BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13TH ST. NE

Niels Bodenheim, of Rockville, shown on Sunday heading south on 13th Street NE across E Street, said he trained six months for last weekend's marathon. Mr. Bodenheim, 25, decided to run even though organizers had called the marathon off. The race would have been his first. §



Crossing 13th and E NE

Coffee House, Lounge Proposed For the 1300 Block of H Street

FROM AN ANC COMMITTEE REPORT

E-mailed by ANC 6A03 Commissioner Cody Rice

At its meeting on Tuesday, the ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee heard briefly from SARH Ventures Inc., on a concept for a coffee house and lounge on the 1300 block of H Street NE. The representatives were invited back to the next committee meeting, on April 29.

Info: Mr. Rice, 544-3734. §

City, H Street Main Street Try to Bring Farmers Market To the 600 Block of H Street

FROM AN ANC COMMITTEE REPORT

E-mailed by ANC 6A03 Commissioner Cody Rice

At the ANC 6A Economic Development and Zoning Committee meeting on Tuesday, Tomika Hughey, executive director of H Street Main Street, announced an effort to establish a weekend Farmers Market at the 600 block of H Street NE.

The D.C. Office of Planning and H Street Main Street have been in discussions with "Fresh Farm Markets" to operate a market with fresh produce in a DC government-owned parking lot. The market would operate one day per week from June to November, either Saturday or Sunday, from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. If Sunday is selected, it is more likely that the market could begin this summer.

Info: Mr. Rice, 544-3734. §

Contact the Corner Forum: ph. (544-2447); voicemail (517-9128); e-mail (news@thecornerforum.org); mail (536 13th St. NE). Help assemble and plan the Corner Forum every Saturday at 10 a.m. at the Northeast Branch Library, at 330 7th St. NE.

Calendar of Upcoming Events

If you attend any of these events, please send in anything from a few lines to a long article about what happened.

And if you know of any upcoming events that other readers might be interested in, send them in!

Events are free, unless otherwise noted, and open to all.

— COMPILED BY MARC BORBELY
536 13th St. NE

Tuesday, April 1

All day. April Fool's Day.

All day. First-stage appeals are due for the D.C. Real Property Assessments. See cover story by Debra Wynn, 538 13th St. NE, in the March 15 issue of the Corner Forum.

5 p.m. "We Ain't Foolin'. Stop the War." Permitted anti-war rally and protest by the D.C. Labor Committee for Peace and Justice. "Tell President Bush to stop the war, create jobs and life the economy." <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/DCLaborForPeace>. At Farragut Square, 17th Street between I and K streets NW.

7:30 p.m. North Lincoln Park Neighborhood Association monthly meeting. At Lane Memorial CME Church, 14th and C streets NE.

Wednesday, April 2

6:30 p.m. refreshments; 7 p.m. presentations. Can We Avoid a Metro Fare Hike? "Metro board members from Virginia, D.C. and Maryland will discuss their views on fare hikes, service changes and opportunities for improved performance of the transit system." By Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities, with Council member Jim Graham, others. At University of the District of Columbia, 4200 Connecticut Ave. NW, Building 44 A-03 (Metro: UDC/Van Ness). RSVP, 667-

Walking Group Meets Tuesdays At Massachusetts and 17th SE

BY SHARON COCHRAN, 1300 BLOCK OF EMERALD STREET
Interviewed by Marc Borbely, 536 13th St. NE

There's a nice group that meets to do a bit of comfortable exercise — walking — every Tuesday evening.

I did it last Tuesday, and I really liked it. We walked for less than an hour. It wasn't real fast-paced. It's very gentle walking.

The group, led by personal trainer Dug Hanbicki, meets at 6 p.m., weather-permitting, in the park at 17th Street and Massachusetts Avenue SE.

5445. <http://www.washingtonregion.net/html/farehikeforum.htm>.

Thursday, April 3

6 p.m. Near Northeast Citizens Against Crime and Drugs monthly meeting. J.O. Wilson Elementary School, Seventh & K Streets NE, cafeteria.

6:30-8:30 p.m. Ward 6 Community Emergency Management Planning Meeting, for Capitol Hill, Stanton Park, Lincoln Park Neighborhoods and others. At Hine Junior High School, 335 8th St. SE. The meeting will "address citizens' immediate concerns regarding potential terrorist attacks and to [help citizens] learn about how they can volunteer through the District's Citizen Corps." Info, 442-8150. http://dcema.dc.gov/news_room/2003/february/02_21_03.shtm.

Saturday, April 5

10 a.m. Corner Forum weekly meeting. Participate in the planning of next week's issue. Northeast Branch of the Public Library, meeting room, 330 7th St. NE. Info, 544-2447.

10 a.m. to noon. ANC 6A06 Open House. "Patronize local businesses, listen to live music and view the Atlas Performing Arts Center and H Street Playhouse." Organized by ANC Commissioner Jessica Ward (ANC 6A06). With Sharon Ambrose, the Rev. Carlton Pressley and Rita Thompson Joyner. At H Street Playhouse, 1354 H St. NE. Info, Jessica Ward, 396-3193. To help volunteer with this effort, call Ms. Ward soon!

11 a.m. to 5 p.m. D.C. Wellness Expo. By the D.C. Department of Health and the D.C. Department of Parks and Recreation. "A health fair with a broad range of services, from health counseling to screenings, interactive sports and fitness activities, healthy cooking demonstrations and free samples." At the D.C. Armory, 1901 East Capitol St. SE, 442-9414.

Sunday, April 6

8 p.m. Monteverdi Vespers of 1610. Hear Debra Wynn (538 block of 13th Street) sing with the Washington Chorus. See article in this issue. Tickets \$20-\$46. \$2 off by Internet. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW. Box office, 342-6221. www.thewashingtonchorus.org.

Ongoing

Through April 27. From the Mississippi Delta. At the H Street Playhouse. "The story of Phelia, a girl born into the depths of poverty in the heart of the segregated south. Her painful childhood and reckless adolescence are transformed by opportunity and courage as the Civil Rights movement sweeps through the Delta." \$18 on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Sundays; \$21 on Fridays and Saturdays. Discounts available for seniors and students. <http://www.boxofficetickets.com> or 800-494-TIXS. <http://www.africancontinuumtheatre.com>. §

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