

# The Corner Forum

for the 1200 and 1300 blocks of E, the 400 and 500 blocks of 13th,  
Duncan Place and Emerald Street NE

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## Dog Walkers: Be Considerate, Please, About Where You Let Your Dog Poop and Pee

BY RUBY GREENE, 1350 EMERALD ST. NE

*Ms. Greene called the Corner Forum on Wednesday with the following plea.*

The other day, I was sitting outside on my doorstep, and I had just finished sweeping up the sidewalk, and I had the broom right beside me, and this man down the street — his dog came up and wanted to pee, and he stood there and watched the dog pee right on the broom, while I stood there. And I said, “You’re gonna stand there and let the dog pee on my broom?” He said, “I’m sorry.” What good is that? It’s already done. And then he left. I think that was rude. That’s my broom, that I use, in my house.

I came out one morning, and there was a big bag with dog poo sitting on my doorstep.

Then I came out this morning again: someone let their dog pee on my car. You could see it running down on the door of the car. That is wrong. With the sun all hot today, it was a stinking smell. I was gonna drive to the car wash today, but I had so much to do — I didn’t get a chance.

If people allow their dogs to do stuff like that, why not let them go to the bathroom in your house?

I’ve been living on this block since 1988, and I’ve never had a problem until this started happening recently. I don’t want to get in trouble because of stuff like that.

Because believe me, like this morning, when I went out there, you could see that it had just happened. I was taking my grandkids to school. If I had caught the dog’s owner there, letting that dog go to the bathroom on my car, we would have had a big problem. I maybe would have knocked the lights out of that dog. Or maybe the owner too! Because I was really upset.

You know, you pay \$28,000 for your car — you don’t want to stand there and watch somebody’s dog pee on your car. I could see if it was just a stray dog, then it’s different. But if you have your dog on a leash, there shouldn’t be a reason for your dog to pee on somebody’s vehicle, or put your poo on the person’s doorstep. Why stand there, letting the dog pee on the car?

The next time I catch somebody with their dog peeing on my property, I’m gonna call the police.

I have two little grandsons, 3 and 5. Most mornings, they run to the car. Luckily, this morning, they weren’t the ones that ran to the car first.

Don’t let the dogs use the bathroom on the sidewalks! This is the only place these kids have to play right now. I’m planning to move, because I want yard space for these kids. Other than that, I would not move, because I really love my neighborhood, but I’m working on my house right now, to put it on the market. I have two little boys, and they need space to play. It’s not every evening that I can take them to the playground, because I work a full eight-hour shift job every day.

In the evenings, I watch dogs doo-doo on the concrete, and then the owner will pick it up. But if you see your dog is going to poop — push the paper under the dog! Because the kids play on the sidewalk. It would be better if you let the dog poo on the paper, instead of cleaning it up afterwards. Because after you pick it up, there’s still some left on the street.

Get up in time, and take your dog to a park, instead of letting the dog use the bathroom on the sidewalk where the kids play and on people’s property! Take the dog to an area where it’s designated for that purpose! Don’t use the sidewalk as a bathroom, or people’s property as a bathroom. That’s not right. §

## Mayor Visits Kingsman

BY TAMMI CIOFFI, 536 13TH ST. NE

On Wednesday morning I attended the dedication ceremony at the former Kingsman Elementary School. There were several people there, including students from both Options and Sasha Bruce charter schools, the two schools that will be sharing the campus next year.

A representative from the Charter Schools Development Corporation (CSDC) led the ceremony. Speakers included Council Member Sharon Ambrose (D-Ward 6), Mayor Williams (D) and Nina Rees, a deputy undersecretary in the U.S. Department of Education.

Ms. Ambrose impressed me the most, because she seemed genuinely excited about the school and the possibilities it brings to the neighborhood. She encouraged the schools to build a relationship with the surrounding community and vice versa.

