

FOREIGN SERVICE

JOURNAL

THE MAGAZINE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROFESSIONALS

\$3.50 / DECEMBER 2002



IN THEIR OWN WRITE
Books by Foreign Service Authors

Season's
Greetings
from

Diplomatic
Automobile
Sales 


Ford
Audi
Chrysler
Volkswagen
General Motors


Contact us at:

- Web site: www.diplosales.com • E-mail: diplosales@diplosales.com
- Phone: (516)496-1806 • Fax: (516) 677-3701

Experience the Appealing Charm ...

We offer spacious beautifully appointed suites which are ideal for business or pleasure.

Our Rosslyn and Arlington locations have shuttle service to and from NEATC. All locations offer scheduled shuttle to and from area Metro Stations.

Washington is minutes across the Potomac River. An abundance of activities close by... for the **History Buffs**: quaint & historic Old Town, Alexandria and museums... for our **Outdoor Enthusiasts**: walking/ biking to Mt. Vernon via the bike trail; boating/sail surfing on the Potomac.

Three Convenient Locations:

108 S. Courthouse Road
Arlington, VA 22204
703-522-2582
arlingtonsales@dcexeclub.com



610 Bashford Lane
Alexandria, VA 22314
703-739-2582
Alexandriasales@dcexeclub.com

1730 Arlington Boulevard
Rosslyn, VA 22209
703-525-2582
Rosslynsales@dcexeclub.com

Central Reservations: 703-739-2582 extension 1405

www.execlubdc.com or jerome@dcexeclub.com

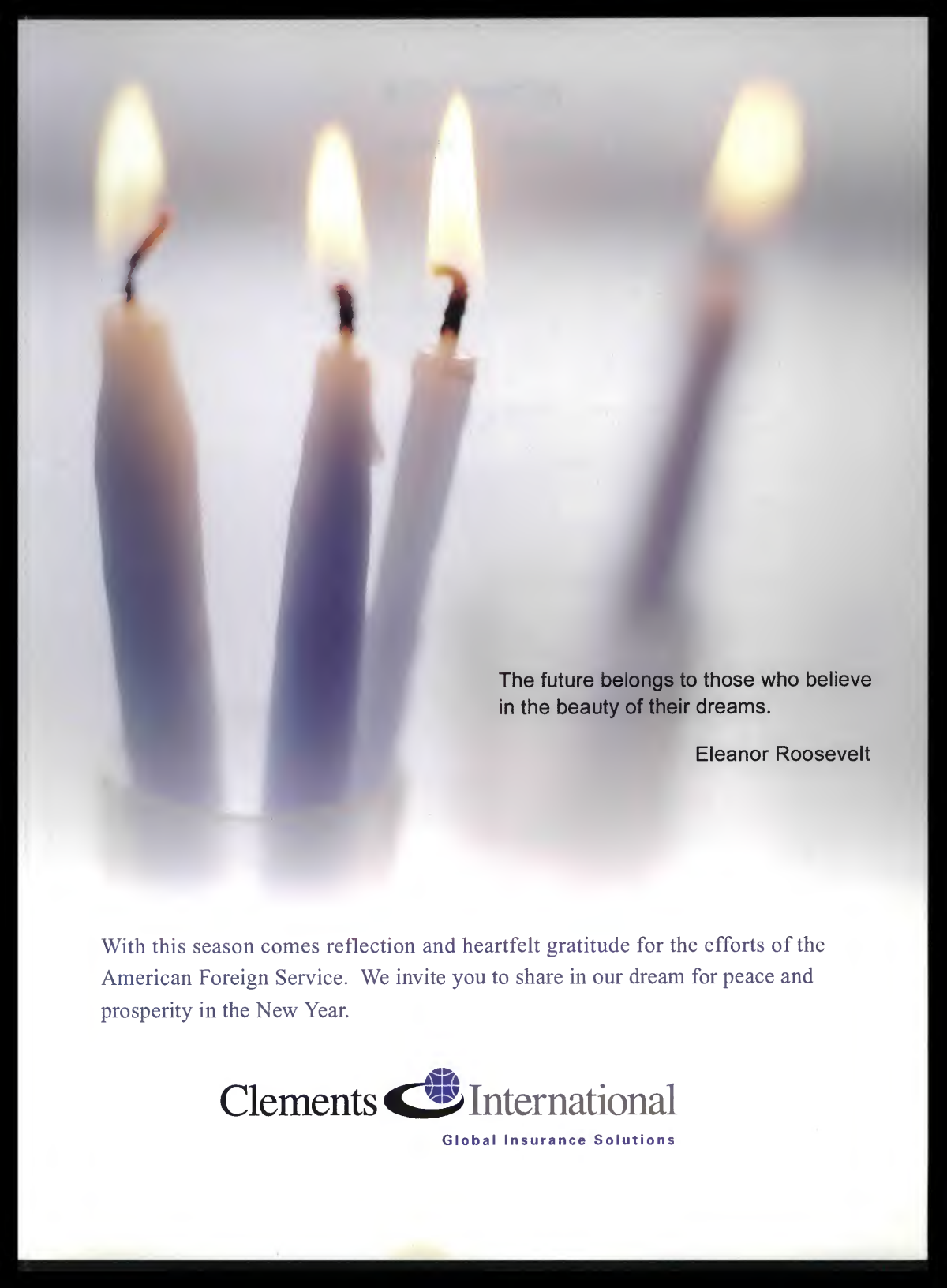
Executive Club Suites

Sliding per diems accepted at our Rosslyn location. (First & second rates accepted. Second rates in a studio with weekly maid service.)

Our One Bedroom Suites offer: full kitchens, stovetops, refrigerators, dishwashers and dinette area, living rooms with sleep sofas, master bedroom and full bath.

To name a few amenities: free continental breakfast, free weekly evening buffet and daily socials, maid service and health clubs. Seasonal outdoor swimming

pools at two locations - Arlington and Alexandria, and jacuzzis at Rosslyn and Arlington locations.



The future belongs to those who believe
in the beauty of their dreams.

Eleanor Roosevelt

With this season comes reflection and heartfelt gratitude for the efforts of the American Foreign Service. We invite you to share in our dream for peace and prosperity in the New Year.

Clements  International
Global Insurance Solutions

HOW TO BUY AUTO INSURANCE OVERSEAS

THERE'S REALLY ONLY ONE WAY.

Select the agent who offers broad experience and a high level of repeat business. Experience that helps you avoid the pitfalls of a highly complex business. Repeat business that results from providing what's best for the customer not the agent nor the insurance company.

Since 1969, Harry M. Jannette has provided dependable coverage with U.S. carriers with a financial rating of A+ or higher to thousands of Foreign Service Personnel worldwide. Thus you gain the broadest U.S. terms and conditions and flexible value limits often not available from other insurance carriers.

**MAJOR CREDIT CARDS ACCEPTED: SEE OUR WEBSITE APPLICATIONS
WHILE IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AREA PLEASE CALL TOLL FREE 1 800 256-5141**



Harry M. Jannette International, L.L.C.

A Wood-Wilson Company
8111 LBJ Freeway, Suite 585
Dallas, Texas 75251-1334
Telephone (972) 783-4915 • Fax (972) 783-0545
Call (800) 256-5141 • E-mail: jjintl@jannetteintl.com
www.jannetteintl.com



- **WORLDWIDE COVERAGE**
Fire, theft, comprehensive and collision protection are available at foreign posts.
- **U.S. AUTO LIABILITY**
Available for short term on home leave, change of assignment, and new auto purchase prior to foreign departure. This coverage must be issued in combination with an "Embassy Plan" auto policy.
- **OCEAN/AIR CARGO COVERAGE**
Transit available from U.S. to post, post to post, and post to U.S.
- **PERSONAL COVERAGE**
Household goods and transit, valuable articles, personal liability, life insurance.
- **EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION INSURANCE**
Including Directors and Officers.

We're where you need us.



Fully furnished extended-stay accommodations

Across the U.S. and in select cities worldwide

One point of contact

One customized monthly invoice

Electronic and credit card payments

Satisfaction guaranteed

Over 3,000 professionals

Established in 1969

Call today and ask about this week's specials.

1.800.888.0808



*The Most Trusted Name in
Corporate Housing Worldwide.SM*

www.oakwood.com

CONTENTS

December 2002 ■ Volume 79, No. 12

FOCUS ON FS AUTHORS

19 / IN THEIR OWN WRITE: BOOKS BY FOREIGN SERVICE AUTHORS

As we have done the past two years, once again we are pleased to feature a compilation of recently published books by Foreign Service-affiliated authors.

The genres represented run the gamut from diplomatic memoirs, history books and policy analyses to novels and coffee-table books — truly something for everyone.

By Susan Maitra

FEATURE

38 / A JOURNEY HOME: TO KABUL AND BACK AGAIN

Thirty years and three wars after his first sojourn in Afghanistan, an FSO returns, trying to sort out the country's idyllic past from its harsh present and potentially bright future.

By Chris Brown

As this issue of the *Foreign Service Journal* went to press we received news of the death of Laurence Foley, a Foreign Service officer with the USAID mission in Amman, Jordan, killed in the line of duty on Oct. 28 in an apparent terrorist attack. "We are deeply saddened by the heinous murder of USAID officer Laurence Foley," stated AFSA President John Naland. "This brutal terrorist attack underlines the vulnerability of the men and women of the U.S. Foreign Service who advance our nation's vital interests around the globe. On behalf of all his colleagues, I extend my heartfelt condolences and prayers to Mr. Foley's family."

SCHOOLS SUPPLEMENT

SURFING THE NET FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS / 45

Being overseas makes it both more vital and more difficult for Foreign Service families to find good schools for their children. Fortunately, there are many online resources available to help.

By Stephen Yeater

SCHOOLS AT A GLANCE / 55

Essential data on educational choices.

COLUMNS

PRESIDENT'S VIEWS / 5

Community Service

By John K. Naland

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR / 6

By Steven Alan Honley

SPEAKING OUT / 13

The Limits of Dissent

By David T. Jones

FS FINANCES / 16

Letter to a Foreign Service Spouse on Life Insurance

By Edward J. Michal

REFLECTIONS / 72

By Stephanie Rowlands

DEPARTMENTS

LETTERS / 7

CYBERNOTES / 10

BOOKS / 60

IN MEMORY / 62

INDEX TO ADVERTISERS / 70

AFSA NEWS / CENTER INSERT



Page 20

Cover and inside illustration by Loel Barr

FOREIGN SERVICE JOURNAL

Editor

STEVEN ALAN HONLEY

Associate Editor

SUSAN B. MAITRA

Business Manager

MIKKELA V. THOMPSON

Ad & Circulation Manager

ED MILTENBERGER

AFSA News Editor

SHAWN DORMAN

Art Director

CARYN J. SUKO

Editorial Intern

STEPHEN YEATER

Advertising Intern

DROFN HARDARDOTTIR

Editorial Board

ARNOLD

SCHIFFERDECKER,

CHAIRMAN

JUDITH BAROODY

MARK W. BOCCHETTI

ELIZABETH SPIRO CLARK

MAUREEN S. DUGAN

CAROL A. GIACOMO

LAURIE KASSMAN

CAROLINE MEIRS

HOLLIS SUMMERS

WILLIAM WANLUND

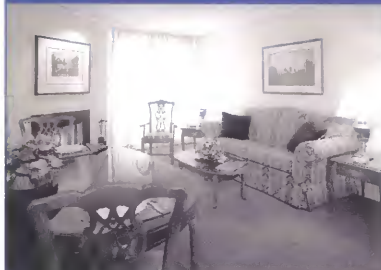
TED WILKINSON

THE MAGAZINE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS PROFESSIONALS

Foreign Service Journal (ISSN 0146-3543), 2101 E Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-2990 is published monthly by the American Foreign Service Association, a private, non-profit organization. Material appearing herein represents the opinions of the writers and does not necessarily represent the views of the *Journal*, the Editorial Board or AFSA. Writer queries and submissions are invited, preferably by e-mail. *Journal* subscription: AFSA Members - \$9.50 included in annual dues; others - \$40. For foreign surface mail, add \$18 per year; foreign airmail, \$36 per year. Periodical postage paid at Washington, D.C., and at additional mailing offices. Postmaster: Send address changes to *Foreign Service Journal*, 2101 E Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-2990. Indexed by Public Affairs Information Service (PAIS). The *Journal* is not responsible for unsolicited manuscripts, photos or illustrations. Advertising inquiries are invited. The appearance of advertisements herein does not imply the endorsement of the services or goods offered. FAX: (202) 338-5244 or (202) 338-6820. E-MAIL: journal@afsa.org. WEB: www.afsa.org. TELEPHONE: (202) 338-4045. © American Foreign Service Association, 2002. Printed in the U.S.A. Send address changes to AFSA Membership, 2101 E Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20037-2990. Printed on 50 percent recycled paper, of which 10 percent is post-consumer waste.

THE REMINGTON

Per diem accepted all year round



2 Blocks to Main State Department
Rent by Day, Week, or Month



- One bedroom fully furnished condo
- Deluxe full size kitchens
- Washer/Dryer in unit
- Free private phone line/local calls
- Free cable w/ premium channels
- Free weekly maid service
- Parking available
- Pets accepted

601 24th Street, NW • Suite 102 • Washington, DC 20037
Tel: 202-223-4512 • Fax: 202-452-9541
E-mail: reminc3333@aol.com • www.remington-dc.com

WORLDWIDE INSURANCE FOR FOREIGN SERVICE PERSONNEL

PERSONAL PROPERTY ■ AUTO MARINE ■ MARINE TRIP



Underwritten by London Insurers
Join the ranks of our satisfied customers.
Call toll free from anywhere in the United
States or write for more information.

Administered by

UNIRISC

2000 N. 14th Street • Suite 500
Arlington, VA 22201
Telephone (703) 797-3259
Fax (703) 524-7559
Tollfree (800) 424-9500

COMPETITIVE RATES

- Broad BLANKET coverage now available
- Automatic replacement cost
- Automatic coverage up to 10% of total insured value for new acquisitions
- Foreign comprehensive personal liability

E-mail us at unicover@unirisc.com

AS PREVIOUSLY INSURED THROUGH HTB INSURANCE



PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

Community Service

By JOHN K. NALAND

Last spring, AFSA and the State Department developed revised "core precepts" defining the skills and traits that selection boards are to look for in deciding on tenure and promotion. As we reported at that time, AFSA successfully proposed a number of changes including new language encouraging employees to speak openly within channels and challenge the status quo by presenting dissenting views. But we were also very pleased to concur with a number of proposals made by State, including new provisions designed to reward participation in community service activities.



Community service in this context refers to volunteer activities aimed at contributing to employee welfare and strengthening the post or the State Department as an institution. Examples include: serving on a post EER review panel, an interagency housing board or a State promotion panel; working on post or Washington-based special events, ceremonies, or fund drives; and counseling more junior personnel.

AFSA agrees with management that employees who are active in community service and institution building should get credit for that when it comes time for tenuring and promotions.

John K. Naland is the president of the American Foreign Service Association.

*The success of
AFSA's advocacy on
behalf of the Foreign
Service community
depends on the
willingness of
members to actively
support our work.*

These precepts are now in effect for Foreign Service members at State, so we urge employees to seek out in-house community service opportunities. For example, an employee whose current assignment does not include substantial resource management duties might want to volunteer to serve on a commissary board.

We would have liked this list to include service as an AFSA officer or post representative, but in order to protect those employees from the possibility of being harmed, the regulations prohibit raters from commenting on union activities. But just because employees do not get promoted based on their institution-building work with AFSA does not mean that such volunteerism is not needed. Indeed, the success of AFSA's advocacy on behalf of the Foreign Service community depends on the willingness of members to actively support our work.

AFSA depends on volunteers to serve as our post representatives at overseas

missions. We depend on Washington-based employees to serve as sounding boards to AFSA's vice presidents at State, USAID, FCS and FAS. We depend on employees and their family members to respond to our requests for feedback on various issues. And, as I detailed in my July-August column, we rely on Foreign Service retirees for our outreach campaign to educate the American public on the role and importance of the Foreign Service in the promotion of U.S. interests abroad. To all of you who have helped AFSA in these or other ways, I express my deep gratitude.

Of course, volunteerism is important in areas outside of the Foreign Service. Last September, the State Department issued a policy encouraging employees to participate on their own time in charitable, religious, civic, community, health, and educational organizations as long as such activity did not violate conflict of interest or other rules. I, for example, recently organized a Daisy Girl Scout troop for my oldest daughter and six other kindergarteners.

After nearly 17 years in the Foreign Service, I have come to see our career as being a journey rather than a destination. In other words, to me the most important thing is the experiences that we have day-by-day throughout our careers rather than some exalted title or high position that we may achieve at the end of our careers. From that perspective, community service is a great way to make the most of where you are right now while contributing to a greater good. ■



LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

BY STEVEN ALAN HONLEY

The cover story in this month's issue is our annual compilation of recently published books by Foreign Service-affiliated authors, "In Their Own Write." So it seems only fitting to take this opportunity to encourage you to submit pieces for use either in one of our regular departments or as an article.

For example, the **Speaking Out** column is your forum to advocate policy, regulatory or statutory changes to the Foreign Service. These can be based on personal experience with an injustice or your insights into a foreign affairs-related issue. Similarly, if you feel we have not devoted enough space to a professional concern or functional issue, consider writing a **feature** story about it for us to make that case.

This summer, we introduced an **FS Finances** column, a periodic series intended to address financial issues from the unique vantage point of Foreign Service personnel (particularly those serving overseas). This month's column (p. 16), by retired FSO Edward Michal, discusses federal life insurance coverage. We welcome similar submissions offering practical expertise on such topics as investments, retirement planning, saving for your children's education, and property management (or any other subject that could reasonably come under that rubric).

In my last column (July-August), I announced the transformation, effective that issue, of the *Journal's* "Postcard From Abroad" department

*There are many
ways you can
share your insights
in our pages.
Let us hear
from you.*

into **Reflections**. When we made that decision, our main consideration was the desire to expand that feature's scope so that it not only includes travel-related experiences but offers opportunities for contributors to share more general vignettes about Foreign Service life.

Serendipitously, that change has also afforded us the chance to run slightly longer reminiscences on occasion (in addition to the 600-word Reflections that will continue to run on our back page each month) — a sort of non-fiction counterpart to our annual **summer fiction** issue. (By the way, the deadline to submit stories for next summer's contest will be April 1, rather than May 1 as it has been in the past.) Last month, we featured seven strikingly different examples of the non-fiction genre that we hope will inspire some of you to try your hand at the form.

Finally, here is a list of the **focus section** topics our Editorial Board

has identified for the coming year (subject, of course, to revision):

2003 EDITORIAL CALENDAR

JANUARY:	U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service
FEBRUARY:	Danger Zones & Evacuations
MARCH:	Midterm "Report Card" on Sec. Powell
APRIL:	Central Asia
MAY:	Foreign Agricultural Service
JUNE:	Workforce Planning
JULY-AUGUST:	Summer Fiction
SEPTEMBER:	Foreign Service Specialists
OCTOBER:	Judicial Issues and Diplomatic Tradecraft
NOVEMBER:	"In Their Own Write" (annual roundup of books by FS authors)
DECEMBER:	The World Politics of Energy

As you can see, the majority of these themes relate directly to Foreign Service professional and lifestyle issues, so I hope many of you will consider sharing your insights and expertise on them with your colleagues.

Please note that all submissions to the *Journal* must be approved by our Editorial Board and are subject to editing for style, length and format. For information on how to submit a column, article or letter, please contact us at journal@afsa.org and we will be delighted to respond.

Let us hear from you. ■



LETTERS

Cheap Shot at USAID

Doug Bandow took his cheap shot (Sept. *FSJ*) and scored big. Golly, those self-serving USAID bureaucrats have kept themselves in business for 50 years, throwing good money after bad down the Third World rat hole, fooling Congress and John Q. Public.

Bandow barely acknowledges the most elementary fact of all about aid: It is a foreign policy tool, serving the complex, ever-shifting needs of America's engagement with the world. He should try asking some U.S. ambassador facing the withdrawal of his or her USAID program for an opinion about it.

Second, Bandow doesn't even mention the Green Revolution! Where does he think that came from, the tooth fairy? He should check out India's food-grain stockpile, now one of the world's largest. That stockpile is the culmination of years of hard slogging on fertilizer production and marketing, irrigation, plant breeding, and agricultural extension — the result of the U.S. and other donors working hand in glove with Indian counterparts.

I served with Joe Guardiano in West Africa in the Sixties and can attest to the veracity of his companion article, which nicely summarizes USAID's attempts to kickstart African economic development. We didn't know how to make development happen in Africa — nobody did then and nobody does now — but we did our best with the tools we had under the constraints we faced. As one Togolese

village chief told me: "Since you came, our children don't cry themselves to sleep every night any more."

Robert W. Beckman
Regional Coordinator and
Program Manager
South Asia Regional
Initiative for Energy
Cooperation and
Development
USAID/New Delhi

Spreading the Word

I write a weekly political column for the Carson City daily *Nevada Appeal*. I enjoyed the September USAID issue of the *Journal* so much that I used it as the basis for my Sept. 29 column on foreign aid.

Guy W. Farmer
FSO USIA, retired
Carson City, Nev.

Dis-Honest Reporting

I wish to protest the decision of the *Foreign Service Journal* to publish (Letters, Sept.) the malicious attack of *honestreporting.com* (sic) in response to my carefully researched article ("Arab-Americans in Israel: What Special Relationship?," June *FSJ*). Letters to the editor should be just that, and the ad hominem attack of an extremist group that tries to silence rational voices with slander and innuendo should not qualify.

I do congratulate the *Journal*, the editor, and the Editorial Board for publishing my article even when the Department of State exerted great pressure to talk them out of it. The

Department of State, the government of Israel and the media have failed to challenge my evidence; the lack of response validates my allegations.

Honestreporting.com is anything but honest. Assaulting the integrity of the author rather than contesting the arguments is not an appropriate role for a professional journal.

I particularly resent the slander of Alexandra U. Johnson, who courageously detailed the treatment of Arab prisoners by Israel. She was not fired, as asserted by *honestreporting.com*, but on the contrary was commended by Secretary of State Vance, Deputy Secretary of State Warren Christopher, and Arthur Houghton, then one of Vance's aides. I have the documentation to prove this.

The government of Israel has refused any comment except for the Israeli Embassy press attaché's comment in September 1998, "We don't do torture." Within two days, the High Court of Israel admitted that indeed Israel had been "doing torture" and ruled it illegal. Unfortunately, the torture continues to this day without public protest or diplomatic initiatives even when Americans are the victims.

We in the Foreign Service family know that the Department of State should abandon its conspiracy of silence on this subject. U.S. policy must change to reflect our nation's basic beliefs and live up to our heritage. We must abandon the "special relationship" when it denies the

American University in Bulgaria

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE American University in Bulgaria (AUBG) seeks nominations and applications for the position of President. Founded in 1991, AUBG is the region's first and until recently, only American-style liberal arts, residential, undergraduate institution, founded to educate a civic and business leadership. It has an annual budget of approximately \$10 million; an elite student body of over 600, which consists of two-thirds Bulgarian students and one-third from 25 other countries. The faculty is a liberal arts faculty with Bulgarian and expatriate, usually American, origins. English is the language of instruction. The new President will have the unique opportunity to build this elite university.

The University seeks a President who is an experienced and decisive leader and manager with a history of institution building; a person with the stature to fulfill AUBG's Presidential role as an influential regional leader: an effective advocate for the liberal arts; a successful fundraiser; an accomplished professional with international experience and interests, especially in political and economic development; a person of enormous energy and curiosity, a risk taker and a pioneer, a person driven by mission and the desire to contribute to a better world.

Nominations and applications, and cover letter, which will be treated in full confidence, should be sent, preferably electronically to:

Ms. Barbara R. Stevens,
Isaacson and Miller,
1275 K Street, NW Suite 1025
Washington, DC 20005
E-mail: 561.aubg@imsearch.com

LETTERS

safety of our citizens and the fundamentals of our democratic system.

*Jerri Bird
Washington, D.C.*

How Could You?

The box that preceded the *honestreporting.com* message (Letters, Sept.) would have been altogether enough. It told your readers that the *FSJ* had received a highly negative, programmed response to Jerri Bird's article. If the need were clear, you could even have added an amplifying sentence or two — but to print the entire slanderous diatribe, including the denigration of people who had nothing whatever to do with the article in question is, in my mind, a total abandonment of journalistic integrity.

The attack contained factual inaccuracies, raising questions as to whether or not any verification efforts were made.

Maintaining anything closely resembling balance in the face of strong and sharply divided opinions is as necessary as it is difficult. I think the *Journal* has failed on both counts.

*Ed Peck
Amb., retired
Chevy Chase, Va.*

Showing the Other Side

Congratulations to the *Journal* editors and the Editorial Board for the courage shown in publishing Jerri Bird's enlightening article (June) on the mistreatment of Arab-Americans in Israel.

The Editorial Board surely must have expected the avalanche of screams and condemnation that followed. The American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC) and the character assassination it spreads are as alive today as ever (see *Stealth PACs*, 4th ed., by former FSO Richard Curtiss). It is important for AIFA members and *Journal* readers to see this other side of Middle East

issues, the imbalance of our relationship with Israel, and the repression of the Palestinian people that invites violence. Failure to protect Americans imprisoned and mistreated in Israel is yet another aspect of the problem.

The sooner the Israeli people recognize that attempts to crush the Palestinians only provoke further violence and cannot succeed, the sooner we will see some glimmer of hope for Israel and Palestine. And the sooner our government recognizes the folly of blindly supporting Israeli repression, the better will be prospects for peace.

*George High
FSO, retired
Vienna, Va.*

Agricultural Biotechnology

Michael Conlon's July-August 2002 Speaking Out column, "Using Public Diplomacy to Promote Agricultural Biotechnology," is useful. He reminds readers of biotechnology's benefits, lists ways in which the United States government disseminates this message, and appropriately calls for even greater efforts.

I would add that there is a coordinated U.S. government strategy for supporting biotechnology overseas. In March 2002, the State Department submitted to Congress its second annual report on "Supporting Biotechnology Overseas" spelling out the agencies with which the department works to further our biotechnology agenda. State, Agriculture and the U.S. Trade Representative subsequently agreed on a strategy that emphasizes public diplomacy.

The State Department has added three professional positions to work on biotechnology. During FY 2002, the department allocated \$500,000 for an active biotechnology outreach program. The money was used for sponsoring, jointly with the Department of Agriculture, seven public diplomacy events around the world, to carry out

LETTERS

an active speaker program and to support a Web site with information on the Biosafety Protocol and U.S. regulations.

The State Department has appointed Robert F. Cekuta to be the Special Negotiator for Agricultural Biotechnology. One of his most important tasks is to build coalitions with like-minded countries to encourage the adoption of science-based regulatory systems for agricultural biotechnology.

The department maintains biotechnology Web sites both on state.gov and on the Public Diplomacy Bureau's Web site (usinfo.state.gov) aimed at foreign audiences. Embassies often do likewise; our Mission to the European Union's Web site is a model in this regard. Public Diplomacy's Web site also features a Biotechnology Public Diplomacy Calendar.

USAID has tripled funding for its own agricultural biotechnology program, which now stands at \$25 million. These programs build scientific capacity and address science-based regulatory development. Recently, for example, USAID supported a trip by Zambian scientists to the U.S. and other countries to provide additional information to the president of Zambia on the issue.

The State Department and other U.S. government agencies have made substantial resource and staffing commitments to interagency coordination of biotechnology-related public diplomacy. We are in this for the long haul, and I am confident this investment and interagency coordination will pay off in more success stories of the kind Mr. Conlon mentions in his article.

E. Anthony Wayne
Assistant Secretary
Economic and Business
Affairs Bureau
Department of State
Washington, D.C. ■

FOR DIPLOMATS ONLY

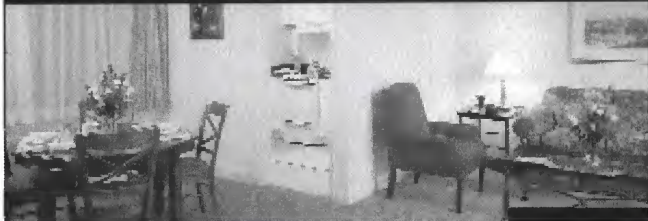
Volvo Luxury, Exclusive Discount Pricing
Domestic or Overseas Delivery
Largest Diplomatic Dealer in the USA



MARTENS VOLVO

Contact Dana Martens, Diplomatic Sales Director
(202) 537-3000 Voice / (202) 537-1826 Fax
E-mail: dmartens@martenscars.com • www.martenscars.com
4800 Wisconsin Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20016

All New Suites, Same Great Prices!



The Virginian Suites has just undergone a major room renovation. Everything's new, from floor to ceiling. We've heard the suggestions of our loyal guests and we've responded.

Now you're not only staying just minutes from National Airport, the National Foreign Affairs Training Center, most government buildings, and Metro—you're getting a great price for a brand new suite!

- ◆ Spacious suites with full kitchens
- ◆ Pool and exercise facilities
- ◆ Free local phone calls, on-site parking, and cable TV with HBO
- ◆ High speed internet, CD music library, pay movies & video games
- ◆ Free shuttle to NEATC weekdays during rush hours

*Government
per diem
year round*

The 
Virginian Suites

1500 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, VA 22209
703-522-9600 • 800-275-2866 • Fax: 703-525-4462

E-mail: dos@virginiansuites.com
www.virginiansuites.com



CYBERNOTES

Don't Perish, Self-Publish!

Pundits said the Internet doomed the printed word, but so far the effect has been quite the opposite. The IT revolution has spurred a boom — by some accounts the ranks of small publishers have increased by 200 percent in the last decade. A host of organizations like the Small Publishers' Association of North America (www.spannet.com) and the Small Publishers, Artists and Writers Network (www.spawn.org) have sprouted, and self-publishing is coming into its own.

Among independent publishers, the old, disreputable "vanity" press has been joined by "subsidy" publishers, "cooperative" publishers, and, now, fee-paid "print on demand" or POD providers. These developments offer many new options to a writer — whether he or she aspires to break into the commercial publishing world or simply wants to set down memoirs, a genealogy or favorite recipes for family, friends and posterity.

In fact, self-publishing is a venerable early-American tradition, as a report at the Para Publishing Web site (www.parapublishing.com), one of the many self-publishing resources on the Net, explains. In colonial times, the person with the printing press was often the author, publisher, printer and bookshop. Ben Franklin, of course, comes to mind. But Thomas Paine, Mark Twain, William E.B. DuBois and Carl Sandburg were also self-publishers. In 1918, William Strunk, Jr. and his student E.B. White self-published *The Elements of Style* for Strunk's classes at Cornell University. And in 1931, Irma Rombauer self-published *The Joy*

Whether it was serving brilliantly as our envoy to Great Britain, leading innumerable charitable and public causes, promoting education, or pioneering high quality programming on television, Walter worked passionately to advance the most fundamental values and interests of the American people. He did it with charm. He did it with skill. He did it with kindness. He did it with endless generosity and devotion.

— Colin L. Powell, U.S. Secretary of State, Oct. 2, on the death of Ambassador Walter Annenberg, from www.state.gov.

of Cooking; today, Scribners sells more than 100,000 copies of that classic each year.

But it's not just history. Did you know that *The Beanie Baby Handbook* by Lee and Sue Fox, which sold 3 million copies in two years and made it to the number two spot on the *New York Times* bestseller list, was self-published? Did you know that *The Celestine Prophecy* manuscript made the rounds of mainstream publishers, eliciting repeated rejections, until author James Redfield decided to self-publish? He sold over 100,000 copies of the book out of the trunk of his car, then handed it over to Warner Books for a cool \$800,000, and Warner

sold another 5.5 million copies.

Para Publishing's Dan Poynter insists that self-publishing is not to be confused with vanity publishing. The vanity publisher provides no editing, marketing, warehousing or promotional services. In so-called subsidy or cooperative publishing, the publisher may contribute a portion of the cost of printing the book, and perhaps other services, but retains the completed books; the writer's income is in the form of a royalty. With self-publishing, by contrast, the writer is directly responsible for — and in control of — the entire process of publication, from cover art to print style to binding and marketing, and keeps 100 percent of the returns.

