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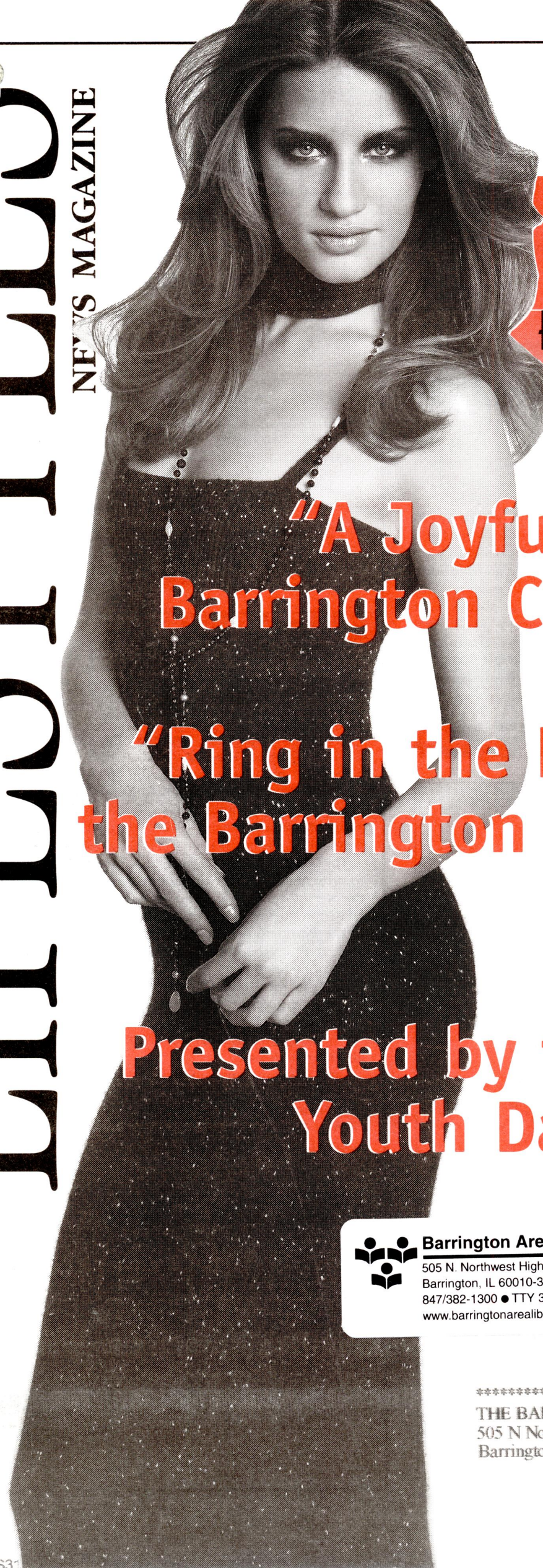
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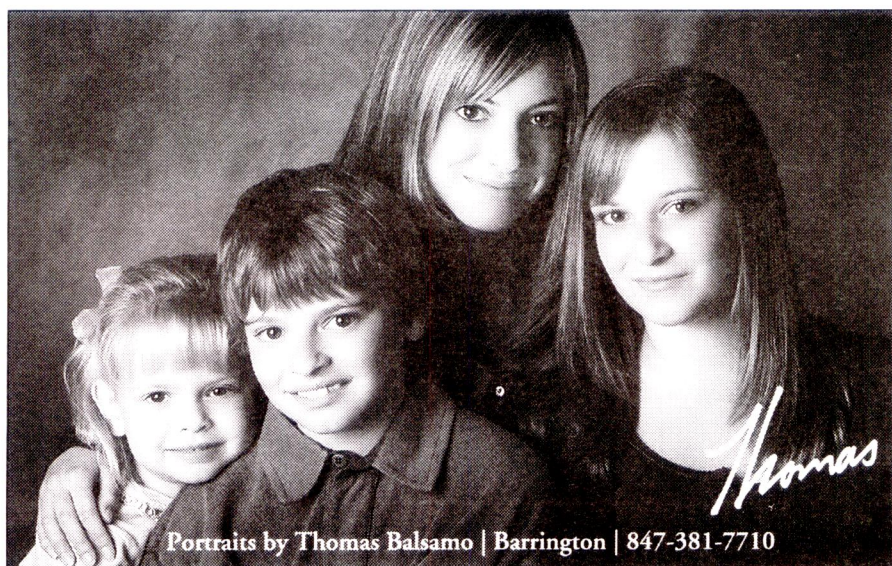
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Editor's Ink

December, 2005

Dear Reader,

It is always a pleasure to present the December issue of *Lifestyles*. The news is filled with warmth. There are many charities giving to those less fortunate. There are beautiful Christmas services, concerts and pageants being offered and lovely programs being presented by the youth in the community. So much talent!

The Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble is pleased to present its 11th annual performance of *The Nutcracker* on Dec. 2, 3rd and 4th. This is always a lavish production with beautiful costuming and exceptional talent.

The Barrington Children's Choir will be presenting "A Joyful Noel" on Dec. 16 and 17th. The concert will feature a collection of classical and traditional holiday favorites.

"Ring in the Holidays" with the Barrington Suzuki Strings on Dec. 11 (an instrumental concert) while on Dec. 3 the Family Piano Holiday Concert will be presented.

Rejoice in this glorious season. The staff of *Lifestyles Magazines* wishes you all happy holidays!

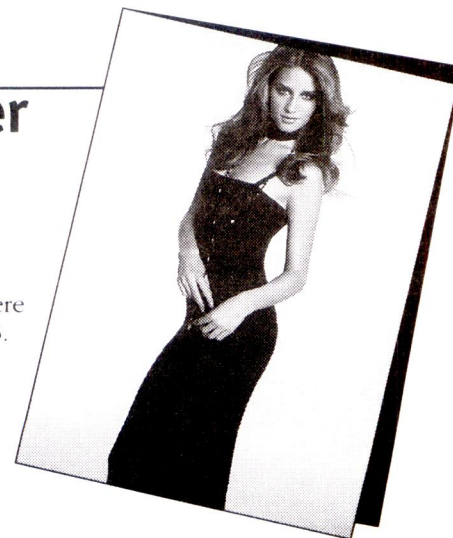
Until next time, may all your thoughts be sunny.

With warm regards,
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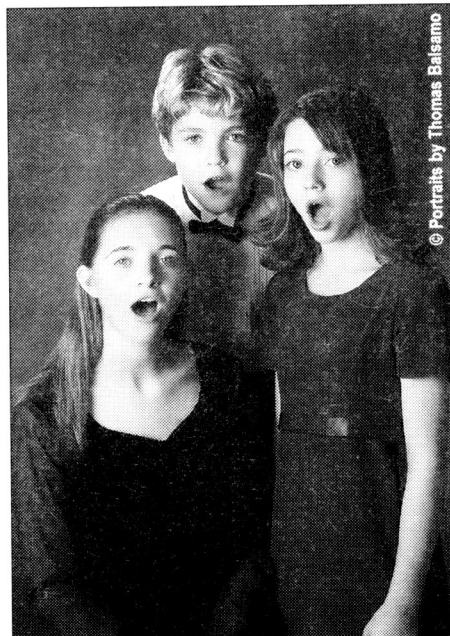


The Barrington Children's Choir Presents "A Joyful Noel"

The Barrington Children's Choir 2005 Winter Concert "A Joyful Noel" will usher in the holidays on Friday, Dec. 16, at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2:00 p.m. Both shows will be held at the Performing Arts Center of Lake Zurich High School. The concert will feature a collection of classical and traditional holiday favorites, performed by BCC's Chamber and Bel Canto choirs under the direction of Peggy Crawford; the Intermediate Ensemble directed by Melissa Touvanas; and the Noel Choir directed by Becky Clark. Tickets are \$22 for orchestra seating, \$17 for general admission, and \$12 for seniors and students. Tickets are available in advance by calling Joanna Hargan at 1-847-382-1750.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Barrington Children's Choir. Under the direction of artistic director Peggy Crawford, the choir offers a community-centered music education program that provides a broad and challenging choral music experience for children in second through 12th grades.

With over 150 singers, in four developmentally sequenced choirs, BCC performs at numerous charitable, civic, corporate and private events in Barrington and the greater Chicagoland fine arts community. The choir has toured both nationally and internationally, performing at choral festivals and concerts in such notable venues as Carnegie Hall, The Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island, St. Peter's Basilica in Rome and Smetana Hall in Prague. This year, BCC is honored to perform at the



"Captured" in song are Barrington Children's Choir choristers (from left) Erin Acino, Lucas Fry and Hailey Rowe.

Joffrey Ballet's Chicago production of *The Nutcracker* on Dec. 21 to 23 and in the Tuscany International Children's Chorus Festival in Florence, Italy, in July 2006.

The Barrington Children's Choir has been fostering artistic excellence in young singers for 20 years and will celebrate that proud tradition with the holiday release of a musical compilation CD, showcasing some of the "best of" BCC's songs. For more information on the choir, visit www.barringtonchildrenschoir.com.

Long Grove Hosts a Countryside Holiday Celebration

Follow a country road and experience Long Grove's Countryside Holiday Celebration through Dec. 31. The historic business district will be dressed up for the season; the landmark covered bridge will be decorated with its traditional wreath; and luminaries will line the cobblestone pathways.

Over 80 shops, restaurants and galleries, many housed in restored Victorian homes and barns, will be trimmed in lights and brimming with unique gifts, collectibles, home accessories, art, clothing, antiques, specialty foodstuffs and more. Shopping hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Thursday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fridays; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays; and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays. Four restaurants will be open late for dinner.

Visitors can tour downtown in horse-drawn carriages from noon to 4 p.m. on Dec. 4, 11 and 18 for \$10 a carriage and catch a glimpse of Santa too, as he darts in and out of shops on those same days. Live reindeer and helper elves will congregate on Towner Green from 1 to 3 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 4. Weekends will also feature strolling carolers.

Many shops are planning special seasonal events. Pine Cone Christmas Shop, filled to the rafters with decorated trees, holiday collectibles and nutcrackers will welcome artist Margaret Cobane, who will sign and personalize her hand-painted

glass ornaments on Dec. 3 and 4 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. A corner of Woodland Grove Gallery, located on the upper level of the mill pond cluster of shops, will become Humbug House, an exclusive spot for the mischievous-but-gentle holiday character and his offerings.

Long Grove restaurants plan many traditional holiday favorites. Seasons of Long Grove will host Nutcracker Teas at 2 p.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday now through Dec. 30 in addition to Breakfasts with Santa at 9 a.m. each Saturday and Sunday in December until Christmas. The Dickens Dinners for adults and children, featuring a Victorian buffet and costumed carolers, will be held Wednesday and Thursday evening, Dec. 21 and 22. Phone 1-847-634-9150 for information and reservations for all events.

