DDOT to Study Capitol Hill Intersection

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While it did not make the list of the top 20 intersections with the most pedestrian crashes in Washington, D.C., where Massachusetts Avenue and D Street Northeast meet is an area of top concern to residents of Police Service Area 102 in the 1st district, and it has now caught the eye of the District Department of Transportation.

Within the next few weeks the intersection will be scrutinized by DDOT officials who will look at various traffic statistics, the positioning of signals and pedestrian safety. The survey “will be an in-house examination by our experts,” said DDOT spokesman Bill Rice. “We’re not using an outside consultant, it’s not that big of a deal.”

However, the safety of the intersection is a big deal to those in PSA102 who subscribe to the near Northeast e-mail network, NELink. For months the intersection has been the topic of numerous posts by residents, wondering what needed to be done to get DDOT’s attention on what many in the neighborhood consider to be a dangerous intersection for pedestrians. Their concerns will be addressed shortly after the survey is completed when DDOT officials share the results with the community, Rice said.

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Exhibit Memorializes Genocide
Art Honors Anniversary of Massacre in Srebrenica

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For the rest of the week, the Russell Rotunda will be home to a series of haunting photographs documenting the aftermath of the genocide committed against Bosnian Muslims in Srebrenica 10 years ago.


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Hill Vet Heads Out. Anne Buresh, 26, who has spent the last five years in various Republican offices, is leaving Capitol Hill to take over as director of public affairs for Dittus Communications, a Washington, D.C.-based public relations, marketing communications and advertising agency.

For the past two years, Buresh has served as deputy communications director for the House Republican Conference and from February 2003 to August of that year, she served as the Conference’s deputy press secretary.


Pitts Loses Adviser. Rep. Joe Pitts (R-Pa.) is sad to see the departure of Julie Hershey Carr, who has worked for him for almost a decade.

Carr has worked for Pitts since 1996, when he first campaigned for Congress. She has worked her way up the ranks in the Congressman’s office; her jobs have included stints as legislative assistant, leg...

By Teddy Davis
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The Section 108 Study Group, a 19-member panel sponsored by the Library of Congress that is examining ways to balance the interests of copyright holders and libraries in the digital age, met for the third time last week in New York City.

The group, whose name comes from the section of the U.S. Copyright Act that provides special exceptions for libraries and archives, will make recommendations to the Librarian of Congress by mid-2006. The U.S. Copyright Office will then hold public hearings before submitting recommendations to Congress.

Copyrights encourage science and the arts by awarding creators exclusive rights to the reproduction, distribution, display, performance and adaptation of the created work. However, Section 108’s exceptions for libraries, drafted with the print format in mind, will be addressed shortly after the survey is completed when DDOT officials share the results with the community, Rice said.

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By Matthew Murray

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The photos in the Rotunda, set up to display a “chronicle of genocide,” capture the suffering and resolve of the refugees, the vile process of searching for and exhum- ing mass graves and identifying remains, and the mourning of family members, many of whom had to wait years to give their loved ones proper burials.

The Heinrich Böll Foundation North America, a nonprofit dedicated to democratic ideas and international understanding, organized the exhibit.

“The goal is to remember the lessons of Srebrenica,” said Hel- 
gga Flores Trejo, director of the Heinrich Böll Foundation. “Not just to look at the past, but draw out the lessons of today for our policy debates.”


“Srebrenica is like the quintessential example of what a peacekeeping mission should never be,” Smith said. “We need to learn how to not do it again.”

To that end, Rep. Benjamin Cardin (Md.), the top Democrat on the Helsinki Commission, and Smith introduced a resolution in April to honor and remember the victims of

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ice,” Towns said. “She was dedicated to serv- 

ing people, something she felt was gratifying. And she did it so well, and quietly.”

Pillors is survived by her companion, Mar- 

wan Burgan, and close friends and relatives. A memorial service will be held June 17 at Christ United Methodist Church, 900 Fourth St. SW in Washington, D.C. The viewing will begin at 10 a.m. and will be followed by a service at 11:30 a.m.

Russell Exhibit Serves as a ‘Chronicle of Genocide’

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Taylor’s suggestion is worth exploring, and the

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ly action" in Bosnia. "The United Nations and

its member states should constantly seek to

ensure that this failure is not repeated in fu-
ture crises and conflicts," the resolution con-
tinued.

Cardin said the exhibit plays a role in that

process. “It’s a reminder that we still haven’t brought closure to this atrocity,” he said.

Sen. Joseph Biden (D-Del.), ranking Mem-
ber on the Foreign Relations Committee, sponsored the event

for the Heinrich Böll Foundation, Biden and Sen. Gordon

Smith (R-Ore.) have introduced a similar resolution in the Sen-
ate.

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