

# Homecoming Dance

*An original Sears & Roebuck mail-order mansion and a Maclean manse with mini-spa*

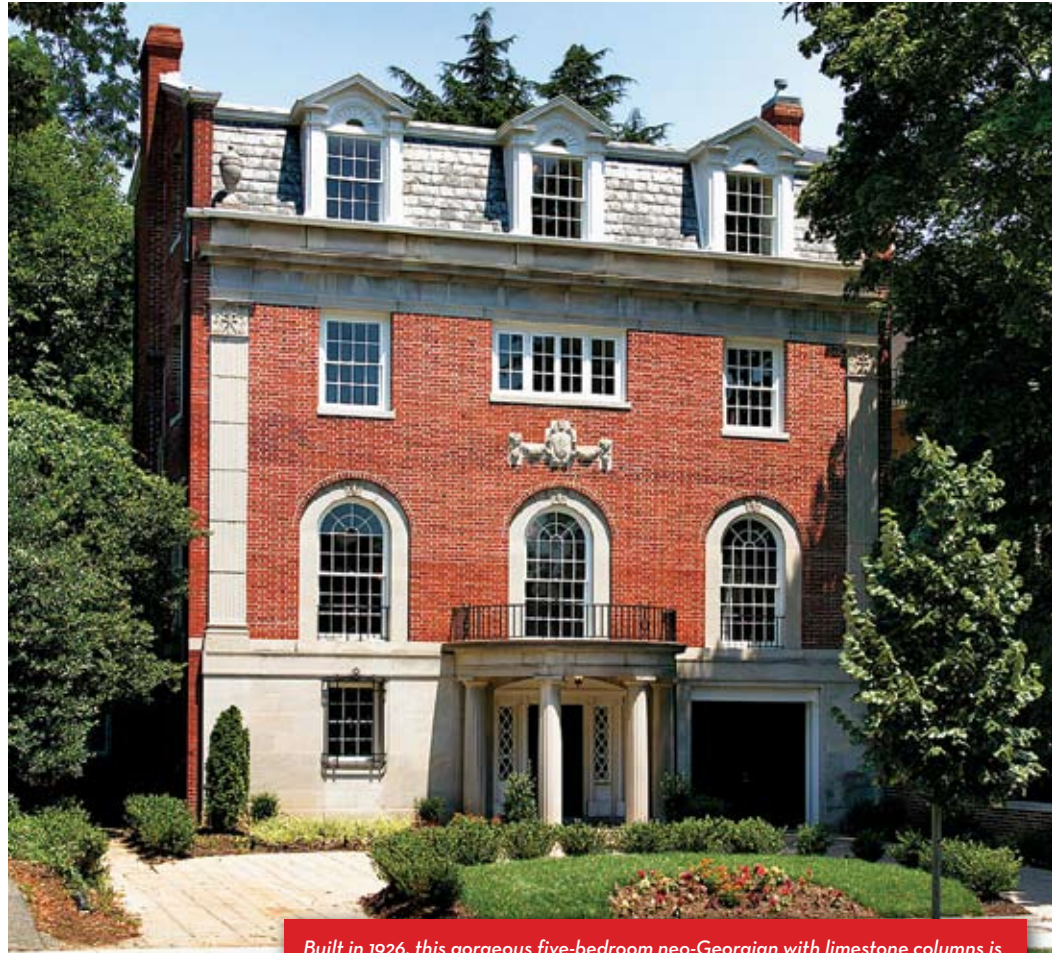
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## THE DISTRICT

One of the most prominent houses on Embassy Row has sold for \$4.1 million. Built in 1926, this five-bedroom Neo-Georgian with limestone columns is located at **2507 MASSACHUSETTS AVE., NW** across from the Japanese Embassy. Ideal for formal entertaining, the stately brick manse's perfectly proportioned public rooms include a receiving parlor with marble floors and a large living room with Palladian windows and a fireplace. The banquet-size dining room boasts crystal chandeliers and French doors opening onto a rear veranda and a terraced garden. Extras include an elevator, wine cellar, butler's pantry, five fireplaces, and abundant parking. The seller was **Morris M. Sobhani**, who was represented by Washington Fine Properties executive vice president Bill Moody and colleague Robert Hryniewicki. The purchaser is listed as **2507 Massachusetts Avenue, LLC**. The selling agent was Mehrnoosh Neyzari with Long and Foster Real Estate.

Donnell Kearney with Hounshell Real Estate was the selling agent for **5147 YUMA ST., NW**, a Colonial constructed in 1989 by W. C. & A. N. Miller in the Spring Valley neighborhood of northwest Washington. The property had belonged to architect **Stephen Sachs**, who expanded the home to include a rear addition with a wall of windows overlooking Mill Creek and a three-tiered pond with a waterfall. The three-story residence with four bedrooms and four and a half baths now belongs to attorney **Tiffani Millien** and her husband **Raymond**, an intellectual property lawyer with PCT Companies. The couple paid \$1,795,000 for their new home. Weichert Realty's Polly Driscoll was the listing agent.

