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## May Meeting Features Jack Evans, Election of Officers, Awards Presentations

**C**ouncilmember Jack Evans will speak at the May 12 CAG meeting regarding the “state of DC” and Georgetown in particular. He has been Councilmember for Ward 2 since 1991 and serves as Chair of the Council’s Committee on Finance and Revenue which oversees the District’s finances, including tax policy. In addition to earning a reputation as one of DC’s toughest budget and tax stewards, Jack has used this Committee to secure approval of many major legislative tax reforms, including: reducing tax rates; simplifying DC’s antiquated Tax Code; promoting tax breaks for working families; and establishing incentives for businesses.

When not working on balancing DC’s budget or approving legislation, Jack enjoys doing the “other half of his Council job” by addressing the dozens of goals and challenges which arise daily in the 12 distinct neighborhoods of Ward 2:

Chinatown, Shaw, Mount Vernon Square, Logan Circle, Blagden Alley, Dupont Circle, Sheridan-Kalorama, Foggy Bottom/West End, Georgetown, Burleith, Hillandale and Downtown Washington (including the White House and the Mall). Jack also serves on two standing Council committees: Economic Development and Judiciary.

Jack, 53, has an economics degree from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School and a law degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Active in numerous civic and Democratic organizations, Jack lives on P Street with his children, eleven year-old triplets — Katherine, John and Christine — and their golden retriever, Kayla.

He will help CAG acknowledge individuals who have significantly contributed to our community. Appreciation awards will be given to Field Commander Andrew Solberg and Mary Ohrlein. Comman-

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### Next CAG Meeting

**Monday, May 12, 2008**

### Annual CAG Awards Election of CAG Officers

St. John’s Church Parish Hall  
Potomac and O Streets, NW  
Reception 7 pm; Program 7:30 pm

Parking during meeting across the street at Hyde School

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der Solberg has been a steadfast partner in helping keep Georgetown a safe and secure community. He has listened to our concerns and has enacted initiatives making every attempt to satisfy those needs. Mary Ohrlein is being saluted for her long and dedicated service as a member, then chair, of the Old Georgetown Board.

Our Atherton Award for exceptional service by a public sector professional is being given to David Maloney for his work as Director of the Historic Preservation Office. The Cochran Award for exceptional efforts to protect and enhance the community’s parkland and architectural resources will be presented to Anne Lewis for her dedicated work on the Historic Preservation Review Board. John Dreyfuss will be given the Belin Award for continued and distinguished service to the Georgetown community.

Please join us to hear from Councilmember Evans, vote for CAG officers (see slate p. 7) and salute our awardees.

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## First Concert Rocks at Rose Park May 18

**T**he Sixth Annual CAG Concerts in the Parks starts on Sunday, May 18th with the rockin’ zydeco band, Junkyard Saints. This Baltimore-based group has performed with such notables as Buckwheat Zydeco, the Iguanas, Marcia Ball, and Chuck Brown.



The Saints are the recipients of Washington Area Music Association’s 2007 WAMMIE Awards for

Best Roots Rock Group and Artist of the Year and 2008 Best Roots Rock Group. Their motto: “We have an accordion and we’re not afraid to use it!”

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

### State of the Organization

As we near our annual meeting on May 12, it seems appropriate to have a state of the organization assessment, acknowledging successes when appropriate as well as casting a critical eye on areas that need improvement.

### Our Staff

Our office is overburdened but running smoothly. Under the leadership of Executive Director Betsy Cooley with the assistance of Beth Neilsen and intern Fanny Brito, as well as volunteers Tara Scopelliti and Cookie Cruse, who put in nearly full-time hours, this small space is an extremely productive and efficient hotbed of activity. The professional "bar" has been raised substantially in the past few years. But, there are now so many more programs, projects and initiatives that are supervised by our office; they are stretched thin.

One area we've identified for improvement is securing more personnel. The more staff and volunteer time we have, the more we can accomplish. We are constantly searching for new grant sources to help defray the cost of operations. We could certainly use the help of a volunteer experienced in grant writing. We also need to cultivate a wider circle of volunteers. If you can give even a little time, please call the office. We need you. Another goal we have set for operations management this year is to develop a procedures manual so succeeding boards and staff members do not have to reinvent the wheel.