Harold Thomas, the principal of Sasha Bruce, led a tour of the annex after the ribbon-cutting ceremony. The annex has about 15 classrooms, each beautifully decorated and equipped with three or more new computers for the students. The playground out back is limited: there is a basketball court, but the rest of the blacktop is covered with glass. They are still working on the plans for the rest of the blacktop area.

I spoke briefly with a teacher from Options on my way out. She said Options currently includes fourth through ninth grades but is hoping to eventually expand to kindergarten through ninth.

All construction should be done by next September, if not earlier, according to the CSDC spokesman.

I hope there is a forum in the future that will give us a chance to ask some questions and meet some representatives from both schools. §

# Capitol Hill Housing Market Still Strong, Real Estate Agents Say

BY LIBO LIU, 500 BLOCK OF 14TH STREET NE

So, it has been a jobless recovery for the nation's economy.

And, the mortgage rate is no longer as low as it was in early summer.

Then comes the weekly report from the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, saying that demand for home loans last week slipped 7 percent from the previous week, on top of declining numbers before that.

"August was sluggish," says Bob Williams, a Capital Hill specialist with Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage, "listed houses stayed on the market a little longer than before."

"It is slowing down a little bit, not as crazy as this time last year," commented Bill Panici, a DC real estate broker with Weichert Realtors who sold a house in the area of Maryland Avenue and 12th Street earlier this year.

Is the real estate bubble finally going to burst?

Not so fast.

DC is a very different market, and the market is still very strong, according to experts in the area.

"You don't listen to the noise about the national numbers," says Mr. Williams, who, at any given time, has multiple listings in the Capital Hill area. "I am aware of what is going on here. I am out there everyday."

He says August indeed slowed down a bit because of the higher mortgage rates and the traditional vacation time, but now the activities seem to be picking up again.

People have returned from their vacation, and the rates are coming down, again. Interest rates, excluding fees, on 30-year fixed-rate mortgages, the most commonly used home loan, averaged 5.85 percent last week. And the buyers have taken notice.

Bill Panici of Weichert Realtors had an open house at 522 4th St. SE this past weekend. More than a hundred prospective buyers walked in. By Wednesday, he had multiple offers and got a contract 15 percent --above the asking price. "It is still a seller's market," says the veteran real estate broker, citing low house inventory in the DC area.

However, not everything is selling, and buyers start to gain some ground, according to real estate brokers.

"Sellers have gotten too ambitious after seeing what prices their neighbors are getting," says Bob Williams. "As a result, some houses stay in the market a few days longer, or even have to come down in price in order to sell."

Mr. Panici agrees.

"You need to price your house properly even though it is still a seller's market." §

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# Updates

**CORRECTION:** Rachel MacCleery's e-mail address was listed incorrectly in last week's issue. It is Rachel.Maccleery@dc.gov. (Ms. MacCleery is the DDOT transportation planner for Ward 6.)

**KINGSMAN:** According to a Charter Schools Development Corporation brochure, the school has been renamed the Richard E. Thompson Kingsman Charter School Campus. Mr. Thompson was the founder of the Charter Schools Development Corporation and is the chairman of the Thompson Publishing Group.

**EXCELLO:** During the Board's status hearing on Wednesday, ANC 6A06 Commissioner Jessica Ward reports, the Board ordered protestants and Excello to attend a second mediation session. During the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board's fact-finding hearing on Sept. 3, the Board determined that Excello was no longer selling single-serving containers of beer. The Board assessed no penalties for the violations that had been found earlier in the year by an Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration inspector. (Disclosure Note: I am one of the protestants of the renewal of Excello's liquor license.)

