

Those of you who take an interest in the evolution of Capitol Park may have noticed the removal last month of one the park's landmarks, an 80-foot-tall stone pine at L and 12th streets. The tree dropped a branch a few weeks earlier and after an arborist's inspection was determined to be too dangerous to leave standing especially because it was adjacent to a heavily used sidewalk. "It was just a great loss," said park manager **Les Strike**, who noted that at 130 years old, the tree was one of the oldest in Capitol Park. The tree will be replaced with a dogwood, a much smaller species, and a young stone pine will be planted elsewhere in the park in the spring.