### Our Finances

We are basically in good shape. We've arrived at that position because of the dedication and diligence of board members and volunteers, past and present, who

have fine tuned our reporting, tracking procedures and legal structure. We're always looking for ways to trim costs and searching for new funds. When you receive what seems like yet again another appeal from CAG for money, please consider the request carefully. The funding allocations have been diligently considered and are being utilized on programs that are at the heart of what makes Georgetown the community that it is.

### Community Relations

I am pleased to report that I believe there have been huge inroads made here. Government, municipal, business and university officials are in daily contact with CAG representatives on a wide spectrum of issues and initiatives. We may come at subjects from different angles, but our end goals are always the same...the betterment of the entire Georgetown community.

### During the Summer

Although, after our May meeting, we do not have monthly programs again until September, the board and committees continue meeting and working throughout the summer. Some of the items on the table for continued discussions during the summer are the Georgetown Transportation Study, lobbying for the continuation of the Circulator bus north of M Street, development of a parking pilot program for Georgetown in cooperation with DDOT, development of a summer foot patrol plan with MPD, discussions with University officials on the upcoming 2010 campus plan, plans for launching an oral history of Georgetown, and of course, the Concerts! It's also the time when plans for the Gala begin to take shape and all the programming for the upcoming year is scheduled. See you at the May 18th Concert in Rose Park!

—Denise R. Cunningham



Denise and Rick Cunningham (center) and GU's Chuck Van Sant (far left). Originally planned for Saturday, the Cleanup moved to a Sunday rain date, so there was something missing this year — Bill Skelsey and his son Freddy could not attend on Sunday, April 6. However, they went out on Saturday, April 5 with their own equipment and cleaned up. Now that's devotion.

Even with gloomy weather, over sixty residents — including DC Councilman Jack Evans — and students came out to clean the streets, chat with friends and have a good time...fueled by bagels from Saxby's at 35th and O Streets, and coffee and donuts from Starbucks at 33rd and M Streets. Ray Danieli of the GU Off Campus Housing Office and Tony DeWitt, a CAG Beautification Committee member, did their usual extra duty by making pickup trips and delivering bulging trash bags to a DPW trash truck in Volta Park. We appreciate the cooperation of Kenny Milner of the DPW Clean Sweep Program who provided workers, equipment and a truck. Two tons of trash were collected! Everyone enjoyed the best hamburgers and hotdogs in town, grilled to perfection by the Georgetown University Grilling Society, as pictured at left with

—Brenda Moorman  
Chair, CAG Beautification Committee

## ASPECTS OF GEORGETOWN

By Edith Schafer

## LISTENING TO GEORGETOWN

**N**ow is the time to listen, the first week in May. Listen at first light, it will start then. It seems almost deafening. Do not for a minute take any of it for granted.

Haven't we learned the hard way not to take anything for granted?

It's the dawn chorus. Famed British tastemaker Nancy Lancaster (she was actually American, born in Virginia) had her butler tape the dawn chorus so that she could listen to it later when she had her tea. Now that's how to live.

If you don't know what this is about, it is about birds. Every year some of us go down to Dumbarton Oaks Park to greet the arrivals on their way through. Here is what we saw one year:

The myrtle warblers all fluffed up and bathing in the shallow pebbly part of the stream, for quite a while we gazed in admiration at their ablutions in the dappled light. Around us we heard towhees, a distant wood thrush, and a zillion different warblers: ovenbirds, black-throated blue, black & white, parula, Louisiana waterthrush, vireos — both kinds — a scarlet tanager and of course the usual suspects, Carolina wrens, mockingbirds, woodpeckers, catbirds, cardinals.

We saw cedar waxwings lined up on a branch looking as trim, tidy and pulled together as Napoleonic soldiers about to march off to battle. Totally beautiful. They are such handsome birds, with their black masks and their rusty coloring with small red and yellow details and then the crests.

Around dusk there are owls calling to each other down there by the bridge. So much wild abundance not ten minutes from our urban world up the hill.

When the first Europeans arrived on our shores they saw North America as a vast untamed garden, overflowing with birds and animals, trees, plants and extravagant scenery. They saw the wild exuberance in need of a controlling hand—theirs.

Which brings us up to today. We have been fruitful and multiplied. And how. Trackless land is unavailable, the teeming wilderness has become a small backyard, but still important to us. The urge to put our personal stamp on a bit of land is ever present. How the sun falls on it, what handsome tree will grow, the sound of water, the spring flowering, the autumn glory, we still want these things.