**"DO-NOT-CALL" LIST:** Enforcement of the federal do-not-call list was blocked by a ruling on Thursday by the United States District Court for the District of Colorado. Rules prohibiting companies from placing telemarketing calls to people who request to be placed on this list had been scheduled to take effect on Wednesday. The court said the regulations violate the companies' First Amendment (free speech) rights, in part because the restrictions apply to commercial calls but not to calls seeking donations to charities or political organizations. The Federal Trade Commission has appealed the court's decision and has filed a motion for an emergency stay of the portion of the court's order that bars the FTC from enforcing the rules. "You can still put your number on the national registry, but for now, telemarketers are not required to comply with it," the FTC says on its Web site. To list your number, visit <http://donotcall.gov> or call 1-888-382-1222 from the number you are listing. Before the court order, as reported in the July 6 issue of the Corner Forum, if you registered before Sept. 1, most telemarketers would have had to stop calling, and consumers could file complaints, after Oct. 1, and if you registered on or after Sept. 1, most telemarketers would have had to stop calling three months after you registered.

**PRERECORDED TELEMARKETING MESSAGE LAWSUIT:** I went to small claims court on Friday in my case against the company I am suing (as reported in the Sept. 7 and Sept. 14 issues of the Corner Forum) for placing prerecorded telephone solicitation calls to my residential phone lines. I received two more calls placed by or on behalf of the company on Sept. 10, after I filed my initial complaint, so I increased the requested damages from \$1,000 to \$2,000 (the law allows lawsuits for damages of at least \$500 per violation.) The company representative and I were assigned to confidential mediation. We were unable to reach a settlement during the mediation, so we were scheduled for a new court date, on Oct. 20. One key issue will be whether each of my two home phone numbers are a "residential telephone line" under the law. Both are listed by Verizon as residential lines, and both are in my home, but I use one of them mostly for non-personal (freelancing and Corner Forum) purposes. So I'm trying to figure out what Congress, when it passed the Telephone Consumer Protection Act of 1991, meant by "residential telephone line." Did it intend to

restrict calls to all phone lines in the home or only to those phone lines used primarily for personal purposes? (Over the last year, I received three calls to my home-office number, and one call to my home-home number.) If any readers have any suggestions, they'd be very welcome!

**COMINGS AND GOINGS:** If you have met one of the area's new residents or know someone about to move out, please ask them if they'd like to introduce themselves or say goodbye. According to the Long & Foster Web site, <http://www.longandfoster.com>, viewed today, the real estate listings for the Corner Forum area have changed from Sept.

20 as follows: 408 13th St. NE is no longer listed. The following listings have not changed: 1246 Duncan Pl. NE (\$365,000) and 1306 Emerald St. NE (\$298,000). NOTE: If you would like to volunteer to compile these for-sale listings regularly or once in a while, please call me at 544-2447 or e-mail [news@thecornerforum.org](mailto:news@thecornerforum.org). Your assistance would be appreciated!

**CORNER FORUM ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:** The following people helped produce or distribute the Sept. 21 issue of the Corner Forum: Marc Borbely, 536 13th St. NE, and Sharon Cochran, 1300 block of Emerald Street NE. There are 81 households in the Corner Forum area that are subscribed to the newsletter (29 on E Street, 26 on Emerald Street, 19 on 13th Street, and 7 on Duncan Place).

— Marc Borbely, 536 13th St. NE§

## Questions

**MISSING BIKE:** Has anyone seen a dark red and black bike? It has only one gear, sort of an old-fashioned-looking bike. I last saw it outside my house, 536 13th St. NE. I ride my bike to and from work, so I am really hoping someone has seen it or knows something. Please call 544-2806 if you have seen it. Thanks a lot.

— Tammi Cioffi, 536 13th St. NE

**TREE REGULATIONS:**[Does anyone know what the city's rules are about trees on private property? Are there any restrictions on how large they are allowed to get? Are they allowed to hang over your neighbor's yard?]

— Dorothy Bess, 1336 E St. NE §

# Tips

## Listservs Are Good Source of Information, Dialogue on Community Issues

BY MARC BORBELY, 536 13TH ST. NE

If you have Internet access and would like to be as informed as possible about the goings-on in the area, the following are some free listservs (e-mail discussion groups) you may want to subscribe to. You can unsubscribe at any time.