The Village Tavern's 29th annual Lunch with Santa and his Friends will take place on Monday, Dec. 19, and Tuesday, Dec. 20. Seatings are at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Call 1-847-634-3117 for reservations. A new holiday treat is being cooked up this year by Suzi's Tea & Café, located in a former residence at the far edge of Towner Green. Throughout the month of December, dinner specials will take the theme "The Twelve Tastes of Christmas," a culinary salute to the popular Christmas poem. Suzi's and three other Long Grove restaurants—Enzo & Lucia's, the Village

"Ring in the Holidays" with the Barrington Suzuki Strings Annual Holiday Concerts

The Barrington Suzuki Strings will be sure to put even Mr. Scrooge in the spirit as they "Ring in the Holidays" with their two annual holiday performances. The Instrumental Concert will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Lake Zurich Performing Arts Center, 300 Church Street, Lake Zurich. The Family Piano Holiday Concert will be held on Saturday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m., at the Barrington Public Library, 505 N. Northwest Highway.

This year's concerts mark the 26th year that Barrington Suzuki Strings will delight audiences with holiday music. If you've never attended a one of their concerts, it's a great way to celebrate the spirit of the holidays. The music appeals to audiences of all ages. These performances are also close to home and feature the talent of local students.

The performers make these performances special because they showcase the talent and dedication of the students of Suzuki Music School of Barrington who range in age from 3 to 18. Many of the students began playing an instrument in their preschool years.

"The quality and professionalism of the concerts are a result of countless hours of preparation by the students and many years of music study," said Betty Mueller, director of the Suzuki Music School of Barrington.

So bring your family and friends and enjoy your seasonal favorites! The Dec. 11th instrumental performance will include vio-



(From left, back row) Zander Goss, Andrea Fodor, (front row) Phillip Nielsen, Emily Lugthart and Kayla Michaels

lin, cello, guitar, flute and orchestral bells. Chimes will also be a wonderful addition to the instruments and will be played by the more advanced Suzuki students.

Tickets for the Dec. 11th concert at Lake Zurich High School are \$5 for seniors and students or \$10 for adults. Children 5 and under are free. For tickets, please contact Dianne Sharma at 1-847-382-9517. Admission to the Family Piano Concert on Dec. 3 at the Barrington Library is free.

BYDE Presents 11th Annual Performance of The Nutcracker

The Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble is pleased to announce its 11th annual performance of *The Nutcracker*. This dazzling, full-length production will be presented at Barrington High School's Richard C. Johnson Auditorium, 616 West Main St., Barrington. Performance times are: Friday, Dec. 2, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 3, at 2 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m.

Admission is \$22 for children, students, seniors; \$25 for adults; \$28 for preferred seating; or \$25 at the door. Parking is free. Tickets are now available at Barrington Dance Academy, 758 W. Northwest Hwy. (located in The Foundry in Barrington at Northwest Highway and Hart Road). Box office hours are Monday to Friday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday, 9 to 11 a.m. You may charge by phone at 1-847-382-6333. Visa and MasterCard accepted.



Herr Drosselmeyer (Jim Estes, Barrington) admires Clara (Mary Ellen Richardson, Barrington) and her nutcracker doll (Chelsea Rodriguez, Lake Zurich) in the Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble's production of *The Nutcracker*.



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Employment Anti-Harassment Policies and Training

by Joette S. Doran, J.D.

The United States Supreme Court has addressed the importance of the language of employer policies and handbooks as it relates the issues of discrimination, harassment and retaliation. A written policy against harassment can help protect the employee and employer in certain cases involving discrimination and harassment. In accordance with the guidelines provided by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, it is recommended that employers have an anti-harassment policy that is properly worded and distributed to all employees. The policy should inform the employee as to what constitutes illegal discrimination, harassment, and retaliation, and where to make a complaint if they are a victim of discrimination or harassment.

While a written anti-harassment policy is the first step, providing employee training is an excellent way to educate employees as to the provisions of the anti-harassment policy. An individual knowledgeable about the laws against harassment and discrimination should train all employees including supervisors in the provisions of the policy. The training should also include a discussion of the written policy, advice to employees regarding the complaint process and assurance that the complaint will be investigated without fear of retaliation. The training should include both identifying the discriminatory behavior and instruction to those charged with the duty to conduct a proper investigation and to stop the discriminatory or harassing conduct.



If the policy is properly prepared and distributed to employees, in some situations the anti-harassment policy can be used to defend the employer where the employee legally pursues a claim for harassment but fails to inform the employer of the complaint as directed by the policy. To the contrary, if the employer fails to appropriately respond to the employee complaint of harassment or retaliates against the employee for making a complaint, the employer can be subject to liability under state and federal statutes. For additional information regarding discrimination, please visit our Web site at www.joettedoran.com.

This article is not intended as legal advice. You should consult with an attorney for individual advice regarding your own situation.

Ms. Doran is licensed in Illinois and all Illinois federal courts and is a member of the Federal Trial Bar. She is the past-chairperson of the Employment Law Committee for the Northwest Suburban Bar Association and is the past-president of Barrington Area Professional Women.

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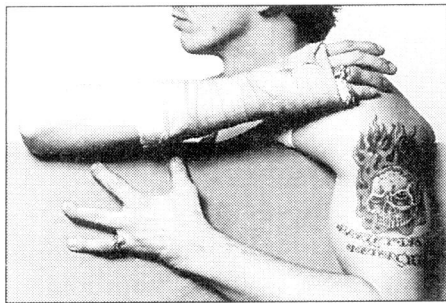
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One Picture is Worth a Thousand Words Claims Art Associates

On Thursday, Jan. 12, Barrington Community Associates and guests will have a unique opportunity to hear an informative lecture by one of Chicago's preeminent art historians and critics.

James Yood, professor at the School of the Art Institute, will discuss the role of art as a social and political element. As the picture which accompanies this article suggests, artists have frequently struggled with the text (message) embedded in an artistic work. Throughout the history of art, the social/political viewpoint expressed by the artist has engendered controversy from critics, patrons, historians, etc. "One picture is worth a thousand



words," is a phrase we have all used when reflecting on the impact of an artistic work on us as individuals and as part of the larger society. At times, the messages have evoked passionate responses

which engender important social changes—but not without controversy concerning the role of the artist.

During his lecture, James Yood will discuss recent controversies in the visual arts and examine historical prototypes in the works of artists such as Michelangelo, Veronese and Manet. James Yood has written a number of articles and collaborated on books dealing with a wide range of topics connected to the field of art. Currently, he writes regularly for *Artforum*, *Aperture*, *Glass* and *American Craft* magazines.

azines.

Following the lecture, members and guests will enjoy a delectable lunch at Emmett's Tavern and Brewing Co. at 110 N. Brockway St. in Palatine, 1-847-202-2929.

Again, the lecture will be on Thursday, Jan. 12, at 11:30 a.m., with lunch following at 1:00 p.m. The fee is \$50. Reservations are due by Jan. 4. Please send checks to day chair Peggy McCotter, 631 Yardley Lane, Hoffman Estates, IL, 60194, 1-847-885-7566.