That way, he or she can take full advantage of the IT-driven changes in book production. To start with, the PC and laser printer have slashed typesetting and makeup costs — traditionally the bulk of a book project's cost. Because each aspect of the process can be put out to bid, rather than accepting a pre-set package of services, self-publishing can be more cost-effective and the result can be a higher-quality product. According to some observers, bookstores are somewhat more willing to carry, and critics are more willing to review, self-published books than the vanity and subsidy books otherwise generally regarded as without professional merit.

Print-on-demand technology, which allows a complete book to be printed and bound in minutes, has given another fillip to self-publishing, and may be of particular interest to Foreign Service writers. POD makes it easier and relatively cost-effective to



CYBERNOTES

SITE OF THE MONTH: "The Political Note"

Keeping up with American political news can be a real challenge. The major press outlets give you national news, but don't carry much news in the area of state and local politics. Of course, you can find that, but not without considerable clicking and surfing from site to site. For the busy FSO, The Political Note, or "The Note" for short, a daily briefing on national politics produced by ABCNews.com, may be just the thing (<http://abcnews.go.com/sections/politics/dailynews/thenote.html>).

"The Note" uses all of the resources of one of the most powerful news sites on the Web, and provides a digest comparable to the *National Journal's* subscription-based service, "The Hotline," for free!

TPN contains a comprehensive look at the day's important political stories from all the major newspapers — as many as 70 stories each day. A summary of each story is provided; a click on the link brings up the full story. State sections of the briefing provide relevant political stories on individual states. There are also special sections on individuals or issues. The tremendous usefulness of this comprehensive and detailed package would be even further enhanced by a more differentiated format, with more headings to distinguish articles and topics.

You can have TPN sent to your e-mail address every day free of charge. All you need to do is register, which only takes a minute. The TPN archives are updated weekly and go back about eight months. The archives are generally good, but sometimes a link is broken. The briefing also contains the ABC Political Unit's daybook and future agenda, a useful reference.

—Stephen Yeater, *Editorial Intern*

produce books one or two at a time or in small lots, as they are ordered, thus avoiding the need to warehouse hundreds of volumes that may never be sold. Xlibris (www2.xlibris.com), iUniverse (www.iuniverse.com) and the Canadian Trafford Publishing (www.trafford.com) are among the better known fee-based POD publishing services, but there are also independent publishers who rely exclusively on POD technology.

As any honest advocate will tell you, however, self-publishing is not for the faint-hearted. Negotiating satisfactory agreements with service suppliers and promoting and marketing a

book require lots of time and energy. And, if opportunities abound online — any search for "self-publishing" will instantly demonstrate that they do! — as with everything else on the Net, it is necessary to separate the real from the virtual. The Society for Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America, Inc. is one group that acknowledges that the pitfalls of self-publishing are as great as the promise, and helpfully maintains active documentation of literary fraud, along with write-ups on how the publishing industry works and links to articles on self-publishing, at the "Writer's Beware" department of its Web site (www.sfwa.org).

India's Simputer: Closing the Digital Divide?

Even digital-divide cynics, who view talk about transforming the lives of the poor through Internet access as the self-serving twaddle of Silicon Valley multi-millionaires, are taking note. In August the first run of the Simputer, a handheld device designed for rural villages in India, came off the production line in Bangalore, India.

The Simputer — short for "simple, inexpensive and multilingual computer" — is the branchchild of Stanford-educated software entrepreneur Vinay Deshpande and a team of academics and engineers from the Indian Institute of Science and his own company, Encore, in Bangalore. The developers set up the nonprofit Simputer Trust (www.simputer.org) in April 2001 to license designs of the device.

Resembling the trendy "Palm Pilot," the Simputer has special features such as few and basic written commands and text-to-speech software, currently supporting Hindi, Kanada and Tamil, that help illiterate users. Powered by an Intel Strong-ARM processor, the Simputer runs on two AA batteries and comes equipped with 64 megabytes of random-access memory.

The cost of the Simputer was kept down, in part, by overcoming expensive software licensing. The makers used Linux software, which is free due to the Open Source Initiative. Though less than one-third of the cost of a PC, and about the cost of a small color TV, the \$200 price tag on the Simputer is still beyond the reach of the typical rural developing sector individual. But

50 Years Ago

Who are these people, the Americans? ... Out of many, they are one. Theirs is a unity based upon the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God; theirs, too, the great and vigorous diversity based on respect for man, the individual. Here is no orthodoxy, no worship of authority. ... We are too proud, too stubborn, too cussedly independent for the bridle. And this, indeed, is the secret of our strength, and of the lasting-power of our society.

— Dean Acheson, Secretary of State, from a speech delivered in Washington, D.C. Sept. 29, 1952, and reprinted as "Religious Faith in American Life," *FSJ*, December 1952.



Simputer's proponents argue a single Simputer can be used for an entire village to access the Internet, perform banking and business transactions and keep track of agricultural prices. The Simputer could also be used by schools.

The Simputer's smart card feature is crucial here, allowing the Simputer to be shared by an entire community. The card costs less than \$1, and can be given to every person in a village for storing their personal information. A built-in modem makes it possible to

collect information and send out messages through the Internet.

It shouldn't be surprising that this kind of pioneering effort is coming from India, whose tech whizzes helped power Silicon Valley and then cloned it in the Hyderabad-Bangalore corridor of India. Today the Indian Institute of Science's Center for the Development of Advanced Computing is organizing the 6th International Conference/Exhibition on High Performance Computing in the Asia-Pacific Region (aka HPC Asia 2002) set for Dec. 16-19 in Bangalore (<http://www.cdaecindia.com/html/hpcasia/hpcidx.asp>). Sponsored by IBM, Sun Microsystems and the Intel Corporation, the exhibition will display state-of-the-art technologies in high performance computing. ■

— Stephen Yeater, *Editorial Intern*

GET YOUR
FINANCES IN
LINE WITH

SDFCU
ONLINE



State Department
Federal Credit Union

You can depend on State Department Federal Credit Union for the ultimate in security and convenience with our new Internet banking service, SDFCU Online.

This **FREE** service allows you to access your Credit Union accounts via the Internet anytime, from almost anywhere in the world. Once you're signed up, simply get online, type in www.sdfcu.org, and click on SDFCU Online. Log in, and you can conduct the following Credit Union business:

- **Get Account Balances and Histories**
- **Transfer Funds**
- **Pay Monthly Bills***
- **And Much More!**

See just how easy SDFCU Online is! Visit us at www.sdfcu.org, check out our demo, print out the SDFCU Online sign-up form, sign it, and return it to us. If you're interested in becoming a member of State Department Federal Credit Union, give our Member Service Center a call at **703-706-5000**, or outside the D.C. metro area at **800-296-8882**. We can also be reached online at sdfcu@sdfcu.org.

SDFCU Online puts us at your service, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, whenever you need us the most. Sign up today!

*The Bill Payer service is available for a low monthly fee of \$3.95 for 12 bills, and 50¢ for each additional bill.

NCUA
Member Since 1970



SPEAKING OUT

The Limits of Dissent

BY DAVID T. JONES

The Foreign Service and AFSA enjoyed a little “feel-good” frisson over dissent this past summer. We celebrated the presentation of the annual AFSA Dissent Awards at the State Department on June 27 by Secretary of State Colin Powell, and devoted the June *Foreign Service Journal* to the concept of dissent. Everyone patted everyone else on the back for their broad-minded openness to constructive criticism.

Yet over the next few weeks, when confronted with several new instances of dissent, State blew it and AFSA did not call them on it.

In the first instance, a fairly senior State Department official sent an e-mail to a colleague in early July declaring that Rep. Benjamin A. Gilman, R-NY, “had no brain, like the Scarecrow in the ‘Wizard of Oz.’” Soon thereafter, another FSO, responding to congressional criticism of State’s visa-handling procedures and the forced retirement of the former head of Consular Services, Mary Ryan, reportedly suggested to a colleague via e-mail that such attacks smacked of McCarthyism and predicted that Ryan’s replacement would be “a neo-Nazi who views us as incompetent or criminal.” And yet another FSO went so far as to suggest in a later e-mail that Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., “slanders Mary Ryan, the Bureau of Consular Affairs, Civil and Foreign Service employees of the State Department in Washington and overseas through a litany of half-truths and outright canards that

*State denounced
the FSOs for
having dared to
criticize members
of Congress at all
— for dissenting,
in other words.*



would have done Roy Cohn proud.”

This was all hot stuff, to be sure, representing a lot of steam blown off. But it was more than matched by the overheated reactions from Congress and from Foggy Bottom once the exchanges were leaked by unknown parties to the *Washington Times*, which ran them in front-page stories on July 18 and 19.

That newspaper reported State Department spokesman Richard Boucher’s statement that Secretary Powell had “apologized to Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., and other members of Congress about departmental e-mails.” Boucher was quoted as saying that “the secretary has made very, very clear to everybody in this building that gossip and innuendo and slander and personal views are not befitting our job; they’re not going to be allowed in an organization that he heads.” On July 19, Boucher repeated that Powell “was furious at the con-

tent of the e-mails” and “had held up the initial set [of e-mail exchanges] on Gilman that had been written and made absolutely clear to everybody this was not to continue.”

Thus, State did not just chastise the FSOs involved for employing inappropriate rhetoric in defending their colleagues from congressional criticism, or even for being wrong on the merits of the issue. It denounced them for having dared to criticize members of Congress at all — for dissenting, in other words. And far from defending the officers, AFSA heartily concurred in the department’s criticism of them.

Scaping the Goats

Let me be clear that my purpose here is not necessarily to defend what these individuals said, much less how they said it. At a minimum, one is entitled to conclude that they are rather puerile drafters and/or feeble historians. For example, in my opinion, anyone who seriously compares the current criticism of State’s visa service to McCarthyism, or believes that a replacement in consular affairs for “Saint Mary” will, ipso facto, be a neo-Nazi, deserves ridicule rather than retribution.

Yet we should also bear in mind that the writers’ responses reflect the fact that we have been hearing a good deal of defensive, “CYA” rhetoric in many quarters ever since the Sept. 11 attacks — along with equally vigorous and sincere efforts to determine the lines of responsibility for an unprece-



dented catastrophe. Entire bureaucratic cultures are being reformed, and real career pain is being inflicted in the process; some fairly, some not.

No doubt, there is a full herd of goats available for scaping when examining the roots and the ramifications of the Sept. 11 attacks. Pick your favorite: FBI; CIA; NSA; local police; the Muslim community; and, yes, the State Department visa issuance system. A lot of manure is being force-fed through fans by members of Congress and other critics, and some of it — perhaps more than our fair share — is coming our way. But should anyone be surprised? After all, when all of the hijackers had legitimate visas, it doesn't take a Stephen Hawking to conclude that "mistakes were made." Yet, in comparison with what followed previous historic catastrophes such as Pearl Harbor, the post-Sept. 11 investigations have been of the kinder and gentler variety.

Be all that as it may, I am fully prepared to grant that the e-mail authors truly believed that the harsh criticism directed at State in general, and Amb. Ryan in particular, reflected political posturing rather than honest concern on the part of the congressmen cited in their messages. And while none of the dissenters under discussion is as noble or popular as Harry Bingham, this year's recipient of a special AFSA award for diplomatic courage (June *FSJ*) 60 years after his heroic actions in saving Jews from Nazi persecution, their dissent still deserves respect if not agreement.

So I return to the question of why their criticism (which was, after all, intended to be private and internal) generated such a disproportionate firestorm.

Bad Luck

I would suggest that three elements combined to sharpen the

***A combination of
bad timing and bad luck
sharpened the
department's reaction to
the leak of the e-mails.***

department's over-reaction to these incidents. First, a combination of bad timing and bad luck: as already noted, the leaks came hard on the heels of a flood of bad publicity about visa issuance failures associated with the Sept. 11 attacks — and at the height of the congressional budget cycle. By contrast, I recall a communication some years ago in which a senior ambassador memorably described some of the endless train of official and congressional visitors as "dim bulbs and empty sockets," not luminaries. Luckily, there was no leakage outside State in that case and hence, no sanctions.

Second, the officials' chosen medium for their dissent was e-mail — all too easy to leak and very difficult to deny authorship. As in most workplaces, users of State Department computers have no reasonable expectation of privacy. On both classified and unclassified systems, whenever you log on, a cautionary note pops up to the effect that all the work you are doing can be monitored, recorded, etc. by "authorized personnel." One has to click on this notice to proceed, which constitutes an acceptance of those terms. Of course, Diplomatic Security personnel normally have better things to do than monitor routine e-mail exchanges — and certainly the leaked

e-mails were not sent to the *Washington Times* by "authorized personnel."

It is also true that the list of explicitly prohibited e-mail/Internet activities is fairly extensive, encompassing prohibitions on sending chain letters, electronic greeting cards or audio files; accessing sexually explicit material; gambling, advertising, fund raising, conducting business, soliciting clients or violating copyright laws; committing unlawful or malicious activities; or using abusive or objectionable language. Yet it is not clear that the authors actually committed any of those infractions.

One might argue that the writers' offense falls under the last rubric; however, the previous interpretation of that prohibition was against personal attacks or sexual harassment directed against a co-worker, not snide commentary on public figures or policy issues.

Interestingly, if the material communicated between the State officials had been transmitted via the "dissent channel" to the secretary, it would have been defended as privileged and not released. And presumably, the department would take action against anyone who leaked such messages. By contrast, in the cases under discussion, no official action is known to have been taken against the individual(s) who released the offending messages to the *Washington Times* in the first place.

The Empire Strikes Back

But it is the third factor that carries the most weight. The writers criticized the wrong people: powerful personalities on the Hill who level their criticism where they desire but are less receptive to rejoinder.

Even so, the umbrage taken, and the high-level State Department criticism directed at the e-mail writers,

both seem totally disproportionate to the offenses. These were, after all, hardly signed advertisements in the public press or on-the-record statements to the media.

Are these congressmen really convinced that election equals deification? And do they think, even for a Washington second, that they are always mentioned at Foggy Bottom in hushed, respectful tones — any more than they and their staffs always refer to State Department officials as noble practitioners of the craft of diplomacy (not “those expletive-deleted cookie-pushers in striped trousers/skirts”)?

What a shame that the offended parties didn't adopt a variant of Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's line on hearing that President Nixon had called him an “SOB.” His riposte was, “I've been called worse things by better men.”

As for State's reaction, when publicly burning the U.S. flag qualifies as constitutionally protected free speech, one might think that an appropriate official response would have been that the e-mails represented the authors' private opinions only and in no way represented the views of the Department of State or the Secretary of State. That is, after all, the type of disclaimer that frequently accompanies published material by government officials that contradicts administration policy.

As an institution, State has expended much effort professing to believe that the Foreign Service is a cadre of professionals who value and respect discordant views. And indeed we are — until the discord gets too disturbing. Then the command becomes: “Fall in; stand at attention; and silence in the ranks.” ■

David Jones, a retired Senior Foreign Service officer, is a frequent contributor to the Journal.

AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION

TERM LIFE LONG TERM CARE

*Insurance for today-
and tomorrow*

AMERICAN
FOREIGN
SERVICE
**PROTECTIVE
ASSOCIATION**

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE
PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION
1716 N STREET, NW
WASHINGTON, DC 20036-2902
(202) 833-4910 - FAX: (202) 833-4918
E MAIL: afspa@afspa.org
WEB SITE: www.afspa.org

SEVEN MINUTES TO STATE DEPARTMENT



COLUMBIA PLAZA APARTMENTS

Capital Living
With Comfort and Convenience
Beautiful, Spacious Efficiencies, 1 and 2 Bedrooms

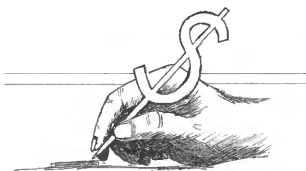
SHORT TERM FURNISHED APARTMENTS AVAILABLE

Utilities Included	24 Hour Front Desk
Complimentary Voice Mail	Garage Parking Available
Courtyard Style Plaza	Shopping on Site
Polished Hardwood Floors	Cardkey Entry/Access
Private Balconies	River Views
Huge Walk-In Closets	Minutes to Fine Dining

*Walk to the Kennedy Center and Georgetown
Minutes to Foggy Bottom Metro*

(202) 293-2000
2400 Virginia Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C., 20037

Managed by Polinger, Shannon & Luchs Co.



FS FINANCES

Letter to a Foreign Service Spouse on Life Insurance

By EDWARD J. MICHAL

Editor's Note: Reviewing life insurance needs probably ranks with scheduling a dental appointment in priority and attractiveness for most people, but the long-term benefits for your family can far outweigh the discomfort of acknowledging that we are all mortal. Federal workers enjoy low rates through the Federal Employees Group Life Insurance program, but educating yourself on insurance options, especially FEGLI provisions, is critical to maintaining the right coverage to take care of your family should the worst occur.

This past spring, the author, in anticipation of his impending retirement from the Foreign Service, undertook such an assessment in the form of a letter to his wife. While circumstances will differ widely among FS employees and families, this analysis is intended to serve as a point of departure for prospective retirees.

Toward that end, Mr. Michal urges FEGLI participants to begin by consulting the FEGLI program description at www.opm.gov/insure/life/handbook. Employees who have dependents or financial goals that depend on insurance may also wish to consult an insurance agent, a financial planning professional, or both.

FEGLI participants and federal employees eligible to obtain FEGLI coverage should review their options under the program at least five (and preferably six or seven) years prior to retirement because eligibility for

FEGLI coverage in retirement, and the level of coverage available, depends directly on the coverage carried during the five years immediately before retirement.

Dear Alma:

As part of my retirement preparations, I am now analyzing our options for continuing our current Federal Employees Group Life Insurance insurance coverage after I retire from the Foreign Service later this year, just before turning 50 years old.

We currently have \$732,000 in FEGLI life insurance plus \$50,000 in USAA term life insurance. Such a large amount of coverage was reasonable to maintain during the last several years of my Foreign Service career because we depended so much on my income to meet our financial needs. But it will become increasingly expensive to maintain this much insurance after my retirement, so I recommend cutting back, as explained below.

To determine the right amount of FEGLI coverage to carry over into my retirement, we need to consider the following factors: our current coverage and its costs, optional strategies to meet insurance needs in retirement, and competing insurance needs, such as long-term care policies.

First, we need to review the three components of my FEGLI coverage: Basic Insurance (the minimum amount of insurance available, amounting to slightly more than an

employee's base salary); Option A (an increment of \$10,000); and Option B (an increment to Basic and Option A calculated in terms of multiples of the base salary rounded up to the nearest thousand). Option C covers only the lives of dependents, i.e., spouse and children, so I will not address it here.

Our Basic Insurance coverage currently amounts to \$122,000 (determined, under the arcane FEGLI rules, by rounding up my base salary of \$119,682 to the next thousand and then adding \$2,000). To maintain that coverage after age 65 without reduction, each month from the time I reach age 50 through the age of 65 we would have to pay \$2,375.8 per thousand dollars of coverage, or a total of \$3,478.17 per year for just the Basic Insurance component.

Option A coverage, the first increment of additional insurance (available only in the amount of \$10,000), would cost us an increasing, but relatively small, amount every five years until age 65. At age 65 the \$10,000 in Option A insurance automatically drops by 2 percent each month until it reaches \$2,500, with that amount remaining stable for the rest of my life. Option A coverage would cost \$3.03/month per thousand dollars of coverage, or \$36.36 per year for \$10,000, from age 50 through 54.

Our current Option B coverage of \$600,000 (five multiples of my base salary rounded up to the nearest thousand) would cost us an increasing



amount every five years. This would cost a very substantial amount by the time I turn 65. At the outset, Option B insurance would cost \$.325/month per thousand, or \$2,340 per year for \$600,000 of coverage, from age 50 through 54.

Adding these figures together, we find that to maintain our current total FEGLI coverage of \$732,000 after I turn 65, we would have to pay a premium of \$487.88/month from age 50 through 54. That is more than 10 percent of our estimated monthly pension of \$4,583 right from the start. And that cost would jump at age 55 and again at 60, reaching the figure of \$1,213.05/month from age 60 through 64.

The 75-Percent Option

Fortunately, there are several ways we can save significantly on insurance costs, without endangering our financial security. For example, I recommend the following strategy:

Instead of paying extra now to maintain the option of keeping the full \$122,000 in Basic Insurance coverage after I turn 65, we can take advantage of a FEGLI option that trades lower premiums for a reduction in Basic Insurance coverage of 2 percent each month, beginning when I turn 65, until the coverage reaches 25 percent of \$122,000, or \$30,500. Basic coverage under this option, called the "75-percent reduction," would decrease to \$30,500 by the time I am 68 years and two months old. (There is also a 50-percent reduction option, described on the FEGLI Web site and elsewhere.)

Under the 75-percent reduction option, we would pay only \$40.97 per month for the \$122,000 in coverage from now until I turn 65, and the coverage would be free after I turn 65. We would keep the \$30,500 in coverage until my death.

Educating yourself on insurance options is critical to maintaining the right coverage to take care of your family should the worst occur.

We would maintain our Option A coverage of \$10,000 at a cost of \$3.03/month from age 50-54, increasing to \$13.00/month at age 60 through 64. But we would decrease our Option B coverage from \$600,000 to \$360,000, at a cost of \$117.00/month, or \$1,404.00 per year, from age 50-54. I am recommending this option because, after saving and investing throughout my Foreign Service career, a significant proportion of your financial needs should I die prematurely would be met by our investments and therefore no longer must be provided for solely through life insurance.

These decisions would preserve substantial FEGLI coverage on my life at a reasonable cost during the next 15 years. The total coverage of \$492,000 should be sufficient, taking into account that our other assets are likely to keep growing. The premiums for such coverage would total \$161/month (\$1,932/year) for the first five years (age 50 through 54); \$288.74/month (\$3,464.88/year) from age 55 through 59; and \$600.09/month (\$7,201.08/year) from age 60 through 64. If we don't need that much insurance by the time I turn 60, we can then reduce the Option B coverage.

If we follow this strategy, after I turn 65, the coverage under the Basic,

Option A and Option B categories would all begin to decrease. Upon reaching the age of 68 and two months, I would retain, in effect at no further charge, Basic and Option A coverage totaling \$33,000, though the Option B coverage would decrease to zero. If we need to continue the Option B coverage, however, we could do so, under current rules, by switching to the "no reduction" option and paying that premium.

There is another strong incentive for choosing the 75-percent reduction option for our basic coverage: It would cost just \$.3358 per thousand dollars of coverage each month, compared with \$2.3758 per month to keep the option to maintain \$122,000 worth of Basic coverage after I turn 65. That extra \$2,986.56 a year amounts to \$44,798.40 over the next 15 years in additional premiums. I have no reason to believe you and the children would need that additional Basic Insurance coverage (should I die after turning 65) so badly that we should spend nearly \$45,000.

Although there are no guarantees, I believe paying so much hard cash over the next 15 years for the option to keep a marginally higher level of insurance might not be the best use of our money. And in any case, if we were to continue to need substantial life insurance coverage when I turn 65 (for example, should you or one of the kids become disabled and require expensive care after my death, or we find out that I am likely to die soon), we could then switch to the Option B "no reduction" option — assuming that the federal government continues to allow such a decision at that time. I should note that there are no current signs that this option will be discontinued, but we cannot take for granted that current FEGLI provisions will remain unchanged for the rest of our lives. That's why I always kept an eye on FEGLI news, and especially

The Irene T. Harter Memorial Fund



The Irene T. Harter Memorial Fund will enable highly qualified scholars from outside the United

States to participate in cutting-edge research aimed at improving treatment for victims of Myelodysplastic Syndrome. This rare disease results when the bone marrow overproduces cells that do not mature properly.

Fellows will be selected by the internationally renowned Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS) Center at the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago on the basis of demonstrated achievement in research and/or treatment of Myelodysplasia.



Irene T. "Mickie" Harter, wife of John Harter, FSO retired, died on February 10, 2002. This fund honors her strong spirit and perseverance to find a cure, so others might benefit.

YOUR TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS MAY BE SENT TO:

The Irene T. Harter Memorial Fund
c/o Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center
1700 West Van Buren, Suite 250
Chicago, IL 60612-3244

For further information, contact Linda Testin, at the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center at (312) 942-6112 or E-mail: Linda_Testin@rush.edu

FS FINANCES

I have always kept an eye on FEGLI news, and especially potential changes, throughout my career, and recommend that everyone do so.

potential changes, throughout my career, and will continue to do so.

Alternative Strategies

There are a number of other options, of course. Another way we could maintain maximum coverage (our current \$732,000 in FEGLI insurance) at lower cost would be to select the 75-percent reduction option for the \$122,000 in Basic coverage but retain \$10,000 in Option A coverage and \$600,000 in Option B coverage. The monthly premium for that coverage level from age 50 through 54 would be \$239, or \$2,868/year. It would cost \$450.02/month, or \$5,400.24/year, to keep that amount of coverage from age 55 through 64. We can also get extra coverage at a higher cost, depending on how much money we want to spend on life insurance as opposed to other financial products.

The FEGLI program has protected us since we got married almost 25 years ago, but my pension will provide less than half my current salary, from which we will have to meet a variety of insurance needs. Some of the FEGLI premiums we currently pay could be used to meet other priorities. For example, we could apply to purchase long-term care insurance, offered to federal employees under a new benefit program that started in

July 2002. The Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program (described at www.ltcfeds.com), is sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and offered by John Hancock and MetLife. This program helps protect federal employees from the potentially high costs associated with long-term care in the event an employee or dependent is unable to carry out a certain number of "activities of daily living." A long-term health care policy would ensure that funds would be available should you or I ever need it. Using the premiums we can save on life insurance coverage to purchase long-term care insurance would help protect our assets in retirement.

This may seem complicated, but it is all about making well-informed decisions on meeting our insurance needs. Please think about how much life insurance we ought to keep, and then let's discuss how best to obtain that level of coverage.

Lots of love, Ed

Author's note: Given that we have two pre-teenage children to educate and that FEGLI's supplementary Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage is not available in retirement, we ultimately decided to lower our Option B coverage from five multiples to four, rather than three. We kept the premiums affordable by opting for the 75-percent reduction. We also decided to hang onto our \$50,000 USAA policy since we cannot predict how future fiscal pressures might affect even government insurance programs as strong as FEGLI. ■

Edward Michal was an FSO from 1975 until 2002, serving in Monterrey, Santiago, Maseru, Kolonia, Port Moresby, Tegucigalpa and Washington, D.C. He currently resides in Dripping Springs, Texas, where he is training to become a tax preparation specialist.

IN THEIR OWN WRITE



The *Foreign Service Journal* is pleased to present our annual Foreign Service authors roundup as a cover story this year. Here, in a somewhat expanded format, is an annotated roundup of some of the latest volumes written or edited by Foreign Service personnel and family members, past and present, in 2001 and 2002.

Over the past 12 months books on foreign policy topics have come increasingly to the fore on publishers' lists in the United States, and have been enjoying an unusually enthusiastic reception. Though our own list is not confined to foreign policy topics, it too has grown since last year. This no doubt reflects the trend in publishing as well as, perhaps, a heightened intellectual ferment in foreign policy circles generally as the exigencies of the post-Sept. 11 world force themselves upon us and a new administration grapples with old ghosts and new challenges. To some extent, the boost given to self-publishing by new technology applications in recent years is also at work (one-fourth of our titles are self-published).

FOCUS

While the traditional Foreign Service genres of diplomatic memoirs and thoughtful analyses of international affairs are well represented, our list of 40 titles also includes several insightful and very useful books on Foreign Service life, a respectable selection of autobiographies and novels, a variety of coffee-table books, an unusual reference work, and a formidable set of history books.

Our primary purpose in compiling this list is to celebrate the wealth of literary talent within the Foreign Service community, and to give our readers the opportunity to support your colleagues by sampling their wares. Each entry contains full publication data along with a short commentary.

While many of these books are available from bookstores and other sources, we encourage our readers to use the link to Amazon.com from the AFSA Web site to order your selections (see p. 23 for instructions). For books which cannot be ordered through Amazon.com, we have provided the necessary contact information.

But enough crass commercialism. On to the books!

— Susan Maitra, Associate Editor

Foreign Service Life



Foreign at Home and Away: Foreign-Born Wives in the U.S. Foreign Service

Margaret Bender, Writers Club Press, 2002, \$16.95, paperback, 220 pages.

Approximately one-third to one-half of the women married to U.S. Foreign Service officers are foreign-born. This is the first book ever to examine their distinctive experience, and it does so in a sensitive and highly readable way. "This is a woman's story, an immigrant's story and a Foreign Service story," says former ambassador Marion Creekmore. "Its relevance extends to people in similar situations in the military, international organizations and transnational businesses and will appeal to all readers drawn to well-told, authentic personal stories."

Australian-born author Margaret Bender, with 25 years of experience as an FS spouse, interviewed 40 women

Your search is over, choose a hotel where the federal per diem rate is available year-round.*



State Plaza Hotel

Accommodations

- ❖ Luxurious Suites
- ❖ All rooms with full size kitchen & stove tops
- ❖ Fitness center
- ❖ Complimentary in-room coffee
- ❖ Full service restaurant
- ❖ Parking available
- ❖ Across from Main State
- ❖ White House, The Mall, and Metro Foggy Bottom station (blue & orange lines) within walking distance

State Plaza Hotel

2117 E. St. NW
Washington, DC 20037
Telephone: (800) 424-2859
(202) 861-8200

Parking Available

Rated ★★½ by AAA

www.stateplaza.com

E-mail:

reservations@stateplaza.com



*per night,
single or double
occupancy subject
to availability



F O C U S

from 28 countries to describe Foreign Service life from the unique perspective of the foreign-born spouse. Their stories are woven throughout the book, which is organized into chapters by themes, such as transitions, work, children, marital problems, the special concerns of senior and CIA wives, life after the Foreign Service, and the experience of going back to their home countries after long absences. The book is part of the Association for Diplomatic Studies and Training (ADST)-Diplomats and Consular Officers, Retired (DACOR) Diplomats and Diplomacy Series.

The Expert Expatriate: Your Guide to Successful Relocation Abroad — Moving, Living, Thriving

Melissa Brayer Hess and Patricia Linderman, *Nicholas Brealey Publishing/Intercultural Press, \$19.95, paperback, 273 pages.*

This is an easy-to-follow guidebook for global nomads, full of practical suggestions for successfully relocating overseas. The book covers everything from pre-departure

reconnaissance through reentry. And the content — including many examples and personal stories culled from years of communicating and commiserating with other expatriates worldwide — is authoritative: between them, the authors have 31 years of experience living abroad, including 11 international moves.

Patricia Linderman, an FS spouse, is a freelance writer, editor and translator, and formerly a language teacher, foreign student program director and U.S. embassy community liaison coordinator. Melissa Brayer Hess, an FS spouse, English professor and registered nurse, is the developer and managing editor of *Foreign Service Lifelines*, the Web site of the Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide (AAFSW), located at www.aafsw.org.

Realities of Foreign Service Life

Edited by Melissa Brayer Hess and Patricia Linderman, Writers Club Press, 2002, \$20.95, paperback, 275 pages.

Behind the occasional glitter of official functions, thou-

Tell your in-laws where to go. (For the holidays, that is)

There's one sure way to maintain peace on earth this holiday season.

Have your in-laws stay with us at Staybridge Suites by Holiday Inn

- Spacious Suites
- Free Breakfast Buffet
- Fitness Center
- Sundowner Socials
- Free Internet

They'll have all the privacy they want. Which means, you'll have all the privacy you want too.

McLean-Tyson's Corner
6845 Old Dominion Dr.
McLean, VA 22101



Phone: 703-448-5400 Fax: 703-506-0001
1-800-238-8000

www.staybridgемclean.com



D & M AUTO PARTS CORPORATION
145 WEST JOHN STREET • HICKSVILLE, NY 11801 USA

SERVING THOSE WHO SERVE AMERICA

SINCE 1971

2001 represents our 31st year helping to maintain America's fleet of vehicles throughout the world. All of us at D & M consider it an honor to have worked with all of you through these years.

We are aware of the importance of your official and private vehicles, forklifts, generators, tools and equipment.

We look forward to continuing this service in a professional manner.