If you use Microsoft Outlook Express (or many other programs) as your e-mail software, you can configure it so that messages from these listservs automatically get sorted into separate folders as they come in. (Let me know if I can help with this.) This way your inbox doesn't get too cluttered, and you can read the messages from one listserv only, a bunch at a time.

The Corner Forum will continue publish information from these listservs for the benefit of readers who do not have Internet access or have Internet access but do not wish to subscribe to each listserv. I'd be grateful, though, for volunteers who could monitor one or two of these for information that could be useful or interesting to Corner Forum readers.

- ANC 6A: A listserv for residents in the ANC 6A area, which includes the Corner Forum area. The listserv is moderated by ANC 6A Commissioner Wanda Harris in an unofficial capacity. Of all the listservs listed here, this one is the most useful to us, in my opinion. See <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/anc6a> to subscribe or unsubscribe.
- PSA 511. This is our Police Service Area (a subdivision of the Fifth District). The listserv is moderated by resident Jennifer Flather. Subscribers receive announcements of PSA meetings and summaries of current crimes in the area, among other things. See <http://www.psa511.juniperdc.com> to subscribe or unsubscribe.

### Libraries Offer Internet Access

If you don't have a computer at home, you can use the computers at the Northeast Branch of the D.C. Public Library (330 7th St. NE, 698-3320). You can use these computers to send or read e-mail or to search and read information on the Internet. However, there is usually a waiting list to use those computers, and you can only use them for a limited time (a half-hour, I think).

An excellent alternative is to use the Computer Catalog Center at the Library of Congress. The center in Room LJ 139 in the Jefferson Building (101 Independence Ave. SE) has had many computers free every time I've been there (I've been there about two dozen times over the last two years).

The center is open 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays — and until 5 p.m. on Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. It's open to anyone 18 or older.

You're supposed to use the Library of Congress computers for research purposes only, not to send e-mail to friends — so this is a very good place for searching the Internet or reading e-mails/Web sites about the neighborhood (or to research job opportunities, etc.), but it's not really the right place to send or read purely personal e-mail messages (though many people, including me, do it anyway once in a while).

— Marc Borbely §

- H Street DC. "This list seeks to create a partnership between community members, city planners, government officials, developers, and other interested people to begin to address the problem of revitalizing this commercial street." This listserv is moderated by resident Kevin Palmer. See <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hstreetdc> to subscribe or unsubscribe.

- Crimereports.com. Subscribers receive summaries of police reports for incidents that occur within each police district. The Corner Forum area is in the Fifth Police District. See <http://www.crimereports.com> to subscribe or unsubscribe.

- Old City Capitol Hill Neighborhood Association. The boundaries of the association are H Street, Maryland Avenue, 11th Street and 14th Street, all in Northeast. The listserv is moderated by association president Robert Pittman. See [http://oldcitycapitolhill.org/mailling\\_list.php](http://oldcitycapitolhill.org/mailling_list.php) to subscribe or unsubscribe.

- ANC 6C: This discussion group is for citizens living in the boundaries of the new ANC 6C, which lies south of 8th Street NE. See <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/anc6c> to subscribe or unsubscribe.

- Hill East. "This is a place for concerned citizens to become involved with local issues and create a sense of community in Hill East. We're activists, homeowners, moms, dads, dog walkers, volunteers, and generally engaged folks who want to improve the quality of life for all in Hill East." Hill East generally lies southeast of the Corner Forum area. The listserv is owned by resident Gretchen Mikeska. See <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/newhilleast> to subscribe or unsubscribe. §

### Kabob Palace: Delicious

The food at Kabob Palace (703-486-353), at 2315 South Eads Street in Arlington, is truly delicious.

The place serves Pakistani food — including vegetarian dishes (such as chickpeas and rice) and exotic meat (some type of brains).

I've eaten there twice. The portions are large. It's apparently quite popular among cab drivers.

Entrees, which include Pakistani bread, range from about \$6 to about \$10. It was recommended to me by an Indian friend as being the establishment in the area that offers the most authentic food from the area. From the Corner Forum area, take 395 south across the bridge to Route 1. Then make a right on 23rd Street and a left onto South Eads.

