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"I had never heard of the show before," says British transplant Cat. "I had no idea what I was getting myself into!"

American Women!

The most powerful city in the world meets the most addictive franchise on TV as Bravo's *Real Housewives* heads to Washington, D.C.!

In a city of power players, it's all about who you know. The newest series in the *Real Housewives* franchise introduces viewers to five of the most plugged-in women living in the nation's capital, as they go to all the right galas and shake all the right hands. "In D.C., there are so many social circles," explains **Stacie Scott Turner**, a Sotheby's Realtor and mother of two. "On any night, there can be 50 different events that have interesting people." And as they rub elbows with senators, ambassadors and even the President of the United States, one thing is clear: Capitol Hill is alive with the sound of drama!

Stacie's fellow housewives include: **Lynda Erkiletian**, a twice-divorced head of a modeling agency with a boyfriend barely half her age; **Mary Schmidt Amons**, a socialite with a closet that can be opened only by a fingerprint scan, to keep out her daughters; and, of course, infamous White House party crasher **Michaele Salahi**. They're all versed in the ways of the Beltway, but can they handle **Cat O'Malley**, the Brit

transplant who refuses to bite her tongue in this PC town? "I think I'm a breath of fresh air!" Cat tells *Star*. "I'm not interested in being artificial; I like hearing the truth. I'm the person who stirs the pot!"

KINDER, GENTLER WIVES?

Since so many people in D.C. have to worry about their image, *Housewives* fans should expect the women to be throwing more fund-raisers than tables. "You're spared!" says Stacie, who goes on a search for her biological father this season. "It's less about the drama of not getting along and more the drama of arranging these cool events."

But then there's the flaky Michaele, who got on the nerves of most of her fellow wives even before she crashed a state dinner. "Michaele and I don't get along," admits Cat, who also says Michaele has "the attention span of a gnat" in the season debut. Ah, it's good to see that the more the *Housewives* change, the more they stay the same!

— MIKE OLSON ★



Former model Michaele rides one of her horses at the family vineyard. She's getting ready for her husband's annual polo event, the setting for a rift between the wives.

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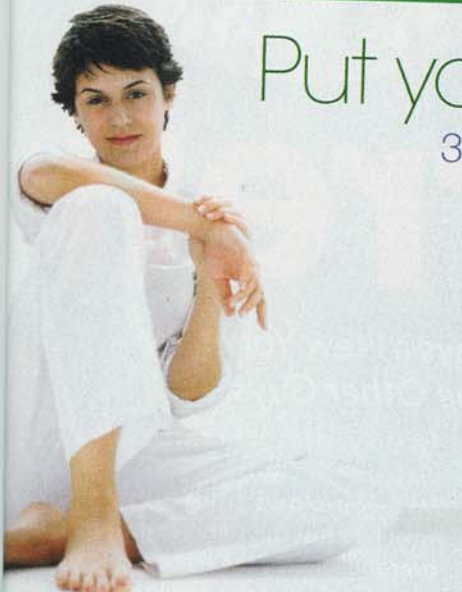
CAT This former model and mother of two recently reunited with and married her high school sweetheart, an award-winning White House photographer — and she's still mad at **President Obama** for not RSVPing to the wedding.

STACIE A Realtor and philanthropist, Stacie lives a stone's throw from the White House with her husband of 12 years and two children.

MARY Raised in D.C. (she spent her childhood years hanging with the **Kennedys**), Mary, her husband and five kids live across the street from **Colin Powell**.

LYNDA The leader of the group, this businesswoman and mother of four is enjoying single life — especially dating her strapping younger boyfriend.

MICHAEL Though the White House party crasher and serial name-dropper owns a house in wine country with her polo-playing husband, most nights she can be found staying at a posh D.C. hotel.



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