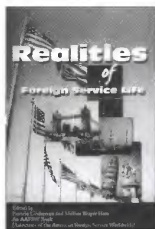
We are here to help, just ask!
Gary Vlahov

www.dmauto.com

(516) 822-6662; FAX: (516) 822-5020; E-mail: info@dmauto.com



AUTO & TRUCK PARTS



sands of Foreign Service families face all the routines and crises of life — births, deaths, raising children, divorce — far from home, relatives and friends, in an unfamiliar and sometimes unfriendly country and culture. This book provides reflections and perspectives on the realities of Foreign Service life in a collection of essays that contain information and commentary impossible to find elsewhere.

Folks new to the Foreign Service, those contemplating joining, and students wondering what it's all about, especially, will find this book valuable in forming accurate and realistic expectations, a prerequisite for successful adaptation. The writers, drawn from the Foreign Service community around the world, share their unvarnished views on important topics, some rarely discussed, grouped in sections that survey Foreign Service life: moving and adjusting, views from abroad, family life, work and technology,

moments of crisis and returning home. The book also has a directory of helpful resources, online and otherwise. This is an AAFSW book.

A Personal Safety Guide for International Travelers (5th Edition)

Edward Lee II, The Lee Group, 2002, \$7.00, paperback, 42 pages.

In the aftermath of the events of last September, international travelers and expatriates face increased risks abroad. In addition to the terrorist threat, foreign travelers and expatriates also face a greater risk of being victimized by violent crime because police and security forces in many foreign countries have been shifted from crime prevention duties to anti-terrorism.

This airline-ticket-size publication, newly updated, offers scores of tips pertaining to pre-departure planning, luggage security, aircraft hijackings, hotel security, health issues, driving abroad, political unrest, bombing, hostage-taking and more. The object is to reduce security vulner-

Need Auto Parts NOW?

State-Side Auto Supply is your world-wide *professional* supplier of auto parts and accessories for all makes and models of automobiles manufactured for the U.S. market.

- We will get you the **correct part FAST** – usually in less than 7 days.
- If you are not sure of the exact parts, hardware or accessories you need, call us for assistance and we will help you place your order.
- We accept all Government PO's as well as personal orders, and we give priority attention to urgently needed items.
- No order is too large or too small!



**State-Side
Auto Supply**

211 Southwest Rd., Canterbury, NH USA 03224 • E-mail: stateside1@aol.com
PHONE: 603-783-9361 • FAX: 603-783-0257 Order forms sent on request
We accept VISA and MasterCard Call **Bob Chisholm** today

PHONE OR FAX YOUR ORDER 24 HRS. A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK

MCG FINANCIAL PLANNING

Former State Department Employee
Stationed Overseas Understands Unique
Financial Situation of Foreign Service

Services Include:

- Retirement Planning
- Tax Preparation and Strategies
- Analysis: Insurance and Investments
- Lump Sum Retirement Options

MARY CORNELIA GINN
4630 Montgomery Avenue, Suite 220
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
Phone: (301) 951-9160
Fax: (703) 938-2278
E-mail: mcgfin@erols.com

SECURITIES OFFERED THROUGH NATHAN & LEWIS SECURITIES, INC.,
MEMBER NASD & SIPC. MCG FINANCIAL PLANNING AND NATHAN &
LEWIS ARE NOT AFFILIATED ENTITIES.

abilities and thus the likelihood of an incident. By providing knowledge that empowers travelers to act appropriately, this guide helps reduce traveler anxiety.

Author Ed Lee is a former diplomatic security service agent and RSO. The Lee Group, an international security consulting firm that has trained U.S. diplomats on safety abroad since 1990, can be contacted via e-mail at edwardlee@aol.com or on the Web (www.safeglobal.com).

Autobiography

Autumn Cloud: From Vietnamese War Widow to American Activist

Jackie Bong-Wright, *Capital Books, Inc., 2001, \$26.95 (hardcover)/ \$16.95 (paperback), 311 pages.*

This book offers a fascinating and compelling perspective of the Vietnam War. It is the story of how one Vietnamese family lived — and some died — through French colonialism, Japanese occupation, brief independence, lengthy conflicts involving France and the United States, and peace under Communism.

Author Jackie Bong-Wright, the wife of a retired FSO, tells how her nine brothers and sisters adapted when their country was torn apart by civil war, and how they managed to maintain family ties across ideological barriers. Bong-Wright also recounts how she developed from a sheltered product of traditional Vietnamese culture into a strong and dynamic woman through the vicissitudes of her life. The book brings the Vietnam War alive and illuminates Vietnamese culture in vivid and human terms.

For a full review, see Richard S. Thompson's "The Vietnam War in Human Terms," in the January 2002 *FSJ*.

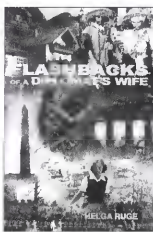
Alligators On My Roof: An Autobiography

Marjory Wylam Bleidner, *Vantage Press, 2001, \$24.95, hardcover, 521 pages.*

The Bleidners were never "like other people." A farmer and farm manager and a nurse, retired FSO Jim Bleidner and his wife Margory Bleidner lived and worked all over the world, from running a modern dairy farm in Saudi Arabia for King Saud to joining the State Department's development arm, then called "Point Four," and being posted in almost every country in South and Central America. In this memoir, written as a legacy for her descendants, the author recounts growing up during the Great Depression and World War II, her marriage to

Jim, the birth of their children, and the children's upbringing in unusual circumstances. Besides appealing to a wider audience interested in unusual family lives, the book provides insights into the personal side of America's development assistance programs.

Marjory Bleidner recorded the many fascinating events in her family's life, the challenges they faced and the joys they shared, with a keen eye for detail and unflinching good humor. She died in 2001, at age 85, before the book was published. Retired FSO James O. Bleidner "husbanded" the book into print as a memorial to the author, his wife of 59 years.



Flashbacks of a Diplomat's Wife

Helga Ruge, *Clay & Marshall Publishing Company, 2002, \$15.95, paperback, 228 pages.*

Helga Ruge's vivid memories of 20 action-packed years as the German-born wife of FSO Neil Ruge, an insatiable sightseer, offer insight into the culture, geography and people among whom she lived in idyllic Sicily, exotic Morocco, London, Wales, colorful Guatemala and Germany — where it all began. The book tells the fairytale love story of a German girl and an American officer

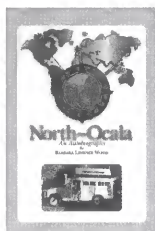
Ordering through *afsa.org*

Here's how it works:

1. Go to the AFSA Web site, www.afsa.org.
2. Click on the marketplace tab on the header (second brown tab from the right).
3. Click on the "AFSA Bookstore" icon, which will take you to *Amazon.com*.
4. Shop away!

Not only is this a thrifty, efficient way to do your holiday shopping, but AFSA receives a 5 percent commission from Amazon on every item (books, CDs, toys, etc.) ordered in this manner. Books selected from the AFSA bookstore (located at the Web site) generate an even higher commission payment. And ordering through AFSA doesn't cost you a cent. So bookmark the AFSA site, use the link and help your association — and yourself!

meeting during World War II, and describes their dramatic escape from a turbulent late-1960s Guatemala, through Mexico to California. The author draws on joy and hardship, the extraordinary and the everyday, to provide a rich, vicarious experience for those who enjoy travel, life and love.



North from Ocala: An Autobiography

Barbara Lindner Wood, *Special Publications Inc.*, 2000, \$15.00, paperback, 248 pages.

"I was fortunate to be often in the right place at the right time. As a free spirit, I traveled the world having tremendous fun." That's how Barbara Lindner Wood character-

ized the journey of her life featured in her autobiography, a candid and disarming memoir of a Southern aviatrix, meteorologist, FS spouse, and adventurous divorcee. Over the years Wood met celebrities such as Greta Garbo, Rudolf Nureyev, Henry Moore, Jack and Jackie Kennedy, and Johnny Weismuller, to name a few, and her encounters with these stars are related. She takes the reader from Florida to Washington, Belgium, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia, England, France, Italy and many other countries, as she meets people, observes customs and hears amazing stories.

This autobiography reads like an adventure novel. It can be ordered online, at <http://abooks.com/barbarawood/>.

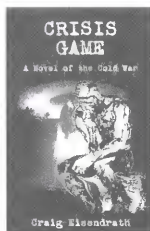
Novels and Poetry

The Poetry of Life

Walter N. Davenport, Jr., *Vantage Press, Inc.*, 2001, \$8.95, paperback, 85 pages.

A mysterious figure, an old man offering to answer a poet's questions about life, emerges at the beginning of this slim volume of verse. The poet asks him the age-old questions about paradise, about heaven and hell, about love and perfection, and about death. The old one's answers in a silent journey through the park inspire the poet, who walks home, deep in thought, and works feverishly through the week to produce *The Poetry of Life*, outpourings of lyrical verse pondering the mysteries of life and living.

Walter Davenport, Jr., a U.S. Army sergeant, Metropolitan D.C. policeman, and FSO, now lives in retirement with his wife Pia in the Netherlands.



Crisis Game: A Novel of the Cold War

Craig Eisendrath, *Sunstone Press*, 2002, \$24.95 (hardcover)/ \$16.95 (paperback), 173 pages.

This psycho-thriller is set in Washington in the heat of the Vietnam conflict. Four former "players" — a former assistant secretary of State and Strategic Air

Command pilot, an effete former ambassador, a philandering law professor, and a corrupt former U.S. senator — are now on the fringes of government, assigned to participate as a State Department team in a war game. Each desperately wants this game to be real; they play as if it were. But as they explore strategies, in sharpening conflict with a more aggressive team from Defense, they come face to face with their own deepest secrets and ambitions, and in the end must face the fact that they are human beings, not just players in a game.

Author Craig Eisendrath, a former FSO, is a senior fellow at the Center for International Policy in Washington, D.C., and the author of several books on international affairs, including *The Phantom Defense: America's Pursuit of the Star Wars Illusion* (2001). He is also a playwright.

Salvation Is a Homecoming

Christopher Goldthwait, *America House Book Publishers*, 2001, \$24.95, paperback, 284 pages.

Born rich, destined to inherit the family firm, Grant Thomas, the protagonist in this first novel by FSO Christopher Goldthwait, flees an existence predetermined for him since birth in favor of a stint in the Peace Corps. Life in Africa, near the cradle of mankind, brings a series of ordeals — through which Grant finds himself, and Pasqua, the passion of his life. Just then, Grant's childhood buddy, Chris, shows up, challenging Grant to return home to save his family's foundering company, and with it the upstate New York community dependent on the business.

Christopher Goldthwait became ambassador to the Republic of Chad in 1999. He is the first member of the Foreign Agricultural Service to become a chief of mission. Prior to nomination as ambassador, he served as the U.S. Department of Agriculture's general sales manager, directing \$8 billion annually in export support. He has also served in Lagos and Bonn.



How to Cook a Tart

Nina Killham, Bloomsbury, 2002, \$21.95, hardcover, 256 pages.

"A delicious satire of our food-crazed society — smart, sexy, hilarious and not to be missed," wrote Patrick Anderson in the *Washington Post* about this acclaimed first novel by an FSO daughter. It is a dark, wild-

ly funny story, set in Georgetown, about the pleasures of food and the perils of marriage that mercilessly lampoons gourmands, health freaks, dieters and food writers with verve and lethal accuracy.

Nina Killham, says reviewer Anderson, "has produced a Washington novel like no other, in which food, not power, is the ultimate aphrodisiac." "Not only delicious, but rare and well-done," says *Glamour* magazine. "Filled with magnificent descriptions of the best of food, the novel left me questioning whether I should cook less and have more sex — or cook more, just with more butter,"

says *Kitchen Confidential* author Anthony Bourdain.

Nina Killham was born in Washington, D.C., but spent much of her childhood accompanying her parents, Edward and Lucy Killham, on their Foreign Service postings around the world. Following graduation from the College of William and Mary, she wrote about food and other subjects for the *Washington Post*. Her short story "Belgian Chocolates" appeared in the *Foreign Service Journal* (August 1994). Nina Killham now lives in London with her husband and their two children.

The Devil's End Game

William E. Knight, Araluen Press, 2002, \$14.95, paperback, 178 pages.

Thirty-eight years after the end of World War II, detective Leopold Czernik, a trouble-shooter for big business who lives in Greenwich Village, is hired by a Holocaust survivor to track down art works stolen from his family by the Nazis. Czernik combines the assignment with a personal mission, finding the two Italians who saved his life

**A SENIOR APARTMENT COMMUNITY
for independent living at its finest-comfort,
quality and convenience.**



- One & two BR apartment homes
- Control access entrances
- Beautiful lounges with fireplace
- Library, art studio, game room, movie theater
- Chauffered activities
- Hair salon on site
- Social & recreational activities
- Dining room w/ optional meal program



THE
GARDENS
AT KENTLANDS
A • P • A • R • T • M • E • N • T • S

Call or Stop By For Information

301-926-0696

217 Booth Street, Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Off of Great Seneca Highway



during the war. The investigations lead him into a tangled web of violence, treachery and murder reflecting the "chaotic witches' brew" that Northern Italy became during the final years of the war, following Mussolini's fall. "Brisk, sometimes brusque, prose and infrequent sidebars result in a fast-moving, action-based adventure," says *Library Journal*.

This is career FSO William Knight's third mystery. Like his earlier whodunits, *The Tiger Game* (1986) and *The Bamboo Game* (1993), the story is set in a country where Mr. Knight served. He has also published a collection of light verse, *Footprints in the Sand* (1995), and a highly readable memoir, *Letter to the Twenty-Second Century: An American Family's Odyssey* (1998).

William Knight joined the Foreign Service following World War II, during which he served as a B-24 bomber co-pilot, and served in Genoa and in Rome and also as the Italian Desk Officer in Washington. He also served in Reykjavik, Canberra and Manila before retiring in 1975 to pursue a second career as an inventor and manufacturer of wilderness gear, before becoming a writer.

K.u.K

Thomas Ochiltree, Xlibris Corporation, 2002, \$18.69 (paperback)/ \$8.00 (e-book), 251 pages.

This is an historical novel, a tale of suspense and romance set in Vienna in 1906. Army captain Ernst von Falkenburg has just one week in which to clear himself of charges of treason, which will otherwise cost him his life. During that fateful week he develops a relationship with a beautiful woman who shows him for the first time that he is capable of love. The action moves across the whole panorama of turn-of-the-century Vienna, and climaxes in a duel to the death and an epilogue set in Vienna's Central Cemetery.

A 25-year veteran of the Foreign Service, author Thomas Ochiltree is currently counselor for political affairs in Caracas. Fluent in German, he has long been fascinated with the last years of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and its glittering capital. This is his first novel. The book can be ordered online, in the Xlibris Bookstore at www.xlibris.com.

White Lies — Black Ice

Warren Wolff, Lost Coast Press, 2002, \$16.95, paperback, 192 pages.

This story of insatiable greed, corruption, and deceit unfolds in a small, impoverished West African nation, to

which financial consultant Jack Burnes is sent to evaluate an American economic aid program. Burnes' team is expected to rubber-stamp the program, smoothing the way for increased funding. Instead Jack discovers the embezzlement of millions of aid dollars, and a cover-up by dishonest politicians and ineffectual American bureaucrats. Risking their careers and their lives, Jack and his fiancée, Patience, confront two governments to expose the conspiracy of lies.

The late Warren Wolff, a fourth-generation Californian who described himself as "part social worker and part steely-eyed banker," spent 28 years of his 43-year career in international finance with USAID. While appraising a regional banking program in West Africa, FSO Wolff unearthed a scandalous misappropriation of USAID funds. In this, his only novel, published posthumously, the real story is told for the first time.

History

Battles and Leaders of the Civil War: Volume 5

Edited by Peter Cozzens, University of Illinois Press, 2002, \$39.95, hardcover, 714 pages.

The beauty of this new collection of primary documents on the Civil War, apart from its inestimable historical significance, is that despite its imposing price and bulk, the book's contents are very accessible. The 53 articles — testimonials, commentaries, reminiscences — cover a broad array of Civil War topics, and were written by participants from both North and South. Featured articles include General Grant on the second battle of Bull Run, General Sherman on the conference at City Point, President Hayes writing on Grant and Sherman in 1864, General E.P. Alexander on Lee at Appomattox, and more. The articles appeared in the decades following the war, in such well-known magazines as *Century* and *Harper's*, as well as others largely unknown to modern readers.

The first four volumes of this set were published in the late-19th century, and became the best-selling and most frequently cited works ever published on the Civil War. Military historian Peter Cozzens, an FSO and winner of AFSA's William R. Rivkin Award for Constructive Dissent in 2002, assembled Volume 5 to include noteworthy articles published after the first four volumes were prepared. Most have never appeared in book form. Detailed notes on sources and contributors, more than 30 maps, hundreds of illustrations and an index complete the presentation.



**Eyewitnesses to the Indian Wars,
1865-1890: Vol. I — The Struggle for
Apacheria**

Edited by Peter Cozzens, Stackpole Books, 2001, \$49.95, hardcover, 683 pages.

**Eyewitnesses to the Indian Wars,
1865-1890: Vol. II — The Wars for
the Pacific Northwest**

Edited by Peter Cozzens, Stackpole Books, 2002, \$49.95, hardcover, 770 pages.

Here are the first two volumes of a planned five-volume series that will tell the exciting yet tragic saga of the military struggle for the American West in the words of the soldiers, noncombatants and Native Americans who shaped it. The set is patterned after the classic *Battles and Leaders of the Civil War*, and will represent the most comprehensive work on the Indian Wars in the West yet published. FSO and military historian Peter Cozzens has assembled a wide variety of first-person accounts not generally available elsewhere from unpublished manuscripts, special military

reports, and contemporaneous newspaper and magazine articles. Each account is meticulously footnoted, a lengthy introduction provides the overview, and illustrations and two maps complement the articles. Each volume has an index.

Peter Cozzens, who presently serves as director of the narcotics affairs section at Embassy Panama, has written and edited nine books and some 50 articles on the Civil War and the Indian Wars of the American West. He is also a consulting editor for two major publishing houses, and a member of the advisory council of the Lincoln Prize, the pre-eminent literary prize in American history after the Pulitzer. Before joining the Foreign Service, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army.

**The United States and Pakistan, 1947-2000:
Disenchanted Allies**

Dennis Kux, Woodrow Wilson Center Press and Johns Hopkins University Press, 2001, \$22.95, paperback, 464 pages.

“The book is a must-read for anyone who seeks to

Home Suite Home



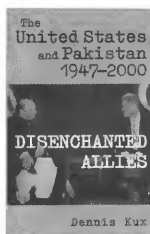
The next time you're going to be in DC for an extended stay, make yourself at home at Georgetown Suites. With our discounted monthly rates and large, comfortable suites, you'll feel right at home. Plus we're near the State Department. Call today!

Georgetown Suites

www.georgetownsuites.com
sales@georgetownsuites.com

the fun place to stay in DC

1-800-348-7203



understand the complex U.S.-Pakistan relationship," says Amb. Thomas R. Pickering. Former FSO Dennis Kux presents a comprehensive and balanced account of the creation and development of the strategic relationship between Washington and Islamabad that could hardly be more timely. A thorough examination of U.S. documentary records and interviews with both American and Pakistani decision-makers trace the ups and downs of this relationship, which, from its origin to this day, has careened between intimate partnership and enormous friction.

"Ambassador Kux has given us the companion volume to his unequaled history, *India and the United States: Estranged Democracies, 1941-1991* (1993)," declares former Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. "Both are absorbing, at times wrenching, accounts of misunderstandings and miscalculations that bring us, at the end of the Cold War, to the unwelcome fact that the most dangerous nuclear standoff in the world is on the Indian subcontinent — with the United States looking on, aghast and helpless."

A quintessential scholar-diplomat, Dennis Kux specialized in South Asia during much of his Foreign Service career. He is currently a Senior Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson Center and co-executive director of the Council on Foreign Relations-Asia Society Independent Task Force on India and South Asia. The book is part of the ADST-DACOR Diplomats and Diplomacy Series, and was awarded a Special Citation for Distinguished Writing on American Diplomacy by the American Academy of Diplomacy in 2001.



Partner to History: The U.S. Role in South Africa's Transition to Democracy

Princeton N. Lyman, *United States Institute of Peace Press, 2002, \$19.95, paperback, 344 pages.*

Princeton N. Lyman, currently executive director of the Global Interdependence Initiative at the Aspen Institute, was U.S. ambassador to South Africa during the crucial years from 1992 to 1995, when the country negotiated the difficult passage from apartheid to democ-

racy. In this absorbing book, Amb. Lyman reveals the role played by U.S. diplomacy in that transformation. As he makes clear, the U.S. didn't "own" the transition process; the South Africans did. But American involvement was active and intense, and it made a difference. As Amb. Lyman states in the book's dedication, "This story is testimony that a better world is possible."

The book offers candid assessments of U.S. policy deliberations and of the leading players in the unfolding, unpredictable drama. We learn how Washington used U.S. influence, economic assistance and political support to help end apartheid without sparking civil war. The author takes us behind the diplomatic scenes as well as onto the public stage, and highlights the importance of international 'facilitation' as distinct from 'mediation' in helping to resolve conflicts.

A superb case study in the art and practice of diplomacy, *Partner to History* was awarded the Special Citation for Distinguished Writing on American Diplomacy by the American Academy of Diplomacy in 2002.

The Blessed Place of Freedom: Europeans in Civil War America

Dean B. Mahin, *Brassey's, Inc., 2002, \$27.95, hardcover, 299 pages.*

This highly readable book chronicles the views and responses of Europeans in the United States during the Civil War. It is a companion volume to *One War At a Time: The International Dimensions of the American Civil War* (Brassey's, 1999), a comprehensive review of the diplomatic history of the war and the foreign policies of the Union and Confederate governments.

Many Europeans came to the North or South during the war as newspaper correspondents and other civilian observers, official and unofficial military observers and officers serving as volunteers in the Union and Confederate armies, and many recorded their reactions in articles and books written during or shortly after the war. Their experiences and opinions of America's tragic internecine conflict are compiled in 25 chapters, with extensive notes, bibliography and index.

Author Dean Mahin's interest in this unique international dimension of the Civil War was prompted, as he writes in the preface, by his own extensive professional work with international visitors during three Cold War decades (1950 to 1980) in the State Department's International Visitors Program. A former FSO, Dean

F O C U S

Mahin served in Bonn and Frankfurt with the USIA. He has an M.A. in international affairs from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.



Vietnam and Beyond: A Diplomat's Cold War Education

Robert Hopkins Miller, Texas Tech University Press, Modern Southeast Asia Series, 2002, \$36.50, hardcover, 250 pages.

Ambassador Robert Miller's Foreign Service career, from 1951 to 1991, spanned the entire Cold War period. First involved in the NATO buildup in Europe, then in presidential travel and summitry, Amb. Miller was also involved in the Congo crisis of the early 1960s. But nearly one-third of his career was spent on America's Vietnam venture: as a member of the mission to Saigon and to the Paris peace negotiations, from 1962 through the war's end, Amb. Miller's involvement in Vietnam was possibly the longest of

any State Department official. Naturally then, Vietnam dominates this memoir, as it came to dominate the period.

At once personal and historical, this account demonstrates the author's exceptional "hands-on" knowledge of Vietnam, gained through service at Embassy Saigon. It offers fascinating and informative observations of such luminaries as Maxwell Taylor, Philip Habib, William Bundy, Robert Komer and the South Vietnamese leadership, and contains new insights into the internal debates, tensions and anguish that proliferated below top policy levels in Washington.

Amb. Miller poignantly reveals how his own views on Vietnam evolved, from a young officer's enthusiastic acceptance of John F. Kennedy's challenge to "bear any burden, pay any price" in the defense of liberty to a maturing officer's growing doubts and frustrations regarding a policy — and a war — gone awry. Personal recollections are supplemented with documentation from published accounts and official files to give a full picture of life in the Foreign Service during this critical era.

John Cabot University

Roman Location - American Tradition - International Preparation



- American & European Degrees
- Degree-Seeking & Visiting Students
- FAFSA Loans Available
- Internships & Scholarships
- Distinguished International Faculty
- Small Classes & Personal Attention
- Extensive Library Resources
- State-of-the-Art Computer Labs
- Diverse Student Body
- Historic Center Campus

admissions@johncabot.edu

usoffice@johncabot.edu

www.johncabot.edu

Via della Lungara, 233 00165 Rome, Italy Tel: (39) 06.681.9121 Fax: (39) 06.683.3738
US Office Toll Free Number 1-866-227-0112

Since retiring, Amb. Miller has taught at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and The George Washington University. He has toured Southeast Asia as a lecturer under USIA sponsorship, and served as the president of DACOR. He is the author of two other books: *The United States and Vietnam, 1787-1941* (National Defense University Press, 1990) and *Inside an Embassy: The Political Role of Diplomats Abroad* (Congressional Quarterly Press, 1992). *Vietnam and Beyond* is part of the ADST-DACOR Diplomats and Diplomacy Series.

The October War: A Retrospective

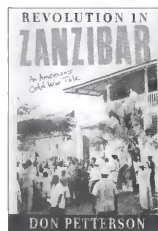
Edited by Richard B. Parker, University Press of Florida, 2001, \$55.00, hardcover, 416 pages.

This uniquely insightful book about the 1973 Arab-Israeli war is based on an unusual meeting held in October 1998, on the 25th anniversary of Egypt and Syria's attack on Israeli army positions in the Sinai and Golan. Twenty-five scholars and senior officials, former and current, from Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Syria, the U.S. and the former Soviet Union, both participants in and scholars of that seminal event, were brought together by Ambassador Richard Parker. Their mission: to search for answers to persistent questions about the failure of diplomacy to avert the war, the failure of intelligence agencies to predict it, the mechanics of conflict management, and whether the seeming opportunity the war provided for a comprehensive peace was adequately exploited.

This book is compiled from the first-hand accounts and frank discussions that took place. Though few agreed-upon answers emerged, policy-makers will find important lessons here, and readers will gain a better understanding of the complexities of the Middle East dilemma.

In a 31-year Foreign Service career, Richard Parker distinguished himself as an Arabic language and area specialist and as ambassador to Algeria, Lebanon and Morocco. He has taught at the University of Virginia, Lawrence University and the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and edited the *Middle East Journal* (1981-1987). He has pursued research and writing as a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, the John Adams Fulbright Fellow in London, and scholar-in-residence at the Middle East Institute. Parker was ADST's founding president, and has published five other books. *The October War* is part of the ADST-DACOR Diplomats and Diplomacy Series. It can be ordered

online, from the Publications department of the ADST Web site (www.adst.org).



Revolution in Zanzibar: An American's Cold War Tale

Don Petterson, Westview Press, 2002, \$28.00, hardcover, 286 pages.

Exotic Zanzibar — fabled island of spices, former slave-trading entrepot, and stepping-off point for 19th-century expeditions into the vast interior of the Dark Continent — succumbed to the terror of 20th-century revolution and Cold War intrigue in 1964, the year African rebels slaughtered one of every ten Arabs. Led at first by a strange, messianic Ugandan, the rebels became heavily influenced by pro-communists, including Cuban-trained gun toters, making Zanzibar (at least in the eyes of Washington, London and some African capitals) a potentially cancerous base for the communist subversion of mainland Africa.

As the only American to remain in Zanzibar — his first posting — throughout the revolution, retired FSO Don Petterson tells this vivid, eyewitness account of history-in-the-making with authority as a diplomat and great skill as a writer. Revolution, diplomatic expulsions, disinformation, misunderstandings, heroism and genocide are all there. Amb. Thomas R. Pickering hailed *Revolution in Zanzibar* as "an intriguing account of action in one of the Cold War's remotest centers of contention played out by some of the most unusual characters in or out of fiction!" The book contains maps, illustrations, an epilogue documenting what became of all the principal actors, notes and an index.

In 35 years with the Foreign Service, Don Petterson served as ambassador to Sudan, Somalia and Tanzania. He is the author of *Inside Sudan: Political Islam, Conflict, and Catastrophe* (Westview, 1999).

Slobodan Milosevic and the Destruction of Yugoslavia

Louis Sell, Duke University Press, 2002, \$34.95, hardcover, 412 pages.

With the war crimes trial of former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic in and out of the news for the past year, this is a timely book and an important contribution to the literature on the disintegration of Yugoslavia and the subsequent disastrous ethnic wars that preoccupied the West during the 1990s.

A political biography, the book concentrates on the

FOCUS

14-year period (1987-2001) when Milosevic held power in Yugoslavia, ending with his arrest and transfer to The Hague. The author does not try to cover all aspects of Milosevic's period in power, but focuses instead on his role in the complex maneuverings within the Serbian and Yugoslav party hierarchy, the ever more treacherous path toward the destruction of Yugoslavia and then Serbia, and the denouement over Kosovo. Milosevic is depicted as rising to power without concern for those he harmed on the way up and, once in power, gradually losing grip on reality and spiraling down into a world of delusion.

Louis Sell is a retired Foreign Service officer who had two tours of duty in Yugoslavia, first in the final years of the Tito presidency and again in the late 1980s, just before the country began to fragment. A Serbo-Croat speaker, he met Slobodan Milosevic many times. *Slobodan Milosevic and the Destruction of Yugoslavia* was nominated for the American Academy of Diplomacy's 2002 Dillon Award.



First Great Triumph: How Five Americans Made Their Country a World Power

Warren Zimmermann, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2002, \$30.00, hardcover, 562 pages.

First Great Triumph adds a powerful new ingredient to the ongoing discussion of America's international responsibilities in the post-Cold War world. "The story Zimmermann tells is essential background for anyone interested in how the United States arrived at its present place in the world," says Richard Holbrooke in his review of the book for *Foreign Affairs* (Nov./Dec. 2002).

In this scholarly yet lively account of the critical late-19th-century period, when the U.S. dramatically asserted itself on the world stage, diplomat and author Warren Zimmermann focuses on the lives and relationships of five remarkable figures, all close friends: Theodore Roosevelt, Alfred T. Mahan, Henry Cabot Lodge, John Hay, and

Washington DC the Way You Want It.

Comfortable. Affordable. Accessible.

Spacious, full-featured all-suite hotels that hand you the keys to quiet comfort and affordability. Located in the convenient and peaceful residential neighborhood of Foggy Bottom.

- Attentive personal service
- Business traveler features
- Walking distance to the State Department
- Shuttle from Main State to NFATC
- One block to Foggy Bottom Metro Station

The
George Washington
University Inn

202-337-6620
800-426-4455

www.gwuinn.com

THE RIVER INN
Luxury Suites in Historic Foggy Bottom

202-337-7600
800-424-2741

www.riverinn.com



Government Per Diem Honored* Year Round!



Elihu Root. Faced with difficult choices and problems, these men created, in Zimmermann's words, "an authentic American imperialism that was confident in its objectives but modest in its application." And interestingly, as Holbrooke notes, the book shows that "a century ago Americans were already confronting many of the issues on today's agenda, with much the same internal divisions."

Warren Zimmermann has had a distinguished 33-year career in the Foreign Service. Among many posts, he served as counselor for political affairs in Paris, deputy chief of mission in Moscow and deputy U.S. delegate with the rank of ambassador in the negotiations with the Soviet Union on nuclear and space arms in Geneva. He was also ambassador to Yugoslavia from 1989 to 1992. Amb. Zimmermann has taught at Yale University, Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and Columbia University. He is the author of *Origins of a Catastrophe: Yugoslavia and its Destroyers* (1996), which won the American Academy of Diplomacy's Dillon Award in 1997.

Coffee-Table Books

Southeast Asian Portraits

Thomas J. Barnes, *Xlibris Corporation*, 2002, \$13.99, paperback, 26 pages.

This slim volume contains a beautiful, if small, collection of portraits of people in Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, and Bali, Indonesia, taken by the author, retired FSO Thomas J. Barnes, during postings in Southeast Asia. The essays accompanying these images, beginning with an introduction to the Southeast Asian region, situate them geographically, historically, culturally, and within the author's own memories. The text is brief, but engagingly written, with vivid detail and keen observations. The book can be ordered online, in the Bookstore at the Xlibris Web site (www.xlibris.com).

The 44-year professional career of Thomas J. Barnes included military service in Korea and Japan, Foreign Service postings in Laos, Thailand, Vietnam and Morocco, and assignments with the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees in Somalia and Switzerland. He is the author of *Tay Son: Rebellion in 18th Century Vietnam* (2001), *Anecdotes of a Vagabond: the Foreign Service, the U.N. and a Volag* (2001), and *Coping with Lust and the Colonel: Wartime Korea from Sokchang-ni* (2001).



