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## A league of their own

**GIRLS NIGHT OUT:** Now this is the way to take in a baseball game. The rooftop of Garage B at Nationals Park was rocking Aug. 14 when the Nationals hosted Ladies Night Out and the Home Run happy hour. Before watching the National take on the Mets, roughly 750 women enjoyed manicures, seated massages, dancing, wine and beer tastings and tasty hors d'oeuvres, all while shopping the wares of local vendors. Speaking of which, it was a great place to catch up with a few local businesses, including Monument Realty, Honest Tea and ❶ **Christina Taylor** of Taylor Made Gems, an events planner by day and jewelry designer by night (though, given the good quality of her designs, that might have to become a full-time gig sooner rather than later). There were supposedly some players on hand, but we didn't spot any. ❷ Chatting atop the field were, from left, **Darlene Smialek** of Cikat Networks, **Kathy D'Amato** of Northern Virginia National Association of Industrial and Office Properties, **Jenifer Gerber** of Opus East and **Lisa Falconer** of the Henry Jackson Foundation. Others networking included, from left, ❸ **Lisa Rosen** of Monument Realty, **Claire Schaefer** of the Capitol Riverfront BID, **Christine Masney** of Transwestern, **Tasha Stancill** of Monument Realty and **Kathleen Kruczynski** of the Capitol Riverfront BID. ❹ Forget the seventh inning stretch. These gals are stretching their legs before the Nationals game by dancing to a little Cotton Eyed Joe.

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## Who's on First?



Howard University grad **Erin Jackson** has only been doing comedy for the past five years or so, but that's been enough to take her all the way to the semifinals of NBC's "Last Comic Standing." The comedienne, who had the Nationals event crowd cracking up before the game, shared a few thoughts about comedy and laughter.

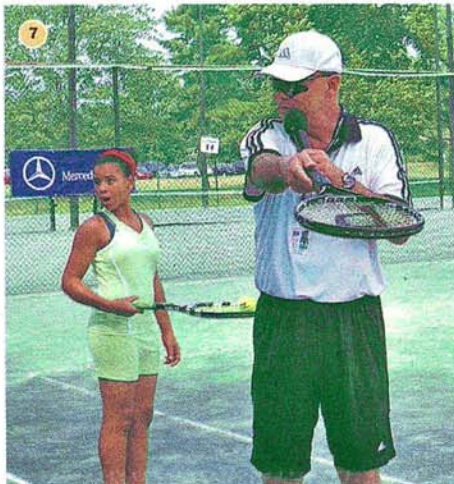
**Are you annoyingly punctual or habitually late?** Oh, annoyingly punctual. I have late-itis.

**What one word would you use to describe yourself?** Sarcastic.

**Who's your inspiration?** I love Ellen Degeneres. (She's appearing on Ellen's show Sept. 16.)

**What was the best part of being on "Last Comic Standing"?** It was great exposure. Ellen saw it and asked me to be on her show.

**What's the toughest thing about being in stand-up?** Having to prove yourself every single day. You can be funny as hell one night and then be brought down to reality the next. But that's also the best part.



## Also around town...

**ALL ABOARD THE TEQUILA TRAIN:** Patron Tequila teamed up with New Orleans charities, the St. Bernard Project and Preservation Hall, for the Music in Motion Tour, via a 1927 vintage train car touring the country. Attending the Aug. 7 Washington whistlestop were ❶ **Teresa Herbert**, far left, and **JD Koons**, far right, of the Patrón Spirits Co. and **Doug Mason**, **Nicki Schreengost**, **Ivan Iricanin**, and **Amanda Watson**, all of Washington Wholesale Liquor.

**MAKERS MARK-ETER:** Some 50 marketers met at Panache Aug. 12 for the Society for Marketing Professional Services' happy hour. Guests included ❶ from left, **David Friedman** of The Beatty Cos.; **Amanda Sanderson** of GeoConcepts Engineering; **Julie Mock** of Turner Interiors; and **Joel Causey** of Turner Construction.

**CLASSIC KIDS:** The Meltzer Group schmoozed with 30 young tennis fans Aug. 13 during the Kid's Clinic at the Legg Mason Tennis Classic. Kids raised a racket with tennis pros and ❶ **Wayne Bryan**, father and coach of the Bryan brothers doubles team.