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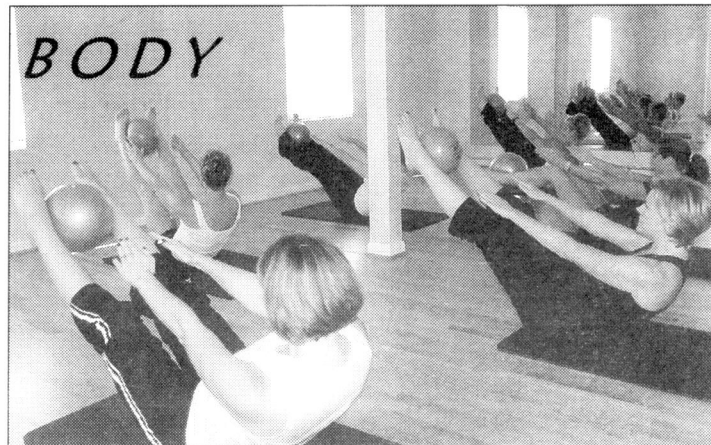
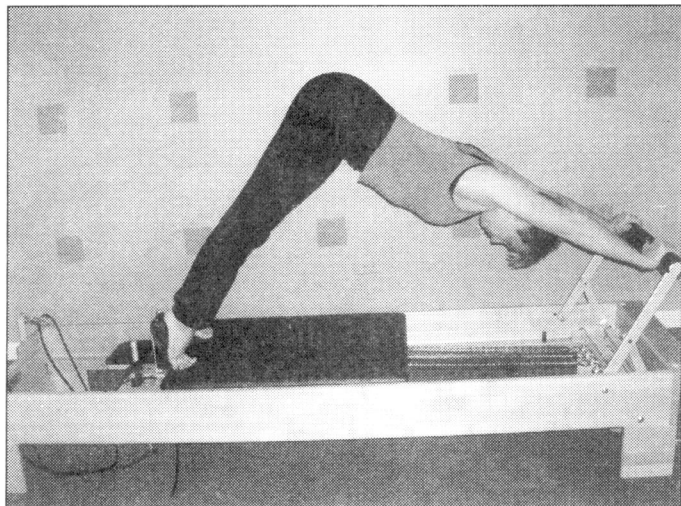
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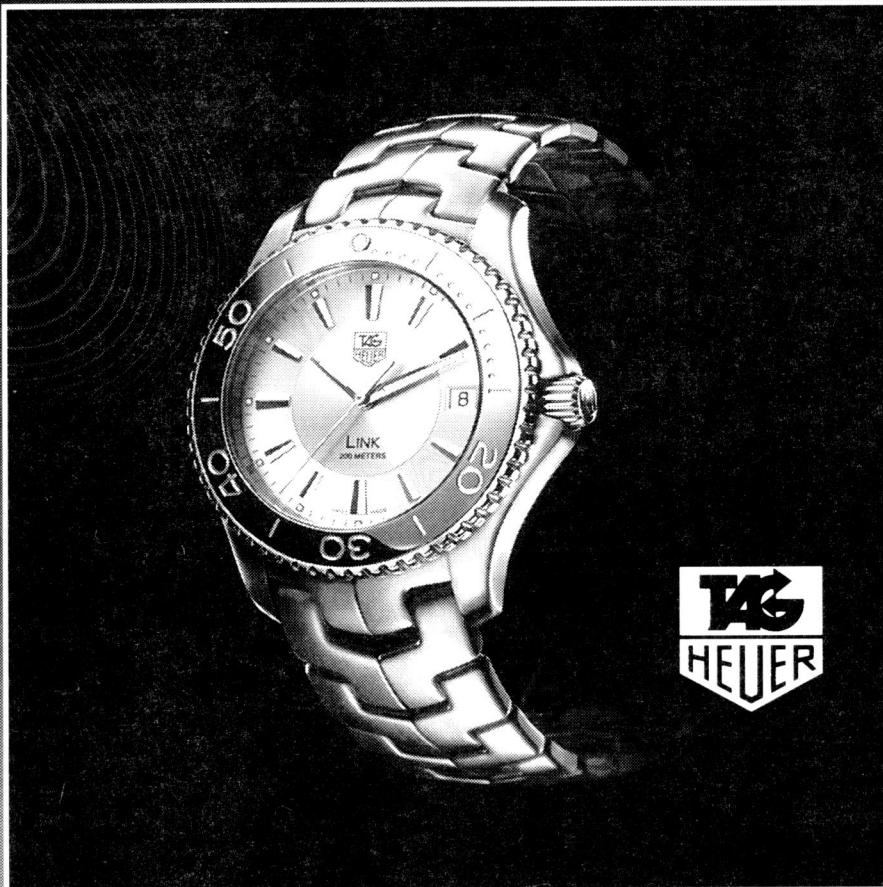
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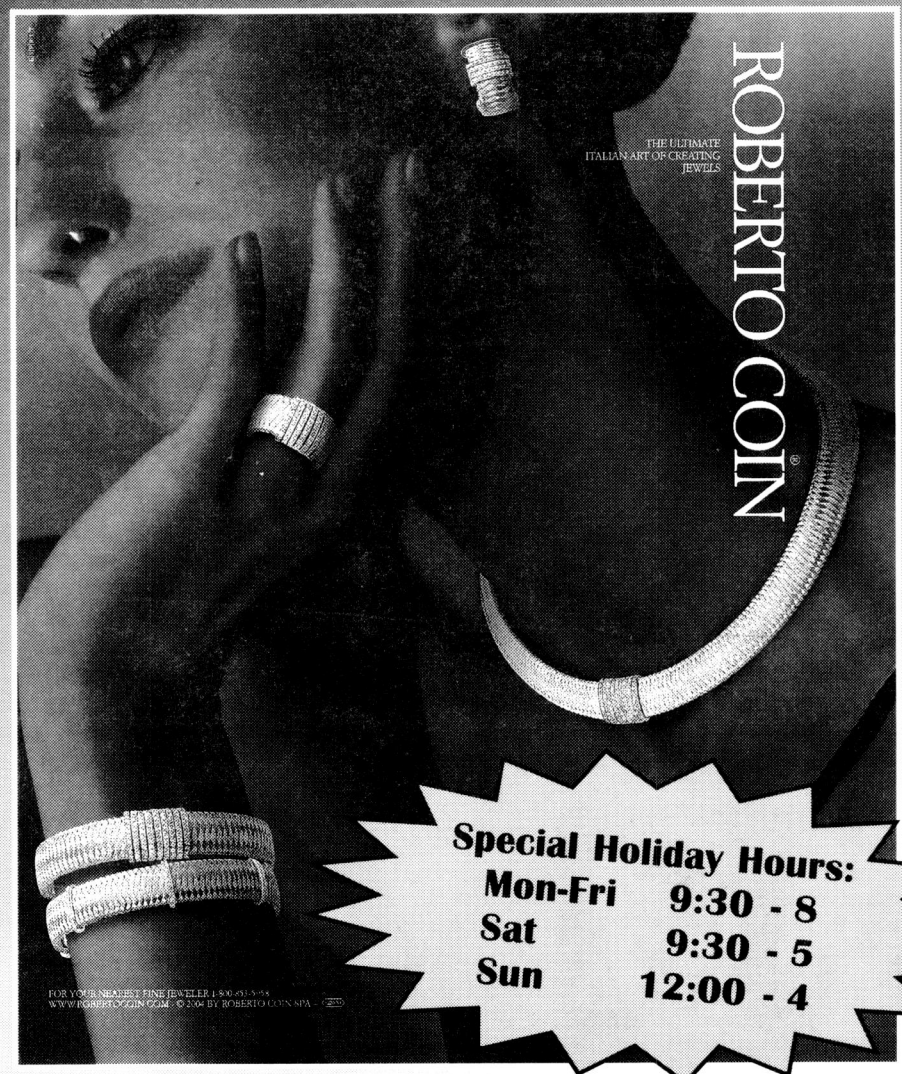
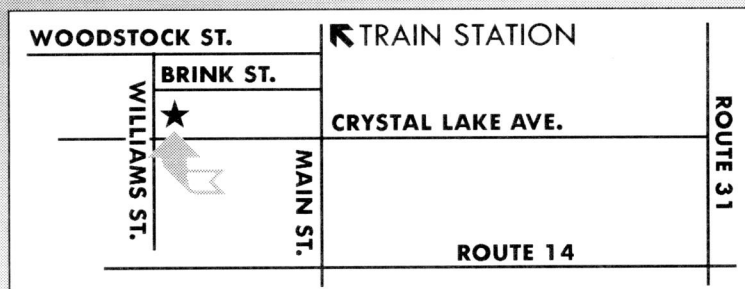


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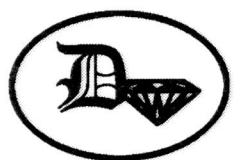
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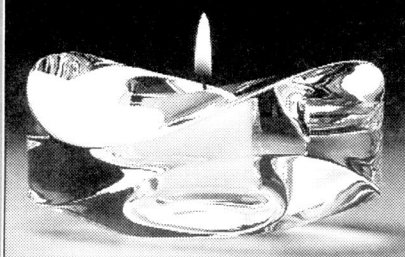
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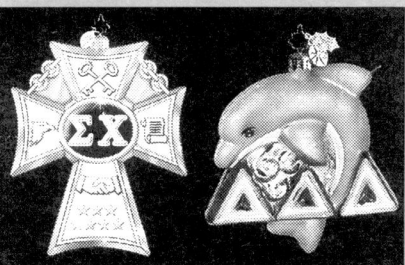
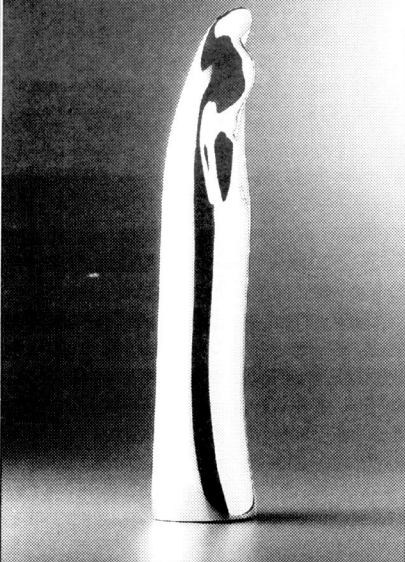
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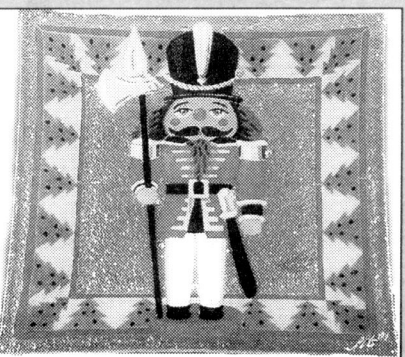
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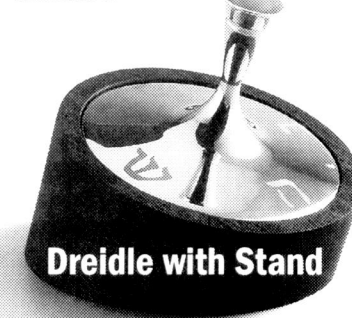
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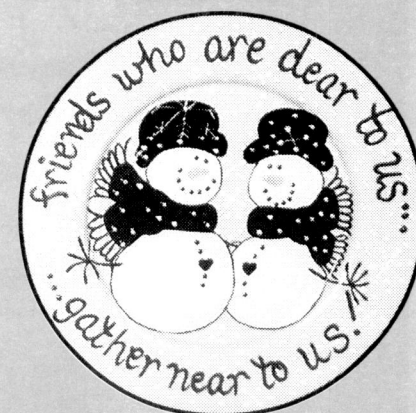


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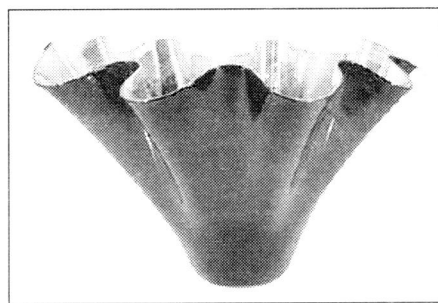
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Tina Han Gallery Adds New Art for the Holiday Shopper

Tina Snow has worked hard this season to add beautiful new art to her boutique gallery in Barrington. Her gallery is known for its carefully selected original oils prepared by many leading artists. For those who desire the best in affordable, quality limited editions on canvas and paper she has made a special effort to acquire art appealing to those with varying tastes in traditional and modern art. She personally helps the art lover select the best frame for each piece of art and crafts each frame on site.

This year something totally new has been added. Tina has located some of the best nationally-known glass artists and has specially selected what she feels is their best and most appealing pieces. Each work-of-art is hand blown in beautiful forms and shapes with outstanding hues



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and patterns. Each piece is hand signed by the artist and makes a great reasonably priced for a gift for that special person.

Come see this attractive collection of paintings and glass art at the **Tina Han Gallery** in the Ice House Mall in Downtown Barrington or contact Tina at **1-847-382-1030**.

The Village Shops of the Ice House Mall Prepare for the Arrival of Santa and His New Winter Wonderland

The **Ice House Mall** is in the holiday spirit and ready for Santa to arrive this holiday season. New holiday décor has given the Ice House Mall a magical winter wonderland appearance for the young and the young at heart! **Santa's Winter Wonderland** has been created in the Ice House Mall's common area near Peter Daniel and The Canterbury Shoppe for children and families to enjoy visits and photos (bring your camera) with Santa. Children may also bring their letters and wish lists to the Santa Wonderland to be mailed via Santa's mailbox.

Families can join Santa and his Elf for a **Holiday Breakfast** on **Saturday, Dec. 3** from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Chessie's Restaurant. Bring your camera and your holiday wish lists while you and the little ones enjoy a scrumptious breakfast, holiday music by the Barrington Suzuki Strings Quartet, face painting and a magical visit with none other than Santa himself and much more! Call Chessie's Restaurant for reservations at 1-847-382-5020.

Join **Santa** in his new magical wonderland **Dec. 3 through Dec. 11**, from noon to 4:00 p.m., and **Dec. 12 through Dec. 24**, from noon to 6:00 p.m. The Village Shops of the Ice House Mall will have holiday **extended shopping hours beginning Dec. 12**—Monday through Friday 9:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Sunday noon to 5:00 p.m.

Holiday events throughout the Ice House Mall's holiday season will feature the **Barrington Children's Choir** on **Saturday, Dec. 3** at noon. The **St. Anne's Giving Tree** will begin on **Saturday, Dec. 3**. **Sunday, Dec. 11** visit the Ice House Mall to hear the **Barrington High**

School's Pop Choir from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. On **Saturday, Dec. 17** the **Barrington High School's Madrigal Choir** will perform from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Ice House Mall Village Shops welcome two new stores this holiday season, Learning Express for all your toys and gifts on your holiday wish list and T T Patton will introduce specialty paper goods and gifts. The fine shops of the Ice House Mall can help you find the perfect gift this holiday season. Visit Savvy Spirit, Savvy Casual, Peter Daniel, Filly's Tootsie's, Accessories by Lauren and Once In a Blue Moon for apparel and accessories. For the little ones visit Tommi-Terri, Young Tootsie's, Learning Express and Girl Scout Express for children's apparel, accessories and toys. For holiday gifts, entertaining and holiday décor for your home visit The Canterbury Shoppe, Tina Han Gallery and T T Patton. Why not pamper yourself during the holidays with a spa treatment, manicure, pedicure or a new look just for you at the Sanctuary Salon and Spa? The Travel House can assist you with all of your holiday travel plans. A long time Barrington tradition and the perfect place for holiday party or taking a break while shopping at the Ice House is Chessie's Restaurant. Don't forget the Chessie's will feature Santa's Breakfast on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Please call for reservations—1-847-382-5020. Keeping your financial status in order is a priority all year and A G Edwards can assist you with your financial planning.