That's why people love our Garden Tour. It is pleasing and full of ideas that one can take home. This year we have gardens designed by well known landscape designers Guy Williams, Gail Rogers, Meriwether Rumrill, and more.

So first the dawn chorus, then the gardens: thrushes and roses, no wonder we like May in Georgetown.

—Edith Schafer

See page 5 for details on the Georgetown Garden Tour on May 10.

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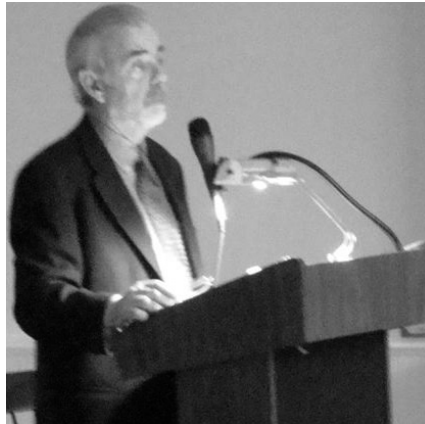


## Andrew Kohut Says Independents Will Play a Major Role in the Election

Over eighty people turned out to hear Georgetown resident and pollster Andrew Kohut at the April CAG meeting. Before introducing the featured speaker, Denise Cunningham announced the reassignment of MPD 2D Commander Solberg to Field Commander, and introduced the new Commander, Mark Carter. Carter spoke of his extensive MPD background, including work on homeland security and community policing, and as deputy director of training for Metro Police Academy. He believes DC needs more police on the streets, saying “riding in a car is not the way to go; police need to get out and walk.” He proposes inviting one representative from each citizen advisory group and PSA to form a committee to work with MPD officers.

Denise noted that the CAG annual meeting next month will include the election of officers. Executive Director Betsy Cooley announced the slate on behalf of nominating committee chair Diane Colasanto: President — Denise Cunningham; First Vice President — Rob Housman; Second Vice President — Jennifer Altemus; Third Vice President — Brenda Moorman; Secretary — Tara Scopelliti; Treasurer — Bob Laycock; and two of the directors: Hazel Denton and Louise Brodnitz; with the remaining director positions to be determined by the President. See page 7 for the full slate.

Other announcements included the April 17 CAG Concerts in the Parks Kickoff Party at L2 Lounge, and CAG’s Hazardous Waste Disposal Day on April 26. Frida Burling spoke about the upcoming April 26 Georgetown House Tour, which raises money for St. John’s Church outreach programs, and she offered tour posters to the audience. Cary Silverman, who is running for Ward



**Kohut spoke of the many “firsts” of this election: first time for a leading female candidate; first time for a former First Lady; first time for a leading African American candidate; first time the country might elect a 72-year old President.**

2 DC Council seat, introduced himself to the group.

Denise introduced Andrew Kohut, president of the Pew Research Center, an independently funded, nonpartisan think tank, which “provides information on the issues, attitudes and trends shaping America and the world.” Mr. Kohut has also served as president of the Gallup Poll, and is the co-author of four books.

The Center is “probably the largest single source of what people think,” Kohut told the audience. “This election really matters to the American public,” said Mr. Kohut, explaining voter opinions. He reported that in March 2008, a very high percentage (78%) said this election mattered, and voter turnout has been extremely high for Democrats (although fairly flat for Republicans) compared to 2000. He has noticed some signs of Republicans rallying behind John McCain, but overall Republicans seem less happy with their candidate. Kohut noted that voter turnout increases on bad

news, not civic duty. Only 22% of those polled are satisfied with current conditions — the lowest percentage in 20 years. The public now wants change and competence. President Bush has only a 28% approval rating. Speaking of megatrends, Kohut says the political landscape favors the Democrats. Important issues include the war in Iraq and lack of progress on the environmental and economic front. He noticed that the mid-1990s was more conservative, and now the pendulum is swinging back toward a more liberal outlook. So why is McCain running a “pretty good race” against Barak Obama and Hillary Clinton? Kohut credits Mike Huckabee’s lack of crossover appeal and emergence as a social conservative which helped McCain, who has great appeal to independent voters. 52% of independents polled do not expect McCain would be like Bush. Kohut said that based on exit polls, Democrat preferences for Obama or Clinton have not been shaped by issues, but rather personal preferences, especially how each candidate makes voters feel about themselves. Obama’s charisma and perception as an agent of change has made voters feel good about themselves. Clinton is battling long-standing negative ratings, including from independent voters. Obama, with his appeal to liberal, elite, affluent Democrats, as well as young voters, has appealed successfully to independent voters. Clinton has appealed more to older, working-class voters, and those eager to see a woman as President. Hispanic voters have made a positive difference for Clinton in California and Texas.