Irreverent Ink: For the Laughing Crowd

Noel Marsh, *Trafford Publishing*, 2002, \$11.95, paperback, 102 pages.

This book of single-panel cartoons has one purpose: to make people laugh. Retired

FSO-turned-cartoonist Noel Marsh firmly believes that the quality of our lives can be enhanced by humor and the ability to laugh at ourselves and with others about most of our life experiences. The book is divided into three parts: "General Irreverence," in which conventional wisdom of all sorts is taken on; "Animal Crackers," in which animals display their exceptional talent for incisive commentary on human behavior; and, "The Observers," in which a couple of characters, best friends Victor and Hugo, travel the world together, giving us the benefit of their observations.

Noel Marsh joined the Foreign Service following graduation from the University of California at Berkeley. Over a span of 25 years he lived and worked for USAID in Asia, Latin America and Africa. Following retirement from the Foreign Service, he embarked on a second career as an international health management consultant, working in Africa, Egypt and the former Soviet Union. Cartooning is Noel Marsh's third career. *Irreverent Ink* is his first book.



Murree: A Glimpse Through the Forest — Views of a British Hill Station

Virgil Miedema, *Amur Maple Books*, 2002, \$30.00, hardcover, 210 pages.

Here is the perfect book not only for armchair aficionados of Raj history, but also for general readers who seek to know something of that corner of the British Empire that became Pakistan.

This richly illustrated book, with over 120 historic photographs, takes the reader back to the colonial hill station, Murree, a very small town characterized by cozy bungalows, invigorating walks, exclusive club life, hunting, cold-water boarding schools and leisurely curry lunches. The author brings to life favorite Murree sons and daughters like Francis Younghusband, the last impe-

rial adventurer and Great Gamesman, and Maud Diver, the turn-of-the-century novelist, and documents the contributions of the military to the town's rich heritage. The book's informatively-captioned illustrations and well-researched text assure its place as the standard history of what the British termed "this Himalayan Elysium."

Author Virgil Miedema, a retired FSO, has worked and lived primarily in Asia for more than 30 years, first in Nepal with the Peace Corps and then in Pakistan and Nepal as an officer with USAID. Following retirement in 1996, he settled in New Delhi, where he is South Asia Regional Director of the American Soybean Association. *Murree: A Glimpse Through the Forest* is available from Riverby Books in Washington, D.C. (e-mail: riverby@erols.com).

Policy Studies, Issues

Buzkashi: Game and Power in Afghanistan (2nd ed.)

G. Whitney Azoy, *Waveland Press, Inc.*, 2002, \$12.95, paperback, 160 pages.

This is not only the first full-scale anthropological examination of a single sport; it is a beautifully written case study of a place and a people that have been largely ignored until very recently. Buzkashi, a game in which hundreds of horsemen struggle aggressively over a mutilated calf carcass, is a vivid feature of Afghan life. It is also a revealing metaphor for politics in this remote country now so crucial to U.S. policy. The author, former FSO G. Whitney Azoy, wrote the book originally in 1982 as a doctoral project when he returned to school after service with USA.

This new, updated edition of *Buzkashi: Game and Power in Afghanistan* appears after two decades, during which much, most of it disastrous, has happened in Afghanistan. Two new chapters pay tribute to the author's friend and field informant, and describe buzkaishi as it has been played by new people in new places over the past 20 years.

In persisting through the terror and trials of Afghanistan's recent history, perhaps buzkaishi is also an apt metaphor for the tenacity of this long-suffering people. That the country's social structure is not completely shattered offers the best hope for its future

Democracy, Morality, and the Search for Peace in America's Foreign Policy

Edited by David L. Boren and Edward J. Perkins,

University of Oklahoma Press, 2002, \$19.95, hardcover, 219 pages.

The post-Cold War world order, and America's role in it, are still being defined. *Democracy, Morality, and the Search for Peace in America's Foreign Policy*, nominated for the American Academy of Diplomacy's 2002 Dillon Award, is an important contribution to this critical policy discussion.

This well-organized volume, with a preface and thoughtful observations and conclusions written by the editors, presents the thoughts of some of the world's most respected leaders, practitioners and scholars, including Lady Margaret Thatcher, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Lawrence Eagleburger and William J. Crowe, Jr., on such subjects as the Anglo-American legacy to the 21st century, the ghosts of the Cold War, interstate conflict, demography and the growth of science and technology, and morality in foreign policy. It is a companion to *Preparing America's Foreign Policy for the 21st Century* (University of Oklahoma Press, 1999), also edited by David L. Boren and former FSO Edward J. Perkins.

David L. Boren, former U.S. Senator, is the president of the University of Oklahoma. Edward J. Perkins, who served as ambassador to Liberia, South Africa, Australia and the U.N., was also a director general of the Foreign Service. He is now William J. Crowe Professor of Geopolitics at the University of Oklahoma and executive director of the University's International Programs Center.

The Palestinian Refugees: Old Problems, New Solutions

Edited by Joseph Ginat and Edward J. Perkins, University of Oklahoma Press, 2002, \$39.95, hardcover, 368 pages.

This book presents the kind of constructive dialogue needed to turn the corner on resolving the complex and volatile problem of the Palestinian refugees, with the status of Jerusalem the most intractable issue in the Middle East. *The Palestinian Refugees*, nominated for the American Academy of Diplomacy's 2002 Dillon Award, contains information, insights and food for thought for the specialist and layman alike.

Based on a 1999 conference at the University of Oklahoma International Programs Center, the book combines opinions, perspectives and research contributions from Israelis, Palestinians, Jordanians, Egyptians, Americans and Europeans. In addition to focusing on

Of Related Interest



**Cursed Is the Peacemaker:
American Diplomat versus the
Israeli General, Beirut 1982**

John Boykin (foreword by George Shultz), Applegate Press, 2002, \$29.95, hardcover, 318 pages.

Reviewing this biography in the Sept. 2002 *FSJ*, Arnie Schifferdecker called it an "overdue paean to the life and work of the late FSO Philip Habib" and said it "ought to be required reading for anyone dealing with the Middle East." It is a selection of the ADST-DACOR Diplomats and Diplomacy Series, and winner of the American Academy of Diplomacy's Douglas Dillon Award for a Book of Distinction on the Practice of American Diplomacy.

Disarmament Sketches: Three Decades of Arms Control and International Law

Thomas Graham, Jr., University of Washington Press, 2002, \$35.00, hardcover, 372 pages.

Thomas Graham, a lawyer who spent 15 years as general counsel for the U.S. Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, played a role in the negotiation of every major international arms control and non-proliferation agreement signed by the United States during the past 30 years. This memoir was nominated for the American Academy of Diplomacy's 2002 Dillon Award.

Interviews with George F. Kennan

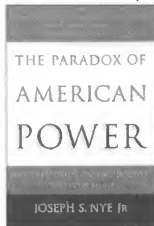
Edited by T. Christopher Jespersen, University Press of Mississippi, 2002, \$35.00, hardcover, 224 pages.

George Kennan is one of the few U.S. diplomats who truly needs no introduction. T. Christopher Jespersen, chair of the history department at North Georgia College and State University, has brought together four decades of interviews given by Kennan, including two that have never before appeared in print. This collection was nominated for the American Academy of Diplomacy's 2002 Dillon Award.

Does America Need A Foreign Policy?

Henry Kissinger, Simon and Schuster, 2001, \$30.00, hardcover, 318 pages.

Writing in the April 2002 *FSJ*, reviewer Caroline Benner called Kissinger's latest opus a "timely and valuable guide" for U.S. policy-makers and diplomats striving to deal with the post-Sept. 11 world.



**The Paradox of American Power:
Why the World's Only Superpower
Can't Go It Alone**

Joseph S. Nye, Jr., Oxford University Press, 2002, \$26.00, hardcover, 240 pages.

Reviewing this work in the July-Aug. 2002 *FSJ*, Harry Blaney noted that Nye has drawn on his expertise in both the theory and practice of foreign policy to produce an important book for policy-makers and advisers alike — and "anyone who wants to understand better the parameters of U.S. power." It was nominated for the American Academy of Diplomacy's 2002 Dillon Award.

The Russia Hand: A Memoir of Presidential Diplomacy

Strobe Talbott, Random House, 2002, \$29.95, hardcover, 478 pages.

Reviewing former Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott's memoir in the September 2002 *FSJ*, Benjamin Justesen expressed disappointment that it falls well short of its promise. But he notes that it effectively confirms the suspicion that Talbott himself — not his longtime friend Bill Clinton — was the administration's real "Russia hand." This memoir was nominated for the American Academy of Diplomacy's 2002 Dillon Award.

**Structural Flaws in the Middle East Peace Process:
Historical Contexts**

Edited by J.W. Wright, Jr., Palgrave Macmillan, International Political Economy Series, 2002, \$68.00, hardcover, 228 pages.

J. W. Wright, a former American Association for the Advancement of Science Overseas Diplomacy Fellow at USAID's Cairo mission, has brought together this collection of essays on the Middle East peace process over the past decade. His pessimistic conclusion: the commercial and socio-economic structures that developed from the peace negotiations' agreements and protocols have made the situation seriously worse.

F O C U S

the Palestinian refugees, the essays present various proposals for solving the Palestinian problem. The book is organized into two parts: historical background and regional context, and policy positions and solutions. There is also a special essay on public polls that gauge how Palestinians and Israelis view the problem and possible solutions.

Amb. Perkins' co-editor is Joseph Ginat, professor of social and cultural anthropology, with a focus on Middle East society, at the University of Haifa in Israel. Prof. Ginat was a visiting professor at the University of Oklahoma from 1999 to 2000.

Rude Awakenings: Overcoming the Civility Crisis in the Workplace

Giovinella Gonthier, Dearborn Trade Publishing, 2002, \$25.00, hardcover, 256 pages.

Rage rules the road, cell phones shrill in restaurants and incivility is now permeating the workplace as well. From failing to answer telephone messages, to sending

snippy e-mails, to using profanity or brushing one's teeth at the water cooler, we have all experienced such behavior in our daily work lives. According to a study, 12 percent quit their jobs every year to avoid nasty people at work, while 52 percent lose time worrying about rudeness and 22 percent deliberately decrease work effort because of uncivil behavior. This affects morale, productivity, service and retention.

A special feature of *Rude Awakenings* is an historical analysis of the evolution of rudeness in modern times. We concur with *Publishers Weekly*, that although the likely audience for this book is "managers who have to deal with impoliteness (will ill-mannered employees really pick this book up?), the tips are valuable for anyone working in an office environment." That includes Foreign Service personnel, who may find this a useful guide for better interactions with one another and the public they serve.

Author Giovinella Gonthier, a workplace civility expert, is the president of Gonthier International,

Washington's Clear Choice in Corporate Accommodations

Today's business traveler does have a choice when it comes to short-term accommodations.

CAS

Corporate Apartment Specialists, Inc.

- ◆ Rates within federal government per diem
- ◆ Completely furnished apartments
- ◆ Walking distance to Metro
- ◆ Washer/Dryer in unit
- ◆ Pet Friendly
- ◆ Cable TV/Local telephone service included
- ◆ V/MC/Amex/Diners Club accepted
- ◆ All utilities included
- ◆ Maid service available upon request

Location, Location, Location!

Choice neighborhoods of Washington, DC, Suburban Maryland, Northern Virginia

Toll Free: 800 914-2802
Tel: 703 979-2830 Fax: 703 979-2813
Email: cas@intr.net
web: www.corporateapartments.com

CAMP CALIFORNIA

In Croatia
American-style children's summer camp on the Adriatic in Croatia

For children 9-14 years of age
2 week camp sessions from June 29 to August 23
A wide variety of fun activities
Visit our website for more information

www.campcalifornia.org



Hell's Angels Newsletter Silver Anniversary Collection: A World War II Retrospective

Edited by Eddie Deerfield, published by the 303rd Bomb Group Association, 2002, \$120, two-volume hardcover set, 1,246 pages.

This reference work is a collection of personal narratives about World War II aerial combat operations by the U.S. Eighth Air Force in Europe from 1942 to 1945, with more than a thousand photographs, and coverage of postwar events. The book is based on 25 years of publication of the quarterly "Hell's Angels Newsletter" by the 303rd Bomb Group Association, a veterans organization.

The two-volume set provides a fascinating glimpse into aerial warfare, from the perspectives of both air and ground support personnel in the European Theater of Operations, with hundreds of first-person accounts and postwar commentaries. There are 19 million war veterans in the United States, but every single day 1,500 of them pass away — the great majority World War II veterans now in their 80s. *The Hell's Angels Newsletter Silver Anniversary Collection* captures their stories for posterity and provides researchers with a rare and invaluable source.

A distinctive feature of the books is a 75-page index that

A Unique Reference Work

serves as a comprehensive guide to its contents, from military aircraft, cities, escapes and evasions and

cemeteries and memorials, to aerial combat missions and targets, persons (listed alphabetically), prisoners of war and much more. This was the most challenging aspect of the book project, but essential for readers, whether they are doing research or simply reading for pleasure.

Five hundred sets of the books were published, with 40 sets allocated for presentation by 303rd veterans or their survivors to libraries at universities, military bases, museums and other research institutions. Presentations have already been made to the U.S. Library of Congress, the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado, 11 universities, seven air force bases, and six military and aerospace museums across the country.

The book's editor, retired FSO Eddie Deerfield, flew 30 combat missions against the Nazi enemy as a radio operator on B-17 bombers, and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Purple Heart and Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He served abroad as a public affairs officer in the U.S. Information Agency in Madras, Calcutta, Islamabad, Kampala, Lagos, Blantyre and Vancouver. He recently chaired the Florida chapter of the Foreign Service Retirees Association.

Immediate Cash!!

Put your future pension payments to work for YOU today.

If you are currently receiving pension payments, US Pension Funding pays Immediate cash for the next eight years of your pension payments.

- Great for debt consolidation or mortgage down payments!
- Divorce Settlements
- Tax Payments
- Home Repairs
- Any legitimate use of funds is acceptable.



For a FREE no-obligation estimate CALL

1-800-586-1325

Most types of pension will qualify.

ADVISING INVESTORS FOR OVER A CENTURYSM

Stephen H. Thompson
Financial Advisor

with the Washington, DC office

Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc.
1747 Pennsylvania Ave., NW
Suite 500
Washington, DC 20006
(202) 778-1970 / (800) 792-4411
Fax: (202) 778-1270
Email: sthompson@leggmason.com
Website: sthompson.fa.leggmason.com

LEGG MASON WOOD WALKER, INC.
MEMBER NYSE, INC. I. MEMBER SIPC
WWW.LEGGMASON.COM



AFSA NEWS

American Foreign Service Association • December 2002

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Success on the Hill

BY NATHAN CORRELL, LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS INTERN

AFSA achieved major gains this year as the Foreign Relations Authorization Act, containing a number of provisions piloted by AFSA, was signed into law on Sept. 30. Passage of these provisions is the culmination of two years' work for AFSA's legislative affairs staff. Many of the provisions were poised to become law in 2001, but were postponed by the events of September 11.

Among the key measures:

VIRTUAL LOCALITY PAY: Discrepancies currently exist between the annuities of those retiring from duty in Washington, D.C. and those retiring from an overseas assignment. Those retiring overseas are at

a disadvantage because they do not receive Washington locality pay, which is factored into annuity calculations. The new provision will create a "virtual locality pay" for Foreign Service personnel retiring from an overseas assignment that would result in a calculation of annuity that includes Washington locality pay. AFSA sees virtual locality pay as a "bridge" to overseas locality pay (also known as "overseas comparability pay"). Overseas locality pay would allow a Foreign Service member serving abroad to receive the same locality pay as Washington members in their paycheck (not only in their annuity).

PIT RETIREMENT: Prior to the Foreign

Continued on page 3

CALL FOR 2003 AFSA AWARD NOMINATIONS

This is the official call for nominations for the AFSA annual awards. We offer awards in two categories: constructive dissent and exemplary performance/professional contributions.

Constructive Dissent Awards

AFSA's four awards for constructive dissent are not based on superior performance of duties. They are designed to recognize individuals who have demonstrated the courage to speak out and challenge the system from within, on any subject related to their work. The issue does not have to be related to foreign policy. It can relate to man-

agement, program or anything else that affects one's work. Success is not a requirement, only the willingness to ask the hard questions, question the status quo and take a stand to present alternatives. The key element is the willingness to confront or challenge conventional wisdom and to demonstrate intellectual courage, initiative and integrity, within the context of constructive dissent.

■ The Tex Harris Award is for a Foreign Service specialist.

■ The Harriman Award goes to a junior officer (FS-6 through FS-4).

Continued on page 4



This Issue in Brief:

NEWS BRIEFS:

HARDSHIP POSTS.....	2, 5
INSIDE A U.S. EMBASSY.....	3
AAFSW TODAY.....	4
A PERMEABLE FOREIGN SERVICE.....	6
Q&A: RETIREES.....	7
FAMILY MEMBER MATTERS.....	8
ON CALL FOR THE FOREIGN SERVICE.....	9
INDIA CONFERENCE.....	10



EXPANDING PUBLIC AWARENESS

AFSA Uses Videoconferences to Promote Diplomacy

BY TOM SWITZER,
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

On Sept. 26, AFSA held a major regional videoconference reaching diverse audiences over a broad area of northern Indiana. This two-way dia-

Continued on page 6



Do You Get AFSANET?

AFSANET is a free service of the American Foreign Service Association designed to provide updates on items of interest to the foreign affairs community. To become a member of AFSA, visit www.afsa.org/mbr/index.html. To subscribe to the AFSANET newsletter, go to www.afsa.org/forms/maillist.html.

Life in the Foreign Service

■ BY BRIAN AGGELER, FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER & CARTOONIST



"AND A LETTER OF REPRIMAND WILL REMAIN IN YOUR PERSONNEL FILE FOR FIVE YEARS."

TSP Catch-Up

On Oct. 7, the House approved legislation to give Thrift Savings Plan investors over age 50 the chance to make additional contributions to their accounts. These "catch-up contributions" would allow older employees to contribute an extra tax-deferred \$2,000 on top of the normal maximum contribution for Calendar Year 2003. The ceiling on additional contributions would increase by \$1,000 each year until 2006, when it would reach \$5,000. Tax law changes last year already allowed private sector contributors to put more into their 401(k) retirement plans, but these special contributions to the TSP would bring it in line with private sector 401(k) retirement plans. The House version passed by a vote of 372-0. A similar version has cleared the Senate at the committee level, and AFSA legislative affairs director Ken Nakamura expects the bill to be passed by the Senate.

TSP open season runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 31. Go to www.tsp.gov for more information.

Briefs • Continued on page 5

How to Contact Us:

AFSA HEADQUARTERS:
(202) 338-4045; Fax: (202) 338-6820
STATE DEPARTMENT AFSA OFFICE:
(202) 647-8160; Fax: (202) 647-0265
USAID AFSA OFFICE:
(202) 712-1941; Fax: (202) 216-3710

AFSA Internet and E-mail addresses:
AFSA WEB SITE: www.afsa.org
AFSA E-MAIL: afsa@afsa.org
AFSA NEWS: afsanews@afsa.org
FSA: journal@afsa.org
PRESIDENT: naland@afsa.org
STATE VP: cranell@state.gov
RETIREE VP: farrand@member.afsa.org
USAID VP: jaesco@usaid.gov
FAS VP: afsafo@fas.usda.gov
FCS VP: peter.frederick@mail.doc.gov

AFSA News
Editor Shawn Dorman: dorman@afsa.org
(202) 338-4045 x 503; Fax: (202) 338-8244
On the Web: www.afsa.org/news

Staff:
Executive Director Susan Reardon: reardon@afsa.org

Business Department
Controller Kalpna Srimal: srimal@afsa.org
Accounting Assistant Christa Nyamekye: nyamekye@afsa.org

Labor Management
General Counsel Sharon Papp: papp@state.gov
Labor Management Attorney Zlatana Badrich: badrich@state.gov
Labor Management Specialist James Yorke: yorke@state.gov
USAID Labor Management Specialist Douglas Broome: dbroome@usaid.gov
USAID Office Manager Suzan Reager: sreager@usaid.gov
Grievance Attorneys Harry Sizer: sizerhs@state.gov, and Neera Parikh: pankhni@state.gov
Office Manager Christine Warren: warrenc@state.gov

Member Services
Director Janet Hedrick: hedrick@afsa.org
Representative Lindsay Peyton: peyton@afsa.org
Administrative Assistant Ana Lopez: lopez@afsa.org

Outreach Programs
Retiree Liaison Ward Thompson: thompsonw@afsa.org
Director of Communications Thomas Switzer: switzer@afsa.org
Congressional Affairs Director Ken Nakamura: nakamura@afsa.org
Corporate Relations/Executive Assistant Marc Goldberg: goldberg@afsa.org
Scholarship Director Lori Dec: dec@afsa.org
Professional Issues Coordinator Barbara Berger: berger@afsa.org

Governing Board:

PRESIDENT: John K. Naland
STATE VICE PRESIDENT: Louise K. Crane
USAID VICE PRESIDENT: Joe Pastic
FCS VICE PRESIDENT: Peter G. Frederick
FAS VICE PRESIDENT: Edwin Porter
RETIREE VICE PRESIDENT: Robert W. Farrand
SECRETARY: F.A. "Tex" Harris
TREASURER: Thomas D. Boyatt
STATE REPRESENTATIVES: John P. Boulanger,
George W. Colvin, Roy Perrin, Lynn G. Sever
USAID REPRESENTATIVE: Woody Navin
FCS REPRESENTATIVE: James Joy
RETIREE REPRESENTATIVES:
William C. Harrop, David E. Reuther,
Richard C. Scissors, Theodore S. Wilkinson, III
IBB REPRESENTATIVE: Vacant
FAS REPRESENTATIVE: Eric Wenberg

Relations Authorization Act, those who worked under a Part Time, Intermittent or Temporary appointment at a U.S. mission between 1989 and 1998 were not able to participate in the Federal Employee Retirement System, both because of current legal requirements and because PIT appointments were for only one year or less. The new law will provide PIT employees (from 1989 to 1998) who worked for more than three months the opportunity to make deposits retroactively into FERS for all or part of that working period. AFSA worked long and hard on this issue in collaboration with the Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide, the Family Liaison Office, and individual family members working with sympathetic friends in Congress. The efforts to add this provision were successful in spite of the administration's opposition.

The Foreign Relations Authorization Act contains many other beneficial provisions for AFSA members. Among them

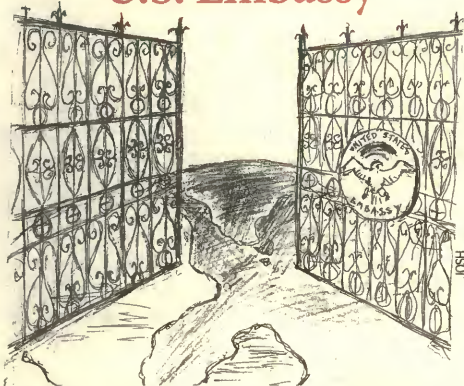


are clarification of State Department personnel needs, improved travel conditions for dependents of Foreign Service personnel, the ability for Foreign Service dependents to commercially store their belongings in the U.S. between semesters, and placement of the Senior Executive Service and the Senior Foreign Service on the same footing again in Presidential Awards.

OTHER LEGISLATION: AFSA is working diligently in support of the administration's funding request for the Fiscal Year 2003

International Affairs Account. We are also still working to see passage of the Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act of 2002. This bill would change the tax code for members of the Armed Forces and Foreign Service regarding the sale of a principal residence. As the tax code currently stands, military and Foreign Service personnel are required to live in their principal residence two of the previous five years from the date of sale in order to avoid paying capital gains taxes on the sale of that home. This requirement has proven to be a challenge for AFSA members assigned for two or more consecutive multi-year tours abroad. The Armed Forces Tax Fairness Act of 2002 would allow members of the military and Foreign Service to add additional years to the existing requirement, giving them increased opportunity to take advantage of the capital gains tax exclusion. This legislation is presently being finalized between the House and the Senate, and AFSA remains optimistic that it will pass. □

Inside a U.S. Embassy



Help Give Them a Clue about What You Do

Do your friends in the U.S. still get that glazed-over look in their eyes when you try to explain exactly what the Foreign Service is and what kind of work you do? Do you still get that nod of "understanding" from Uncle Al when he explains to Aunt Judith that you work "for the Russian Embassy"? Help give your friends and relatives a clue.

AFSA has completely redone the 1995 book *Inside a U.S. Embassy: How the Foreign Service Works for America*. It offers an inside look at the people who work in U.S. missions around the globe, and is written for the lay person. Entries are short and highly readable. The new version contains profiles of outstanding colleagues serving in every kind of Foreign Service job in an embassy, including the ambassador in Bogota, the commercial officer in Beijing, the regional environmental officer in Abidjan, the political counselor in Islamabad, a Foreign Service National in Bishkek, and a junior officer in Pretoria.

The book also includes a series of "day in the life" entries — hour-by-hour accounts of a "typical" day on the job — including a day in the life of the ambassador to Lithuania, the deputy chief of mission in Kabul, the general services officer in Yerevan, and the USAID mission director in Mongolia. And then there are the stories of the extraordinary — how our Foreign Service colleagues handle the coups, the riots, the natural disasters and the evacuations. We've got entries from every region of the globe, and from people serving in every kind of Foreign Service position. You need this book.

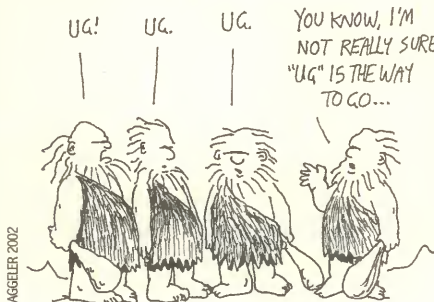
Look for *Inside a U.S. Embassy* in January. You will be able to order copies through the AFSA Web site at www.afsa.org.

■ The Rivkin Award is conferred on a mid-career officer (FS-3 through FS-1).

■ The Herter Award is for a member of the Senior Foreign Service (FE-OC through FE-CA).

Awards for Exemplary Performance and Professional Contributions

AFSA also offers three awards for recognition of exemplary performance of assigned duties or voluntary activities, and extraordinary contributions to effectiveness, professionalism and morale.



THE FIRST CONSTRUCTIVE DISSENT

■ The Delavan Award acknowledges the work of a Foreign Service office management specialist who has made a significant contribution to post or office effectiveness and morale beyond the framework of his or her job responsibilities.

■ The M. Juanita Guess Award is conferred on a community liaison officer who has demonstrated outstanding leadership, dedication, initiative or imagination in assisting the families of Americans serving at an overseas post.

■ The Avis Bohlen Award recognizes the accomplishments of a family member of a Foreign Service employee whose relations with the American and foreign communities at post have done the most to advance the interests of the United States.

Format for Award Nominations

The nomination should include the following elements:

PART I: Award for which the person is being nominated; nominee's name, grade,

agency and position (or, for the Bohlen Award, family relationship).

PART II: Nominator's name, grade, agency and position and description of association with the nominee. (Note: Family members may not nominate someone in their own family for the Bohlen Award.)

PART III: Justification for nomination. The narrative should discuss the actions and qualities which qualify the nominee for the award, with specific examples of accomplishments that fulfill the criteria. Part III should not exceed 700 words.

All nominations are reviewed by the

Awards Committee, chaired by Amb. Bruce Laingen, and submitted to a panel of judges composed of individuals, both active and retired, familiar with the Foreign Service environment and lifestyle. They select the winners and runners-up, who are honored at a ceremony in June in the Benjamin Franklin Room at the State Department. Secretary of State Colin Powell attended the ceremony in 2002 and Deputy Secretary Richard Armitage the one in 2001. Each winner will also receive a cash prize of \$2,500.

Once again, we emphasize that the dissent awards are not for performance of assigned duties, however exceptional, and should not be confused with employee evaluation reports. AFSA Dissent Awards offer an opportunity to recognize the critical and valuable contributions made by our colleagues over and above their assigned responsibilities. Submissions that do not meet the dissent criteria will not be considered.

Nominations should be sent to the Awards Committee, AFSA, Room 1251, Main State, Washington, DC 20520, or to AFSA headquarters at 2101 E Street N.W., Washington DC 20037. They may also be sent by AFSA Channel cable, by fax to (202) 338-6820 (attention: Barbara Berger), or by e-mail to berger@afsa.org. The deadline for nominations is Feb. 12, 2003. Any questions should be directed to Barbara Berger, AFSA Coordinator for Professional Issues, Tel: (202) 338-4045, ext. 521; fax and e-mail as above. □

ASSOCIATES OF THE AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE WORLDWIDE

Support for the Foreign Service Community

BY METTE BEECROFT AND MELISSA BRAYER-HESS OF AAFSW

The Associates of the American Foreign Service Worldwide, known by the acronym AAFSW, is committed to improving the quality of life for Foreign Service families and is constantly seeking new ways to support the Foreign Service community. AAFSW's latest initiatives positively affect Foreign Service families worldwide.

Much hard work on Capitol Hill by the AAFSW, AFSA, and the Family Liaison Office has resulted in a legislative victory for Foreign Service spouses who worked in PIT positions overseas from 1989 through the first half of 1998. They will now be able to buy back retirement benefits from that period — some for as much as nine years of service.

AAFWS's efforts to raise awareness about the reality of elder care precipitated action that resulted in a policy review that benefits FS families caring for aging parents. In November 1998, the AAFSW FORUM convened the Interagency Round Table on Elder Care. This event and the ensuing AAFSW report to the director general focused the department on elder care needs. What followed is a textbook study of how an independent volunteer organization can help to effect change. The department then launched a policy review, the result of which makes it possible for both the employee and the spouse to make two round-trips each per year to help an aging parent.

In Oct. 2002, AAFSW published a book, *Realities of Foreign Service Life*, a collection of essays written by members of the Foreign Service community, to give newcomers to the Foreign Service (or those considering the Foreign Service) a more realistic picture of the mobile Foreign Service

Continued on page 5

AFSA NEWS BRIEFS

AFSA Assists JOs with Grievance

Earlier this year, AFSA assisted a group of junior officers in their successful efforts to bring equity to a new policy affecting entry-level salaries. New JOs were being brought in at higher salaries than those who joined before the new policy was implemented. These higher salaries were being based on experience that had not been considered previously. The JOs who joined the service too early to benefit called for equity, and State extended the policy (Standard Operating Procedure 104), granting qualified JOs at the FS-5 and FS-6 levels retroactive step increases.

However, the department's position was that it did not have the statutory authority to implement within-grade step increases for FS-4 JOs until they were promoted to FS-3. In July, AFSA filed a grievance on behalf of five FS-4 JOs who believed it was unfair that they had to wait until promotion to benefit from the new policy. One of AFSA's arguments was that the Foreign Service Act permitted the department to grant a within-class salary increase to correct an error or prevent an injustice and that such a remedy was justified in this situation.

In an Oct. 7 decision, the department denied the grievance in whole. AFSA will appeal the denial to the Foreign Service Grievance Board.

AAFSW • Continued from page 4

lifestyle. AAFSW has also been able to provide support and encouragement to a number of AAFSW authors, including those who produced the books *The Expert Expatriate*, a guide to "moving, living and thriving" abroad, and *Foreign at Home and Away*, which helps illuminate the special concerns of foreign-born spouses.

AAFSW's Web site, *Foreign Service Livelines*, connects Foreign Service families through *Livelines*, an interactive e-mail group. A free service open to all members of the Foreign Service community, the group has grown to 500 members located all over the world. This interactive e-group provides a forum for people to ask all sorts of questions and get answers. It has proven to be extremely valuable — especially for people about to join or who are new to the Foreign Service. As some have said, *Livelines* has also served to create an instant and virtual community at isolated posts.

To find out more about the work of AAFSW, visit its Web site at www.aafsw.org. □

Bidders Seeking Alternate Work Schedules

This fall, AFSA created an online discussion forum where bidders can seek out other bidders for possible job shares or exchange information on offices offering flexible work schedules. That forum is in the members-only section of the AFSA Web site at www.afsa.org/secure/corridors/ which can only be accessed by AFSA members whose names and e-mail addresses are in the AFSA database (if you cannot log in, e-mail member@afsa.org to update your e-mail address in our records or to join AFSA). Once on the site, click on the discussion forum entitled "State Career Corner."