— Marc Borbely §

## City Council to Hold Hearings on Parking, Traffic Issues

BY SHARON COCHRAN, 1300 BLOCK OF EMERALD STREET NE

Council Member Carol Schwartz (R-At Large) has scheduled a couple of interesting public hearings this week in the City Council Chamber. The public hearings are held in the Council of the District of Columbia Chamber, at the John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Ave. NW. Now is the time for you to let Ms. Schwartz (724-8105) and Council Member Sharon Ambrose (D-Ward 6, 724-8072) know your thoughts about these matters.

### Monday, 6 p.m.

Agenda items:

1. "Parking Meter Fee Moratorium Act of 2003," Bill 15-220. To impose a parking meter fee moratorium all day Saturday and on other days between 6:30 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

2. "Traffic Adjudication Appeal Fee Amendment Act of 2003," Bill 15-211. To amend the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act of 1978, and Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to provide for a refund of the fee for appealing a notice of traffic infraction to a person who prevails in an appeal.

3. "Parking Limitation for Out of State Vehicles Amendment Act of 2003," Bill 15-90. To amend Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to limit the period of time vehicles with out of state license plates may park on a roadway to no more than 24 consecutive hours.

4. "Parking Ticket Adjudication Hearing Amendment Act of 2003," Bill 15-141. To amend the District of Columbia Traffic Adjudication Act of 1978 to give hearing officers the discretion to determine whether to require the appearance of the issuer of a parking ticket at the hearing on the violation.

5. "Parking Amendment Act of 2003," Bill 14-412. To prohibit the parking of motor vehicles on public space for more than 72 hours or in the front yard on private property, to give property owners a claim of title on abandoned and/or dangerous vehicles impounded from their property with their con-

sent, and to require that motor vehicle auctioneers maintain a record of vehicles sold by vehicle identification number and purchase

### Wednesday, 10 a.m.

1. "Mobile Telephone Driving Safety Act of 2003," Bill 15-35. To enhance driving safety by restricting the use of hand-held telephones and other electronic devices by operators of moving motor vehicles by requiring the Metropolitan Police Department to include on motor vehicle accident reports information about the possible use of hand-held telephones by drivers involved in the accident, by requiring the Department of Motor Vehicles to publish statistics regarding the relationship between motor vehicle accidents and the use of mobile telephones, and by increasing public dialogue and education about distracted driving.

2. "Rights-of-Way at Crosswalks Amendment Act of 2003," Bill 15-43. To amend the District of Columbia Official Code §50-2201.28 to stop vehicles from passing a crosswalk when a pedestrian is crossing a roadway.

3. "Responsible Use of Cell Phones Act of 2003," Bill 15-44. To enhance driving safety by restricting the use of hand-held telephones by operators of moving motor vehicles, by providing penalties for the violations, by requiring the Metropolitan Police Department to include on motor vehicle accident reports information about the possible use of hand-held telephones by drivers involved in motor vehicle accidents, by requiring the Mayor to submit an annual report to the Council concerning motor vehicle safety and by increasing public dialogue and education about distracted driving, and by banning the use of cell phones by school bus drivers; and to amend Title 18 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations to conform to the penalties provided under this act.

4. "Automated Traffic Enforcement Amendment Act of 2003," Bill 15-49. To require the Mayor to reevaluate the speed limit on various streets of the District of Columbia and to require that any fines from such a system be allocated to the Highway Trust Fund. §

## Interested in Serving on Advisory Council for Sherwood Recreation Center?

*The following update about Sherwood Recreation Center, at 9th and G Streets NE, was submitted to the ANC 6A listserv on Sept. 9 by Joseph Fengler, chairman of Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6A (the ANC for the Corner Forum area). Mr. Fengler is the commissioner for 6A02. He can be reached at 423-8868 or fengler6a02@yahoo.com.*

[The Sherwood Recreation Center] will have a community-elected recreation council that will make recommendations on programming for the facility.