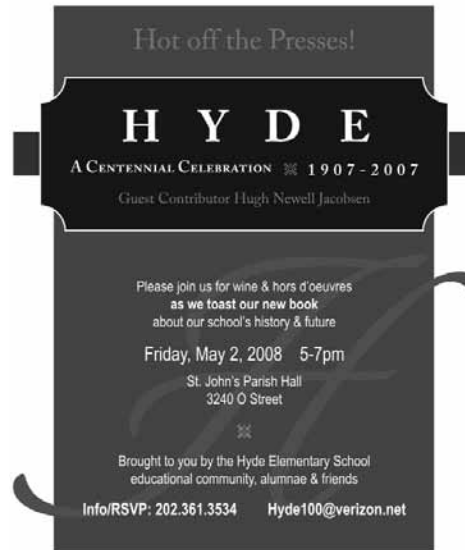
Questions from the floor covered: how a national poll is conducted (*call centers are used to contact randomly chosen participants*); request for opinion on a McCain/Rice ticket

versus Obama/Clinton (*declined*); the importance of gender; record of Pew versus other polls (*as good as Gallup; very strong record among large independent polls*); the problem of younger voters being under-represented due to their prevalence of cellphone use; the importance for candidates to talk about issues; surveys on how the public view the media; possibility of changing the Electoral College deciding the winner (*people are very conservative when it comes to changing the system*); public using the internet to gather information (*Pew is conducting a project on how the internet is used*); effects of polls on actual election outcomes; the importance of the Iraq war and the economic climate; the Reverend Wright controversy and the Obama campaign. In response to request for a piece of advice to each candidate, Kohut responded that he doesn't give advice to candidates — he concen-

trates only on what the voters themselves are saying.

Denise thanked Andy for his wide-ranging and informative remarks, and presented him with a CAG baseball cap.

—Tara Scopelliti  
Secretary



### Rose Park Party on May 14

The Friends of Rose Park will have a Spring Garden Party on May 14 at the historic Q Street home of author Leslie Morgan Steiner and Perry Steiner. Rose Park, a space for fun and frolic, is the site of many neighborhood gatherings, from Rose Park Day to the Halloween Pumpkin Carving — as well as the venue for the seasonal Wednesday Farmer's Market. You are invited to lend support to The Friends of Rose Park's maintenance and landscaping efforts — and have a good time by joining The Friends of Rose Park for cocktails and Fete Accompli treats on May 14, from 6 to 8 pm. Ticket prices are Patron \$1,000; Friend \$500; Individual \$150. For reservations, contact Trish Peva at tpeva@aol.com.

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## Concerts in the Parks

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The concerts start at 5 pm, are free and open to the public — so bring your friends. There will be special treats and surprises for children at each concert and scooped ice cream for everyone!

New this year is an option to purchase pre-order picnics from the Griffin Market. The market is offering two choices of a three-course picnic supper, a children's meal, and an antipasto selection, to be picked up on your way to the park. For the May 18th Concert in Rose Park, orders must be placed by Thursday, May 15; call 965-1222 or stop by the market at 28th and P with questions and to place orders. See menu choices below.

Also new this year is a \$1500 Georgetown Dining Extravaganza Raffle. Tickets are \$5 each and the winner receives a cocktail party for 15 by Quite a Stir Caterers; dinner for four at Mendocino Grille; a three-course dinner for two at Seasons Restaurant in the Four Seasons Hotel; and a \$150 gift certificate from Café Milano. The drawing will be at the end of the third concert on July 13 at Volta Park.

CAG thanks all the generous corporate and private supporters including: Friends of Rose Park, Friends of Volta Park, Georgetown University Hospital, Capital Restaurant Concepts, Eastbanc, Long & Foster, Nancy Taylor Bubes and Washington Fine Properties, and the *Georgetown Current*.