**Ann Premer** and **Richard Federico** paid just \$775,000 for their new Capitol Hill home at **1007 CONSTITUTION AVE., NE**. The spacious two-bedroom row house has two and a half baths



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and includes a rental unit that goes for \$1,200 a month. On the market for less than a week, the home has high ceilings, rear garden with terrace, wet bar, and plenty of closet space. The sellers were **Edmund** and **Elizabeth Sauer**, who have moved to Louisville, Ky. They were represented by Kimberly Casey and Daryl Judy with Tutt, Taylor & Rankin Sotheby's International Realty. Denise Verburg of Long and Foster Real Estate represented the buyers.

By press time, Washington Fine Properties' realtor Bobbie Brewster is expected to have closed the deal on **PENTHOUSE #41** at **THE**

**CHANCELLERY**. Built in 1912, the sixteen-unit building is located at **2141 WYOMING AVE., NW** and was designed by Leo Simmons (who also designed the St. Nicholas on California Avenue, NW). The sellers are **Jan Denton**, a noted botanical artist, and her husband **John Andrews**, the founder and president of The Shakespeare Guild, a global nonprofit corporation which promotes a wide array of cultural institutions. The prospective buyers are **Esin Erkan** and **Aaron Lebel**, who are represented by Donna Drezja of Leading Edge Real Estate, LLC.



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## MARYLAND

Although priced at more than three million dollars, **UNIT 1102** at the **PARC SOMERSET** on **WISCONSIN AVENUE** in Chevy Chase was snapped up after just one week on the market. The buyer was the **Leslie Westreich Trust**. Leslie Westreich has had a significant impact on the Washington social scene for years; in the 1980s, author Maximilien de Lafayette named her one of America's most elegant women, along with the likes of Deeda Blair, Judy Esfandiary, Nancy Reagan, and Bunny Mellon. Long and Foster's Nancy Itteilag represented Ms. Westreich in her Parc Somerset purchase and is also the listing agent for Ms. Westreich's Watergate penthouse, where Elizabeth Taylor and Senator John Warner have both lived at separate times. Ms. Westreich purchased her new home from **Kathryn Hogan Didden**, the widow of **George A. Didden, III**, who died late last year at age sixty-two. A fourth-generation Washingtonian, Mr. Didden was chairman and CEO of the National Capital Bank that was founded in 1889 by a group of businessmen that included his great-grandfather. He worked at the bank for more than 40 years and also served on the board of the Folger

Shakespeare Library and as president of the Friends of the National Zoo. More recently, he was on the Smithsonian Institution's national board and on the board of trustees of the Supreme Court Historical Society. He and Kathryn also shared a second home in McDaniel on the Eastern Shore.

## VIRGINIA

At last the gorgeous twenty-five acre "Bellapais," estate at **8303 E. BOULEVARD DRIVE** in Alexandria is again being occupied. **Stephen** and **Maureen O'Keefe** who purchased the Federal-style home on the Potomac for \$9.75 million late last year are now ensconced in the historic mansion following months of renovation. Stephen O'Keefe is the founder and principal of O'Keefe & Company, a technology marketing/PR firm based in Old Town Alexandria. *WL* readers may recall that "Bellapais" had belonged to Leander McCormick-Goodhart and his sister Henrietta McCormick-Goodhart Burke who were originally asking \$12 million for the Fairfax County property which once belonged to George Washington. Washington Fine Properties' William Moody and Robert Hryniewicki helped

facilitate the sale. In McLean, **1347 KIRBY RD.** has sold for the list price of \$2,795,000. This newly constructed, three-story brick residence measures over 10,000 square-feet and is situated on a private wooded lot with a creek. The extraordinary home has five bedrooms, seven full baths, three powder rooms, formal dining room, library, great room, theater, recreation room, gourmet kitchen, reception room, wine cellar, two laundry rooms, staff quarters, three garages, safe room, gym with its own infra-red sauna, and three patio areas for outdoor entertaining. And as if that weren't enough, additional amenities and accoutrements include four fireplaces, a wet bar, two wine coolers, an elevator, a walk-in pantry, Brazilian Cherry hardwood floors and twelve-foot ceilings. Tutt, Taylor & Rankin Sotheby's International Realty agents Kimberly Casey and Daryl Judy helped facilitate the sale. The lucky purchaser is **Dan Williams**, an entrepreneur who leases accommodations to short-term visitors to our area. He and his wife **Tatiana** and their baby girl will live here full time. **WL**

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