Scholarships from AFSA

Children of Foreign Service employees who are high school seniors or college undergraduates can apply for AFSA one-time-only academic and art merit awards and renewable need-based financial aid awards. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$3,000. Applications are available now and the deadline for submission of the application is Feb. 6. Visit AFSA's Web page at www.afsa.org/scholar/index.html for complete details, or contact Scholarship Administrator Lori Dec at 1 (800) 704-2372, ext. 504. □

Incentives for Hardship Service

As first proposed by AFSA last June, the State Department formed an Overseas Staffing Incentives Working Group, which held its first meeting on Oct. 18. Under Secretary for Management Grant Green charged the group with the mission of identifying incentives for overseas assignments (with a focus on hardship posts), to include: quality of life issues (including medical and school issues); eligible family member employment programs; pay, allowances, and differentials; assignments; and promotions and awards. The group established three subcommittees — AFSA is represented on each — that are to provide Under Secretary Green with recommendations by Dec. 10 on ways to encourage adequate bidders to staff hard-to-fill posts and to lessen the emotional, physical, and financial burdens on employees assigned to hardship posts.

At the first meeting, AFSA proposed 41 suggestions on ways to make hardship posts less of a hardship. Those suggestions were submitted by Foreign Service members worldwide in response to an earlier AFSA request for input. In addition, AFSA distributed a copy of the excellent essay by Foreign Service spouse Kelly Bembyr Midura in the Oct. 2002 *AFSA News*. The essay, entitled "Now Why Would I Want to Go There?" concludes: "If State wants to encourage (Foreign Service members) and their spouses to bid on hardship posts, it would do well to address bread-and-butter issues that matter to families." AFSA will keep you updated on the progress of this important effort.



A Permeable Foreign Service

Permeability — the degree of ease to enter and leave the Foreign Service above the entry level — has been an issue for the USAID Foreign Service throughout its existence, one that will only grow in significance. The USAID Foreign Service has witnessed large shifts in workforce size and composition. The Vietnam era saw the agency swell; the end of that era abruptly brought huge layoffs. After recent years of restricted recruitment, the agency is now recruiting heavily at the mid-level ranks through the New Entry Professional Program.



Some Civil Service officers join the mid-level Foreign Service ranks, generally temporarily, through limited-term non-career appointments. The agency will probably return to some recruitment at the entry level soon, but large attrition of the FS workforce during the past 10 years will compel the agency to continue mid-level entry for some time to come.

Many private, voluntary, non-governmental organizations, institutional contractors and other institutions working in the development sector can and do attract talent away from USAID and also provide a large human resource base from which to recruit. Much of this talent is at the middle and senior levels. In other words, there is a large, vibrant pool of international development talent throughout the country. There are many from this pool who want to apply their skills and make their living in the USAID uniform.

At the same time, today's mid-career professional may not be planning the classic lifetime career with one agency. Opportunities for individual professional growth may seem greater with lateral moves from one organization to another. Constraints faced by dual professional couples may best be managed by a change in one or both employers. Palpable changes are emerging. The Inter-American Development Bank reportedly meets most of its professional needs through three- and five-year renewable contracts. Catholic Relief Services has seen many of its professionals leave for a period of time and return later in their careers after gaining experience elsewhere that is valuable both to the individual employee and to their agency.

At USAID, management seems to be aware of the need for an established cadre of long-term professionals (both FS and CS). However, the agency also seems concerned with ways to manage human resource surge needs over relatively short-term periods, and is averse to a continuation or expansion of guaranteed lifetime employment.

We should consider this a wake-up call. We are not immune to sweeping changes in employment modes. Might a full career in the USAID FS become a thing of the past? If so, are USAID AFSA members equipped and prepared to make the necessary changes? AFSA must not turn its back on this phenomenon, but must stay abreast of trends in employment permeability. For the individual USAID employee, the challenge is to make clear career development plans. These plans must realistically conform not only to agency workforce plans but also to the needs of other development organizations. Maybe we do need to keep some of our eggs in other baskets. AFSA's institutional challenge is to engage the agency constructively on matters of permeability, yet to uphold the need for, and value of, a Foreign Service career cadre able to deliver professional continuity and adaptability to a changing agency and changing development goals. □

Videoconferencing • Continued from page 1

logue featured Robert Cekuta, senior trade negotiator for the State Department's Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, speaking from Washington on the topic "Perspectives on U.S. Foreign Trade Policies." Cekuta stressed the importance to national interests of the diligent efforts of our diplomats in promoting American exports around the globe. The event was judged to be highly informative by the audience of 150 in Warsaw, Indiana. The audience included the president of Grace College, as well as members of the eco-



AFSA's Tom Switzer (left) with featured speaker Robert Cekuta, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs.

nomics faculty and students of the college, local school superintendents, the director of the American Chamber of Commerce for Warsaw, and some 60 Kiwanis members. Most significantly, VSP cable channel carried the program to a regional audience of about 300,000.

This event succeeded in conveying core AFSA messages concerning the critical importance of diplomacy into an important industrial region lacking resident Foreign Service speakers. It also demonstrated the way videoconferencing is becoming an increasingly effective and inexpensive program vehicle for AFSA's outreach efforts. We extend special thanks to Sandra Bruckner, videoconference coordinator of the State Department's office of international programs, for her assistance with this event.

If you might be interested in developing a similar videoconference for audiences in your area, please contact Tom Switzer at switzer@afsa.org or call 1 (800) 704-2372, ext. 501. □

Q&A



Retiree Issues

BY WARD THOMPSON,
RETIREE LIAISON

Q: Why are my retirement benefits administered by the State Department instead of the Office of Personnel Management, which seems to handle most other federal pensions?

A. The two Foreign Service retirement systems differ from their Civil Service counterparts, part of the distinction of our separate Foreign Service personnel system. In the 1924 Rogers Act, which created the modern Foreign Service, Congress also established the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability Fund.

With passage of the 1986 Foreign Service Pension Systems Act, the fund now finances the operations of both the Foreign Service Retirement and Disability System and the Foreign Service Pension System.

Q: How many retirees are covered by the two Foreign Service systems?

A. There are over 11,000 employee annuitants; i.e., retirees who worked in the Foreign Service. With survivor annuitants — widows/widowers of deceased employee annuitants — the total exceeds 14,000. The systems' retiree participants outnumber those who are active-duty Foreign Service employees, who total just over 10,000. The fund also covers nearly 300 disability annuitants and 500 former spouses receiving annuities. The fund serves Foreign Service participants from the State Department, USAID, Peace Corps, Foreign Agricultural Service and Plant Health Inspection Service, Foreign Commercial Service and the American Institute in Taiwan.

Q: By now, are most of these participants in the new system (FSPS)?

A. That is true of the active-duty employees, of which only about 2,000 remain in the old FSRDS, a number expected to decline to zero by 2007. Retirees are still overwhelmingly covered by FSRDS. Data at the end of Fiscal Year 2001 (the latest available) showed just over 10,000 employee annuitants in FSRDS and under 1,300 in FSPS. Survivor annuitants in the two systems totaled 2,761 and 44, respectively.

Q: How do these numbers compare with the Civil Service?

A. The Civil Service Retirement System and Federal Employees'

Retirement System combined cover nearly 1.8 million employee annuitants and over 600,000 survivor annuitants. Just by rounding these figures, we lose thousands more participants than there are from the entire Foreign Service, active and retired! Obviously, to return to the first question, the Foreign Service annuitants, with their distinctive benefits, would be easy to overlook if they were grouped with the millions of Civil Service annuitants handled by OPM.

Q: Isn't there also a risk of being overlooked by virtue of being outside the mainstream?

A. Yes. That is why AFSA and its members need to be vigilant when, for example, Congress adjusts federal benefits. When Congress established the federal long-term care plan, AFSA spoke out to assure that the Foreign Service was included. The key to success is the readiness of members to get their message out. Foreign Service retirees, though relatively few, live in every state, an asset in dealing with Congress. Where the numbers are more concentrated, as in the D.C.-Md.-Va. area (6,000 Foreign Service retirees), in Fla. (1,500), in Calif. (1,000), and in Texas, N.C., Ariz. and Wash. (over 300 each), AFSA, DACOR and local retiree associations can join forces with individual members in promoting the interests of the Foreign Service community. □

ENTRY-LEVEL CONFERENCE FOR EUROPEAN POSTS

John Naland Meets With Employees in London

At the invitation of Amb. William Farish, AFSA President John Naland participated in the first-ever Bureau of European Affairs Entry-Level Conference held on Oct. 10 and 11 in London. The highly successful conference was conceived and planned by London-based junior officers and entry-level specialists with the strong support of Deputy Chief of

Mission Glyn Davies. The conference brought together some 155 entry-level employees (Foreign Service generalists and specialists) from 56 EUR posts stretching from Lisbon to Almaty. Participants listened to and interacted with such speakers as Secretary Powell (via video conference link), Under Secretary for Management Grant Green (in person), Under Secretary for Political Affairs Marc Grossman (video link), Director General Ruth A. Davis (in person), Under Secretary for Economic Affairs Alan Larson (video link), and Assistant Secretary for Administration Bill Eaton (in person).

Naland had the opportunity to discuss Foreign Service professional and quality-

of-life issues with employees at seven separate sessions, including pre-conference meetings with mid-level London employees. He also met with the head of the British equivalent of AFSA, the Diplomatic Service Association, to compare notes on conditions of service. Naland returned to Washington with a long list of issues to follow up on. His list includes the suggestion by numerous entry-level and mid-level office management specialists that AFSA review the results of our February to May negotiations with the Bureau of Human Resources (which saw the adoption of nine of our 15 proposals relating to OMS employees) to identify follow-on proposals to improve the OMS career path. □

A Culture Chameleon

If you're like most Foreign Service families, you've spent a lifetime traveling and being posted to foreign locales. You've adapted to the cultures and you've learned the languages, becoming fluent in some cases, but in others, learning just enough to get by. If you're like me, you have a smattering of exotic tongues, most learned imperfectly, but like my "taxi Arabic," it's enough to get you from point A to point B. You've learned how to play up those linguistic advantages when they're working for you but also how to downplay them when they're clearly a disadvantage. I remember "neglecting" to disclose my language abilities on a job application, for who in Salem, Oregon, would appreciate someone who had studied six languages? To those uninitiated about life overseas, my language background was out of the ordinary and it clearly meant that I would not stick around in prosaic Salem.

Adaptation and assimilation to our overseas life mean that we become culture chameleons, ever-changing as the situation demands. We take on the sights, sounds and smells until they no longer seem strange as we try to view them through the eyes of the nationals with whom we live. Have you ever welcomed a visitor to your home in the developing world and noted how overwhelming the deluge of rickshaws, for example, seemed through your visitor's eyes? It gives you, the old-timer, fresh insight into just how far you've come in that adaptation process.

As a foreign family, you eat huevos rancheros for breakfast, tabouleh for lunch, and perhaps chicken with Kabuli pulao for dinner; that is, if the commissary or local markets carry the nec-

essary ingredients. You become adept at the what's-for-dinner scavenger hunt through the local markets, and you share your intelligence with other scavengers doing the same. "Hey, Pic 'n Pay has flavored yogurt from Thailand for only 40 taka. Check it out."

You learn how to slip back into the everyday routine of the States when on home leave, and you quickly recognize the glazed-over stare of your relatives and friends as they grope for words after only five minutes of conversation. They find it difficult to relate to your lifestyle and have no point of reference from which to communicate.

Your children, when they're back in the States, gravitate to foreigners in making friends, for those children instinctively recognize a certain tolerance and appreciation for differences. Although intercultural communication experts say that it's the recognition of differences that eases communication between people of different cultures, I think that it's the commonalities that bind us together. Ultimately, it's the finding of those commonalities among us that determines how we will treat others. If we can recognize the humanity in another that allows us to grieve the loss of a child or chuckle with shared delight at something that tickles our collective funny bones, then we'll have come a long way in understanding others and communicating with them. Let's cherish the chameleons among us in our Foreign Service life. □

Pam Anderson is the spouse of USAID FSO Tim Anderson, with whom she has been posted to Islamabad, Cairo, Washington, and Dhaka.

AAFSW SECRETARY OF STATE AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERISM

Seeking Nominations for Outstanding Volunteers

Nominations are being solicited for the Secretary of State Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad. One U.S. government direct-hire employee or family member from each of the six geographic bureaus of the State Department will be selected to receive the award. The awards will be presented at Foreign Affairs Day in May.

The award recognizes outstanding volunteers in one or more of the following categories: exceptional service to the community, outstanding activities directed toward the host country and exceptional service in emergencies. It is not too early to begin to think about worthy candidates and to nominate someone from your region. Nominations are due Feb. 1 and can be sent by e-mail to AAFSW@starpower.net; by fax to (202) 362-6589; or by mail to the AAFSW office at 5125 MacArthur Blvd, N.W., Suite 36,

Washington, DC 20016. For more information, send an e-mail to AAFSW or call the office at (202) 362-6514.

The AAFSW Selection Panel will make the awards based on the following criteria: the extent to which the candidate has demonstrated extraordinary personal concern for and contributed time and effort to assist in the improvement of the environment or human condition in the community, and/or the extent to which the candidate has used his/her special ability and sensitivity to recognize and develop better community life.

The nomination should not exceed three printed pages and should follow the following format:

- Nominee's name, agency and position (if nominee is a family member the name, relationship to the direct hire employee, the employee's position and agency)

- Nominator's name, agency, position (or family relationship) and description of association with the nominee.

- Justification for nomination. The narrative should discuss the actions and qualities that qualify the nominee for the award with specific examples of accomplishments that fulfill the criteria. □

RETIREES IN ACTION

Bill Cunningham: On Call for the Foreign Service

BY SHAWN DORMAN

Former FSO Bill Cunningham is always “on call” for the Foreign Service. As AFSA’s Retiree Liaison Ward Thompson puts it, “Bill is always ready to help out with visitors from Washington, ready to talk to students considering a Foreign Service career and ready to pitch in whenever there is a need to gather fellow retirees together to focus on their common identity as Foreign Service professionals.”

Following a 32-year career in the Foreign Service, Bill Cunningham retired to Houston, Texas, in 1982, where he has been making a difference for the Foreign Service ever since. He became director of the Center for International Studies at the University of St. Thomas in Houston in 1982 and taught full-time until 1993, when he became chairman and chief executive officer of the Houston World Affairs Council. In 1995, he left that position to resume part-time teaching and research on East Asia. He is currently an associate professor emeritus of international relations at the University of St. Thomas.

One of his major contributions to the Foreign Service in retirement has been as a recruiter for the State Department. Seven or eight years ago, he “noticed the recruiters were not coming through town,” he tells *AFSA News*, even though there was interest in the Foreign Service career among students he encountered. He offered his services to the department and began representing them at career fairs and giving talks about the Foreign Service career. These days, he gives frequent lectures on the FS career at his university and others in the region. In October, he hosted a panel

discussion that included several retired FSOs, one active-duty FSO, and one woman who had passed the orals and was about to enter the Foreign Service.

Cunningham has played a role in promoting foreign affairs awareness in Houston for many years. He joined the local World Affairs Council when it was a small and struggling organization. In the 1980s the organization had about 300 members, but now it has over 3,000, he tells us. He cites



Bill and Patricia Cunningham in 2001 at the Taoist shrine in Sichuan Province, China.

this type of organization — as well as Rotary and Kiwanis clubs — as a great place to start for Foreign Service retirees looking to promote diplomacy and foreign affairs awareness in their local communities. He also adds that retirees should make themselves available to local media, not for “sound bites” but in order to cultivate those in media who are thoughtful and interested in dialogue on foreign affairs issues. There are opportunities to shape the debate through these types of contacts.

More than anything else, Cunningham has simply made himself available — to students, business representatives and the general public — to talk about the Foreign Service career and foreign affairs. He calls himself the “unofficial diplomat in residence in Houston.” Rarely a day goes by that he does not talk up the Service, especially today, when he says more and more students are

focusing on public service careers rather than business opportunities. In addition, he says it is no longer only students who are seeking information about the FS career, but people looking for a career change.

Cunningham, a lifetime AFSA member, is a great asset to AFSA by offering his vast and impressive network of contacts with the Houston media, at local universities, and in the business community. AFSA relies on his help when Governing Board members visit the area. “Bill is so well plugged-in and he provides invaluable logistics and organizational support for our visits to the area,” says AFSA’s Communications Director Tom Switzer. “He’s second to none in terms of regional contacts.” When AFSA President John Naland visited Houston earlier this year, Cunningham set up a wide array of meetings for him, acting as an unofficial control officer, including a meeting with the editor of the *Houston Chronicle* that resulted in positive press for AFSA and the Foreign Service.

Several people who know Cunningham point to his consistently positive attitude and enthusiasm for the Foreign Service cause. “With Bill, it’s not duty, it’s a labor of love,” says Switzer.

“Bill is an inspiration for many who are contemplating life after the Foreign Service,” says AFSA’s Thompson. “He understands the importance not only of conveying to the public the need for adequate resources for foreign affairs but also of maintaining and strengthening ties among Foreign Service professionals who are the ones best suited to deliver this message.”

There is a growing understanding at the State Department that retirees possess a critical base of knowledge and experience that must be drawn upon to help promote the Foreign Service from the outside. There is no better example of this than Bill Cunningham. □

ANNUAL DACOR-BACON HOUSE
FOUNDATION CONFERENCE

India: 21st Century Superpower?

BY SUSAN MAITRA

DACOR held its annual Foundation Conference at the World Bank auditorium in Washington, D.C. on Oct. 11. The subject was India, provocatively subtitled, "21st Century Superpower?" Two panels featuring the elite among America's India hands took the 200-strong audience beyond old Cold-War clichés for an up-to-the-minute view of India and the recently-transformed Indo-American relationship. The conference concluded with a buffet lunch and address by H.E. Lalit Mansingh, India's ambassador to the United States. The proceedings were videotaped by Asia News International of New Delhi.

Ambassador Alan W. Lukens, president of the DACOR Bacon House Foundation, welcomed attendees. Acknowledging the cooperation of the Woodrow Wilson Center, Amb. Lukens introduced conference

organizers: Wilson Senior Policy Scholar Dennis Kux and Wilson Asia Program Director Robert Hathaway, who also chaired the two panels.

In an act of synergy, the meeting coincided with the release of the October issue of the *Foreign Service Journal*, with a focus on India featuring conference participants Dennis Kux ("A Remarkable Turnaround: U.S.-India Relations") and Walter Andersen ("Seeking the Middle Ground: Indian Politics in Flux"), among other thoughtful and authoritative contributors. During the tea break, participants could be heard remarking that the October *Journal* could virtually serve as a record of the morning's deliberations.

The first panel probed India's "Internal Scene." Walter Andersen, chief of the South Asia Division of State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research, assessed recent electoral patterns. Ambassador Teresita Schaffer, director of the Center for Strategic and International Studies' South Asia Program and former ambassador to Sri Lanka and deputy assistant secretary of State for South Asia, outlined India's demographic diversity. Montek Ahluwalia, director of the

Independent Evaluation Office of the International Monetary Fund and a former top official in the Indian Ministry of Finance who was instrumental in India's move toward reform, explained that the high "noise to substance ratio" in India's public policy debate often gave the impression, wrongly, that reform has stopped.

The second panel reviewed the "External Scene." Deepa Ollapally, program officer at the U.S. Institute of Peace and a senior fellow at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for the Advanced Study of India, described the two approaches toward Kashmir and Pakistan in India. Karl (Rick) Inderfurth, professor of the practice of international affairs at George Washington University's Elliott School and assistant secretary of State for South Asian Affairs during the Clinton administration, gave some background perspective to the changed U.S.-India relationship. George Perkovich, senior associate at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and author of "India's Nuclear Bomb," wondered how long it would take India and Pakistan to accept the logic of nuclear deterrence. A lively discussion followed. □



CLASSIFIEDS

LEGAL SERVICES

ATTORNEY WITH 22 years successful experience **SPECIALIZING FULL TIME IN FS GRIEVANCES** will more than double your chance of winning. 30% of grievants win before the Grievance Board; 85% of my clients win. Only a private attorney can adequately develop and present your case, including necessary regs, arcane legal doctrines, precedents and rules. Call **Bridget R. Mugane** at Tel: (202) 387-4383, Tel: (301) 596-0175. E-mail: fsatty@comcast.net

Free initial consultation.

ATTORNEY

ESTATE PLANNING, WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY. General practice; estate planning; wills, trusts, living wills, powers of attorney; review and update of old wills or drafting of new one; probate administration. Charles S. Abell, Furey, Doolan & Abell, LLP; 8401 Conn. Ave., #1100, Chevy Chase, MD 20815, Tel: (301) 652-6880, Fax: (301) 652-8972.

GRIEVANCE ATTORNEY (specializing since 1983) Attorney assists FS officers correct defective performance appraisals, reverse improper tenuring and promotion board decisions, secure financial benefits, defend against disciplinary actions and obtain relief from all forms of discrimination. Free Initial Consultation. Call **William T. Ireland, Esq.** Tel: (202) 625-1800 Fax: (202) 625-1616. E-mail: wtirelan@vais.net

WILL/ESTATE PLANNING by attorney who is a former FSO. Have your will reviewed and updated, or new one prepared: No charge for initial consultation. **M. Bruce Hirshorn, Boring & Pilger**, 307 Maple Ave. W, Suite D, Vienna, VA 22180 Tel: (703) 281-2161, Fax: (703) 281-9464. E-mail: mbhirshorn@boringandpilger.com

PLACE A CLASSIFIED AD: \$1.25/word (10 word min.) First 3 words bolded free, add'l bold text \$2/word, header, box, shading \$10 ea. Ad Deadline: 20th of the month for pub. 5 wks. later. Contact: Ad Mgr: Tel: (202) 944-5507, Fax: (202) 338-6820

E-mail: miltenerberger@afsa.org

TAX & FINANCIAL SERVICES

ROLAND S. HEARD, CPA

1091 Chaddwyck Dr.

Athens, GA 30606

Tel/Fax: (706) 769-8976

E-mail: RSHEARDCPA@aol.com

- U.S. income tax services
 - Many FS & contractor clients
 - Practiced before the IRS
 - Financial planning
 - American Institute of CPAs, Member
- FIRST CONSULTATION FREE

FREE TAX CONSULTATION: For overseas personnel. We process returns as received, without delay. Preparation and representation by Enrolled Agents. Federal and all states prepared. Includes "TAX TRAX" unique mini-financial planning review with recommendations. Full planning available. Get the most from your financial dollar! **Financial Forecasts Inc.**, Barry B. De Marr, CFP, EA 3918 Prosperity Ave. #230 Fairfax, VA 22031 Tel: (703) 289-1167, Fax: (703) 289-1178, E-mail: finfore@aol.com



CLASSIFIEDS

TAX & FINANCIAL SERVICES

TAX RETURN PREPARATION AND PLANNING by experienced tax professional Federal and all State returns. Year round assistance. **JANE A. BRUNO** Tel: (561) 470-7631. Fax: (561) 470-4790.

E-mail: jabruno@americantaxhelp.com
Web site: www.americantaxhelp.com

VIRGINIA M. TEST, CPA: Tax service Specialize in Foreign Service/overseas contractors. **CONTACT INFO: (804) 695-2939, FAX: (804) 695-2958.**

E-mail: VTTest@aol.com

ATTORNEY, FORMER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER: Extensive experience w/ tax problems peculiar to the Foreign Service. Available for consultation, tax planning, and preparation of returns:

M. Bruce Hirshom, Boring & Pilger
307 West Maple Ave W., Suite D,
Vienna, VA 22180 Tel: (703) 281-2161,
Fax: (703) 281-9464
E-mail: mbhirshom@boringandpilger.com

PROFESSIONAL TAX RETURN PREPARATION: Thirty years in public tax practice. Arthur A Granberg, EA, ATA, ATP. Our charges are \$65 per hour. Most FSO returns take 3 to 4 hours. Our office is 100 feet from Virginia Square Metro Station, Tax Matters, Associates, PC 3601 North Fairfax Dr. Arlington, VA 22201 Tel: (703) 522-3828 Fax: (703) 522-5726

E-mail: aag8686@aol.com

JACOB FORBAI, CPA/MS: Affordable expatriate tax solutions, compliance, planning, preparation for US citizens & aliens world-wide. 18+ years exp. Tel: (301) 608-2248.

E-mail: inforequest@bai-tech.com

TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTIONS: Are you looking for a worthy non-profit organization to round out your charitable/philanthropic donations for the current tax year? Why not consider The Irene T. Harter Memorial Fund, sponsored by the Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center (see ad in this issue) This organization has been approved by the IRS pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for tax-deductible contributions. For further information, contact: Linda Testin at the Medical Center
Tel: (312) 942-6112,
E-mail: Linda_Testin@rush.edu.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

REALTY GROUP, INC.

DC PROPERTY MANAGEMENT AND SALES

of single family homes, condos & small apartment bldgs. We serve owners who appreciate personalized service & quality maintenance.

Amy Fisher, CRS: (202) 544-8762
E-mail: amyfisher@realtygroupinc.net
Visit our Web site:
dcpropertymanagement.com

PEAKE MANAGEMENT: Looking for a great property manager experienced with FS clients? Call me to set up an appointment, or to receive our free Landlord Manual. The Manual clearly explains the rental management process no matter which company you choose. We're professional, experienced, and friendly. In business since 1982. Lindsey Peake: 6842 Elm St. McLean, VA 22101. Tel: (703) 448-0212

E-mail: Lindsey@peakeinc.com

WJD MANAGEMENT IS competitively priced, of course. However, if you are considering hiring a property management firm, don't forget the old saying "You get what you pay for." All of us at WJD have worked for other property management firms in the past, and we have learned what to do and more importantly what not to do from our experiences at these companies. We invite you to explore our Web site at www.wjdp.com for more information, or call us at (703) 385-3600.

FOREIGN SERVICE ASSOCIATES: has fully furnished apartments at River Place just 5 minutes from NFATC and one block from Rosslyn Metro. Efficiencies, and 1 bedrooms are fully furnished with kitchens, cable TV, telephone, linens, and all utilities included.

Call: (703) 477-5955, or

E-mail: FSAssoc1@aol.com.

Web site: www.foreignservicehousing.com

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT PRUDENTIAL CARRUTHERS REALTORS: (FORMERLY J.P. PROPERTIES & DIPLOMAT PROPERTIES):

Complete professional dedication to the management of residential property in Northern Virginia. Our professionals will provide personal attention to your home, careful tenant screening, and video inspections of your property. We are equipped to handle all of your property management needs. We work 7 days a week! Over 22 years real estate experience and Foreign Service overseas living experience. **JOANN PIEKNEY.**

Vienna:

Tel: (703) 938-0909 Fax: (703) 281-9782

E-mail: Vienna@prudentialcarruthers.com

Arlington:

Tel: (703) 522-5900 Fax: (703) 525-4173

E-mail: Arlington@prudentialcarruthers.com

TEMPORARY HOUSING

WASHINGTON, D.C. or NFATC TOUR? EXECUTIVE HOUSING CONSULTANTS offers Metropolitan Washington D.C.'s finest portfolio of short-term, fully-furnished and equipped apartments, townhomes and single family residences in Maryland, D.C. and Virginia.

In Virginia: "River Place's Finest" is steps to Rosslyn Metro and Georgetown and 15 minutes on Metro bus or State Department shuttle to NFATC. For more info, please call (301) 951-4111, or visit our Web site: www.executivehousing.com

MANOR SERVICES: Former federal law enforcement officer: offers best tenant screening. Frequent inspections. Mortgages paid. Repairs. Close personal attention. We're small, but very effective. FS refs. Our rates are lower than anyone else's on this page. And our service is better. Compare. We do "hands-on" management only. **MANOR SERVICES**, PO Box 1097, Laurel, MD 20725

Tel: (301) 776-4461, Fax: (301) 725-6267

E-mail: WMAMILLER@AOL.COM

Visit our website: www.manorservices.com

ROSSLYN METRO IN ARLINGTON HONOR MOST GOV'T PER DIEM 1 BLK TO METRO, NFATC SHUTTLE Efficiency, 1 and 2-bedroom apartments, Fully equipped kitchens, Cable, phone, linens, gym & pool GOVERNMENT FRIENDLY LEASE

Tel: (703) 553-8225

E-mail: Riverplace@aol.com

Web site: www.temporaryrentals.com

RESIDENCES: SHORT & LONG TERM.

Call Betsy at (202) 234-5789

info@roommatespreferred.com

www.roommatespreferred.com

SHORT - TERM RENTALS

CORPORATE APARTMENT SPECIALISTS, INC.:

has abundant experience working with Foreign Service professionals and the locations to best serve you: Foggy Bottom, Woodley Park, Cleveland Park, Chevy Chase, Rosslyn, Ballston, Pentagon City. Our office is a short walk from NFATC. One month minimum. All furnishings, housewares, utilities, telephone and cable included. Tel: (703) 979-2830 or (800) 914-2802 and Fax: (703) 979-2813. Web site: www.corporateapartments.com

E-mail: sales@corporateapartments.com

SHORT TERM RENTAL: Le Droit Park Large Basement Apartment Beautifully Renovated Studio Semi-Furnished Utilities Included \$900.00 per month. Contact: 202-686-5166

FURNISHED LUXURY APARTMENTS:

Short/long-term. Best locations: Dupont Circle, Georgetown. Utilities included. All price ranges/sizes. Parking available. (202) 296-4989, E-mail: richt@starpower.net



CLASSIFIEDS

REAL ESTATE

HEADED TO D.C.? Start planning now for house hunting in Northern Virginia. Let my 16-plus years of experience providing FS personnel with exclusive **Buyer Representation** work for you. My effective strategy for home buying will make the transition easier for you and your family!

Contact **MARILYN CANTRELL**, Associate Broker, ABR, CRS, GRI at McEneaney Associates, 1320 Old Chain Bridge Rd, McLean, VA 22101. Tel: (703) 790-9090, ext. 246; Fax: (703) 734-9460.

E-mail: marilyn@marilyncantrell.com
www.marilyncantrell.com

FLORIDA

BEAUTIFUL SOUTHWEST FLORIDA: SARASOTA - Sunshine, blue skies, excellent values in real estate. Call former FSO **Tom Farley**, AFSA member, licensed real estate broker. New homes and condos a specialty. Construction International Services, Inc. Tel: (941) 926-8550, Fax: (941) 926-9546. E-mail: CISISRQ@aol.com

FLORIDA

LONGBOAT KEY, BRADENTON/ SARASOTA Area will exceed expectations. Don't miss owning in Florida. Resales, New homes, Rental Management and vacation rentals. Dynamic growing company offering personalized professional service. Sharon E. Oper, Realtor (AFSA Member) Wagner Realty. Tel: (941) 387-7199, (800) 352-0367; E-mail: lbk7@aol.com

FLORIDA

NO STATE INCOME TAX enhances gracious living in Sarasota, the cultural capital of Florida's Gulf Coast. Contact former FSO **Paul Byrnes**, Coldwell Banker residential sales specialist, through e-mail: byrnes@family-net.org or Toll-Free: (877) 924-9001.

Washington State Islands: Spectacular views, wonderful community, climate, boating, hiking. Access Seattle & Vancouver, B.C. Former FSO Jan Zehner, Windemere Real Estate/ Orcas Island, (800) 842-5770; www.orcas-island.com E-mail: janz@rockisland.com

VACATION RENTAL

OCEANFRONT CONDO AT Bay Watch Resort, North Myrtle Beach, SC. Wide, sandy beaches. "Golf Capital of the World." Family programs, entertainment and great seafood, all close by. Sleeps six.

See www.sandsresorts.com. Please call (800) 763-7469 or (843) 272-6266 and ask for Unit #603. FSO Bryan Smith, owner.