CAG president Denise Cunningham says "the summer concerts, started a mere six years ago, have grown into a treasured Georgetown tradition, bringing together all aspects and ages of the Georgetown community to socialize and enjoy live music and our parks." So round up your blankets and beach chairs, picnics and snacks, and plan to join neighbors and friends in our lovely parks. The schedule for all three concerts is:

## April 17 Concerts Kickoff Party at L2Lounge



**Deb Johns (left) and Nancy Taylor Bubes (right).**

**Sunday, May 18th at 5 pm at Rose Park (26th and P Streets)** featuring the Junkyard Saints ([www.junkyardsaints.com](http://www.junkyardsaints.com)).

**Sunday, June 22nd at 5 pm at Rose Park (26th and P Streets)** featuring the Billy Coulter Band ([www.billycoulter.com](http://www.billycoulter.com)) — also a WAMMIE Winner (Roots Rock Vocalist of the Year).

**Sunday, July 13th at 5 pm at Volta Park (34th and Q Streets)** featuring the Image Band (back by popular demand) — a Reggae band ([www.imageband.com](http://www.imageband.com)).



**Concerts co-chairs Jennifer Altemus (left) and Elizabeth Miller (center) with committee member Renee Esfandiary Crupi welcome guests to the fundraiser.**



**(l to r): Dan Sallick, Peter Eisler, Mimi Hall and Tom Nesbitt enjoy the party's open bar at the chic new L2Lounge.**



### Pre-Order Picnics Available at Griffin Market

#### Griffin Picnic for CAG Concerts

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Chocolate Whoopie Pie with  
Strawberry Cream  
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Parmigiano Reggiano  
Roasted and Herb Marinated  
Artichokes, Olives, Eggplant,  
Spring Carrots and Red Peppers  
Herb Foccacia and Grissini  
*\$36 per antipasti misti for four adults*

Griffin Market, 28th & P Streets (965-1222), is open 7 days a week; from 9 – 9 Monday through Saturday, and 9 – 8 on Sundays.



## Slate for CAG Officers

The nominating committee proposed the new slate of officers and two of the directors at the April CAG Meeting. Voting will be held at the May 12th Meeting.

### **President — Denise Cunningham**

Denise, who lives on Reservoir Road, has been on the CAG Board for six years, serving as president since January 2007. She works extensively with the Trees for Georgetown Committee and all the CAG working committees. She was the chair of St. John's Church Georgetown House Tour in 2006. Six years ago, Denise initiated the Fall CAG Gala. Prior to moving to DC, she was Managing Partner of an advertising/public relations agency for 15 years, and then was Managing Director of a sportswear company. Her early career was spent as a broadcast and print journalist.

### **First Vice President — Rob Housman**

Rob has been on the CAG board for two years and serves as CAG's representative to the BID board of directors. Professionally, Rob is a homeland security advisor and teaches Homeland Security and Counter-Terrorism at the University of Maryland. He formerly served in the White House Drug Czar's Office during the Clinton Administration. Rob lives on Volta Place.

### **Second Vice President — Jennifer Altemus**

Jennifer, raised in the Washington, DC area, graduated from Georgetown University in 1988. She has worked for Capital Management Restaurants (J Pauls, Paolos, Georgetown Seafood Grill, and the River Club) and the Austin Grill. Currently, she is an event planner at the Library of Congress. An East village resident, Jennifer is chair of the annual Fall Gala Committee and co-chair of the Concerts in the Parks

Committee. She lives on 32nd Street.

### **Third Vice President — Brenda Moorman**

Brenda, currently serving on the CAG Board, works with the Georgetown Garden Club on the Garden Tour and is a former Co-Chair of the Georgetown House Tour. As chair of the CAG Beautification Committee, she works on trash collection and proper trash disposal issues, as well as spearheading the rat abatement pilot program for Georgetown. An environmental activist, Brenda is the former Chair of the Sierra Club's Recycling Committee. Brenda lives on 33rd Street.

### **Secretary — Tara Scopelliti**

Tara is a 1984 graduate of Georgetown University. She has served as board secretary since June 2005 and editor of the CAG Newsletter since September 2005. Her committee involvement includes the annual fall Gala, streetscape, Concerts in the Parks, parking, and public safety. Tara divides her time between Washington Harbour and Dent Place on the East side.

### **Treasurer — Bob Laycock**

Bob, a CPA who lives on the West side, currently serves as Board Treasurer. He is a Professor Emeritus of Accounting at Montgomery College and Professorial Lecturer in Accounting at George Washington University. Bob has worked with the Trees for Georgetown committee for seven years and is an active Friend of Book Hill Park, having donated and helped plant the increasing number of daffodils. Bob lives on O Street.