I am not sure how the elections will take place, but if you

are interested in serving, please contact Lou Hall (Parks and Recreation Service, Ward Six Manager) e-mail: lou.hall@dc.gov.

There will be a wide array of programs offered — some will have a few and other will be free. Generally speaking, if the center has to pay for an instructor (aerobics, etc.), there will be fees collected to offset that cost.

This is why the Recreation Advisory Council will be very important in providing input on all programming matters. §

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# Calendar of Upcoming Events

*If you attend any of these events, please send in anything from a few lines to a long article about what happened.*

*And if you know of any upcoming events that other readers might be interested in, send them in!*

*Events are free, unless otherwise noted, and open to all.*

— COMPILED BY SHARON COCHRAN  
1300 block of Emerald Street NE

## **Monday, September 29**

7 p.m. Community Conferencing. “Do you want to work with your community to create safe, healthy, and supportive neighborhoods? Would you like to learn about alternatives to incarceration? ... A Community Conference is a meeting of the community of people affected by behavior that has caused serious harm. During the conference offenders, victims and their respective supporters seek ways to repair the damage caused by the incident and to minimize further harm.” At the Petworth Public Library, 4200 Kansas Ave. NW. Info, Ingrid Drake, 882-6450 or [ingridnatasha@yahoo.com](mailto:ingridnatasha@yahoo.com).

7:30 p.m. Stanton Park Neighborhood Association meeting. “Discuss your ideas and concerns about the neighborhood.” With Council Member Phil Mendelson (D-At Large). SPNA’s boundaries are from Second Street NE to Tenth Street NE, and from East Capitol to H Street NE. At the Northeast Branch Library, 330 7th St. NE (by Maryland Avenue), 698-3320, <http://stantonpark.org>.

## **Tuesday, September 30**

6:30-8 p.m. People in D.C. (Family History/Genealogy). “Matthew Gilmore, formerly a staff member of the Washingtonian Division, will highlight the variety of tools and sources for documenting people in Washington, D.C. — both in the Washingtonian Division itself and at a number of other institutions throughout the city.” In the Washingtonian Division of the MLK Public Library, 901 G St. NW, room 307. Registration requested (but not required), [dc-edit@mail.h-net.msu.edu](mailto:dc-edit@mail.h-net.msu.edu) or 727-1213.

7 p.m. (6:30 p.m. refreshments.) 100,000 More D.C. Residents: Who Benefits? With Alice M. Rivlin, Brookings Institution, Skip McKoy, DC Agenda, Jim Dickerson, Manna, Inc. and Loretta Tate, Marshall Heights Community Development Organization. Moderated by Bob Pohlman, Coalition for Non-Profit Housing & Economic Development. “Mayor Williams has adopted the goal of 100,000 more DC residents over the next 10 years. This goal has sparked debate and policy proposals from all quarters. Affordable housing and anti-poverty activists claim 100,000 more residents might mean more displacement of existing low income families. Alice M. Rivlin, the initiator of the 100,000 more residents proposal, has recently put forth a strategy to retain and attract families to the District while repairing its troubled public institutions and restoring its fiscal health. Join us for a lively discussion about how restoring historic population levels of the District of Columbia can help existing residents and create a better future for the region. Learn what are the potential benefits, threats and strategies for a

revitalized D.C.” By Washington Regional Network for Livable Communities, 667-5445 or [staff@washingtonregion.net](mailto:staff@washingtonregion.net). At the Summer School, 1201 17th St. NW (Metro: Farragut North.). <http://www.washingtonregion.net>.

7 p.m. Dave Brubeck Workshop and Jam Session. “The legendary pianist-composer Dave Brubeck will launch the Library of Congress 2003-2004 concert series.” At Library Of Congress, Coolidge Auditorium, first floor of the Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First Street SE, 707-5502. <http://www.loc.gov/rr/perform/concert>.