BETHANY BEACH HIDEAWAY rental. Cozy lodge on wooded half-acre 3 blocks to private ocean beach; gourmet kitchen, 3 bedrooms 2 baths, outdoor shower, new appliances, heat/AC, large screened porch, covered deck. Special off-season rates available. Contact R. Meima, FSO, ret., Tel: (410) 849-2754, E-mail: mmelima@earthlink.net

MORTGAGE

BUYING OR REFINANCING A HOME? Save money with some of the lowest rates in 40 years. Jeff Stoddard specializes in working with the Foreign Service community, along with Washington Mutual's broad product line. Jeff offers first-class customer service while structuring a loan to fit your specific needs, seeing it quickly through the process every step of the way. Call today and experience the Power of Yes®! Tel: (703) 299-8625 or e-mail: jeffstoddard_wamu@compuserve.com

BOOKS

OLD ASIA/ORIENT BOOKS BOUGHT Asian rare books. Fax: (212) 316-3408, E-mail: arbs@erols.com

AUCTION CATALOGS WANTED: Primitive, tribal, African art, ethnographic, Antiquities. Specially Sotheby's, PB, Christie's. Tel: (703) 360-9572.

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED. We are seeking dynamic, creative and experienced writers for our new diplomatic publication. Personnel retiring from or leaving the U.S. State Department are preferred. Part-time or full-time positions available. If interested, please call Frank Kyriopoulos at (703) 931-1317 or fax us a resume at (703) 931-6233 to arrange an interview.

PROPERTY SPECIALISTS, INC. CAREER OPPORTUNITY
Independent real estate firm primarily serving the Foreign Service community & doing business in D.C., Maryland and Virginia is offering positions in areas of property management and/or sales.

Call: **Donna Courtney** (703) 247-3357
E-mail: propsec@nvar.com
Web: www.propertyspecialistsinc.com

MISCELLANEOUS

SHIPPING

PLANNING TO MOVE OVERSEAS? Need a rate to ship your car, household goods, or other cargo going abroad? Contact SEFCO-Export Management Company for rates and advice. Tel: (718) 268-6233, Fax: (718) 268-0505. Contact Joseph T. Quinn. Visit our Web site at www.sefc-export.com E-mail: info@sefc-export.com

CAR STORAGE: Indoor Storage for cars and furniture Northern Virginia. Tel: (703) 771-1496.

110 - 220 VOLT STORE MULTI-SYSTEM ELECTRONICS

PAL-SECAM-NTSC TVs, VCRs, AUDIO, CAMCORDER, ADAPTOR, TRANSFORMERS, KITCHEN APPLIANCES
EPORT WORLD ELECTRONICS
1719 Connecticut Ave. N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009, near Dupont Circle Metro, Between R & S Streets.
Tel: (202) 232-2244, Fax: (202) 265-2435, (800) 513-3907.
E-mail: export@covad.net
URL.www.220AV.TV
Government & Diplomat discounts

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

CONSUMABLES: Save storage space & shipping weight with our concentrated products. One stop shopping for all your household needs. Fast delivery to your door. For personalized service to assemble and ship your order call: Tel: (800) 384-0571 or E-mail: consumables101@yahoo.com

The Great Zimbabwe: Wonderful hand-crafted products produced by village industry and imported directly from Zimbabwe. Includes hand painted textiles, both functional and decorative for the home. Also, clothing for men and women.

Hours Mon.-Sat. 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Sun 12 to 6 p.m.. Location: Main Lobby of Union Station, Washington, D.C. Manager: Harold Breedlove. Tel: (202) 489-8642.

NAVCO MALL
Over 200 Shops and Stores!
Save Time and Money
Everything you're looking for, from A to Z
Sales and Bargains at Every Store!
Owned and operated by a 16-year-veteran of the military and the FS
Shop: www.navcosa.com

GET A FREE Nokia 3390 phone with a one year contract international service available with T-mobile, come visit us at Eport World Electronics at Dupont Circle, 1719 Conn. Ave. N.W. Washington, DC 20009.
Tel: (202) 232-2244, Web: www.220AV.TV

AMERICAN PRODUCTS OVERSEAS!
Convenient ONE STOP SHOPPING experience for all your household & personal needs. Personalized service for FS personnel by FS retiree. For FREE CATALOG:
E-mail: consumables101@yahoo.com
Tel: 1 (800) 384-0571.

F O C U S

which assists corporations with global marketing efforts, corporate and external relations and training needs. She is a former ambassador.

Beyond the Wall

Gail Kenna, Morris Publishing, 2000, \$12.00, paperback, 145 pages.

This is an unusual book, one that trades polished packaging for the unvarnished truth of experience, and the power that has to remind folks of what it means to be human and raise a few important, if disconcerting, policy issues to boot.

Gail Kenna takes readers into the dangerous and deplorable world of Venezuelan prisons as she attempts to assist Americans rightly and wrongly incarcerated there. We meet courage, hope, honor and grief. We see corruption, suicide and murder. We have a run-in with the U.S. embassy's American Citizen Services unit, and are confronted with the issue of government involvement

in drug trafficking. And, in the title essay, "Beyond the Wall," we meet the feisty nun who kept the author involved in prison work in spite of everything.

As one reader, educator Dr. June Stephenson-Bailey, comments, "When I read the last page of *Beyond the Wall*, I felt indebted to the author for doing the world's work — and not with the waft of a manicured hand. The book and writing are indescribably good."

Writer and former university professor Gail Kenna is an FS spouse who has accompanied her husband, now serving in the narcotics affairs section in Lima, to posts in Malaysia, Venezuela and Colombia. Her short story "El Soldado de Caballos" (The Horse Soldier) appeared in the July/August 2002 *FSJ*. She is now working on her fourth book. *Beyond the Wall*, her third book, was printed through a grant from the Puffin Foundation of New Jersey, and distributed to drug policy-makers, journalists and those with an interest in the "War on Drugs." It can be ordered by e-mail at GailKenna@aol.com. ■

Executive Lodging Alternatives



**Interim Accommodations for
Corporate and Government Markets**

*Apartments,
Townhouses &
Single Family Homes*

"FOR THE EXECUTIVE ON THE MOVE"

✱

finder5@IX.netcom.com

Locations throughout Northern Virginia and D.C.
Units fully furnished, equipped and accessorized

Many "Walk to Metro" locations
Pet Friendly

5105-L Backlick Road, Annandale, Virginia
Tel: (703) 354-4070 Fax: (703) 642-3619

4x4 CONNECTION



Vehicle Preparation Specialist

4x4 Connection Specializes in Major & Minor Repairs,
Parts and Accessories for your 4 wheel drive.

Online Shopping - APO & FPO Shipping Available

11 Battery Drive - Winchester, Va 22601
www.4x4connection.com - 1.888.805.0810

visit us before your next assignment

A JOURNEY HOME: TO KABUL AND BACK AGAIN

THIRTY YEARS AND THREE WARS AFTER HIS FIRST SOJOURN IN AFGHANISTAN, AN FSO RETURNS, TRYING TO SORT OUT THE COUNTRY'S IDYLIC PAST FROM ITS HARSH PRESENT AND POTENTIALLY BRIGHT FUTURE.

BY CHRIS BROWN

The white U.S. embassy truck ground its gears and grudgingly bore our family's worldly possessions over the slate-gray mountains. A searing sun pierced the thin, dusty air over the Khyber Pass as our caravan wound its way from Islamabad to Kabul.

Before us, a wheezing '57 Chevy swayed and groaned under its load of some 15 Pashtun tribesmen — all of them bristling with rifles and side arms and perched on every available inch of space. The car's trunk, wedged agape by passengers' rifles, supported the weight of a few more tribesmen on top. For them, this was nothing unusual — just a taxi ride from Peshawar to the Afghan border crossing at Torkham.

Slowly, we scaled the plateau to Kabul's high plains. We passed two forlorn factories on the outskirts, and wound through the color and bustle of this rock-ringed town that would be our family's home for the next five years. Finally, we reached the USAID mission director's residence in Kabul's Karte-Seh suburb. Tuning in to Radio Afghanistan, I heard for the first time the bluegrass-meets-Ravi Shankar twang of Afghan music and knew I was going to love this place. The year was 1972.

The few years that followed were rich in geographic and cultural discovery. They ended with the final notes of the sitar music that a fellow senior and I played at the American International School of Kabul's 1974 graduation ceremony.

Chris Brown has been an FSO with USAID since 1982, serving in Port-au-Prince, Kingston, Monrovia, Nouakchott and Washington, D.C. Since 2001, he has served as reconstruction coordinator for USAID's Afghanistan/Central Asia Task Force and as Pakistan desk officer.

His father, Vince Brown, served in his last government assignment as USAID director in Kabul from 1972 to 1977.

Kabul Revisited

Thirty years and three wars later, I looked from the window of our chartered U.N. aircraft at the stark snow-dusted peaks that separate Pakistan from Afghanistan.



The author poses where his locker once stood at the American International School of Kabul in February 2002.

I was finally coming home to Kabul. The plane swooped and spiraled with a familiar sense of drama as it descended between the steep snow-blanketed slopes surrounding Kabul. Familiar, too, was the resounding thump and squeal as the landing gear made contact. The aircraft lumbered along the rutted runway and finally came to rest in front of the remarkably unchanged terminal.

Fittingly, I had sat next to another returnee on the flight. Son of an influential Pushtun family, he had graduated from my rival school, the American-sponsored Habibia High School a few years earlier than I. Now a senior officer of the United Nations Development Program, he was returning to the country of his birth. We marveled at the three vintage Afghan Air Force biplanes that still occupied their corner of the taxiway — their backs broken, pressed to the ground like crushed dragonflies.

An hour later, the embassy minivan whisked me into Kabul's fragile vortex of conflicting hopes and ambitions. In the blur through the window I was amazed at the rebirth of commerce — especially the colorful, homemade satellite-TV

dishes, pounded and soldered together from carefully matched Coca-Cola cans or flattened bug spray aerosol containers.

We soon reached the dusty but still-impressive U.S. embassy (which had reopened in December 2001). We paused at the heavily fortified back gate, and the U.S. Marines waved us past concertina wire and sandbagged machine-gun nests. Cruising past the embassy's incongruously quaint and beat-up fleet of 80s-vintage Volkswagen Passats, we reached the chancery. This American landmark had miraculously survived nearly a decade behind closed shutters and locked doors.

Standing once again beneath the imposing eagle emblem suspended over the front door, I paused. Phantom memories filled the driveway with a motorcade of armored black Cadillacs. I remembered standing in that very spot as a teenager, with my family and the rest of the American community, to bid farewell to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger after his talks with then-President Mohammed Daoud.

Chuckling, I recalled a bit of Brown family folklore that endures from that visit. My father accompanied the secretary to a high-level meeting on aid to Afghanistan. Devouring his host's plategold of cookies, Kissinger promised project after project over my father's repeated low-key reminders about resource limitations. Finally, he paused, looked squarely at his host and remarked, "You know, I make a habit of eating a Foreign Service officer or two for breakfast each morning."

Now, on this cold February day in 2002, the embassy was once again in the news. Aging and in disrepair, it was stretched to the breaking point, serving at once as office, barracks, residence and dormitory. I joined a small, tough contingent of Marines and civilians with surprisingly high morale in spite of the hardships.

Everything happened on its premises — on the chancery's two floors and basement, in the adjacent bunker, or in two or three recreational vehicle "trailers" parked out back. Civilians slept side-by-side, up to eight to a room. The ambassador's "residence" was a single room down the hall from his office. Over a dozen men shared a single shower stall in a small restroom with two toilets and a sink. (Early risers enjoyed a distinct quality-of-life advantage over those who chose to shower late.)

We took meals together, mostly standing up, in the crowd-

ed kitchen in the bunker. Breakfast consisted of coffee, peanut butter, jam, fruit and traditional Afghan nan (flat bread). Lunch rarely deviated from lamb stew, rice and nan. Dinner was soup and more nan. But nobody went hungry and the mealtime conversations were hilarious.

Back to High School

As the week's business in Kabul drew to a close, I set out after my last meeting on a private pilgrimage to my teenage home and school. My driver, Javed, and I left President Hamid Karzai's downtown offices and ventured into one of

Kabul's most thoroughly devastated areas — the bombed-out expanse of once-elegant homes, schools, clinics and restaurants now simply known as "West Kabul."

The sun glared off the cratered asphalt of Darulaman Boulevard — once the leafy "Champs Elysees" of Kabul's elegant Karte Seh and Karte Char districts. Slowly the remnants of familiar vistas swung into view.

Demazang Circle, the boulevard's stately starting point, was eerily silent. A car or two swung lazily around its central monument. Suddenly, I noticed the surrounding buildings' caved-in roofs and damaged doorways. Their windows looked blindly down at us as we began picking our way around the craters and potholes of this once-grand three-mile avenue.

Where trees once sheltered pedestrians and carrot-juice vendors, dust devils scurried over roadside ditches and rubble-strewn stretches of beige and gray. Further back stood a row of large homes, punctuated by occasional three-story office buildings, schools and clinics. There were gaping rocket-holes in the walls and no wood or glass in most doors and windows.

As we wove along, I took heart in the occasional freshly renovated house or office, typically displaying a sign announcing "Red Crescent Society" or some other relief organization. We passed the once-grand Habibia High School — home to thousands of Afghanistan's most promising youth in the 1960s and 1970s and alma mater to my newfound friend from the Islamabad-Kabul flight. The satisfaction that it was still standing tempered the tragedy of its burned-out interior and complete lack of windows or doors.

Finally, we approached my old high school, the American International School of Kabul. Next to the still-operating Noor Eye Clinic stood a strange, walled compound. Its sev-

*Tuning to Radio Afghanistan,
I heard for the first time the
bluegrass-meets-Ravi Shankar
twang of Afghan music and knew
I was going to love this place.*

eral acres were dotted with the roofless remains of the two-story gym, and the two parallel wings where the elementary and high schools used to be. Crushed, upended cars stood in place of the school's two distinctive front gates.

Here I met Sher ("Lion") Mohamed, a proud and cheerful neighbor with a job at the Ministry of Commerce. He remembered our school and said that it was safe to walk around the compound. It had been cleared of land mines, he told us.

I shook his hand and thanked him as we parted. His firm grip and broad smile almost concealed the three missing fingers — a reminder of how few Afghans have been spared the marks of their nation's 23-year ordeal.



The author tuning up for a sitar recital at the American International School of Kabul in 1974.

Finally back on AISK grounds, I relived unforgettable times. We took photos standing in the high-school hallway where my locker used to be, under the connecting covered walkway where the big yellow school buses used to drop us off each morning.

Then, on the far end of the property — where our football team used to go down in defeat to the U.S. Marines with some regularity in the 1970s — I noticed a brand-new, still-unfinished four-story building. Afghan kids and teachers were converging on it and, drawn to them, I made a heartening discovery. Although Kabul's schools were on their long winter break, some

parents had hired two teachers to run vacation English classes at this new school that now stood where mine had been.

The teachers knew that an international school had operated there. They asked me to say a few words to the class, and thankfully, my rusting Dari obliged.

I told them how glad AISK alumni would be to learn that students were still going to school there. I told them how deeply most of us — kids from all over the world who had studied there from the 1950s until the Soviet invasion in 1979 — had been influenced by our time in this proud and independent country. I wished them well, and left somehow satisfied, knowing that new things can take root on the ruins of old.

Return to a Vanished Home

Late now to return to the office, Javed and I pulled over briefly beside a major Kabul landmark — the former Soviet Embassy. Heavily damaged in years of civil war, it had become home to refugee families squatting in the shells of offices and apartments.

Behind a corner of the once-imposing 10-foot wall that surrounded the USAID mission director's residence across the street, I surprised a turbaned and bearded grandfather and his two 6-year-old grandsons. It appeared that the place had found a new purpose: public latrine for these unfortunate families.

My gaze followed the remains of the front wall, where the grape trellis and glass greenhouse used to be. Not a trace. Not a blade of grass in the front yard. Not even a stump or root to mark the trees that I knew had once stood there.

Only then could I take in the house itself — once an elegant two-story villa with balconies and awnings, built by a cousin of Afghanistan's royal family. Now, a pile of rubble with only the distinc-



USAID/Kabul Director's residence in 1976.

tive chimney remaining to prove that it had ever existed.

From around the corner, where two or three homes had escaped the years of shelling and combat, an Afghan doctor with the Red Crescent Society picked his way over the rubble. He had heard of my family. He remembered when the Soviet news agency, TASS, had taken over the house after the Americans left in 1978. "The neighborhood's gone downhill a bit since your days," he said, "but please join me for some tea."

Asking if I could instead pay him a proper visit on my next trip to Kabul, I said goodbye, with hand on heart in that dignified Afghan tradition of lengthy and ceremonial greetings and farewells.

As Javed and I drove back across town in silence, I took stock of Afghanistan and its changes over the years. Conflicting impressions swirled: idyllic past against harsh present, misery and devastation in West Kabul against economic rebirth downtown, hope for national consolidation against hardened ethnic and regional rivalries.

Dawn Yields to Daylight

Back at the embassy, sleep was elusive in the cramped cot in what I believe used to be the economic section (now the men's dorm). I awakened as the early rays of dawn filtered through the grimy, barred window near my head.

Kabul's jagged, snow-covered

mountains filled the vista, radiating a fragile pink glow in the sunrise. The effect was serene, even hopeful. Could a peaceful, prosperous Afghanistan rise from these ashes, I wondered? Could such a deserving people find hope of prosperity through economic opportunity and trade under present circumstances?

Almost afraid to shatter the moment, I quietly searched for my camera. Seconds later, turning back to the window, it was already too late. The glow had vanished. Instead, white daylight glared from the slopes like sun off a mirror.

How perfect, I thought — the essence of Afghanistan's dawning moment. It makes you wonder how long we have before Afghanistan's fierce centrifugal forces reassert themselves with full vigor, and once again threaten to scatter the wisps of hope and opportunity still clinging to Kabul's thin dusty air. ■



FARA

Foreign Affairs Recreation Association
FARA Housing Division,

Managed by ECMC

610 Bashford Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314
Ph: (703) 684-1825 Fax: (703) 739-9318

We are proud to provide the best hotel values in the Washington, DC metropolitan area! You can choose from properties offering studios, one bedroom, 2-bedroom apartments, suites & hotel rooms.

Our locations have unique proximity to FSI, State Department, the Pentagon, NFATC, National Airport, Old Town, Alexandria, White House and Georgetown

For more information call for features and rates of participating FARA hotels.

The Lauder INSTITUTE

THE JOSEPH H. LAUDER INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT & INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

The Wharton School
School of Arts & Sciences
University of Pennsylvania

(215) 898-1215; fax: (215) 898-2067
lauderinfo@wharton.upenn.edu

One World, Two Degrees

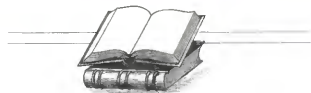
Our 24-month, joint-degree program offers distinctive advantages:

- * An MBA from the top-rated Wharton School
- * An MA in International Studies from the School of Arts & Sciences
- * Advanced applied language study in eight languages:
Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish
- * In-country immersion programs
- * International work experience opportunities
- * An innovative, supportive, and global network of students, alumni, and corporate leaders

"The Wharton School's famous Lauder Institute...is arguably the best global management experience anywhere..."

-Business Week's Guide to the Best Business Schools

<http://lauder.wharton.upenn.edu>



BOOKS

Secrets Within Secrets

The Secret State: Whitehall and the Cold War

Peter Hennessy, Penguin Putnam,
Inc., 2002, £16.99 (approximately
U.S. \$26), hardcover, 256 pages.

REVIEWED BY WILLIAM P. KIEHL

Just as British authors write the best spy novels, British historians write some of the best nonfiction accounts of the secret world. There is something in the British character that seems to delight in secrets and the unmasking of them, whether in espionage, the theater, or fancy dress balls. In *The Secret State: Whitehall and the Cold War*, author Peter Hennessy — one of the United Kingdom's best interpreters of postwar British power politics — ably upholds this proud tradition as he examines Cold-War Britain from several important perspectives.

To detail the inner workings of Whitehall and Her Majesty's Government's attempts to cope with the question of survival in the nuclear age, Hennessy interviewed dozens of key architects of early British nuclear and security policy. He also sifted through thousands of pages of now declassified records, mainly memoranda from the Joint Intelligence Committee, from the beginnings of the Cold War through the early 1960s. Although many more mountains of documents await

declassification, this relatively slim volume is a masterful telling of how civil servants and political leaders created a secret state within an already existing nation.

The author begins *The Secret State* by reviewing the intelligence picture and what Stalin's spies had wrought by 1947 when Britain was finally seized with the need to adapt to the nuclear era. Unlike the French, who saw in nuclear capability principally a reaffirmation of national sovereignty, Britain realized it must be a nuclear power, albeit a small one, not only "to claim a seat at the table" but equally to exercise a restraining influence on the brash young superpower-to-be — America. Indeed, it is no exaggeration to note that the British throughout the late 1940s and well into the 1950s appeared nearly as worried about America's unrestrained attitude toward the use of the nuclear option as the Soviet Union's utter duplicity as a factor in leading the world to the brink of nuclear war.

The documents also trace an evolving realization on the part of the British Ministry of Defense and the Joint Intelligence Committee that a nuclear war was not just many times more devastating than World War II. It meant, in the jargon of nuclear apocalypse, a "breakdown" in which society could no longer function. This prospect led to the plan for decentralization of power from London to 12 regional governments in order to ensure some sort of survival.

American press reports in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks about a "secret government" intended to provide "continuity" for the U.S. is an eerie parallel with the British bunker codenamed "TURN-STYLE." This facility's 60 miles of tunnels, secret railway station and accommodations for 210 persons (including the prime minister) were all hidden in a quarry complex in the Cotswold Hills of southwestern England.

Along the way, Hennessy reveals some rather bizarre secrets. Chief among them is the story of one of the Cold War's many unsung heroes, the MI6 British intelligence officer in Moscow who ran the West's most productive spy, Colonel Oleg Penkovsky. Shortly after the Cuban missile crisis, the intelligence officer received a telephone call from Penkovsky, who employed the prearranged code that meant that the Soviet Union was about to launch an attack. Believing that his agent already had been compromised and had revealed the code to his captors, the MI6 man did absolutely nothing. He did not even tell London that Penkovsky had called.

Now that is a plot twist that even John LeCarre would not dare to use!

William P. Kiehl, an FSO since 1970 and a minister-counselor in the Senior Foreign Service, is the Diplomat in Residence at the Center for Strategic Leadership, U. S. Army War College and Senior Fellow, U.S. Army Peacekeeping Institute. ■



Idyllwild

arts academy

A prestigious boarding arts high school in Idyllwild, CA, offering pre-professional study in music, dance, creative writing, visual arts, theatre, and film/video, along with rigorous academics. Graduates attend the finest conservatories, colleges and universities. Call 909-659-2171, ext. 223 or email us at: admission@idyllwildarts.org • www.idyllwildarts.org

**Designate #2422
on your CFC
pledge card...**



...to help a Foreign Service
child go to college.

Give to the
American Foreign Service
Association (AFSA)
Scholarship Fund
in the
Combined Federal
Campaign (CFC).



202-944-5504
E-mail:
dec@afsa.org

The farm, the garden, the four seasons & Whiteface Mountain. Offering safety, inspiration and active learning for grade 4-9.

North Country School



"At NCS, the students are just as likely to be bent over a 2 x 4 sawing, or heatedly arguing over whether the South African riots will accomplish anything. School runs into life and life runs into school, so sometimes you can't tell the difference." -Gabriel Mironov, age 12

Contact us at: (518) 523-9329 or www.northcountryschool.com

Perkiomen School



Founded
1875

*Come and
meet our people,
see our place, and
learn about our
programs...*

- Coed, Boarding & Day School
- Grades 5-12, PG
- Advanced Placement & Honors Classes
- 7 to 1 Student Teacher Ratio
- 165 Acre Campus

200 Seminary Avenue • P.O. Box 130 • Pennsburg, PA 18073
Tel: (215) 679-9511 • Fax: (215) 679-1146 • www.perkiomen.org

WE BELIEVE...

in young people, in academics,
in leadership, in character,
in challenges, in tradition. . .



- co-ed • college prep • structure •
- boarding/day • 100% college acceptance •
- 11:1 student/teacher ratio •
- faculty supervised study halls •
- full athletic program •

Oak Ridge Military Academy



1-800-321-7904

Oak Ridge, NC
www.oakridgemilitary.com

The Episcopal Experience

Founded in 1839, Episcopal High School is a coed college preparatory boarding school for grades 9 to 12.

- Committed to academic excellence and personal growth
- Small, interactive classes
- A 6:1 student to teacher ratio
- 40 Advanced Placement and honors courses
- Fully integrated technology – all students use laptops
- 100% residential – fostering close friendships and a strong sense of community
- Weekly educational and cultural trips into Washington, D.C.
- Diverse student body from 32 states, the District of Columbia, and 12 countries
- Strong athletics with 42 teams in 15 sports
- Dynamic visual and performing arts program with a new arts center opening in 2003

**EPISCOPAL
HIGH SCHOOL**

1200 North Quaker Lane
Alexandria, VA 22302
703-933-4062
877-933-4347 (toll free)

Director of Admissions
admissions@episcopalhighschool.org
www.episcopalhighschool.org



SURFING THE NET FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS

BEING OVERSEAS MAKES IT BOTH MORE VITAL AND MORE DIFFICULT FOR FOREIGN SERVICE FAMILIES TO FIND GOOD SCHOOLS FOR THEIR CHILDREN. BUT, THERE ARE MANY ONLINE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO HELP.

BY STEPHEN YEATER

Foreign Service children constantly face changing cultures, an uneven quality of schools abroad, and a scarcity of educational facilities for special-needs children. As if that weren't daunting enough, just being overseas makes it both more vital and more difficult for Foreign Service families to find good schools for their children.

Nor is this a problem for just a few people: in December 2001, according to the State Department's Family Liaison Office, there were approximately 10,000 children in Foreign Service families, of which about 7,200 are school-age. Of those, around 93 percent attended local schools located in the city of the parents' assignment, 5 percent were enrolled in boarding schools, and the other 2 percent were homeschooled by their parents.

Fortunately, in addition to the Schools Chart on p. 55 of this issue, there are many other helpful online options for researching and comparing secondary schools (high schools), both overseas and in the United States. These sites encompass boarding schools, art schools and schools that accommodate students with learning disabilities, as well as homeschooling resources. And they are all free.

Start with State

For overseas secondary schools, a great place to start your search is at the State Department's Web sites, beginning with the *Family Liaison Office* Web site (<http://www.state.gov/www/flo/>). In addition to giving a general overview of FLO's many activities and resources, the site provides detailed guidance on finding a suitable overseas school for your child's particular needs and offers various lists of support networks.

You should also check out FLO's *Education and Youth* Web

Stephen Yeater, a senior at the University of California, San Diego, is the Journal's editorial intern.

page (<http://state.gov/m/dghr/flo/c1958.htm>), which provides excellent resources and advice on school-related issues. The educational and emotional development of children from mobile families is a particular priority for the Family Liaison Office. Accordingly, the FLO participates in a "flow of care" for teenagers to assist them with issues of international mobility and reentry to the United States.

Here you can find information on many topics, including: college considerations for students, youth groups, education allowances and scholarships, child care, boarding schools, homeschooling, and special educational needs. And if you have more specific questions not answered by those resources, you can e-mail FLO's Education and Youth Officer or Education Program Assistant directly from the site.

Another very useful State Department resource is the *Office of Overseas Schools* (http://www.state.gov/www/about_state/schools/index.html). Simple to use, the OOS Web site provides specific information on schools in every country. Just click on the country and city, and an informative school summary is provided including a picture of the school, school history, curriculum, faculty, student population, school facilities, finances and contact information. This Web site saves considerable time otherwise spent going to each individual school's home page.

Other Resources

Ed-U-Link Services (<http://www.edulink.com/>) also offers an index of overseas schools with contact information and links to the schools' individual Web sites. This site does not include the useful summaries that the OOS site does, but it does have a comprehensive list of overseas schools and their respective Web sites. It also usually lists about twice as many schools for any particular country as the OOS Web site, making it a good complement.

For those who wish to pursue their creative passions,
Continued on page 46

Continued from page 45

ArtSchools.com (<http://www.artschools.com/>) is a useful Web site for locating art schools all over the world and in the United States. The Web site is intuitive, allowing you to search for schools in a specific state, country or academic specialty, such as cinematography or sculpture. You will also find areas of study, degrees offered, contact information and links to schools' Web sites. Note that many of the U.S. institutions provide a brief summary of their art program.

The *Association of Boarding Schools* Web site (<http://www.schools.com>) is an excellent online resource for those who want to know more about the boarding school learning experience. This site lists over 300 boarding schools, mostly in the United States, but it also details schools in Canada, the United Kingdom, Ireland, Switzerland, Italy and Austria. School information includes an introduction written by the school, number of students, student-teacher ratio, gender requirements (coed, etc.), grades taught, accreditations and contact information.

In addition to searching for schools by state and country, you can narrow your search to look only for military boarding schools, art boarding schools, coed-only schools, etc. Having so many options in one location might sound confusing, but it isn't, because the site is laid out very clearly. Information is also available on the admissions process for each school and on the "common application" that many of the boarding schools use. (Note that State's FLO Web site also has good information on boarding schools.)

Looking Ahead to College


Whether the courses that one takes at overseas secondary schools will be accepted at a particular college, overseas or in the United States, is a major concern parents need to take into account when selecting secondary schools. The regular movement of Foreign Service families means that it's likely that their children will have attended multiple schools in different countries by the time they are ready for college. Will an international secondary education meet the admissions standards of universities worldwide?

Acquiring an International Baccalaureate diploma is one option that addresses this question. Since the 1970s, students in secondary schools both abroad and in the United States have had the option of attaining the IB to supplement a regular high-school diploma. This internationally-recognized certificate is now offered in 1,365 public and private high schools in 112 countries, according to the *International Baccalaureate Organization* Web site (<http://www.ibo.org>). This site is a good place to learn more about the IB and the schools that offer it.

Many Foreign Service parents have been happy with the benefits of the rigorous curriculum required to earn an IB, particularly those hoping to attend European universities. Increasing numbers of American universities also accept the IB; however, there are still many that don't, so do check with individual colleges about their policy. (The State Department's FLO is another helpful resource for determining if the IB is right for your child.)

Continued on page 49

Washington, D.C. Area



**SANDY SPRING
FRIENDS
SCHOOL**

**FIVE OR SEVEN DAY BOARDING OPTIONS
GRADES 9 THROUGH 12**

PRE-K THROUGH 12 DAY SCHOOL

◇ AP COURSES

◇ SMALL CLASSES

◇ STRONG ARTS, ATHLETICS

◇ SUMMER FRIENDS CAMPS

◇ QUALITY FACULTY

◇ QUAKER VALUES

16923 NORWOOD ROAD, SANDY SPRING, MD 20860
Phone: (301) 774-7455 Fax: (301) 924-1115

WWW.SSFS.ORG

Jakarta International School
*Looking for an Excellent School
for Your Children?*

Founded in 1951, JIS has a world-wide reputation as an institution of educational excellence with:

- outstanding facilities and opportunities for students aged 3-18
- a truly international curriculum, comprising the best from North American, European and Australasian educational systems
- excellent International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement results
- placement of students at first-rate universities around the world, including Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, Yale, Sydney, Keio, Seoul National
- academic offerings embracing 198 courses of study in the High School alone
- extensive co-curricular activities, including a wide variety of musical, cultural, sporting and service options.



For further information,
please contact
the JIS Admissions Office on
769-2555 ext. 16566, fax 750-7650
email: admissions@jisedu.or.id
or visit the JIS Home Page at
www.jisedu.org

A FUTURE OF GREAT POSSIBILITIES



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 214 360-6522

GIRLS: PRE-K – 12 GRADE
BOARDING 8TH – 12TH GRADE

THE HOCKADAY SCHOOL

11600 WELCH ROAD, DALLAS, TEXAS, 75229
214-363-6311

E-MAIL: SGRIFFIN@MAIL.HOCKADAY.ORG
WWW.HOCKADAY.ORG

Celebrating BREHM PREPARATORY SCHOOL, INC. Twenty Years

A college preparatory program committed to a family environment, addressing the academic, social & emotional needs of each student.

Empowering students with learning disabilities to recognize and optimize their full potential.