### **Director — Hazel Denton**

Hazel Denton has lived on the west side of P Street for 15 years, during which she has been active in a number of neighborhood activities,

including CAG's Guard Committee. She also serves as Chair of the CAG Transportation Committee. Hazel currently works as a consultant in health and population issues, teaches at SAIS (Johns Hopkins), Georgetown, and at the Academy of Hope. Previously, Hazel had a 20-year career at the World Bank, preceded by government service (at CBO and the NSC), academia (Harvard Business School), and in advertising and marketing in London.

### **Director — Louise Brodnitz**

Louise Brodnitz, with 20 years of experience as an architect and urban planner focusing on historic preservation, serves on the CAG Historic Preservation Committee. She was Cultural Resource Manager for Walter Reed Army Medical Center from 2003 to 2007, and a member of the Montclair (New Jersey) Historic Preservation Commission for six years before moving to Georgetown in 2002. Ms. Brodnitz has a Masters of Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley, and a Masters of City and Regional Studies from Rutgers University.



**CAG intern, Fanny Brito, a GU senior, at work in the office.**

## DC is in the Zone

**A**s one of Mayor Fenty's first year initiatives, the Office of Planning has launched a massive re-write of the half-century old zoning ordinance, which manages the physical development and permitted uses of properties. It's an historic opportunity to literally shape the city's future, and your help is needed.

DC's zoning ordinance, approved in 1958, is now the second oldest of any major US city. Since the 50's, the ordinance has been piled with amendment upon amendment in a struggle to keep it relevant to modern technology and best practices; the potential inconsistencies and

unintended consequences are legion.

The re-write process has begun with 20 working groups (composed of interested citizens, no previous experience needed) reviewing such wide-ranging subject areas as Retail Strategy, Campus/Institutional Uses, Sustainability (never envisioned in the 1958 ordinance!), Arts and Culture, Historic Preservation, Parks/Open Space and, for the really hardcore, Height, Density or PUDs (Planned Unit Developments). Working groups meet 4 to 6 times to hammer out recommendations. Afterwards, recommendations for each subject area will be reviewed by the Zoning Review Task Force

(selected by the Mayor) and then forwarded on to the Zoning Commission for a public hearing.

The working groups are well underway, and the work is fascinating. The Parking and Loading working group, for example, struggles to reconcile parking demands with increasing traffic congestion. The Historic Structures group wrestles with maintaining the integrity of residential neighborhoods. The Office of Planning has no easy task, and input is essential.

To stay informed or to sign up as a participant in one or more working groups, go to [www.dczoningupdate.org](http://www.dczoningupdate.org)

—Louise Brodnitz  
CAG Historic Preservation &  
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## Great Expectations

**T**he Griffin Market has changed hands once again and it appears we're in for a treat. The new owners, Laura and Riccardo Bonino, with impressive culinary credentials and extensive restaurant industry experience including Galileo Restaurant, promise to bring their knowledge of good food, fine wine and excellent service

to a corner market that has long needed a make-over.

The Boninos are restocking the shelves with upscale groceries, replenishing the wine racks with a variety of good Italian wine, and creating a delectable deli that will offer fresh pasta, box lunches, soups and sandwiches, as well as dinner to go and pastries. They have a coffee

bar and carry high quality cheeses plus rare Italian olive oils. In other words, the Griffin Market, which had become a sad and gloomy place under previous owners, is emerging with a new lease on life.

While I was at the store, a couple of people wandered in to order sandwiches, which Laura made up in no time flat. They were repeat customers from the day before, which is always a good sign. The official opening won't be for several weeks, but do stop in; sandwiches are now available, with good wines to wash them down. Laura and Riccardo are enthusiastic entrepreneurs who live in Virginia, but will be spending the lion's share of their time in Georgetown. Stop by their store at 28th and P Streets (tel. 965-1222) to introduce yourself and welcome them to the neighborhood.