7-9 p.m. ANC 6A Economic Development & Zoning Committee. Draft agenda includes a discussion on proposed citywide changes to zoning law pertaining to the Metropolitan Police Department and regarding a High Density Residential Retail Overlay District. At Capitol Hill Towers, 900 G St. NE, community room. Info, ANC 6A03 Commissioner Cody Rice, 544-3734.

## **Wednesday, October 1**

10:30 a.m. Black Artists in America: Parts 1 and 2. In Part 1, several acclaimed artists, including Romare Bearden and Sam Gilliam, discuss their backgrounds, their sources of inspiration, and the unique concerns of African American artists. In Part 2, the focus is on the historic “National Panel on African American Art” held at the Art Student’s League in New York City on March 2, 1971. At the center of the conference’s lively debate: the unique challenges facing artists of color during the 1970s. Reservations suggested, 287-3369. Anacostia Museum & Center for African American History & Culture, 1901 Fort Place SE. <http://anacostia.si.edu>.

6:45-8:45 p.m. The State of Domestic Violence in DC. “A workshop led by Nancy Meyer of the DC Coalition Against Domestic Violence. This is the first workshop in a series of workshops to educate the community on violence against women.” Suggested donation, \$5. At the Social Action and Leadership School for Activists, 733 15th St. NW, Suite 1020, 234-9382 ext. 229. <http://www.ips-dc.org/salsa>.

8 p.m. Dave Brubeck and his Quartet and the Brubeck Institute Sextet. “This session will feature the Dave Brubeck Quartet, bassist Christian McBride, and the Brubeck Institute’s sextet of talented young musicians.” Tickets free (there may be a service charge) but required. Ticketmaster, 301-808-6900 or <http://www.ticketmaster.com>. No-show tickets are also available (come by 6:30 p.m.). At Library Of Congress, Coolidge Auditorium, the first floor of the Thomas Jefferson Building, 10 First St. SE, 707-5502.

## **Thursday, October 2**

6:30 p.m. 2004 Shaping the Debate for Democracy: A Call to Action. With Rep. John Lewis (D), the Honorable Mani Shankar Aiyar, Indian National Congress, and Dr. Doug Johnston, International Center for Religion and Diplomacy. By Young India. “A focused vision to reconnect citizens to their own governments lies at the core of the democratic challenge at hand. The vision we formulate and act upon today is inspired by the Gandhian method for transformation. The first step in this

process requires us to recognize the immediate challenges, which are the elections in 2004 — in the United States and India. Why and how should citizens like us reclaim our democracy? This event is the first step in our quest to answer this very question that plagues all democracies today. We will hear from speakers who have addressed this question in the past and continue to do so today. Their experiences and ideas will help us all respond to the dynamic challenges that our democracies face today.” At House International Relations Committee Room, room 2255, Rayburn Office Building (near South Capitol & C Streets SE) <http://yidream.org/2004/gandhitribute.shtml>.

7 p.m. Meet Argentine Artist Guillermo Kuitca. Kuitca’s painting *Trauerspiel* is on view in the museum’s lower level. He will discuss his work. At Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden, 7th Street and Independence Avenue SW. 633-4674. <http://hirshhorn.si.edu/programs/events.asp>.

7 p.m. Birds of the Mid-Atlantic Region and Where to Find Them. “John Rappole, research biologist at the Zoo’s Conservation and Research Center in Front Royal, Virginia, discusses his research and shares his secrets for locating both common and seldom-seen birds in the Mid-Atlantic region.” Visitor Center, National Zoo. <http://nationalzoo.si.edu/ActivitiesAndEvents/default.cfm>.