1245 E. Grand Ave., Carbondale, IL 62901
Ph: 618-457-0371 / Fax: 618-529-1248
www.brehm.org



A "World-Class" Education

(12 nations, 7 states)

Nestled in America's Heartland

- Rural Midwest, 60 miles from Chicago
- Small classes
- 6:1 student:faculty



LaLumiere College Prep

LaPorte, Indiana

admiss@lalumiere.org • www.lalumiere.org

Since 1903 educating in the Catholic tradition; welcoming all students

GARRISON FOREST A Boarding and Day School for Girls



- excellent college placement
- advanced placement courses
- superb offerings in arts, athletics
- full riding program with polo
- friendly, secure environment, 100 acre campus
- new athletic and dining facilities

Please call 410-363-1500

In Owings Mills, MD near Baltimore,
50 mi. from Washington, D.C. www.gfs.org

Intellect. Integrity. Spirit!

Olney Friends School



The wholesome alternative:
an intellectually challenging college
preparatory program within a supportive
Quaker community.

www.olneyfriends.org

1-800-303-4291

A co-ed boarding school for grades 9-12 in Barnesville, Ohio

small school . . .
BIG opportunities

WEST NOTTINGHAM ACADEMY
The Oldest Boarding School in America
Founded in 1744

HALLOCK SCHOLARSHIP
FOR AMERICAN FOREIGN SERVICE STUDENTS
FULL SCHOLARSHIP FOR JUNIOR & SENIOR YEARS
College Preparatory
Supportive Learning Environment
Coed Boarding & Day Programs for Upper School
Students from 7 Countries & 14 States

HEIDI K. L. SPRINKLE, DIRECTOR OF ADMISSION
410-658-5556, EXT. 210
90 MINUTES NORTH OF WASHINGTON, D.C. IN COLORA, MARYLAND

www.wna.org

One of Canada's finest Independent Schools offers:

- Academic excellence
- Average class size of 12
- Report cards monthly
- Safe, supportive school community
- Daily athletics
- Supervised study periods
- Rigorous outdoor education
- Unique International expeditions



Rosseau Lake College



Rosseau, Ontario
Co-ed, Gr. 7 to 12

admissions@rlc.on.ca 705-732-4351
www.rosseaulakecollege.com

Mercersburg

Mercersburg Academy is a highly competitive, coeducational boarding school of 430 students in grades 9-12, from 29 states and 20 nations.

Students choose Mercersburg for many reasons:

- 21 AP exams
- 28 varsity sports, 14 for girls and 14 for boys
- Outstanding visual and performance arts programs
- Endowment: \$125 million
- Convenient access to the international airports of Dulles, Baltimore-Washington, and Reagan.



Office of Admission
(717) 328-6173 • Fax (717) 328-6319
<http://www.mercersburg.edu>
300 East Seminary Street
Mercersburg, PA 17236-1551
admission@mercersburg.edu

Continued from page 46

Excellent resources are also available if you are looking for schools in the United States. The *National Center for Educational Statistics* is the primary federal entity collecting and analyzing data related to education in the United States. Its Web site (<http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/>) is a superb source for information on secondary schools throughout the United States. One can search for schools according to state, city or zip code. You can also limit your search to just public or private schools. Contact information, gender requirements (coed, etc.), affiliations, grades taught, number of students, student-teacher ratio and the ethnic diversity of the school are given in easily readable charts and graphs. You can even search for school libraries.

Special Needs

Online resources are especially important when one is searching for schools that can accommodate children with learning disabilities. An estimated 5 percent of students attending public schools have been diagnosed with a specific learning disability. Finding an appropriate school with well-trained staff is crucial to the success of these children.

The *National Center for Learning Disabilities* offers a comprehensive Web site (<http://www.nclld.org/map.cfm>). Even though it contains a wealth of information, the site has a clear, understandable format. For example, you can find schools and testing centers throughout the United States and some provinces of Canada by going to the "Resource Locator" hyperlink on the NCLD home page and searching by state or province. The Web site also includes information on warning signs and diagnosing learning disabilities, the latest legislation relevant to learning-disability issues and links to many advocacy groups.

The State Department Web sites mentioned earlier have excellent information and resources for finding overseas schools, including schools that accommodate students with learning disabilities. The Family Liaison Office

Continued on page 52

Students from 32 states and 12 countries meet at **Shattuck-St. Mary's School** for an outstanding academic experience in a secure, midwest campus community.

The student-faculty ratio is 7-1 and most teachers live on campus.

Other features include:

- ◆ Grades 6-12 ◆ Coed
- ◆ Boarding and Day
- ◆ Gateway 450X Notebook Computers for all students and teachers
- ◆ Outstanding coaching in drama, music and athletics
- ◆ 45 minutes from Minneapolis/St. Paul airport

Call 507-333-1618

Fax 507-333-1661

E-mail: admissions@s-sm.org

www.s-sm.org



SHATTUCK-ST. MARY'S SCHOOL

FARIBAULT, MN, 55021 U.S.A.

**DREAMS
COME
TRUE
HERE**



EXPECT



The World of Us.

Vibrant and diverse, exciting and smart: that's just the beginning at Washington International School. You can expect so much more: an International Baccalaureate curriculum and a strong commitment to language learning, math, science, and global citizenship. Your child will love the real world connections we make, and you'll love the broader perspective we provide.

See how well students can learn and how confident they can grow when the world is in the classroom. Whether you're just moving from overseas or a life-long Washingtonian looking for an enriched educational experience for your child, come visit soon.

Call 202-243-1815 today.

Prekindergarten to Grade 12



WASHINGTON INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Colegio Internacional de Washington • Ecole Internationale de Washington

Founded in 1881 as a preparatory school for Wellesley College, Dana Hall is an independent, boarding and day school for girls in grades 6-12. Rich in traditions, Dana Hall teaches lifelong learning through a rigorous curriculum within a supportive environment and diverse community.

- Advanced Placement courses in all disciplines
- Writing and Math Centers
- Riding Center
- School of Music
- Dynamic Visual and Performing Arts
- Varied and Competitive Athletic Program

Just 12 miles west of Boston

45 Dana Road • Wellesley, MA 02482
781-235-3010 x2202
www.danahall.org
admission@danahall.org



A World-Class American Education with European Style



Leysin American School
in Switzerland

- Building a Harmonious Community
- Providing an Academic Challenge
- Offering a Balanced Educational Program
- International Understanding

Coeducational, boarding, grades 9-12 and PG year. Located in a beautiful & safe Alpine Resort, above Lake Geneva, close to Montreux, Lausanne, & Geneva. Excellent US and International university/college placement



*Leysin American School in
Switzerland - US Admissions*
PO Box 7154 (F)
Portsmouth, NH 03802
603-431-7654
Fax 603-431-1280
e-mail usadmissions@las.ch

**Visit Our Website
at www.las.ch**

It's been 100 years since Quakers studied by candlelight. BUT THEIR TEACHINGS STILL HELP EACH OF US SHINE.

Join our close-knit family of students and faculty in an academic program guided by the rich Quaker tradition of respect for each individual. Our non-denominational college prep program cultivates conscience and compassion, right along with calculus and the classics. It encourages accomplishment, but demands tolerance.

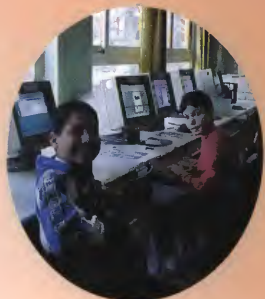


Be yourself. Be more.

OAKWOOD
FRIENDS SCHOOL

Poughkeepsie, NY • 75 Miles North of NYC • Grades 6-12 • Boarding & Day
www.oakwoodfriends.org • 1-800-843-3341

EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY



THE AMERICAN OVERSEAS SCHOOL OF ROME

Preserving a half-century of academic excellence by teaching children to learn how to learn.

Challenging curricula including the Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Programs.

Dedicated to teaching respect and understanding in an educational community with 600 students from 49 countries - of whom 40% are native English speakers - ensuring a smooth transition for Americans and a rich English language environment for ESL students

Committed to developing all the talents and abilities of students through rigorous academics, art, music, drama, athletics and support for students with special learning needs.

Preparing students for the future through cutting edge technology - featuring three computer labs and over 70 new Pentium computers.

Boarding program for 30 selected high school students.



College Acceptances for This Year Include:

Boston University
Brown University
Cornell University
London School of Economics
Miami University of Ohio

Ohio State University
Oxford University
Penn State
Temple University
U.S. Air Force Academy
University of Edinburgh

University of Illinois
University of Kent, Canterbury
University of Texas
Washington University



American Overseas School of Rome
Via Cassia, 811 - Rome, Italy 00189
Tel: 06.33438.1 - Fax: 06.3326.2608
website: www.aosr.org
email: aosr@aosr.org

**Providing Outstanding Education For The Rome
International Community For Over 50 Years**


CONSERVE
SCHOOL

ENVIRONMENT
ETHICS
INNOVATION

Accepting
applications
for grades 9,
10, and 11.

College Preparatory Boarding School

www.ConserveSchool.org ■ 866-547-1300



LAND O' LAKES, WISCONSIN 54540

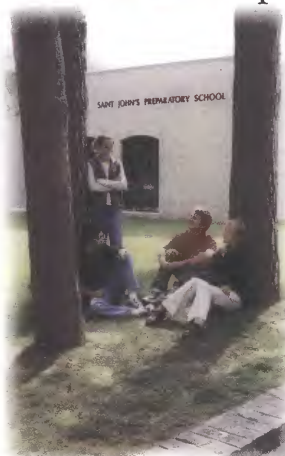
Continued from page 49

offers referrals to schools, hospitals, outpatient services and testing facilities; go to the "Special Educational Needs and the Foreign Service Child" hyperlink on the FLO Web site to access some of this information. You will find additional information in a book titled *Overseas Schools Attended by U.S. Government Dependent Children*, a compilation of evaluations by Foreign Service families of over 650 overseas schools.

Last, but not least, what about the increasingly utilized learning option of homeschooling? Although only about 2 percent of Foreign Service children are homeschooled, overall this is a growing trend in American society. To help these families, here are a couple of useful Web sites. *The American Homeschool Association* Web site (<http://www.americanhomeschoolassociation.org/index.html>) is comprehensive and easy to use. It offers suggestions for school supplies and resources to help with home-

Continued on page 61

+ Saint John's Preparatory School



Founded in 1857 by the Benedictine monks of Saint John's Abbey, Saint John's Prep is well known for its challenging college, preparatory curriculum in a quality, structured environment.

- Academic Rigor
- Spiritual Growth
- Honors classes; 8 advanced placement classes
- Courses for college credit at Saint John's University and the College of Saint Benedict
- Enrolling boarding students in grades 9-12
- Campus is located on 2,400 acres of woods and lakes, just 10 minutes west of St. Cloud, Minnesota and 1 1/2 hrs west of the Mpls/St. Paul Airport

Saint John's Preparatory School
PO Box 4000
Collegeville, MN 56321
(320) 363-3321

Email: admitprep@csbsju.edu • Web Site: <http://www.csbsju/sjprep>

State Department Links

- <http://www.state.gov/www/flo/> — Family Liaison Office
- <http://state.gov/m/dghr/flo/c1958.htm> — FLO Education and Youth Officer
- <http://www.state.gov/www/about/state/schools/index.html> — Office of Overseas Schools

Other Sites of Interest

- <http://www.edulink.com/> — Ed-U-Link Services
- <http://www.artschools.com/> — ArtSchools.com
- <http://www.ibo.org> — International Baccalaureate Organization
- <http://www.schools.com> — The Association of Boarding Schools
- <http://nces.ed.gov/globallocator/> — National Center for Educational Statistics
- <http://www.ncld.org/map.cfm> — National Center for Learning Disabilities
- <http://www.americanhomeschoolassociation.org/index.html> — American Homeschool Association
- <http://www.nhen.org> — National Home Education Network

study the
arts at
interlochen



- 500+ student performances annually
- World-renowned guest artists
- Distinguished faculty
- Small classes
- A diverse artistic community



arts camp

(June - August)

- America's first and foremost summer arts program
- For ages 8-18
- Creative Writing, Dance, Music, Theatre, Visual Arts

arts academy

(September - May)

- Premiere U.S. fine arts boarding high school
- College-prep academics plus intensive arts curriculum
- Safe, nurturing environment with dedicated faculty and staff

★ **2003 Application Deadline:**
February 15

Interlochen
www.interlochen.org
231.276.7472



**CARDIGAN
MOUNTAIN
SCHOOL**

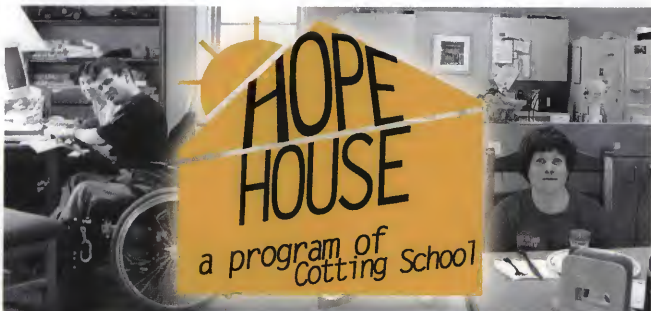
AN INDEPENDENT BOARDING
SCHOOL FOR BOYS IN GRADES
6 - 9, LOCATED IN CANAAN,
NEW HAMPSHIRE, 30 MINUTES
FROM DARTMOUTH COLLEGE.



Cardigan Mountain School seeks to educate
adolescent boys in *mind,*
body, and spirit, in a small
residential community
that values each student
in its care.



Canaan, New Hampshire 03741 • 603.523.3548 • www.cardigan.org



Need a *special* boarding school
for your *special* young adult?

Cotting School's HOPE House is a vocationally oriented postgraduate residence for young adults with disabilities. The program focuses on increasing confidence and independence at home, work, and in the community. **For more information, contact:** Janine Brown-Smith, Director of Admissions • 453 Concord Avenue, Lexington, MA 02421 (781) 862-7323 • jbrownsmith@cotting.org • www.cottinghopehouse.org

Having the **O**ppportunity to **P**rogress through **E**xperience



THE TASIS SCHOOLS IN EUROPE

Founded in 1956, TASIS is the longest established American boarding school in Europe.

- ◆ Magnificent campuses near Lugano, Switzerland, and London, England
- ◆ Co-educational; Day Students, Pre-K-12; Boarding, 7-12; Post Graduate year
- ◆ Challenging and diverse curricula: US College Prep, Advanced Placement Program, International Baccalaureate
- ◆ Extensive Travel, Sports, Art, Drama, Music, and Activities
- ◆ Outstanding university placement record
- ◆ Exciting summer programs offering foreign language and enrichment courses
- ◆ Scholarships for Foreign Service children

Please contact: The TASIS Schools, 1640 Wisconsin Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20007 • Tel: (202) 965 5800 • Fax: (202) 965 5816
E-mail: usadmissions@tasis.com • Web site: www.tasis.com

ST. ANDREW'S-SEWANEE SCHOOL

- Coed, college preparatory boarding school.
- Diverse student body from 20 states and 12 countries.
- Scenic, safe 550-acre mountaintop campus in Tennessee, near Atlanta and Nashville.
- Students may take courses for college credit at the adjacent University of the South.
- Noted Outdoor Adventure Program which uses the mountain setting for caving, rock climbing, mountain biking and kayaking.
- Students may enroll throughout the year.



www.sasweb.org

Tele: 931.598.5651 • FAX: 931.598.0039
290 Quintard Rd. Sewanee, Tenn. 37375

Schools at a glance

See our web page www.aisa.org and click on the marketplace tab.

School Name	Advertisement Page No.	Enrollment	Gender Distribution - M/F	Percent Boarding	Percent International	Levels Offered	Common Application	Accepts/Others ADD and LD	Miles to Int'l Airport	Int'l Students Orientation	Dorms w/E-mail, phones	Holiday Break Coverage	Annual Tuition, Room & Board (USD)
-------------	------------------------	------------	---------------------------	------------------	-----------------------	----------------	--------------------	---------------------------	------------------------	----------------------------	------------------------	------------------------	------------------------------------

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Cardigan Mountain	53	180	All boys	95	20	6-9	N	N	130	Y	Y	N	30,450
North Country School	43	78	58/42	95	16	4-9	Y	Y	125	Y	Y	N	32,500

JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Dana Hall	50	454	All girls	50	11	6-12	Y	N	12	Y	Y	N	30,210
Hampshire Country School	60	21	All boys	100	15	3-12	Y	Y/N	74	N	N	N	36,500
Hockaday School	47	1,010	All girls	9	1	PK-12	Y	Y	30	Y	Y	Y	30,170
Oakwood Friends School	50	140	55/45	55	5	6-12	Y	Y	35	N	N	N	25,900
Perkiomen School	44	275	60/40	60	20	5-12,PG	Y	Y	50	Y	Y	N	29,300
Rosseau Lake College	48	160	60/40	63	25	7-12	Y	N	150	Y	N	N	18,500*
Sandy Spring Friends School	46	520	47/53	19	12	PK-12	Y	N	20	Y	Y	N	11,625-27,900
Shattuck - St. Mary's School	49	300	61/39	80	15	6-12,PG	Y	N	45	Y	Y	N	25,600
St. Andrew's Sewanee	54	251	55/45	50	10	9-12	Y	N	60	Y	Y	Y	26,760
Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart	58	794	All girls	0	2	JK-12	N	N	15	N	Y	N	16,000
Washington Int'l School	49	821	49/51	0	37	PK-12	N	Limited	8	Y	NA	NA	16,500-18,380
West Nottingham	48	198	65/35	65	17	6-12,PG	Y	Y	50	N	Y	N	26,380

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Conserve School	52	160	50/50	100	5	9-12	N	N	250	Y	Y	Y	25,000
Episcopal High School	44	415	58/42	100	6	9-12	Y	N	10	Y	Y	Y	27,600
Fountain Valley School	59	225	45/55	65	16	9-12	Y	N	70	Y	Y	Y	27,350
Foxcroft School	58	183	All girls	75	13	9-12, PG	Y	N	30	Y	N	Y	29,750
Garrison Forest School	47	215	All girls	40	10	9-12	Y	N	35	Y	Y	N	30,250
Grier School	58	184	All girls	100	50	7-12	Y	Y	120	N	Y	Limited	26,900
Gunnery	61	271	60/40	70	15	9-12,PG	Y	N	60	Y	Y	N	30,100
Interlocken Art Academy	53	800	50/50	100	20	4-12,PG	N	N	16	Y	Y	N	23,000
Idylwild Arts Academy	43	250	40/60	85	27	8-12,PG	Y	N	120	Y	Y	N	31,900
La Lumiere School	47	120	52/48	45	20	9-12	Y	N	70	Y	Y	Y	20,450
Mercersburg Academy	48	430	55/45	90	11	9-12,PG	Y	N	50	Y	Y	N	28,700
Northfield Mount Hermon	58	1,130	51/49	79	25	9-12,PG	N	Limited	70	Y	Y	N	28,950
Olney Friends School	48	65	50/50	90	23	9-12	N	N	100	N	N	N	18,100
Sandy Spring Friends School	46	207	50/50	18	12	9-12	Y	N	20	Y	Y	Y	19,500-24,050
St. Catherine's School	56	285	All girls	26	15	9-12	Y	N	10	N	Y	N	24,500
St. John's Preparatory School	52	260	51/49	35	17	9-12,PG	Y	N	75	Y	Y	Y	20,848
White Mountain School	60	94	60/40	80	10	9-12,PG	Y	Y	100	Y	N/Y	N	30,950

MILITARY SCHOOLS

Oak Ridge Military Academy	44	240	85/15	85	30	7-12,PG	N	Y	7	Y	N	Y	20,000
----------------------------	----	-----	-------	----	----	---------	---	---	---	---	---	---	--------

* \$29,650 Canadian

CONTINUED ON PAGE 57



One of the most compelling reasons to board at St. Catherine's? We're also a day school.



All the advantages of a day/boarding school come together in St. Catherine's. Your daughter will have the opportunity to study subjects from programming to Chinese; to participate in activities from the performing arts to sports and community service; and to interact with young women from around Richmond, the U.S. and the world. And she'll live in a city where history, culture and fun events are part of the landscape. Call 804-288-2804 or 1-800-648-4982; or come visit us at www.st.catherines.org or at 6001 Grove Avenue, Richmond, VA 23226. Day in and day out, boarding here is an enriching experience.

Boarding 9-12
St. Catherine's School welcomes qualified students without regard to race, color, and national or ethnic origin.

Inspire the best in your child with the best in homeschooling.



- **Best education**

A time-tested, rich, academically stimulating and accredited program featuring textbooks from a wide range of publishers

- **Best service**

Payment plans, Re-use programs, and customer service to meet the needs of homeschool families

- **Best fit**

Flexibility of math placement, pacing, and enrichment programs with the structure of a comprehensive curriculum, providing the peace of mind of an education with no gaps

- **Best use of time**

Detailed lesson plans, answer keys, and access to education professionals to make the most of instructional time

- **Best accreditation**

Internationally recognized, Calvert is accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges & Schools, and by CITA — the Commission on International & Transregional Accreditation

- **Best results**

Placement to ensure the child is working at the most appropriate level and testing to confirm achievement

Calvert  **School**

For a free catalog, call **1.888.487.4652**
or visit **www.calvertschool.org**

FSJ1002

Schools at a glance

See our web page www.afsa.org and click on the marketplace tab.



HOMESCHOOLING / ELEMENTARY SCHOOL / SPECIAL NEEDS SCHOOL

Brehm Schools	47,59	90	70/30	94	4	6-12,PG	N	All ADD/LD	110	Y	Y	N	41,695
Calvert School	Homeschooling program. K-8. For more information go to www.calvertschool.org												
Cotting School	53	121	50/50	0	0	3-22	N	Y	15	N	Y	Y	39,500
Forman School	59	152	70/30	87	7	9-12	N	Y	45	Y	Y	N	39,000
Gow School, The	57	143	All boys	100	12	7-12,PG	N	All LD	20	Y	Y	N	33,600
Rock Creek International School	61	170	40/60	0	80	PK-8	N	N	20	Y	NA	Y	15,500
Vanguard School	60	143	60/40	95	30	5-12,PG	N	N	50	Y	Y	N	29,900

OVERSEAS SCHOOLS

American Overseas School of Rome	51	600	50/50	7	70	PK-PG	N	Y	30	Y	Y	N	21,000-25,000
Jakarta School	For more information go to www.jisesd.org												
Leysein American in Switzerland	50	330	58/42	100	65	9-12,PG	Y	Limited	75	Y	Y	N	31,000
TASIS-American School in England	54	700	51/49		35	PK-13	Y	Limited	120	Y	N	Y	30,400*
TASIS - Switzerland	54	325	50/50	84	100	7-12	N	N	120	N	N	Y	30,400

*20,190 pounds sterling

THE GOW SCHOOL

The Gow School is a college preparatory school for young men, grades 7 - postgrad with

Dyslexia

or Similar Language Based Learning Differences.

Phone: (716) 652-3450 or
email: admissions@gow.org
South Wales, New York, USA



Visit us at www.gow.org

The Best at Home



At **FOXCROFT**, young women prepare for college and for life. Students discover and enhance their academic and personal strengths, taking full advantage of an outstanding faculty. Exceptional extracurricular opportunities and nine sports teams including an equestrian team enrich the Foxcroft experience. Our beautiful, safe 500 acre campus is 50 miles from Washington, D.C. Foreign Service Scholarships are available.

Building confidence through accomplishment

FOXCROFT

S C H O O L

GIRLS, GRADES 9-12
BOARDING AND DAY
MIDDLEBURG, VA

(800) 858-2364
admissions@foxcroft.org
www.foxcroft.org

Stone Ridge

SCHOOL OF THE SACRED HEART

Catholic, Independent, College Preparatory
School for Girls (JK-Grade 12); Coed (JK-K)

...Educates to a personal and active faith in God; a deep respect for intellectual values; a social awareness which impels to action; the building of community as a Christian value; and personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom.

Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart
9101 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
301-657-4322, ext. 321
www.stoneridge.org



The Grier School

A Boarding School for Girls



E-mail: admissions@grier.org
URL: <http://www.grier.org>
phone: 814 684 3000
fax: 814 684 2177

college-prep academics, athletics, arts, dance, horseback riding

A coeducational, college preparatory school enrolls 950 boarding and 200 day students in grades 9-12 and post-graduate. Dynamic, well-balanced community serves students from 60 countries and 45 states.



Northfield Mount Hermon
S c h o o l

- 200 academic courses, includes 24 AP courses
- Avg. class size 13
- 6:1 student to teacher ratio
- 12 study abroad opportunities yearly
- 7 languages taught
- Individualized college counseling

NMH provides focus, opportunity and individual attention on all fronts - academic, social, artistic and athletic. Head of School Richard W. Mueller NMH '62; Career Foreign Service, most recently as Consul General to Hong Kong.

206 Main Street, Northfield, MA 01360
email: webmaster@nmhschool.org
website: www.nmhschool.org
Phone: 413-498-3227

The Forman School

Where students who have learning differences acquire strategies that they need to succeed in college and beyond.

Forman offers:

3:1 Student:Teacher Ratio
Strong Academic Programs
Full Range of Athletics
Daily Strategies Instruction
with Learning Specialists
Theater and Studio Arts
Leadership Building Programs

Forman is a coeducational, college preparatory school of approximately 180 boarding and day students, grades 9-12.

*For more information contact the Admissions Office: 12 Norfolk Rd., P.O. Box 80, Litchfield, CT 06759-0080; Phone: (860) 567-1802
E-mail: admissions@formanschool.org
www.formanschool.org*

OPTIONS



PROGRAM at Brehm

A post secondary program capturing & directing the most important moments of a student's transition to college and/or career.

Empowering students with learning disabilities to recognize and optimize their full potential.



1245 E. Grand Ave., Carbondale, IL 62901
Ph: 618-457-0371 / Fax: 618-529-1248
www.brehm.org




*Fountain Valley School
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80911
Phone: 719-390-7035
Fax: 719-390-7762
E-mail: admis@fvs.edu
Web site: www.fvs.edu*

Fountain Valley School of Colorado

**70-year Tradition of Excellence
Academics, Arts and Athletics**

Coeducational, College-preparatory, Boarding and Day, Grades 9-12

- Rigorous academics—AP and honors classes in every discipline—prepare students for highly selective colleges and universities (100% college matriculation).
- Outstanding programs in art, athletics, horseback riding and outdoor education
- Average class size 12, and 5:1 student to faculty ratio
- Magnificent campus with excellent science, technology, arts, athletics and residence hall facilities
- Strong advising system with student leadership opportunities
- 225 students from 12 countries and 15 states



THE VANGUARD SCHOOL
*Where youngsters with learning problems
become young adults of promise!*

Offering Grades 5 - 12 & 13
Coeducational Boarding & Day School
Individualized Instruction and Programming
Recreational Program/Clubs/Social Activities
Post-Secondary Planning and ACT Testing
Interscholastic and Intramural Sports
Fully-Accredited Program

22000 US Highway 27, Lake Wales, Florida 33859
863-676-6091 v FAX 863-676-8297

www.vanguardschool.org

Are there team sports
at the school?



*What foreign
languages
are offered?*

Is there an accelerated math class?

Independent School Options

*Working with families to find the
best school for each child*

703-671-8316

www.independentschooloptions.org

Small School. Big Outdoors.

Traditional College Preparatory, Coeducational
Grades 9-12 & Post-Graduate
International Community Service
Excellent College Placement
Faculty/Student Ratio 1:4

Backpacking, Mountain Biking,
Paddling & Kayaking, Rock & Ice Climbing,
Skiing, Snowboarding, Soccer and Lacrosse

**THE
WHITE MOUNTAIN
SCHOOL**

Bethlehem, New Hampshire
www.whitemountain.org
1.800.545.7813

Photo by:
Cate Doucette '00

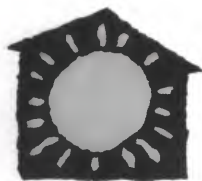
HAMPSHIRE COUNTRY SCHOOL

*A small boarding school for high ability boys aged
8 -15 years old who need the extra structure,
personal attention and sense of belonging that can
be found only in a very small school community.*

- Seven day boarding for 25 boys
- Usual grade levels 4 - 10
- Classes of 4 to 7 students
- Family style dorms of 6 to 8 students
- Recreational soccer, softball, hiking, horseback riding, tennis, music, and art
- 1700 acres of woods, fields, ponds, hills and streams
- A good opportunity for certain high ability students with nonverbal learning disabilities or attention problems.

William Dickerman, Headmaster
122 Hampshire Road
Rindge, NH 03461

Telephone: 603-899-3325 Fax: 603-899-6521
E-mail: hampshirecountry@monad.net
www.hampshirecountryschool.com



ROCK CREEK INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Ecole Internationale Rock Creek
Colegio Internacional Rock Creek

EDUCATING
CHILDREN
IN TWO
LANGUAGES

See our web
page at
www.rcis.org

Full bilingual curriculum
Spanish/English French/English Arabic/English

Now offering Pre-K to Grade 8

International Baccalaureate's Primary Years Programme

Inquiry-based, integrated and transdisciplinary learning Small classes,
caring environment in an international community

Extended Day, Transportation

Summer Language Immersion Program

1550 Foxhall Road, Washington, DC, 20007
For more information call our Admission Office at (202) 965-8900

Continued from page 52

schooling, as well as access to numerous newsletters and magazines such as *Home Education Magazine* and relevant books (including links to the authors). They also provide the latest legislation pertaining to homeschooling.

You can also search for local, state and national homeschooling support groups through the site's link to the *National Home Education Network* (<http://www.nhen.org>). The AHA site should be your principal resource as it is much better designed and more user-friendly, but the NHEN site does contain useful information as well. (Once again, the State Department's FLO Web site also has some basic information on homeschooling.)

Benjamin Franklin wrote, "Genius without education is like silver in the mine." Whatever your child's educational needs, these online resources should help you polish that silver to its full shine. ■

A new home. A new school. A new opportunity.

Why do international students at The Gunnery feel right at home so soon? Located just two hours from New York City, we're passionate about creating a true sense of community for our 270 boarding and day boys and girls, 38 of whom are international students from 11 different countries. Because our founding ideals of developing both intellect and character haven't changed since 1850, we take social responsibility as seriously as we do academics and athletics. Stunning scenery, extraordinary new facilities, and an entirely wireless campus all make the Gunnery an outstanding choice. But it's the drive for lifelong accomplishment we instill in our students that makes us most proud.



Please call admissions or visit our website for more information
www.gunnery.org • 860-888-2334 • admissions@gunnery.org
99 Green Hill Road, Washington, Connecticut 06793



IN MEMORY

The Foreign Service Is Indebted to Her...

Helen L. Vogel, 92, special assistant to the president of the American Foreign Service Association from 1968 to 1975 and wife of the late FSO Frederick Vogel, died of cardiovascular disease Aug. 31 at the Manor Care facility in Silver Spring, Md. She had moved to Silver Spring in 1999, after living in Naples, Fla.

Helen Vogel played a very special role in AFSA, which will never be forgotten. Mrs. Vogel served as the special assistant to the president of AFSA from 1968 to 1975, during the ascendance of the "Young Turks," the reform-minded FSOs who led AFSA's transformation into a white-collar union and won recognition for AFSA as the exclusive bargaining agent for the Foreign Service.

"When I spent the year 1972-73 on leave without pay from the Foreign Service to work full-time as AFSA chairman (the job is now called president), Helen Vogel worked with me as administrative assistant and secretary," said Ambassador William Harrop, remembering Mrs. Vogel. "This was before we knew the title of Office Management Specialist; she had retired from a career in the Foreign Service Staff Corps," he said.

"It was a trying period during which we succeeded in having AFSA elected Exclusive Employee Representative of the Foreign Service in State, USAID and USIA, while at the same time addressing a number of difficult professional issues," Harrop recalled. "Ms. Vogel's contribution was critical, and the Foreign Service is in her debt.

"Helen Vogel was a fine person to whom we owe a great deal. Loyal, honest, dependable, efficient, but also inner-directed," Harrop added. "She supported all we were doing because she believed in it."

F. Allen "Tex" Harris, AFSA president from 1993 to 1997, also paid tribute to Mrs. Vogel. "Helen was a wonderful woman and a true stalwart in AFSA's early days of becoming a union. She brought so much to AFSA, and believed so strongly in what we were doing for the Foreign Service. Hers was a truly beautiful life. We miss her," Harris stated.