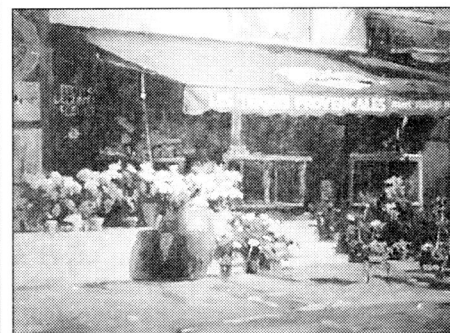
A holiday **Ice House Mall Gift Certificate** would make the perfect gift you anyone on your list. **The Village Shops of the Ice House Mall**... the perfect place to shop this holiday season!

TriDelta Alumni Meeting

The Chicago Northwest Alumnae Chapter of Delta Delta Delta Sorority will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 13, for a potluck dinner and a white elephant gift exchange.

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Junie B. Jones to be Presented at Harper College

Junie B. Jones, the adventures of the sassy, outspoken heroine from the popular series of books by Barbara Park and a musical by New York-based Theatreworks USA, will be performed at 2 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 3, in the Building-J Theatre of Harper College, Roselle and Algonquin roads, Palatine.

With lyrics by Marcy Heisler and music by Zina Goldrich, the musical adaptation of a few of the books follow Junie's intrepid trek through the rocky road of first grade and features rock, rag, rhythm and blues, and doo wop.

The approximately hour-long produc-

tion "pokes gentle fun at the politics of first-grade living," according to one critic, and shows what Junie learns about the ups and downs of grammar school. She learns how to find someone to sit with on the bus; the shifting sands of friendships and alliances; and how to turn life's lemons into lemonade.

Besides Junie, the cast of characters includes Junie's parents; her teacher, Mr. Scary; Gladys Gutzman, the school cook and lunchroom legend who is known as the Queen of Snackland; and an assortment of classmates. Throughout it all, Junie is chronicling her adventures in her

"top secret, personal, bee's wax" journal.

Tickets for *Junie B. Jones* are \$7 for general admission with discounts for Harper students, children and senior citizens. All

tickets are \$10 the day of the show, which is recommended for children ages 5 to 10. For tickets and information, call 1-847-925-6100.

Why Do We Need Facials?

Skin is the largest organ in our body and ages most visibly. The cell turnover rate begins to slow at the age of 20. The cell turnover for babies is 14 days; teenagers, 21 to 28 days; and adults, 28 to 40 days. After 50 years of age, the skin cells turn over every 40 to 80 days.

Everyone asks me, "What can I do to slow down the aging process?" The answer is simple. Take care of your skin your entire life. It is never too early to begin a skin care regimen, and you are never too old to care for your skin. Following are several steps I recommend.

First, have your skin analyzed by a professional skin esthetician. This step is essential in order to recognize the unique qualities of your skin. This is usually done during a routine facial treatment. This analysis will dictate the products and procedures utilized in additional treatments.

Secondly, exfoliation is essential. This process will foster cell turnover therefore improving product penetration. It will also unclog pores, improve the skin's ability to retain moisture and makes the skin appear smoother.

Thirdly, an application of serum is applied to the new skin. It is a water, gel-like liquid, which has a small molecular structure to allow the skin to absorb the vitamins, lipids and antioxidants. This is like

a gourmet dinner for the skin.

A massage is the next step. The purpose of a massage is to stimulate the blood and lymph circulation, improving metabolism. It will help to tone the facial muscles and reduce puffiness and sinus congestion. It will also help you to relax. While the skin is being massaged, the product absorption is increased.

The next step is applying a mask. This could consist of a clay, seaweed or hydrating mask. A 15-to-20-minute mask will rejuvenate, nourish, hydrate, calm and soothe the skin, draw impurities out of the pores and clear up blemishes.

Finally, a moisturizer will be applied as a protection to the skin from pollutants in the environment. It seals the skin from ultraviolet rays, and it serves as a base under makeup or cosmetics.

There are so many reasons to have a facial. As our skin cells turn over, it is essential to re-treat our skin with these vital steps, which will prevent aging. I recommend a facial treatment every 30 days. In tandem, a home care regimen is beneficial. A monthly facial can deter aging and give your skin a youthful look. Your investment of an hour a month and ten minutes of care each day will improve your appearance with a glow that will last a lifetime. You're worth it!



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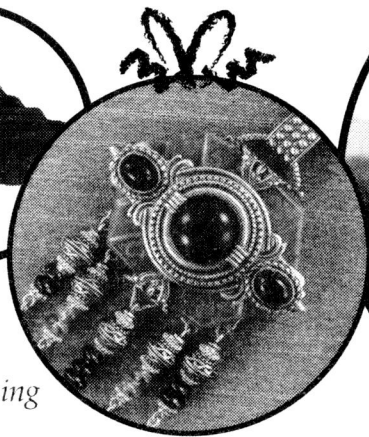
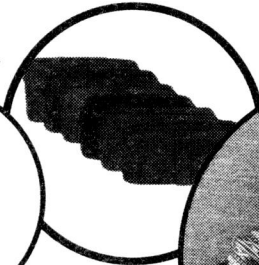
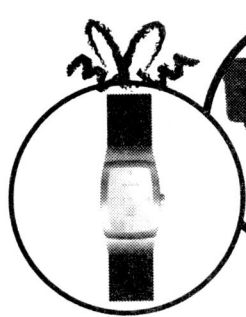
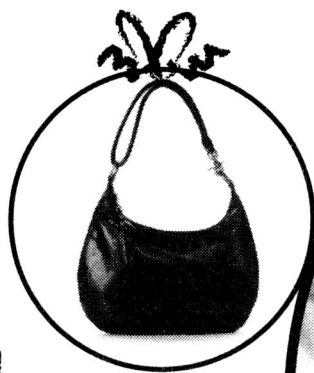
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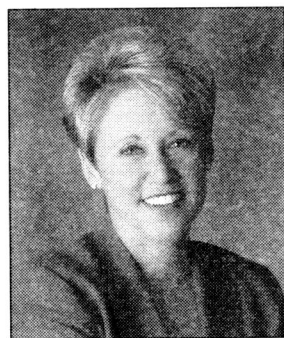
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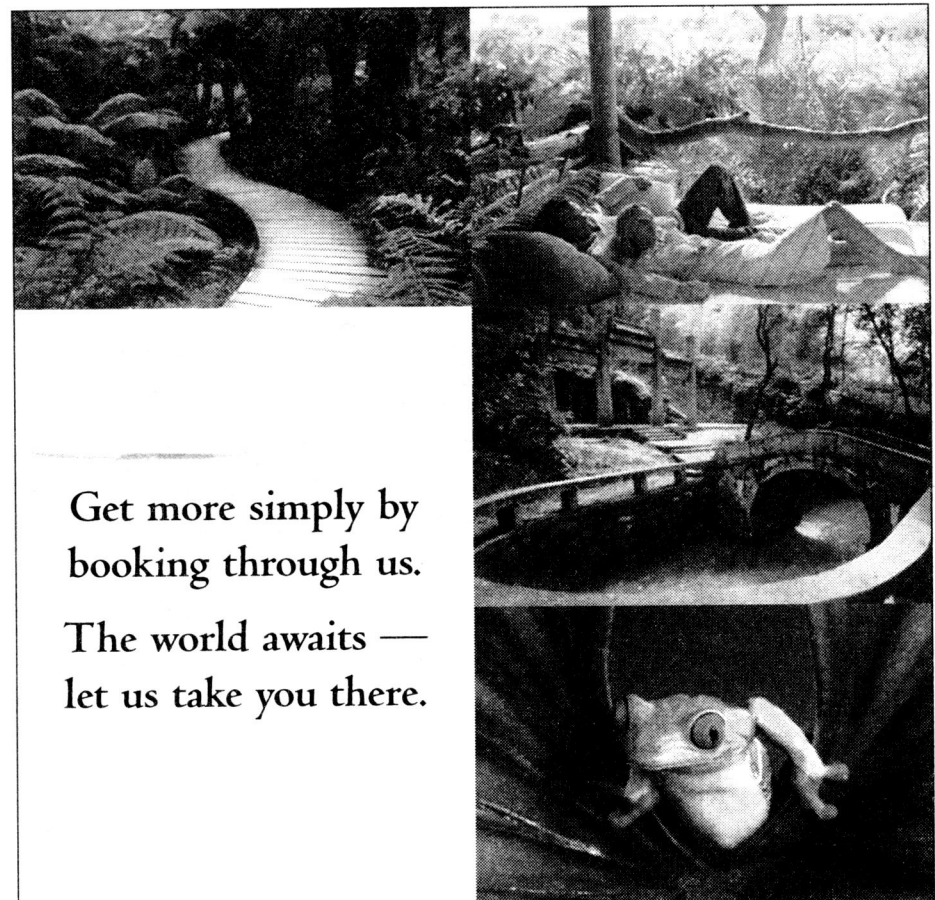
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Parking is available next door at First Church of Christ Scientist (enter lot from Main Street). Lunch is served at noon for a suggested donation of \$3 with no additional charge for the Senior Social programs. Advance registration is required. Call BACOA at 1-847-381-5030 for reservations.



