



District Scion Marches in Inauguration

By Mark Kane

Millions of viewers recently watched the inauguration of President George W. Bush and the activities that surrounded the historic event. Nancy Pierce, Logistics Management, was one of those viewers, but her enthusiasm toward the event surpassed most local viewers and for good reason. Her son, Billy Pierce, performed in the inauguration parade with the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy Band from Kings Point, N.Y.

Pierce has played the tuba since his sophomore year in high school (class of 2000) with the St. John's Northwestern Military Academy, Delafield, Wis., where he won third place, intermediate tuba, and carried a grade point average above 3.5.

He was nominated to attend the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy by Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa. Pierce

selected the academy because USMMA graduates accept their commission in the military branch of their choice and also because 10 percent of the U.S. Navy flight slots are allocated to the USMMA. Pierce believes his chances of getting into flight school are better if he applies as a USMMA graduate.

As for participating in the Presidential Inauguration, Pierce said it was, "cool to be part of the inaugural parade, be at an inaugural ball, and get to play for the President."

Midshipmen from the USMMA have marched in every inaugural parade since Harry Truman took the oath of office as President of the United States in 1949.

Pierce is scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2004. 📌

Artwork on Display

By Mark Kane

Recently, the artwork of Jermain Steed, son of Gloria Steed, Internal Review, graced the cover of the River Cities' Reader, a free weekly, independently owned and operated Quad City paper.

Steed's artwork is a colored-pencil drawing of Danilo Perez adapted from a photo by photographer Jimmie Jones. Steed added references to Perez's native Panama and major influences, Thelonious Monk and Dizzy Gillespie. Steed is a 1994 graduate of the 2001 Alternative School, Davenport, Iowa, and has studied at the Art Institute of Chicago. He is presently a freelance illustrator and muralist.

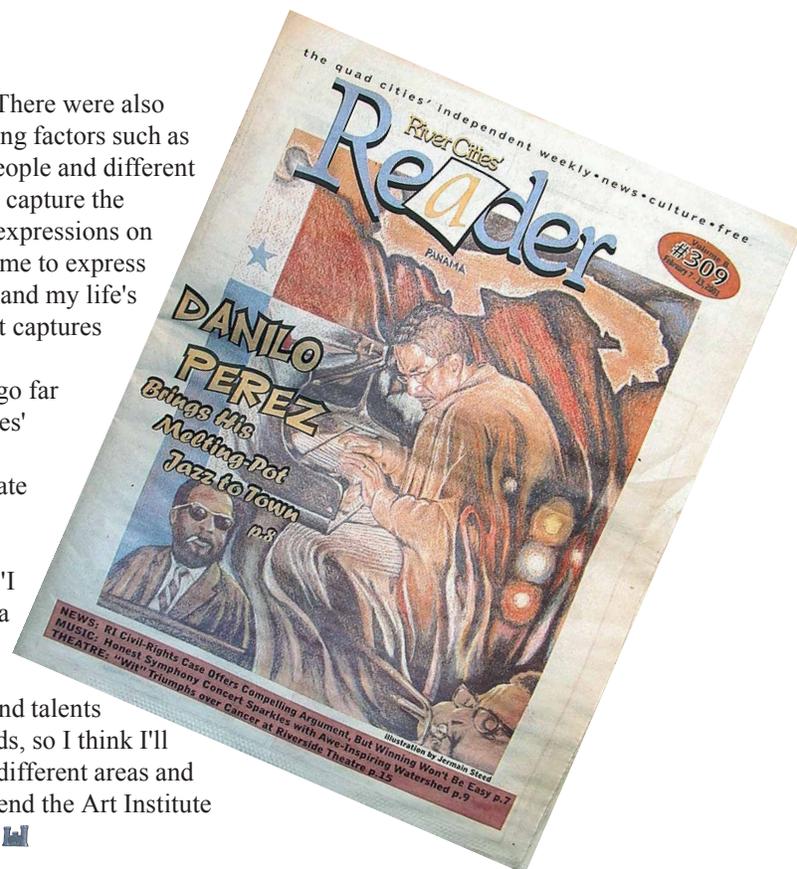
Steed says he's been interested in art since he was little.

