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HIGHLIGHT: Pet owners liked the February cover story and added more information about animal organizations

Bringing In The Pets

Thank you for your mention of People Animals Love's pet-loss hotline in February and for identifying PAL as one of the charities that will receive proceeds from your "Put Your Pet on the Cover" opportunity.

Dr. Earl Strimple, a Washington-area veterinarian who established People Animals Love in 1981, recognized the power of the human-animal bond to provide healing and joy.

We are continually looking for volunteers for the Pet Therapy Visiting Program, which brings animals to 15 nursing-care facilities, mental-health facilities, and hospitals. PAL Club and Camp provide children the opportunity to care for and bond with animals.

For more information about PAL, visit peopleanimalslove.com.

Kimberly Chester

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Bush Hates Washington

After reading Fred Barnes's January piece, "George W. to Washington: Drop Dead," I'd like to tell Barnes that the feeling is mutual. Many of us in Washington don't like Mr. Bush any better than he likes us. We'll be happy when he departs for Midland, Crawford, Cross Plains, or wherever, the sooner the better.

Glen Wester

Alexandria

Washington's Coin Toss

Congratulations to Ernest B. Furgurson for correcting a Parson Weems story that has been mistold for centuries.

Because I was born in Fredericksburg, Virginia, I am particularly aware that each February, rather like the movie Groundhog Day, repetition has made the tale more and more entrenched. Any proud native of Fredericksburg would wince to see once again in the media that the Potomac River was the site of Washington's "silver dollar" toss when,

in fact, it was a stone thrown across the Rappahannock River, which flows between Ferry Farm, where Washington lived as a boy, and the town of Fredericksburg.

When I started reading "About That Cherry Tree . . ." in the February issue, I thought, "Oh, no, not again!" However, the author is not only a terrific writer, he is also a terrific researcher. This article was so fascinating that I look forward to reading Furgurson's book about Washington during the Civil War.

Joan Timberlake

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Washington's other lawyers

I was pleased to see "How the Law in Washington Became a Very Big Business" in February. However, a portrayal of the legal landscape in Washington should include in-house counsel. There are now a couple thousand in-house attorneys in the DC area.

In the post-Sarbanes-Oxley world, which often requires sophisticated counsel coupled with deep organizational knowledge, a company's decision to "make" or "buy" appears to favor using in-house counsel.

At the area's larger companies, compensation for in-house lawyers is becoming much more competitive than it was just a few years ago. And as Mr. Kester correctly points out, for attorneys less tenured than himself, law-firm life often includes work on monotonous discovery matters from "the big case"-matters that in-house lawyers can hire temporary attorneys to handle or merely farm out to firms.

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Art In the City

I commend you for Larry Van Dyne's December article on the National Gallery of Art's senior curator of prints and drawings, Andrew Robison.

Washington's art world is far more active than is generally known. Moreover, it is the working stiffs of that world-our curators, artists, print publishers, and gallery directors-who keep our cultural wheels turning. Thank you also for Susan Davidson's informative and well-illustrated piece on the NGA's important Cézanne show.

Marion F. Houstoun

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Corrections

In the February article on pet services, Happy Hounds in Arlington (703-553-0555) was listed under pet daycare. It is a pet-sitting and pet-walking service.

A February Where & When article on art donor Tom Klarner misstated the artists whose works appear in the National Gallery's "Dada" exhibit. Among Klarner's donations on view in that exhibit are works by Hans Arp, Kurt Schwitters, Marcel Janco, and Tristan Tzara.

In the February books article, the title of Michelle Singletary's new book should have been Your Money and Your Man, not Your Money or Your Man.

In the February issue, the answer key to January's crossword puzzle, "DC's Bubble Trouble," contained several errors. The correct answer key is below.

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GRAPHIC: [Olde Towne Pet Resort](http://oldetownepetresort.com) in Springfield (oldetownepetresort.com), a luxury kennel for dogs and cats, should have been listed under good pet boarding in February's issue. It also offers daycare and grooming and sells pet products. Photograph courtesy of Old Towne Pet Resort

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