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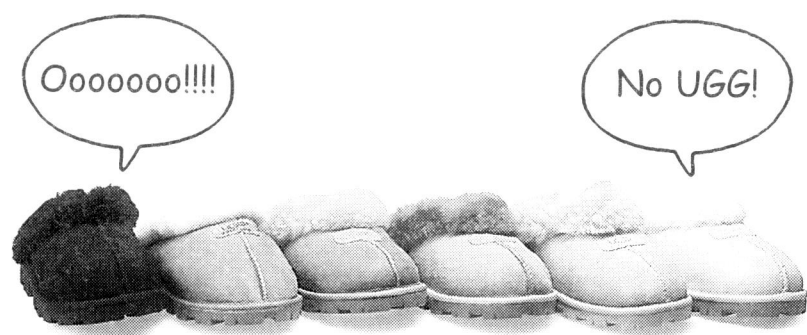
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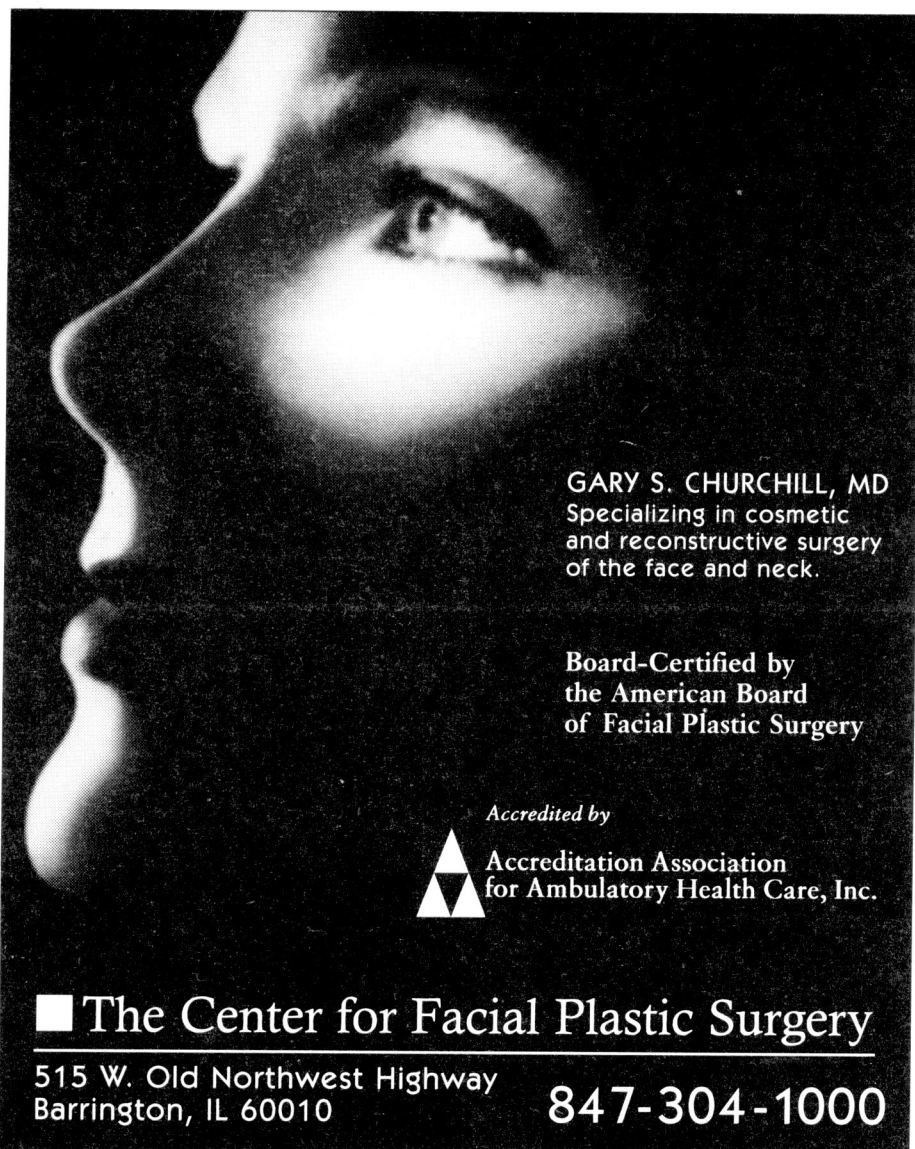


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Peterson: Senate Approves All Kids Yet Proposal Leaves Much to be Desired

Despite mounting concerns over the timing, the cost and the lack of detail contained in Governor Blagojevich's "All Kids" proposal, the Senate hastily passed the measure, according to State Senator Bill Peterson (R-Buffalo Grove).

"All Kids" has a wonderful objective, until you scratch below the surface and find serious problems with the actual bill that passed," said Peterson. "These problems, among others, include the timing of the proposal, the cost of the proposal, the absence of meaningful discussion and debate on the proposal, and the lack of details in the actual bill."

Peterson explained that Medicaid's current financial condition is in a crisis state, with \$17 billion in unpaid bills—an all-time high in Illinois. Medical providers, consequently, are being forced to carry the state's financial burdens on their own backs, despite the fact that payments made to providers are already well below what is paid by other insurers and often fall below the actual cost of rendering medical services.

Furthermore, the proposal is coming at a time when the governor is pushing for the state to borrow over \$1 billion to pay down just half the backlog of bills owed

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Facelift Surgery

Most people who are familiar with modern facelifts and other facial cosmetic procedures are aware of their important benefits, in terms of improved appearance as well as self-esteem. However, many people who are good candidates for these procedures may be reluctant to actually have them out of fear of the process itself.

They fear that they might experience pain during the surgery, or that recovery might bring pain or discomfort, or that it might take too long to heal, or that they might find some other aspect of the surgery unacceptable. The truth is that virtually every one of our patients reports that their recovery was faster and more comfortable than they expected.

In this context, I would like to share with you the comments of one of our recent facelift patients, a 53-year-old female. She was asked to respond to some very direct questions we posed about her experience with the facelift surgery. While some patients may report more difficult recoveries, this patient's experience is fairly typical.

The following is our interview with W.S. three months following her facelift surgery.

• *Did you experience any fear before your surgery?*

No, I would say that I had very little fear, if any. I recall having slept totally comfortably the night before. In fact, I had a photograph taken of me when we were leaving for the doctors' office, and I was smiling and looked very relaxed.

• *How long did you think about having surgery before going through with it?*

I had it on my agenda for about two years. I was looking for a time frame which was much longer than what I ac-

by Gary S. Churchill, MD



Stacie McClane, MD



Gary Churchill, MD

tually needed, and I had to juggle some other things in my life.

• *Was the procedure itself painful?*

No, I didn't feel anything. I really don't recall a thing about it.

• *What was your recovery like?*

I think that my recovery was phenomenal. I had the surgery on a Tuesday and we had a family party the following Sunday. I will admit that it was in a kind of controlled light, evening situation. But my daughter, who is a young woman, didn't notice anything, so I think that's a pretty good indication. By seven days, I was totally, totally functional. I had a little bit of concern about sleeping in a balanced way. I would sleep on my back. And then, after I slept on my left side, I would try to sleep the same amount on my right side. Other than that, I would say that I had barely any discomfort. I had very little bruising—very, very little bruising. It was a very positive experience, both spiritually and in a more concrete, tangible way.

• *Would you go through it again?*

In a minute. There is probably not a whole lot that I would do differently, except that I wouldn't tell anybody up front. Because in four or five days, no one would ever know.

to providers and only months after the Governor decided to skip pension payments in order to pay other bills. Additionally, the governor's office estimates "All Kids" will cost the state \$45 million the first year, while industry experts project the program could cost upwards of \$100 million.

"The financial stability of this program is inherently linked to the access and quality of care we as health consumers receive," explained Peterson. "Inadequate and untimely reimbursements are already causing doctors to cut back on the number of Medicaid patients they accept. The system's infrastructure is failing: adding another 250,000 to its rolls at such a time will only aggravate the problems that already plague it."

Peterson's greatest objection stems from the governor's rush to vote on a plan of this magnitude, giving lawmakers only six days to analyze the details of this legislation. Peterson also pointed to the lack of substantive detail in the actual bill as a barrier preventing him from voting in favor of the plan.

"This bill was rammed down our throats with no substantive hearings, no bipartisan input and no serious analysis of the savings and costs," said Peterson. "It is irresponsible of us as elected officials to vote on something without asking all the tough questions, examining all the details and analyzing all the numbers—even if it is on something as commendable as healthcare for all kids."

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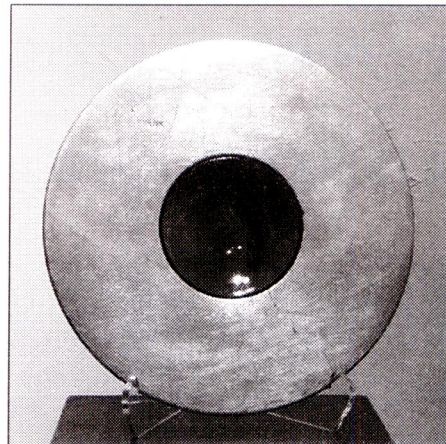
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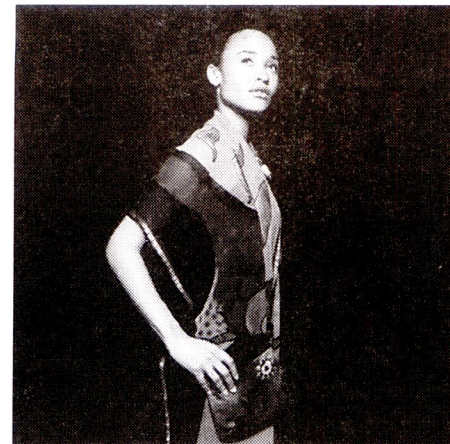
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'Tis the Season to Celebrate Art



Turned Wood by Calvin Greer



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'Tis the season to celebrate the arts, and no one does it better than the Barrington Area Arts Council!

Filled with the holiday spirit, gallery curators Joan Robertson and Gail Collier are decking the walls and pedestals of the BAAC Gallery with one-of-a-kind fine art and crafts by 18 artists.

Two- and three-dimensional art in the form of watercolors, turned wood, jewelry, wearable fiber, ceramics, and hand-blown glass are just a sampling of the unique items on display and for sale. Exhibiting artists include Sue Abare, Charmaine Anthony, Robert Blue, Theresa Gallup, Nancy Gardner, Calvin Greer, Pamela J. Hart, Ilze Heider, Christina Kim, Lapsys, Jack Leslin, Jim McGoey, Peter Patterson, Ana Buzanic Petercic, Dian Pratt, Lisa Strehl, Susan Sturgill and Amy Taylor. The artists reside in Barrington and other parts of Illinois as well as Missouri, Ohio and Wisconsin.

In addition to the art, the holiday shopper can buy handmade ornaments including icicles and balls made from hand-blown glass ornaments or place a bid on the silent auction of decorated trees and wreaths.

Everyone is invited to the gala reception on Friday evening, Dec. 2, from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the BAAC Gallery. The merry evening will include a silent auction of trees and wreaths, a holiday sale of original fine art and fine craft gifts, and delicious hors d'oeuvres and beverages made by Santa's elves.

The exhibit will be on view through Dec. 23 at the BAAC Gallery. The gallery is at the Barrington Area Arts Council, 121-B Barrington Commons Ct., Barrington. For more information, call 1-847-382-5626.

If you are looking for a painting that captures life in the beautiful countryside of Barrington and Wisconsin, visit the BAAC Gallery at the Garlands. On view is "New Life," an exhibit of fine art watercolor by Barrington Hills resident and artist Richard Felden. The collection of artwork includes landscapes, fly fishing and hunting scenes, floral gardens, seascapes, the hounds at the hunt, and the round barn at Bakers Lake. The rich colors and bold composition bring the paintings to life, inviting the viewer to step into the scenes.

The exhibit will be on view through Jan. 2, 2006, at BAAC Gallery at The Garlands, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington. The gallery is a partnership between The Garlands and the Barrington Area Arts Council. To view the exhibit, please call 1-847-756-3000 to arrange an art tour. All work is for sale. To inquire about purchasing a painting, please contact BAAC at 1-847-382-5626.