A native of Kissimmee, Fla., Mrs. Vogel was a graduate of Duff's Iron City Commercial College in Pittsburgh. She married Frederick Vogel, a forester and agricultural specialist then with the U.S. Forestry Service, in 1933. From 1951 through the late 1960s, Mrs. Vogel accompanied her husband on foreign postings with the first American development assistance effort, President Truman's Point IV program, the International Cooperation Administration and USAID to Tegucigalpa, Asuncion, Kathmandu, Ankara, Istanbul, Kabul and Saigon. In Kabul, Mrs. Vogel worked as a secretary for the USAID mission director in Afghanistan.

Friends of the Vogels recall that they were a great Foreign Service couple, whose lives were filled with joy, family, and many friends, activities and achievements. Frederick Vogel died in 1979.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathleen McNally of Silver Spring, Md., and Suzanne Dorr of Naples, Fla.; and a sister.

Francine Miller, 76, wife of retired FSO William F. Miller, died in Amancey, France, on Oct. 16, the eve of her 77th birthday. She accompanied her husband on assignments to Paris, Luxembourg, Brussels, Abidjan, Tanarive and Stuttgart.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her husband, three children and six grandchildren.



Blanche M. Anderson, 71, wife of retired FSO Donald M. Anderson, died Oct. 5 at Georgetown University Hospital in Washington, D.C., of complications due to cancer surgery. Mrs. Anderson was a teacher, manager of international education programs, and a participant in many major developments in U.S.-China relations. At the time of her death she was a resident of Alexandria, Va.

Blanche Anderson was born in Baton Rouge, La., and began her teaching career there, but moved with her husband to Washington, D.C. after his entry into the Foreign Service. Assignments in Taiwan and Hong Kong gave her the opportunity to use her teaching skills in English language training and in setting up a hotel services training program for Chinese refugees during the famine following China's Great Leap Forward in 1962. Upon return to Washington in 1967, she taught at Cardozo High School during the civil rights movement and the riots following the assassination of Martin Luther King. From 1975 to 1977 Mrs. Anderson taught history and econom-

IN MEMORY

ics at the Hong Kong International School.

Following her husband's assignments in New Delhi and Paris, she accompanied him to Beijing as part of the small group that set up the first American presence in China in 23 years. There she was a key player in creating a positive and cooperative community in a very tightly controlled environment. After normalization of U.S.-China relations in 1979, she returned to China with her husband, who served as the first American consul general in Shanghai in 30 years. There she assisted in establishing the return of the Shanghai American School and re-establishment of the U.S. presence in Shanghai.

During her husband's assignments in Washington from 1977 to 1980 and from 1983 to 1986, Mrs. Anderson managed the East Asian program for the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, accompanying several delegations of university presidents to northeast and southeast Asia. During her husband's final assignment in the Foreign Service, as consul general in Hong Kong, she and Mr. Anderson devoted their efforts to the problems of Vietnamese refugees and the tragedy at Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Mrs. Anderson is survived by her husband; two daughters, Susan Anderson Smith of Alexandria, Va. and Jeanne Anderson Hulit of Falmouth, Maine; and two grandchildren, Katherine D. Hulit and David A. Hulit.

Rhoda Thompson, 75, wife of retired FSO Herbert B. Thompson, died Oct. 4 at Suburban Hospital in Washington, D.C., where she had been a volunteer.

Mrs. Thompson was born in California. From 1949 to the mid-1970s, she accompanied her husband on postings to Spain, Bolivia, Argentina, Panama and Mexico. Mrs. Thompson was with her husband in Santiago, where he was DCM and later charge d'affaires, when the Salvador Allende government was overthrown in a violent coup in 1973. Following Ambassador Thompson's retirement in 1980, after representing the U.S. at the Organization of American States, the Thompsons settled in Washington.

There Mrs. Thompson continued the charitable activities that had been the hallmark of her service abroad. She served on the Auxiliary Board of the Episcopal Center for Children and was a parishioner and volunteer at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. She spoke Spanish and had studied flamenco dancing. She regularly attended the lectures at the DACOR Bacon House.

Mrs. Thompson is survived by her husband, a son and daughter living in New Hampshire, and a granddaughter.

Culver Gleysteen, 78, retired FSO, died on Sept. 22 of cardiac arrest at the Wayland Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Wayland, Mass. Mr. Gleysteen specialized in U.S.-Soviet relations during his 30-year diplomatic career, with postings in the Soviet Union during the leadership of Josef Stalin, Nikita Khrushchev and Leonid Brezhnev.

Born in Jenkinstown, Pa., Mr. Gleysteen was raised in China, where his parents were Presbyterian missionaries. He served in the U.S. Navy as a commissioned officer during World War II, and received his B.A.

and M.A. degrees from Yale University in 1944 and 1947, respectively.

Mr. Gleysteen joined the Foreign Service in 1947 and, fluent in Chinese, was posted as a vice consul to Dairen, Manchuria. That tour of duty ended when Communist forces gained control of China in 1949. He was assigned to the Foreign Service Institute to improve his Russian in 1950, and later that year was sent to Moscow as a political officer. In 1952 he was transferred to Bonn, and in 1953 to Jakarta. Returning to Washington in 1956, Mr. Gleysteen worked primarily in the Bureau of Intelligence and Research. In 1960, he was sent again to Moscow as a political officer.

He returned to Washington in 1962 to spend a year at the Naval War College, after which he was assigned to Paris, where, during the war in Vietnam, he participated in preliminary negotiations leading to the peace talks. In 1966 he was detailed to the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. Mr. Gleysteen's third posting to the USSR was as consul general in Leningrad in 1970.

After a final Washington assignment, during which he negotiated a communications channel between the U.S. and Cuban governments and the opening of "interest section" offices in Washington and Havana, Mr. Gleysteen retired in 1978 and moved to Long Island. At his death, he was living in Wayland, Mass. and East Boothbay, Maine.

Mr. Gleysteen is survived by his wife, the former Elizabeth Morner, of Wayland and East Boothbay; four sons, Peter, of Larchmont, N.Y., Nicholas, of Weston, Mass., Jan, of Wellesley, Mass., and Marcus, of Lincoln, Mass.; a sister, Ms. Anne Gleysteen Kramer, of New York City;

a brother, retired FSO William H. Gleysteen, Jr., of Washington, D.C.; and eight grandchildren.

Louis A. Wiesner, 86, retired FSO, author and humanitarian, died Sept. 20 in Meredith, N.H., of respiratory failure. Mr. Wiesner played a prominent role in the International Rescue Committee, one of the largest nonreligious groups helping refugees around the world.

Mr. Wiesner was born April 14, 1916, in Port Huron, Mich. He earned his B.S. at Michigan State University in 1937 and his M.A. in history at Harvard in 1938, where he was also a Graduate Assistant and Teaching Fellow from 1939 to 1942. Before joining the Foreign Service in 1944, Mr. Wiesner was a Research Secretary at the Council on Foreign Relations (1942-43) and then a Research Analyst at the Office of Strategic Services (1943-44).

Early in his Foreign Service career, during the period of the Allied Military Government (1945-1949), Mr. Wiesner was stationed in Germany. There he played a major role in helping anti-Nazi democratic elements defeat attempts by the Soviets and their German Communist subordinates to take over the labor unions and the Social Democratic Party in West Berlin and West Germany. Mr. Wiesner remained a friend of such leaders as Ernst Reuter and Willy Brandt for many years thereafter.

During his service in Vietnam (1967-1970), first as U.S. disaster relief coordinator and subsequently as regional refugee chief, Louis Wiesner took exception to the tactic employed by many of the troop commanders of

directing aerial bombing and ground artillery fire against populated areas. He argued that these tactics were not only inhumane, but were also counterproductive in that they alienated the local population and made them susceptible to communist persuasion. His unrelenting exposure of such tactics and his recommendation of militarily feasible alternatives helped bring about new policies at the highest levels of the American and Vietnamese commands. Significantly, Mr. Wiesner took exception to similar tactics during the recent bombing of Afghanistan.

In 1975 Mr. Wiesner retired from the Foreign Service, after serving as Director of the Office of Refugees and Migration. He then joined the International Rescue Committee, which had been founded in 1933 at the suggestion of Albert Einstein to help Jews escape from Nazi Germany and later broadened its mandate to cover all refugees and displaced people.

Mr. Wiesner's most important contribution to the IRC was to create its Medical Programs Division, which he directed from 1975 to 1984. He was instrumental in recruiting Dr. James Strickler, retired dean of the Dartmouth Medical School, who is now co-chairman of the IRC. In 1980, Mr. Wiesner assisted in establishing programs in Pakistan to assist the more than three million refugees from Afghanistan. These programs have continued for more than 22 years, and today the IRC is one of the leading organizations working inside Afghanistan to assist refugees as they return home in unprecedented numbers.

After retiring from the IRC in 1984, Mr. Wiesner became a member of the board and the executive com-

mittee, where he continued to play a leadership role in guiding the organization. During this period Mr. Wiesner also pursued the research that culminated in his scholarly study of refugees in Vietnam, *Victims and Survivors: Displaced Persons and Other War Victims in Vietnam, 1954-1975* (Greenwood Press, 1988).

In addition to his commitment to the International Rescue Committee, Mr. Wiesner was a member of the American Foreign Service Association, Diplomatic and Consular Officers Retired (DACOR), the National Wildlife Federation, the Audubon Society of N.H., and the Nature Conservancy.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Elizabeth Phenix Wiesner, and their children, Jonathan of Waccabuc, N.Y., Elizabeth of South Tamworth, N.H., Margaret of Tamworth, N.H., and Andrew of Dover, N.H., as well as two grandchildren, Britta and Spencer.

Clifton B. Naughton, 82, retired FSO, editor and pilot, died of a terminal illness at the Monadnock Community Hospital in Jaffrey, N.H., on Sept. 7.

Mr. Naughton was born in Clarksburg, W. Va., on Jan. 5, 1920, and spent his formative years in Winston-Salem, N.C. He graduated from the University of California at Berkeley, and served in the Marine Corps during world War II, where he saw combat at Iwo Jima and was awarded the Purple Heart.

In the 1950s, prior to joining the Foreign Service, Mr. Naughton was invited by the Italian television network RAI to Turin to supervise the organization of future programs.

IN MEMORY



During his 20-year Foreign Service career, Mr. Naughton served with the U.S. Information Agency in Italy, Bolivia, Peru, Laos, Argentina and Washington, D.C. He was also posted to Saigon in the 1960s, after being selected to attend the Armed Forces Staff College. All of these assignments enhanced his lifelong talent for languages and his appreciation of foreign cultures.

Mr. Naughton retired from the Foreign Service in 1980, but remained in Buenos Aires as publications director of the American Chamber of Commerce and as a foreign business consultant. When he returned to the U.S. in 1985, Mr. Naughton continued to employ his

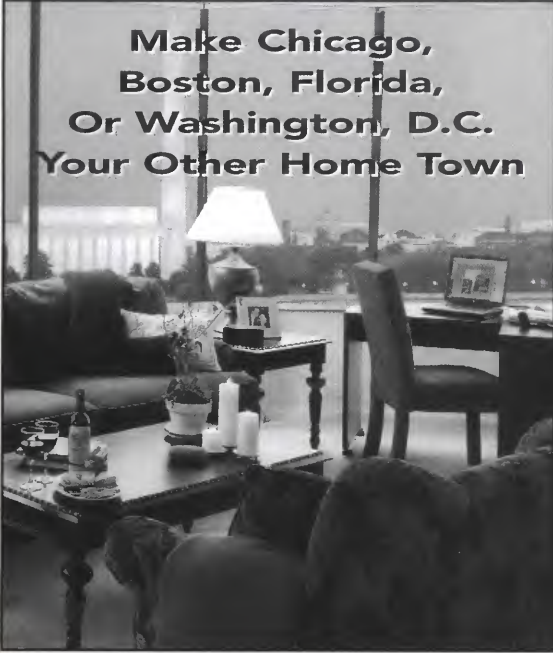
writing expertise as senior editor of *Pro Pilot* magazine, and then as director of editorial services at the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association in Frederick, Md. He retired to the Monadnock region of New Hampshire in May 2002.

Survivors include two daughters, D'Arcy Lord of Camberley, England, and Corinna Lecca of Queens, N.Y.; a sister, Phyllis Neilson of Charlotte, N.C.; and a brother, William Naughton, of Arlington, Texas. Mr. Naughton's eldest daughter, Sheila Becker, predeceased him. The family requests that donations in his memory be made to the Air Safety Foundation of the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association of Frederick, Md.

Raymond L. Harrell, 96, retired FSO and U.S. Navy lieutenant commander, died on Aug. 15 at his home in Cocoa Beach, Fla.

Mr. Harrell was born in the Philippines on Oct. 29, 1905, the son of a U.S. Army officer. Mr. Harrell worked in the area of public communications following graduation from the U.S. Naval Academy. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

In 1945, Mr. Harrell was appointed attaché in the auxiliary Foreign Service at Bogota, with subsequent temporary details to Havana, San Jose and Panama. He was a member of the U.S. delegation to the meeting of technicians on the North American Regional Broadcasting Agreement in



**Make Chicago,
Boston, Florida,
Or Washington, D.C.
Your Other Home Town**

Whatever you have to do, wherever you have to be in any of those cities, there's no better ending for a busy day than coming home. Smith Corporate Living will have a fully furnished, beautifully appointed apartment home waiting for you.

- Completely furnished apartments
- Fully-equipped kitchens
- All utilities included
- 25" color TV with VCR and basic cable
- Local telephone service with voicemail
- Government per diem honored
- No security deposit

Call Toll Free **888-324-4972**
or **703-769-1266**
SmithLiving.com

Charles E. Smith
corporate living
Just Like Home.



IN MEMORY



Havana in 1947. He served as attaché in Havana (1950-1952) and Mexico City (1953-1955), and as first secretary, consular in Mexico City (1955-1957). Mr. Harrell served in the foreign affairs office at the State Department from 1957 to 1959, and in 1960 was posted to Bonn as first secretary and civilian air attaché.

Mr. Harrell settled in Cocoa Beach in 1974. He was a member of the American Foreign Service Association, the Space Coast Chapter of the United States Naval Academy Alumni Association, and the Patrick Officer's Club. He was also a regular usher at St. David's by the Sea Episcopal Church in Cocoa Beach. Cmdr. Harrell had a Navy burial at sea.

Ruth Colton, 81, a former kindergarten teacher and wife of retired FSO Ernest J. Colton, died of cancer Oct. 10, 2001, at Inova Fairfax Hospital in Fairfax, Va.

Mrs. Colton was born in Neustrelitz, Germany. During the 1930s, she immigrated to England, where she was a kindergarten teacher during World War II. In 1946 she married Ernest J. Colton, and subsequently accompanied him on U.S. Information Agency assignments in Bremen, Hamburg, Munich, Berlin and Freiburg in Germany, and in Vienna and Cape Town, South Africa. In the mid-1950s, her husband was posted to the Washington area, and Mrs. Colton taught kindergarten at

the Chichester School in Alexandria.

The Coltons settled in the Washington, D.C. area permanently in 1978, residing in North Springfield, Va.

In addition to her husband of 55 years, survivors include two children, David Colton of Lorton, Va., and Esther Colton of Berlin. ■

Please send your
In Memory item to:
FSJ, 2101 E Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C. 20037, or
e-mail to journal@afsa.org, or
fax to (202) 338-8244.

An Invitation For Summer Fiction

Once again the *FSJ* is seeking works of fiction of up to 3,000 words for its annual summer fiction issue. Story lines or characters involving the Foreign Service are preferred, but not required. The top stories, selected by the *Journal's* Editorial Board, will receive simultaneous publication in the July/August issue and on the *Journal's* Web site. The writer of each story will receive an honorarium of \$250, payable upon publication.

All stories must be previously unpublished. Submissions should be unsigned and accompanied by a cover sheet with author's name, address, telephone numbers and e-mail address.

**Deadline for submissions is April 1.
No exceptions.**

Please send submissions to the attention of Mikkela V. Thompson, preferably by e-mail to Thompsonm@afsa.org. Stories will also be accepted by fax to (202) 338-8244, or by mail: *Foreign Service Journal*, 2101 E St., NW, Washington, D.C., 20037-2990.



WASHINGTON MANAGEMENT SERVICES

MID PLEASURES AND PALACES THO WE MAY ROAM,
BE IT EVER SO HUMBLE, THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

John Howard Payne, 1823 • From the opera, Clari, the Maid of Milan

At Washington Management we:

- Carefully screen tenants
- Meticulously look after your home
- Exclusively service residential properties in Maryland, Virginia, and D.C.
- Personally attend to every detail, and
- Give you peace of mind

2015 Q Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20009
phone 202/462-7212
fax 202/332-0798
e-mail wms@wmsdc.com
www.wmsdc.com

REAL ESTATE

Visit Us 24/7



Call or E-Mail
We are the
Right Team!

1-800-659-0729
or
YRRLTRS@
RIGHTEAM.com

If you are considering moving to the Washington Metro Area, Log-on to our web site: www.RIGHTEAM.com

With more than 30+ years as REALTORS and a lifetime of foreign service relocating, we understand your needs, can educate you on the home buying or selling process, and will address all of your concerns before the big move.



www.rightteam.com

8100 Boone Blvd. Suite 120 • Vienna, VA 22182
in Tysons Corner

Joan
703-821-7908 ext.327
Lucille
703-821-7908 ext.326
Jim
703-821-7908 ext.326



Specializing in
**PROPERTY
MANAGEMENT**



Property Specialists, Inc.

A professional and personal service tailored to meet your needs in:

- Property Management
- Sales and Rentals
- Tax-deferred Exchange
- Real Estate Investment Counseling

Our staff includes:

Ginny Basak	Sally Duerbeck	Patt Seely
Joan Bready	Les Glad	Judy Smoot
Donna Courtney	Seraphin Lease	Paul Timpane
John Logtens		

4600-D Lee Highway Arlington, Virginia 22207
(703) 525-7010 (703) 525-0006

e-mail: prospec@nvar.com

Web address: propertyspecialistsinc.com
Serving Virginia, Maryland and D.C.

When Experience Counts ...



William "Kip"
Laughlin CRP,
CRB, GRI

Since 1950, thousands of Foreign Service families in Virginia, Maryland, and the Nation's Capital have placed their trust in us to lease and manage their homes.

- More than \$100 million managed and leased annually
- Comprehensive client references and a menu of services available



Steve Leskowitz
Director of Property
Management

Laughlin Management Corporation

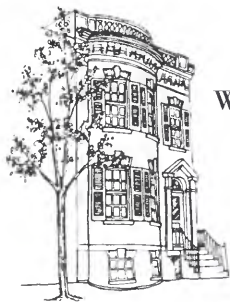
P.O. Drawer 550, 1319 Vincent Place, McLean, VA 22101-0550

Tel: 703-356-6598 Fax: 703-448-0657 E-mail: laughlinpm@aol.com

REAL ESTATE

Hagner, Ridgway & Jackson

Leasing and Management
of Fine Residential Properties



SERVING
Washington, D.C.

Maryland
and
Virginia



7315 Wisconsin Avenue
Suite 603 East
Bethesda, MD 20814
Tel: (301) 968-2090
Fax: (301) 968-2089
E-mail: Bmurphy@Hagner.com

Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage Management Division

Formerly Stevens Property Management

Coldwell Banker,
formerly Stevens Property Management,
offers a full service company dedicated to
providing you with uncompromising service.

- Are you thinking of renting out a residential property you own?
- Moving out of the area and need someone to manage your property while you are away?
- A first time landlord and need help?
- An investor looking for a company to manage your residential properties?

This Coldwell Banker affiliate is an established company with many years of residential property management experience.

For a free management information package,
call or e-mail:

(703) 476-8451 SPMRESTON1@juno.com

11890 Sunrise Valley Dr. Reston, VA 20191-3394



McEneaney Associates, REALTORS
- Established 1980 -

Serving all of Northern Virginia
and close-in DC/MD Metro area

Call us for ALL of your Home needs.
1-800-548-9080

Real Estate Services
Email: mdunn@mceneaney.com

Property Management Services
Email: PM@mceneaney.com

Find properties throughout the U.S. on
www.McEneaney.com

REGULAR INSPECTIONS ♦ ENJOY PEACE OF MIND

*Who's taking care of your home
while you're away?*

No one takes care of your home like we do!

While you're overseas, we'll help you
manage your home without the hassles.
No panicky messages, just regular
reports. No unexpected surprises,
just peace of mind.

Property management is
our full time business.
Let us take care
of the details.



Call us today!
(301) 657-3210

6923 Fairfax Road ♦ Bethesda, MD 20814
email: TheMeyersonGroup@aol.com

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT FOR FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICERS

REAL ESTATE

**What has 5 heads, 10 eyes,
20 limbs, multiple personalities
and runs from dawn to dusk?**



The Simunek Team

**Zorita & Richard Simunek, Jerry Pritchett,
Tachiea Roland-Morris and Tyiesha Taylor**

www.homesdatabase.com/simunek

CLICK on homes prospector

Specify your criteria

RECEIVE daily e-mail updates

Simunek@aol.com

4600 Lee Highway
Arlington VA 22207
703-284-9365



5101 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20016
202-296-4304

REAL ESTATE



Judy Cary

Relocation Specialist

"Let me help you
RENT, BUY, or Sell
your NEXT HOME!"



See all CURRENT LISTINGS for HOMES
www.homesdatabase.com/judycary

*Free Relocation Package

*Free Mortgage Information

*Free School Information

*Serving all of VA, DC, and MD



E-mail: judy_cary@hotmail.com

Toll Free Number:

1-800-344-SALE EXT: 4288

Office: 703-503-4288 Cell: 703-587-6650

RE/MAX Elite Properties

5641 Burke Centre Parkway, Burke, VA 22015



Stuart and Maury Inc. Realtors

Sales, Leasing, and Property Management

1031 tax deferred exchange specialists

- ✓ Hands on management for over 45 years
- ✓ We're not huge, we're selective, we care
- ✓ Personalized guidance for all your real estate needs
- ✓ Monthly computerized statements
- ✓ Proven, Reliable Contractors



For more information

Call Susan Bader

Real Estate Investment
Specialist,

Or visit our web site

www.susanbader.com

4833 Bethesda Ave. Suite 200
Bethesda, MD 20814

Office: (301) 654-3200 Fax: (301) 656-6182
Email: susanbader@stuartandmaury.com

ADVERTISING INDEX

When contacting one of our advertisers, kindly mention you saw their advertisement in the Foreign Service Journal.

Automobiles

4X4 Connection / 37
Bulkehave/ Outside back cover
Diplomatic Automobile / C-1
D&M Auto / 21
Martens Volvo / 9
State-Side Auto Supply / 22

Financial and

Tax Services

Legg Mason / 36
MCG Financial Planning / 22
State Department Federal Credit
Union / 12
US Pension Funding / 36

Housing

Charles E. Smith Corp.
Living / 65
Columbia Plaza / 15
Corporate Apartment
Specialists, Inc. / 35
Executive Club Suites / C-1
Executive Lodging
Alternatives / 37
FARA / 41
Gardens at Kentlands / 25
Georgetown Suites / 27
Oakwood / 2
Potomac Hospitality / 31

Remington / 4
State Plaza / 20
Stay Bridge Suites / 21
The Virginian Suites / 9

Insurance

AFSPA / 15
Clements & Co. / 1
Harry Jannette International / 2
The Hirshorn Company / Inside
back cover
UNIRISC / 4

Miscellaneous

AFSA Scholarship Fund / 43
American University in
Bulgaria / 8
Camp California / 35
John Cabot University / 29
John Harter / 18
Lauder Institute / 41

Real Estate and Property Management

Avery Hess / 67
Coldwell Banker / 68
Executive Housing
Consultants / 71
Hagner, Ridgeway and
Jackson / 68

Laughlin Management / 67
Long & Foster - Simunek / 69
McEneaney Associates / 68
Meyerson Group / 68
Property Specialists / 67
Prudential Carruthers / 71
ReMax / 70
Stuart & Maury / 70
WJD Property Management / 71
Washington Management
Services / 66

Schools

American Overseas School in
Rome / 51
Brehm School / 47, 59
Calvert School / 56
Cardigan Mountain / 53
Conserve School / 52
Cotting School / 53
Dana Hall / 50
Episcopal School / 44
Forman, The / 59
Fountain Valley / 59
Foxcroft School / 58
Garrison Forrest / 47
Gow School / 57
Grier School / 58
Gunnery School / 61
Hampshire Country School / 60
Hockaday / 47
Idyllwild Arts Academy / 43
Independent School Options / 60
Interlochen / 53
Jakarta International School / 46
La Lumiere / 47
Leysin American School / 50
Mercersburg Academy / 48
North Country / 43
Northfield Mount Hermon / 58
Oak Ridge Military School / 44
Oakwood Friends School / 50
Olney Friends School / 48
Perkiomen School / 44
Rock Creek International
School / 61
Rosseau Lake College / 48
Sandy Spring Friends / 46
Shattuck St. Mary's / 49
St. Andrew's-Sewanee School / 54
St. Catherine's School / 56
St. John's Preparatory / 52
Stone Ridge School of the Sacred
Heart / 58
TASIS / 54
Vanguard School / 60
Washington International
School / 49
West Nottingham / 48
White Mountain / 60

REAL ESTATE

Coming Home or Going Overseas?

Arlington Office
3900 N. Fairfax Dr. #300
Arlington, VA 22203
(Near Ballston Metro)
PH: 703-522-5900
Fax: 703-525-4713
E-mail: Arlington@
prudentialcarruthers.com
(Formerly
Diplomat Properties)



JoAnn Piekney

Vienna Office
301 Maple Ave. W
Dogwood Bldg. Ste. C
Vienna, VA 22180
PH: 703-938-0909
Fax: 703-281-9782
E-mail: Vienna@
prudentialcarruthers.com
(Formerly
J.P. Properties)

GREETINGS !

As a Foreign Service Spouse and a licensed real estate broker, I know what moving is all about! My staff and I have been dedicated to taking care of the real estate needs of the Foreign Service Community since 1979.

- Residential Sales
- Outstanding Property Management
- Professional staff with Foreign Service background
- Recipient of the top real estate awards for sales and property management
- 22 years of real estate experience

Let us assist you with all your housing needs.
CALL, FAX or E-MAIL US TODAY!!!



Prudential

**Carruthers
REALTORS®**

Executive Housing Consultants, Inc.



*Leasing and Management of Exceptional properties
in upper Northwest DC, Chevy Chase, Bethesda,
Potomac, McLean and Great Falls*

7315 Wisconsin Avenue
Suite 603 East
Bethesda, Maryland 20814
(301) 951-4111
Fax: (301) 907-7329
www.executivehousing.com

WJD MANAGEMENT

703.385.3600



Present...



Always Present.

**Residential Property Management and Leasing Specialists
Serving All of Northern Virginia.**



www.wjdpdm.com





REFLECTIONS

Guadalupe, Mother of Mexico

BY STEPHANIE ROWLANDS

Even in the north of Mexico, amid the Walmarts and Dominos on almost every street corner, you see images of the Virgin Guadalupe, patron saint of Mexico, everywhere. Wearing her colorful cloak, flames streaming out from all sides, she is painted on cliffs, T-shirts and key chains to protect you.

In 1531, Guadalupe appeared to Saint Juan Diego, a poor Indian, on a hill in Mexico City. According to legend, she said, "Am I not here, who is your mother? Are you not under my protection?" She requested that the bishop build a church on the spot where she appeared. The miracles she performed were seen as proof of her existence and ever since she has been the mother of Mexico.

At the entrance to Hermosillo, there is a 10-foot image of Guadalupe emblazoned on the cliff, standing guard. I have passed her many times, gazing up at the stairs that lead to her and wondering if anyone visited her here on this dusty desert roadside. One evening, I discovered that she was not forgotten. There she stood, like Juan's apparition, glowing from the prayer candles.

People had told me that northern

Stephanie Rowlands is a consular associate in Hermosillo. Before moving to Mexico a year ago to begin her writing career, Mrs. Rowlands was an English teacher in Southern California. The stamp is courtesy of the AAFSW Bookfair "Stamp Corner."

*Old prayer
candles melted
down the cliff,
a waterfall of
wax and hope.*



Mexico was just like the United States; to really visit Mexico one had to visit the south. But I knew from the day I arrived that this place was different from Los Angeles or Miami. A peace enveloped Hermosillo, a trust between people that I had not experienced in the States. It was as if someone bound them together. I had seen paintings of Guadalupe in neighbors' homes and had seen tattered pictures of her in visa applicants' hands. Were they all bound by their trust in Guadalupe? I decided to visit Mexico's cultural icon to find out for myself.

I pulled off the highway onto the dirt road that led to Hermosillo's Guadalupe. A worn-out canopy of red and green flags flapped tiredly in the wind as I bumped up to a dusty park with wiry trees. The stairs leading to the painted saint began behind a dirty, half-painted cola stand. A short distance away, perched on the back of a pick-up truck, sat three men with white cowboy hats and handlebar moustaches. One was singing a

sad song that drifted on the wind. Along the stairway, hundreds of small granite plaques engraved with thanksgivings for Guadalupe's miracles speckled the hillside. Scattered among them rested old plaster casts, crutches, plastic flowers, candles and warped photographs. In the crevices mini-shrines glowed with doll-sized Roman columns and church spires. Gratitude flowed from every nook, giving hope to those that climbed to the top to pray for their own miracle.

On a platform beneath Guadalupe, people knelt on plastic cushions, clutching their rosaries in one hand and tissues in the other. Men sat on folding chairs, crying unabashedly. Women, heads bent and shoulders shaking, whispered pleas. Their prayers had yet to be answered. Guadalupe's words could almost be heard in the wind, "Here I will see their tears; I will console them and they will be at peace." Her arms seemed to embrace them.

I stood with my back to Guadalupe, looking out onto the endless desert, dotted with hills and cacti. The hot wind blew in my face. The singer's melancholy song still floated in the air. Glancing down at my feet, I noticed hundreds of old prayer candles melting down the cliff, a waterfall of wax and hope.

As I stood there I realized why Hermosillo is so peaceful: there, Mexicans have a place to seek consolation. Just as her hands are drawn to her chest, so has Guadalupe gathered Mexico to her heart. ■



If this is your

WORLD

this is your insurance plan.

The "all-risk" AFSA Insurance Plan.

Specifically designed for members of the American Foreign Service Association on active duty abroad. It doesn't matter where in the world you are assigned, the AFSA Plan covers you wherever you are stationed outside the United States. Unlike most insurance programs, which refuse to offer coverage at many foreign posts, and others which charge a hefty premium for hazardous territories, the AFSA Personal Insurance Plan will cover you and your personal effects at the same low rate. Through the plan, you can also get comprehensive moving insurance, personal liability insurance, fire and catastrophe coverage and itemized valuable articles protection.

AFSA coverage is worldwide, whether on business or pleasure. And, should you have a problem, we provide simple, fast, efficient claims service that begins with a phone call, fax or letter, and ends with prompt payment.

You have enough to worry about. Let us take care of your insurance. Send for your free brochure with built-in application today. Or, fax or call our AFSA Desk for immediate answers to your questions.



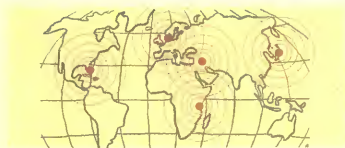
AFSA Desk, The Hirshorn Company

14 East Highland Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19118

www.hirshorn.com

Phone: 215-242-8200 or 800-242-8221 • DC area: 202-457-0250 • Fax: 215-247-6366

Global vehicle supply – where and when you need it



We support you globally with offices on four continents.

Bukkehave Inc.
U.S.A.
Tel. 1 800 815 3370
Tel. +1 954 525 9788
Fax +1 954 525 9785
usa@bukkehave.com
www.bukkehave.com

It's easy to order a sedan, SUV or light truck, American or foreign-made, and have it shipped directly to your location.

Select from stock or arrange for a factory-built vehicle to meet your specifications.

Standard factory warranty, spare parts supply and shipping arrangements are all part of the services Bukkehave has been offering since 1925.

Need a vehicle for your post?

Visit www.bukkehave.com
to order now.

BUKKEHAVE

Global Vehicle & Parts Supply since 1925