—V V Harrison

**NEWSBYTES** The **Dumbarton Oaks Collections** have reopened after renovations; museum hours are 2 – 5 pm, Tuesdays through Sundays and admission is free...By the beginning of this month, **Vineyard Vines** clothing store on Wisconsin Avenue and **The Tackle Box** on M Street (a lobster shack by Hook) will both be open for business...Also on M, **Janus et Cie** is coming soon...Actor Chris Rock was spotted at L2Lounge in Cady's Alley...Check out the new **Gelateria Dolce Vita**—many flavors of Italian gelato including mango, tiramisu, mint chocolate— (replacing Edy's Ice Cream Store) at Washington Harbour overlooking the piazza and Potomac River...Speaking of ice cream, **Haagen Dazs** on M Street has reopened



after completing renovations...Did you see the **Popemobile** on the edge of Georgetown? Newsletter writer Walter Groszyk snapped this photo (on left) while standing on the sidewalk by the Four Seasons Hotel, as the Popemobile

carrying the Pope came over the Pennsylvania Avenue bridge and ventured 30 feet into Georgetown before descending the ramp (on the wrong way) down to Rock Creek Parkway.

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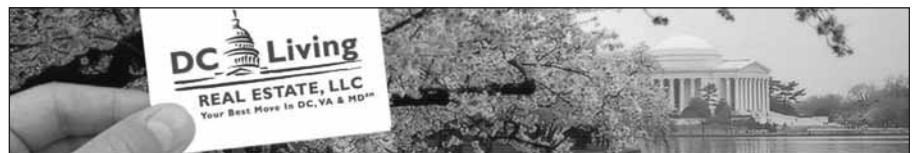
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The movie is directed by Kevin Macdonald, who directed *The Last King of Scotland*, and stars Rachel McAdams, Ben Affleck, Robin Wright Penn, Russell Crowe, Helen Mirren, and Jeff Daniels. *State of Play* is scheduled for an April 2009 release.

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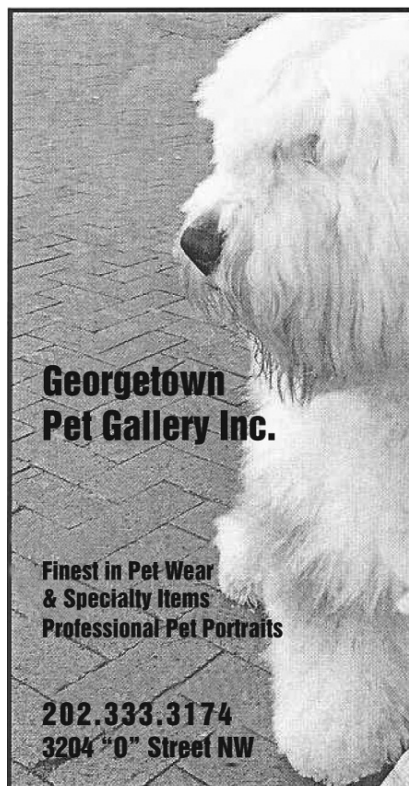
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Thurs. May 8	<b>Trees for Georgetown Annual Celebration;</b> 6 – 8 pm; home of Julie and Mike Connors, 3147 P Street; Tickets \$125 per person; call 333-7879.
Thurs. May 8	<b>Nathans Community Lunch featuring National Trust for Historic Preservation President Richard Moe;</b> Noon; call 338-2000 for reservations.
Sat. May 10	<b>Partnership for Problem Solving (PPS) Meeting Sponsored by the Metropolitan Police Department to discuss community issues at 10:30 am;</b> MPD 2nd District, 3320 Idaho Avenue, NW.
Mon. May 12	<b>Citizens Association of Georgetown Meeting featuring Councilmember Jack Evans;</b> Annual CAG Awards and Election of Officers; reception at 7 and program at 7:30 pm; St. John's Church Parish Hall, Potomac and O Streets.
Sat. May 17	<b>Georgetown Garden Treasures: Tudor Place and Dumbarton Oaks Annual Guided Tour;</b> 11 am; Meet at Visitors Center, 1644 31st Street; \$12 nonmember, \$10 members; Advance registration required; call 965-0400.
Wed. May 21	<b>A Springtime Salute to Ellington benefiting the Duke Ellington School of the Arts;</b> 6:30 – 9 pm; Halcyon House, 3400 Prospect Street; Tickets \$200 per person; Call 333-2555.
Tues. June 3	<b>Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2E Public Meeting;</b> 6:30 pm; Heritage Room, Georgetown Visitation, 35th & Volta Streets; (agenda available at <a href="http://www.anc2E.com">www.anc2E.com</a> ); call 338-7427 for more information.