Last but not least, stop by the BAAC Gallery at the Barrington Area Library to look at "Views and Hues," watercolors by Sue Abare. The exhibit will be on view through Dec. 31 during regular library hours. The library is located at 505 N. Northwest Hwy., Barrington.

Holiday Nature Crafts

On Saturday, Dec. 10, children are invited to gather at Citizens for Conservation's headquarters from 2 to 3 p.m. to make gifts from nature's harvest. Projects may include grapevine wreaths, bird ornaments, soap making, leaf print stationery and candle making.

While the class is geared for children, adults are welcome and encouraged to come. The cost for the class is \$4 for CFC members or \$6 for nonmembers. There is no fee for adults who come with a child.

All students are asked to register at least one week in advance by calling 1-847-382-SAVE (7283).

Citizens for Conservation's office is the white farmhouse with a silo at 459 West Highway 22, across from Good Shepherd Hospital in Lake Barrington.



Anna, Lisa, Elena and Lorenzo Pizarro gathered at Citizens for Conservation's headquarters to make gifts from nature's harvest during a past CFC Holiday Nature Crafts event.

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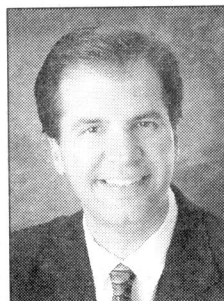
—Dominique

Have a Smile for Christmas

by James T. Gavrilos, D.D.S.

Never before has the importance of a wonderful smile been so great. For a young person entering the business world, a great smile is almost a prerequisite for success. For the divorced person starting a new life, an improved smile can give a tremendous boost to the ego. For Mom, an improved smile would be a well-deserved reward. An improved, whiter smile can be a fountain of youth for a retiree.

Your dentist can help with that smile in a number of ways. Bleaching teeth is now a common and relatively foolproof technique. Bleaching works well on most natural teeth, but remember it will not lighten existing fillings or crowns. Bonding techniques may be used to close spaces, build teeth out, and cover irregularities in shape and color.



More extensive changes in your smile must be made with orthodontics, crowns, veneers or even plastic surgery. If you would like a better smile, give yourself a Christmas present, and see your dentist to get the gift of a lifetime.

Dr. Jim Gavrilos can be reached by calling **1-847-381-4040** in Barrington.

Northwest Circle of Friends

The sights, sounds and tastes of the holiday season will take a bow at the Northwest Circle of Friends' Dec. 13th luncheon.

Members and guests will meet at the Inverness Golf Club at 11:15 a.m. to enjoy a piano sing-along and delicious hors d'oeuvres, then proceed at noon to enjoy a holiday feast of salmon Florentine in phyllo, London broil with roasted potatoes or chicken piccata with rice. Rounding out the menu will be baby spinach salad with pears, apples, candied pecans and cranberry vinaigrette, and a delicious-

ly decadent holiday dessert creation.

The day's entertainment will include a costumed performance by the Barrington High School Madrigal Singers as well as a fun gift exchange.

Fund-raising chairmen Denise Wright and Sue Braden recently presented checks from the club's October wine-tasting fundraiser to Wellness Place of Palatine and the Friends of Salt Creek.

Cost of the luncheon is \$30. For information or reservations, please call Lois at 1-847-991-6494.

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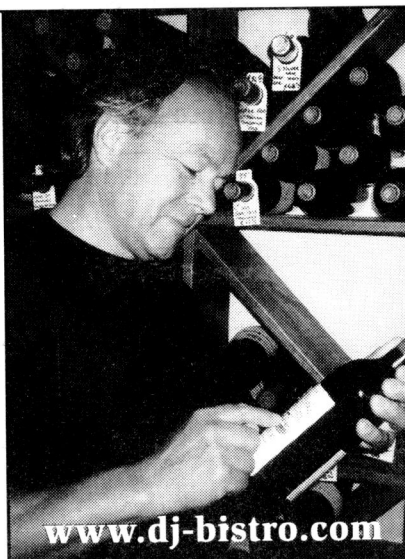
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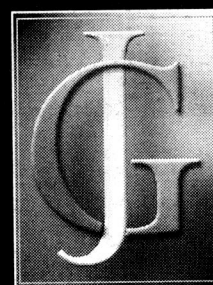


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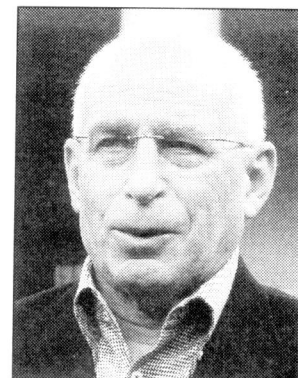
New Director of Internal Communication at Barrington United Methodist

Barrington United Methodist Church has recently hired Bob Harrigan of Hawthorn Woods as director of internal communication.

His duties will include facilitating communication among members of the congregation as they individually and collectively act as "disciples to all people." Mr. Harrigan has extensive experience in both the public and private sectors of the communications field.

"I'm truly looking forward to this opportunity," he said. "This is a growing, warm church community which offers a broad range of spiritually enriching programs for people of all ages."

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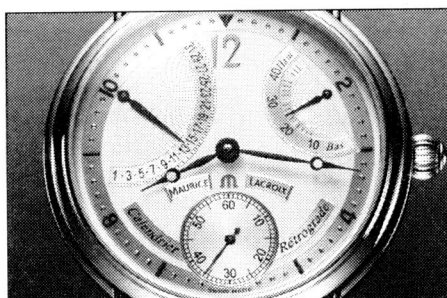
The Maurice Lacroix Masterpiece Collection at M.J. Miller & Co.

Why do you wear a watch? For the style or to tell time? Watches are a very personal piece of jewelry. Yes, that's right, a piece of jewelry. You would no more wear a watch you didn't like than wear a pair of shoes you don't like. It's all about style. Of course having an accurate, dependable watch is nice too.

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terpiece Collection are practical aids as well as attractive jewelry. Every detail—from the artistically refined movements with delightful complications, to the sophisticated, carefully designed dials and hands, to the striking, yet elegant cases and comfortable watchbands—all contribute to the uniqueness of these masterpieces of traditional watchmaking art.

M.J. Miller & Co. invites you to stop in and view the collection. You may also call **1-847-381-7900** and request a DVD to view at your convenience. Once you have finished, return it to the store in person for a complimentary Maurice Lacroix pen.

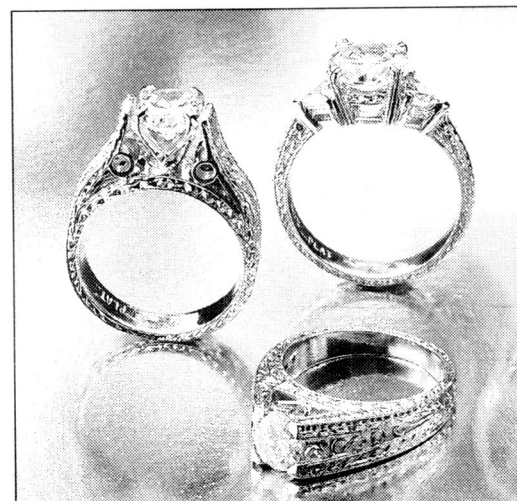
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Growing with the Garden Club of Inverness

The Garden Club of Inverness, the oldest established organization in the village of Inverness, continues to evolve and diversify along with its growing membership. Through the year of meetings and special events, including this month's elegant Holiday Luncheon, and amid myriad community involvement projects, the interests and commitments of its membership are continually met and challenged.

Monthly meetings, at 9:30 a.m. on the third Thursday of the month from September through November and January through April, are held at All Saints Lutheran Church, 630 S. Quentin Rd., Palatine. Featuring presentations on a broad range of topics, the programs are always interesting and often inspiring. This year's workshops—special events drawing on someone's particular expertise—include

arranging seasonal displays for home or garden; making a natural birdhouse from a dried gourd; designing and stitching a crazy quilt square; and building a faux stone trough, a project that almost certainly cemented both friendships and planters.

Our expanding Community Involvement program, involving projects with a local Brownie troop and with the residents of St. Joseph's Home, is active in planning and planting garden areas within the village. And finally, the Scholarship Program reaches out into the community encompassing District #211 and the area served by Barrington High School with \$1,000 grants to students, graduating high school

seniors and beyond, with a demonstrated interest in horticulture, botany, landscape design, agriculture, forestry, conservation, natural resource management or environmental engineering.

The Garden Club of Inverness welcomes guests to its meetings and new members to the club. Inverness residency is not a requirement for membership. Consider joining us to see the knowledge that can be gained and the camaraderie that can be enjoyed in this vital organization.

The Garden Club of Inverness is a member of The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc., District IX, Central Region, and of National Garden Clubs, Inc.

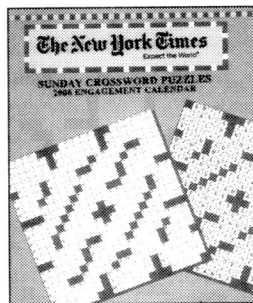
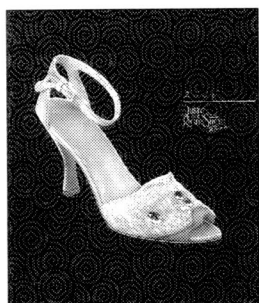
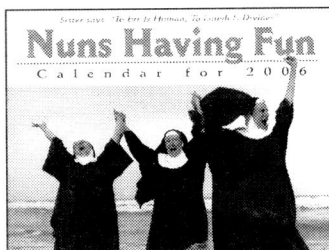
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If you missed this event, please let us know to include your name for next time!

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Filly has the unique things I'm looking for!" Well, it's nice to hear and fun for me to keep finding the right things for you!

As you know, we've already chosen our key pieces for spring 2006. The most important item? Shorts! Don't despair; they come in every—and I mean every—length. The most flattering for most of us is right above the knee. The first delivery is in the store now in khaki. Come see!

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Have a wonderful and peaceful holiday season. After all these years in business, I want my customers to know how thankful I am for their patronage. We're a happy bunch. Thank you, have a Merry Christmas and God bless our troops—they are in my thoughts and I'm sure in yours every day. *Happy Holidays Everyone!*

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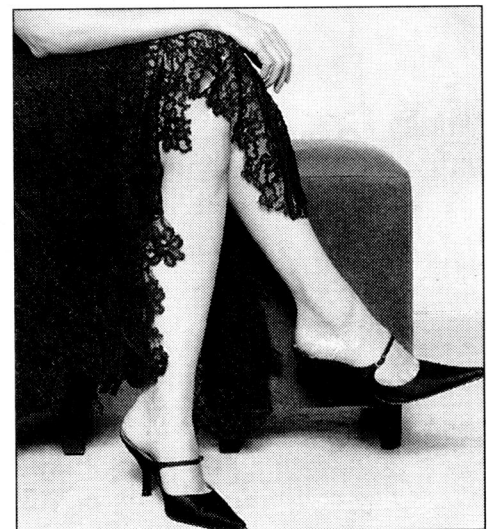
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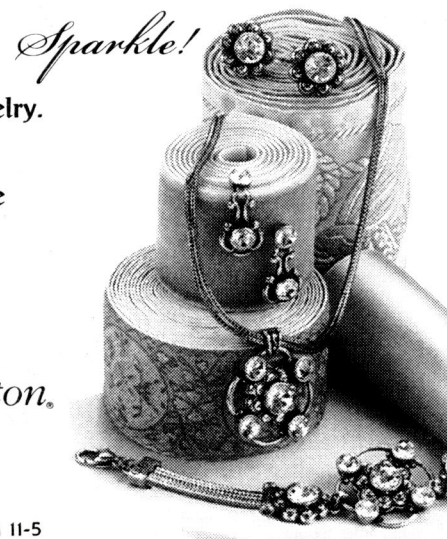
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Wellness Place Auxiliary's Blue Moon Ball Raises Over \$200,000

The Wellness Place Auxiliary's 2005 gala, The Blue Moon Ball—A Celestial Extravaganza, raised over \$200,000 in net proceeds to benefit Wellness Place.