"I've been interested in art since my days of coloring pictures in coloring books in kindergarten," said Steed. "I loved the colors and the skill I felt I needed to keep the colors in the lines, but

that was just a start. There were also many other contributing factors such as my love for nature, people and different cultures. Art helps to capture the beauty of places and expressions on faces. Art also helps me to express who I am as a person and my life's experiences. I feel art captures my life intimately."

Steed's ambitions go far beyond the River Cities' Reader.

"My most immediate goal is to obtain an advertising-design degree," said Steed. "I hope to one day own a gallery where I'll sell my personal works. I have many interests and talents in a variety of art fields, so I think I'll try my hand in many different areas and projects. I plan to attend the Art Institute in Atlanta in the fall." 📌





Investing In Our People

Around the District

Bald Eagle Days Attract More Than 1,350 Visitors By Tracy Spry, Lake Red Rock

On Feb. 16-17, Lake Red Rock hosted the 13th Annual Bald Eagle Days, a special event to celebrate our nation's symbol and its successful comeback from the brink of extinction.

Indoor programs were held at the Pella Community Center and featured a live eagle and other birds of prey. Staff and volunteers were also on hand below the dam to help visitors view eagles in the wild. The first day of the event was targeted specifically to area schools, and despite the extremely cold weather, over 1,000 students and teachers participated. The second day, which was open to the general public, attracted over 350 visitors.

Natural Resource Management Awarded

By Roger Bollman, Mississippi River Project

The Natural Resource Management Section of the Mississippi River Project has been selected to receive an Award of Merit from the National Water Safety Congress, Region Six, which includes North Dakota, South Dakota, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, and Kansas. Park Ranger Don Bardole, Mississippi River Visitor Center, will represent the District in receiving the award in Nashville, Tenn., during the National Water Safety Summit in April.

Kincaid Named Quad Cities Senior Engineer of the Year

By Justine Barati, Public Affairs

John Kincaid, Engineering Division, was named Quad Cities Senior Engineer of the Year 2000 at the 39th Annual National Engineers Week Banquet on Feb. 23 at Jumer's Castle Lodge in Bettendorf, Iowa.

Kincaid has been the District's foremost employee responsible for implementing Computer Aided Drafting and Design. Under his leadership and vision, the District has been a leader in the Corps in integrating this new technology into the workplace.

He has supervised the procurement and installation of the Engineering Division's CADD network, a virtual-vault web page containing archived hand-drafted engineering drawings, the development of a District-wide Geographic Information System database and web page, and the development of the Electronic Bid Set process for contract solicitation workstations, servers, software, and plotters.

Kincaid has provided training opportunities for District engineers and technicians to become trained on the application of CADD. He has also represented the District on a variety of national advisory panels and work groups. The CADD committees on which he has provided service include the Tri-Service (Army, Navy, Air Force) Systems Field Working Group, the Corps System Field Action CADD Group, and the Corps Senior Advisory CADD Group.

The Quad Cities Senior Engineer of

the Year award is an effort by the Quad City Engineering and Science Council to recognize an individual who has made a significant contribution within the field of engineering.

Verstraete Awarded Construction Management Excellence Award

Ron Verstraete, Contracting Division, was awarded the Construction Management Excellence Award Feb. 28.

Verstraete was selected for his work in developing the first Job Order Contract in the Mississippi Valley Division. He has served as the only contract administrator on the JOC. Verstraete's extraordinary ability to organize the JOC team and expedite the construction work made the JOC a success.

Congrats ...



Congratulations to **Anthony Zemo**, Operations Division, and Ann Roberts, who married on Oct. 14, in Davenport, Iowa, at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.