#### **Friday, October 3**

6-10 p.m. IMAX & Jazz Cafe: Steve Abshire and Vince Lewis. On most Friday evenings the National museum of Natural History offers music by Washington’s top jazz musicians, screenings of two IMAX films, and an elegant dinner a la carte. This evening’s music is performed by Steve Abshire and Vince Lewis (guitars). The IMAX films are *Pulse: A Stomp Odyssey* or *Cirque Du Soleil: Journey of Man*. 5:30-10 p.m.: Cash bar. 5:45-8:45 p.m.: Films, \$7.50 adult, \$12 double feature. 6-9 p.m.: Dinner, beginning at \$15. 6-10 p.m.: Music, free. At the National Museum of Natural History, 10th Street & Constitution Avenue NW, Atrium Cafe & Johnson IMAX Theater. After 5:30, use the Constitution Avenue entrance <http://www.mnh.si.edu/imax>.

#### **Saturday, October 4**

All Day. Today and Tomorrow. D.C. Open House. “A special weekend when museums, historic houses, and other attractions — as well as the city’s finest walking tour guides — invite you to sample the city. ... At more than 50 sites in 12 neighborhoods, members of Cultural Tourism DC open their doors to show you the places they know and love. Walking tour guides tell stories of local Washington and point out the capital’s lovely architecture.” <http://www.DCOpenHouse.org>.

7-8:30 a.m. Early Bird Tour. “Catch a glimpse of some of the arboretum’s feathered residents on this early morning tour before the arboretum opens to the public. Participants will be guided through arboretum collections to a variety of habitats

popular for nesting and foraging. Participants will receive the Checklist of Birds at the National Arboretum for handy reference. Bring your binoculars!” Registration required, 245-5898 or online. \$10. At National Arboretum, 24th & R Streets NE. Enter through R Street Gate. <http://www.usna.usda.gov/Education/events.html#October>.

9 a.m.-noon. Bike Collection. Pedals for Progress collects used, serviceable bicycles, to distribute to developing countries, where the bikes are reconditioned by partner agencies and distributed at low cost to poor working adults. A \$10-per-bike donation is requested to help defray the costs of transportation. St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, 3rd & A Streets SE. Info, 543-3642. <http://www.p4p.org>.

10 a.m.-5 p.m. National Book Festival on the National Mall. See more than 80 nationally known authors, storytellers, as well as NBA and WNBA stars celebrate books. The Library of Congress and Laura Bush host this event. On the National Mall, between 7th and 14th Streets NW. <http://www.loc.gov/bookfest>.

11 a.m. The Dedication Party for the YuMe Tree, a 28-foot community mosaic on the wall of CVS facing Watkins School at 12th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue SE. More than one thousand neighborhood children sculpted and signed the three-inch tiles creating the YuMe Tree.

Noon-6 p.m. Barracks Row Fest. Celebrate the streetscape construction and new shops opening up on 8th Street SE. This event offers performances, food, arts, and entertainment all day long on 8th Street between Pennsylvania Avenue and the Marine Barracks. <http://www.barracksrow.org>.

4 p.m. Walking Tour: Capital Neighbors - A Walk About Capitol Hill. “Stroll 19th-century streets with a DC Heritage tour guide.” Meet at Eastern Market Metro station (Pennsylvania Avenue & 7th Street SE).

8 p.m.-midnight. Magic Of the Arts, Ball and Silent Auction. “This is an elegant night of dancing, dining and cocktails to benefit the Capitol Hill Arts Workshop. This year’s event combines the enchanting sounds of the Pan American Jazz Orchestra with a feast of delicious heavy hors d’oeuvres and cocktails. Throughout the evening, guests will have the opportunity to bid on wonderful pieces of art as well as other items donated by local businesses.” At the Frederick Douglas Museum and Hall of Fame for Caring Americans, 320 A St. NE. Tickets, \$75. Info, 547-6839. <http://www.chaw.org>.

#### **Sunday, October 5**

1 p.m. Walking Tour: Capitol Complex Crawl. The U.S. Capitol Historical Society will lead a tour along the Capitol’s exterior while explaining its history, construction, daily life, and the meaning of democracy. Meet in front of 200 Maryland Ave. NE (VFW Building). <http://www.uschs.org>.

2-5 p.m. “Taste of Asia” Cultural Community Day. On H Street NW, between 6th and 8th Streets. Info, 628-1041, ext. 1377. §

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