Wellness Place, a community-based nonprofit cancer resource center serving the Northwest Suburbs, provides programs and services free of charge to cancer patients, their family and friends.

Held Saturday, Oct. 15, at Arlington Park Race Course, the celestial evening featured Kathy Brock of ABC 7 News as the evening's emcee. In true star fashion, she captured the crowd's attention with an appeal through a friend's eyes to help support the free cancer-related services and programs provided by Wellness Place.

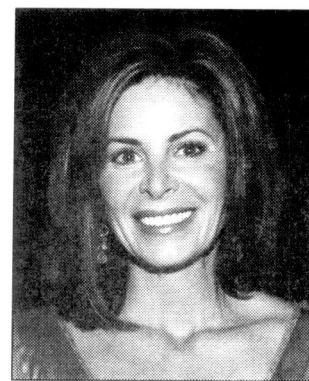
Continuing the auxiliary's reputation for hosting sophisticated events with unique touches, guests were treated to tours of the evening sky on terraces by astronomy members from the Lake County Astronomical Society. Additionally, a special production number created for the gala by Ellen Werksman's Dancewerks and music by Ron Bedal and his Orchestra entertained guests throughout the evening.

A special highlight of the evening was a five-year milestone award presented by Jackie Kapcheck, auxiliary president, to co-founders Linda Murphy and Myrna Porter.

"Linda and Myrna created a strong foundation to make Wellness Place what it is today as well as for what it provides to our participants," remarked Pam Reiss, gala co-chair and auxiliary vice president.

The auxiliary's 2005 Shining Star corporate sponsors included Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Alexian Brothers Cancer Institute, Althoff Industries, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Clark Consulting, Duchossois Family Foundation, Harris Bank, K & M Printing, Linda Z's Sewing Center, Northwest Periodontics & Implants, QSN Industries, and The Northern Trust.

In addition, the following couples/indi-



Kathy Brock, emcee for the evening

viduals joined the auxiliary as sponsors for the gala: Joan Bennett, Robert and Joan Clifford, Paul and Barbara Hills, Dan and Linda Murphy, Al and Bonnie Moorhouse, Jim and Bunny Ehlert, The Feurer Family, Mike and Julie Hills, Mark and Deana McGowan, Joseph and Adele Pacini, Stu and Myrna Porter, Paul and Chris Girard, and Jeff and Jackie Kapcheck.

Gala auction packages such as trips to Palm Springs, Calif., and Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, A Day in the Kitchen at Charlie Trotter's five-star restaurant and "A Weekend on the Magnificent Mile" were highly coveted items by bidders. Guests were able to view the auction items via Arlington Park's leading edge audiovisual screens adding to the excitement.

The Wellness Place Auxiliary is dedicated to increasing awareness and raising funds for the free programs and cancer-related counseling services offered by Wellness Place. Proceeds from the auxiliary's 2005 gala will help expand current programming and materials for participants, introduce new programs, and support additional outreach programs. To date, the auxiliary has raised over \$900,000 to directly support Wellness Place.

To learn more about Wellness Place or the auxiliary, please call 1-847-221-2400 or visit www.wellnessplace.org.



Members of the Wellness Place Auxiliary at the Grand Foyer of Arlington Park

BACOA Offers Caregiver Support Group

The Barrington Area Council on Aging's monthly Caregiver Support Group will meet Wednesday, Dec. 7, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the BACOA office in the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington, 6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100, Barrington.

This month's meeting will be an open

forum with a group discussion of caregiver issues. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

BACOA's Caregiver Support Group provides ongoing education and support for caregivers; meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m.



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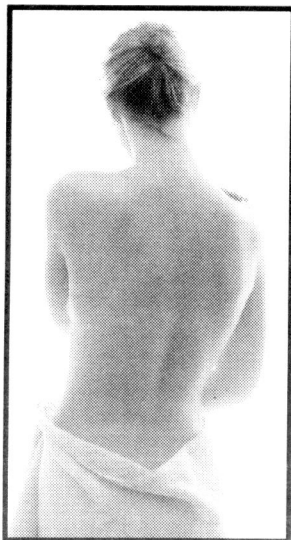
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On **Dec. 7**, we are hosting a **Holiday Fitting Event** with guest expert fitter Linda LaMaire. Linda has eight years of post-mastectomy fitting experience behind her and is currently a breast care specialist with American Breast Care. She will be there for personal consultations and to assist in the proper fitting of a bra and breast prosthesis. If it's time to get a new one, now's the time; your year-end



deductibles are met. These forms and bras are not only for women who have had a mastectomy but lumpectomies and reconstruction as well.

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Alpha Gamma Delta Alumni Club

The Alpha Gamma Delta Northwest Suburban Alumnae Club will meet Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of an Arlington Heights member for a Christmas party and gift-wrapping of presents for a needy family.

On Dec. 10 at 11:30 a.m., the club will gather at Jameson's Char House, 1331 West Dundee Rd. in Arlington Heights for a fireside Christmas luncheon. Reservations are due Dec 4. Call 1-847-358-8450 or 1-847-215-0042 for more information.

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If you think that you have an issue that may be treated by hypnotherapy, call and discuss your issue or issues with me. You will learn the approximate number of sessions, the cost per session and whether or not it's for you.

I am also a certified meditation instructor and teach "Introduction to Meditation" classes on a regular basis. Meditation helps you to respond better to stressful situations, lowers blood pressure and generally makes you feel better. If you are interested in learning how to meditate or wish to restart your meditation practice, please call **1-847-934-6555** for information. **The next class begins in January.**

Happy Holidays...

Barrington Community Child Care, located at 560 Carl Ave. in Barrington, has many activities to keep young minds busy. Our highly qualified staff strives each and every day to ensure that all the children here have a positive first school experience. Our theme-based curriculum includes activities such as art, circle time, sensory experiences, fine motor development and phonics. Come on out and see what we have to offer!

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For enrollment information or to schedule a tour, contact Terri Knaack, director, at **1-847-381-0272**.

The staff at Barrington Community Childcare would like to extend our warmest wishes for the holidays!

End-of-Year Tax-Planning Tips

Looking for ways to help slash your tax bill? Now's your chance.

If you have realized sizable gains this year, you may be able to reduce your capital gains tax bill by selling off losing investments. Losses can offset capital gains dollar for dollar, with no maximum. If your losses exceed your gains, you may use up to \$3,000 in losses to offset ordinary income taxes in one year. The remaining losses may be carried forward to future years to offset capital gains.

A word of caution: Only sell off a loser if you are sure it's no longer a good investment. Over the long run, the benefit of a good investment can far outweigh the advantage of reducing your capital gains tax bill. Keep in mind that once you sell a stock, you cannot turn around and buy it again for 30 days thanks to the so-called wash-sale rules.

Maximize your contributions to 401ks, IRAs and other tax-favored accounts. Because 401k contributions are made with pre-tax dollars, the more you contribute, the less your taxable income will be. What's more, you'll also have more money potentially growing tax-deferred in years to come. Your 401k contributions must be made by year's end to count on your 2005 tax return. The maximum for 2005 is \$14,000 or \$18,000 if you are 50 or older. You have until April 15, 2006, or your extended tax-filing deadline to contribute to an IRA.

Whether you give a cash contribution to hurricane Katrina victims or a bag of clothes to your local goodwill, to get a tax deduction on your 2005 tax return, you must make the contribution before Dec. 31. You can get a double benefit if you give appreciated stock that you have held for more than one year rather than cash. That way, you avoid a future capital gains tax bill, and the charity doesn't have to pay it—under tax rules, capital gains taxes are waived for charities.

Debbie Schoendorf is a certified financial planner and financial consultant with **Smith Barney** in Barrington and may be reached at **1-847-304-3530**.

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BCLOC Enjoys Educational Overview



In front of the Toulouse Bar is hospitality co-chair Therese Rog, Fox River Grove (left), graciously assisted by Marilyn Hayden, Barrington. Not shown are hospitality chair Mary Green, Barrington, and coordinator Toni Savadel, Carpentersville.

Barrington Lyric's Sept. 25th program featured Jesse Gram, education associate for Lyric Opera of Chicago. Mr. Gram gave an entertaining and educational overview with musical selections for Lyric Opera's season. Following the program, members and guests enjoyed wine, cheese and luscious dessert refreshments in Bunny and

Jim Ehler's magnificent Barrington Hills home. The entertainment area featured an incredible Toulouse Lautrec bar alfresco mural reminiscent of the colorful lifestyles of turn-of-the-century Montmartre. Guests were awed with the mural and thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of their hosts.

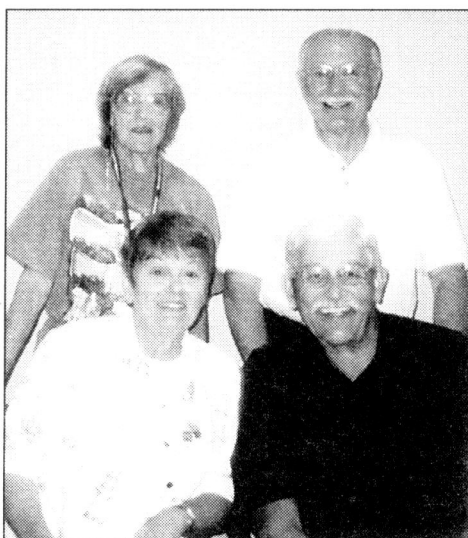
The Fourth Annual Chef Fest

The Auxiliary of Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital will host "The Fourth Annual Chef Fest" on Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at the Holiday Inn, 800 S. Route 31, Crystal Lake. Area restaurants will offer their specialties to sample, and there will also be a cash bar and silent auction.

Proceeds go toward the auxiliary's commitment to Good Shepherd Hospital and its services.

Auxiliary members working on the many phases of the fest are: Jerry Menzel, chairman; Bonnie Bixby; Ron Hamelberg; Pat Houlihan; Kay Huguelet; Linda Jantz; Irv Kamradt; Rosemarie Kipferl; Arden Kolb-DeBolt; Dee McCarthy; Larry Narum; Linda Newton; Wini Schenzinger; Esther Schultz; Faith Semla; and Shari Worrell.

