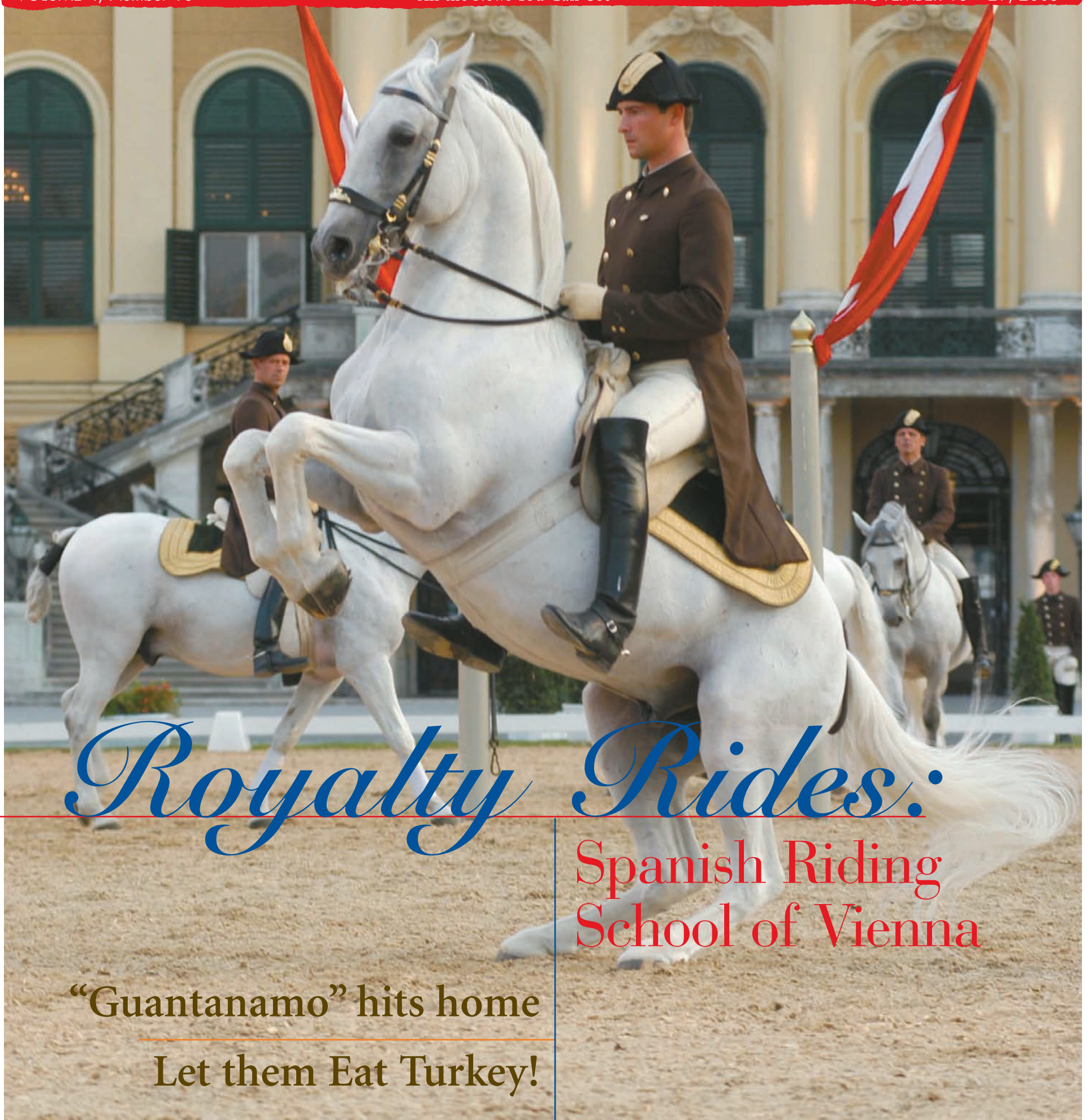


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### THE PULSE OF DOWNTOWN

By Lance Horsley

The view from their private roof deck of their new 4-level loft in U-No (acronym for the area north of the hot U Street corridor) of downtown and the Washington Monument is stunning! Andy & Liz Blacker could not be happier. They are joining the growing group of property owners giving up (or running from) the suburban life for a piece of real estate where the action is. Andy is a recent transplant from NYC who works for AOL, while Liz comes from Miami where she worked at Yahoo and upon her move to DC caught the political bug and now works for One-Economy, a non-profit that brings the internet to low income families. They rented for the past 2 years in No. VA while their dream loft was being built.

"We were able to realize a dream of having a gorgeous loft that we could not afford in NYC or could not find in South Beach. We have found that living in U-No is the heart of the city with the strongest pulse. It is the place to be and it is happening all around us now. We are just a couple minutes' walk from U Street and 5-15 minute walk to Dupont, Adams Morgan & Logan! The great blend of culture and arts in this area fits us perfectly."

Dr. David & Philippa Hughes recently purchased a loft in the "loft district" on Church Street in Logan Circle after moving here from



Andy and Liz Blacker from their private roof deck of their new loft.

Falls Church, VA. David has a successful dental practice in Springfield, VA while Philippa is involved in charitable and community projects here in DC. "We moved into the city because we were energized by its newfound vibrancy, particularly in our neighborhood of Logan Circle. From our windows, we can look around the cityscape and see cranes dotting the horizon. From our front door, we can walk to fun shops and restaurants. It's exciting to be a small part of this renewal. In the past, people often thought of Washington as a transient town. But I think that's changing. The city development is drawing people and encouraging them to stay," said Hughes.

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hip restaurants, shops, and residences opening up from Logan Circle to U Street, you are really missing out on a new entrepreneurial wave hitting the area. Take the infusion of restaurants. Bright talent is responsible for some of the latest additions: Crème, Busboys and Poets, Tabaq, and Bar Pilar. The Health Bar at Results Gym, Local 16, and Cake Love Café have made their marks in the past few years with great success. And of course, kudos to those pioneers on the block which some of my favorites are Coppi's Organic, Utopia, and Polly's Café. There are really too many great places to mention in this short column; just get out and taste the pulse of this part of downtown -and these are just the restaurants! Contact information provided below.

So you are sold on the neighborhood. Let's identify some of the new residential buildings for sale now to go ga-ga over:

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