Invitations will be available after Jan. 6. For more information or to request a reservation, please call 1-847-381-0123, ext. 26-4417.



Chef Fest Planners: (seated, from left) Pat Houlihan, restaurants co-chair; Jerry Menzel, chairman; (standing, from left) Dee McCarthy, secretary; and Irv Kamradt, treasurer

Enjoy the Art of Storytelling at The StoryBistro

For hundreds of years, individuals of many cultures and experiences have shared their stories with family, friends and folks. Their stories brought and continue to bring life to magical worlds of fantasy, history, comedy, harmony, insight and hope. The listeners once again discover the vivid use of their imagination and their shared human experiences through story.

The Barrington Area Arts Council invites you to discover the wonderful world of storytelling at The StoryBistro on Dec. 10, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. The evening features well-known storytellers as well as those we need to hear more from, along with many surprises. BAAC's intimate art gallery provides the perfect setting for adult stories as well as after-the-show camaraderie. The StoryBistro has the feeling of a

Women's Club of Inverness Holiday Luncheon



Holiday Chairs Trudy Goyette and Lisa Engelhardt

On Thursday, Dec. 8, join us for our annual Holiday Luncheon at the Inverness Golf Club. Coffee and tea will be served at 9:30 a.m. Shannon Plate and Pam Putman will demonstrate the real meaning and purpose of the holidays. They will show how lovely gift giving can be and provide an entirely new concept of Santa. Please call for reservations at 1-847-358-6526. Guests are welcome. Don't miss it!

Our annual Holiday Fair held at the Concorde on Nov. 8 was a big hit, with wonderful prize baskets, the bake sale and

silent auction, and vendors from all over the Chicago area. The funds raised were donated to The Red Cross and The Palatine Township Adopt-a-Family program. This is always a wonderful and well-attended event, and many return year after year.

This wonderful club is very rewarding. We have welcomed 25 new members this year. It's also a lot of fun. Membership dues for the year 2005-2006 are \$40. For more information, call 1-847-202-1423.

Happy November!



(From left) Carolyn Schneider, Sherrie Anuskewicz and Nancy Koutsis of United Methodist Women

Thanks to the efforts of many hardworking Barrington United Methodist volunteers, our United Methodist Women's Annual Rummage Sale in October was a great success, grossing over \$17,500!

Plus, approximately 60 boxes of unsold

clothing and household goods are going to Mobile, Ala., and then to the Knollwood Assembly of God Church in Mississippi, which is feeding up to 5,000 hurricane victims per day.

home concert, where stories can be more thought-provoking, more experimental, more daring. You will not want to miss the fun, the surprises and the stories! Refreshments and beverages included with the admission of \$20.

The StoryBistro is performed at the BAAC Gallery, 121-B Barrington Commons Court, Barrington. Seating is limited. Call BAAC at 1-847-382-5626 to reserve your seats today.

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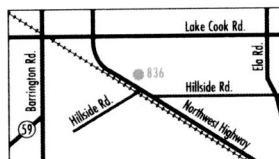
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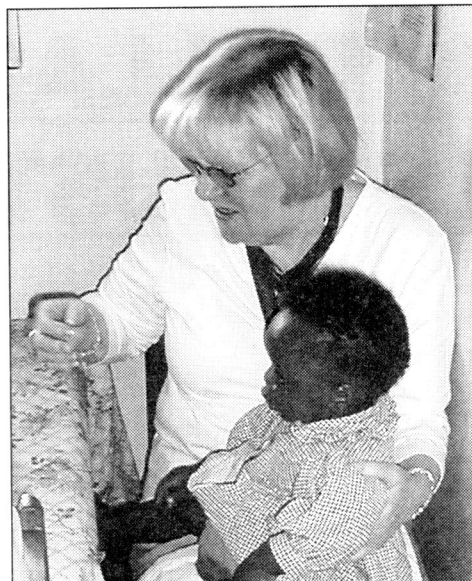
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The Coterie to Donate to Orphanage in Zambia Africa

This year, one of the three major recipients of The Coterie of Barrington and Surrounding Communities' (formerly Welcome Wagon of Barrington) fund-raising will be the Lusaka Orphanage and home for abused children in Zambia Africa, where just about everything for raising children is needed.

The club's major fund-raiser, a holiday luncheon and silent auction, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 29 at the Inverness Golf Club. The Barrington High School madrigal singers will provide the after-lunch entertainment. Join us and help raise money for the special children in Zambia. Tickets are \$35 each. For more information, call 1-847-381-4635.

The Coterie is a ladies social club with philanthropic goals. We enjoy monthly events and bridge groups, book discussion, couples dining out, dominos, and mah-jongg. Women living in the Barrington area are encouraged to join the fun and to enjoy their new Coterie friendships.



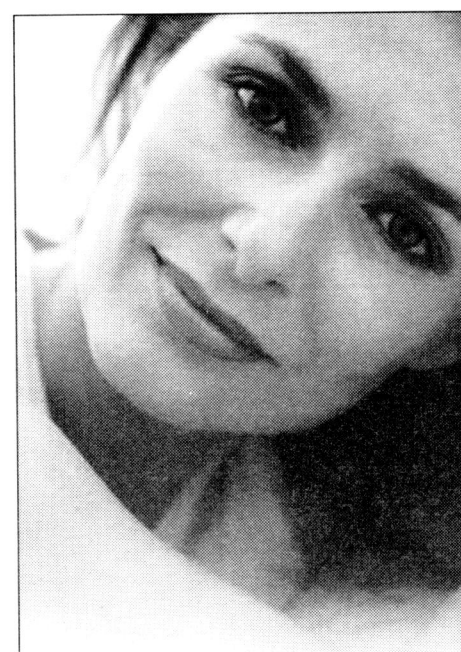
Club member Patricia Toole holds a very sweet little girl at the Lusaka Orphanage in Zambia Africa.

Green Thumbs December Events

Decorations and celebrations will be the themes of the Green Thumbs of Barrington Garden Club during December. On the first day of the month, members will gather at the Barrington Area Library to set up and decorate the beautiful holiday tree in the lobby of the building. The club has provided this special tree, with unique

handmade ornaments, for many years for the enjoyment of the whole community. It will be on display during the entire month.

The celebration will be a Christmas Luncheon for members and guests on Dec. 12 at the Garlands of Barrington. Advance reservations are required. Please call Trudy at 1-847-381-6427.



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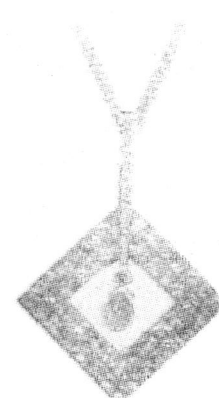
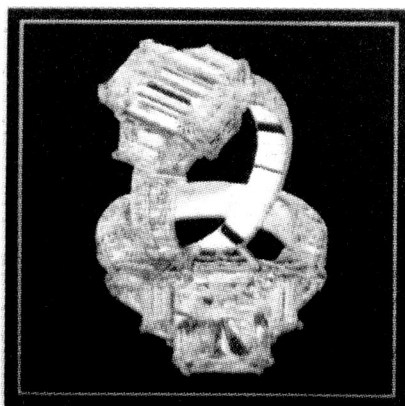
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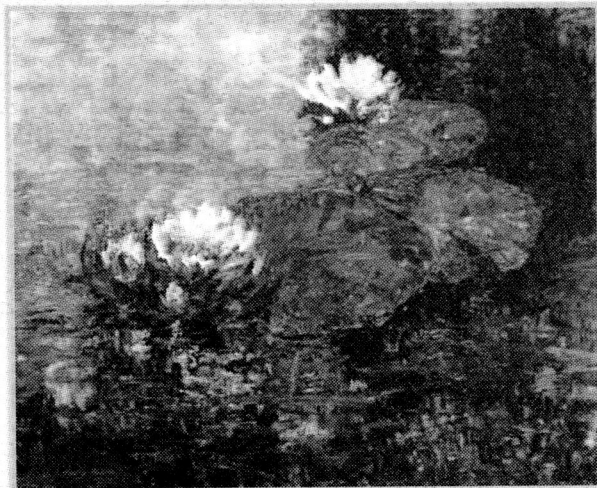
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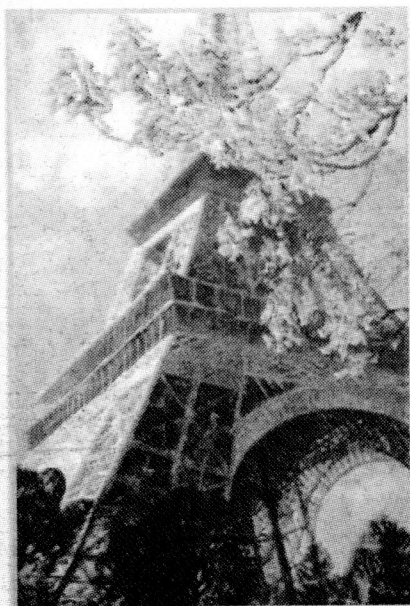
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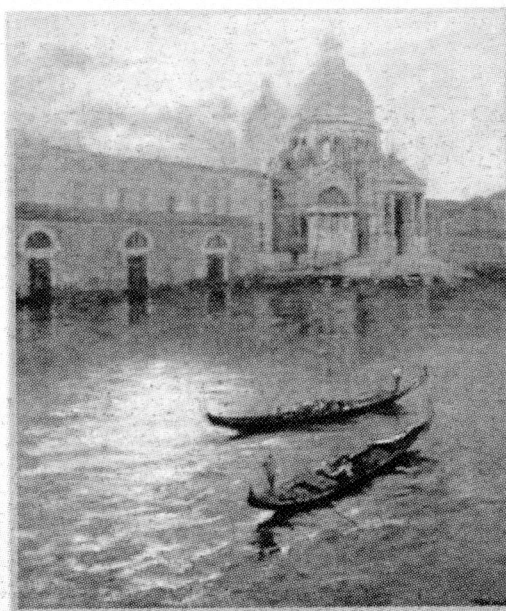


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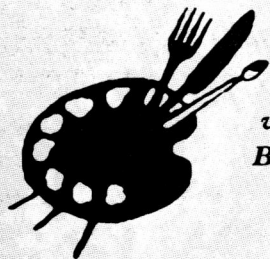


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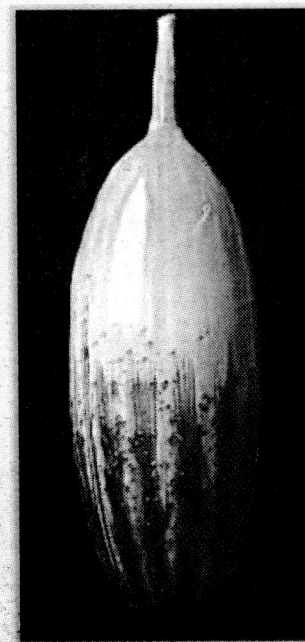
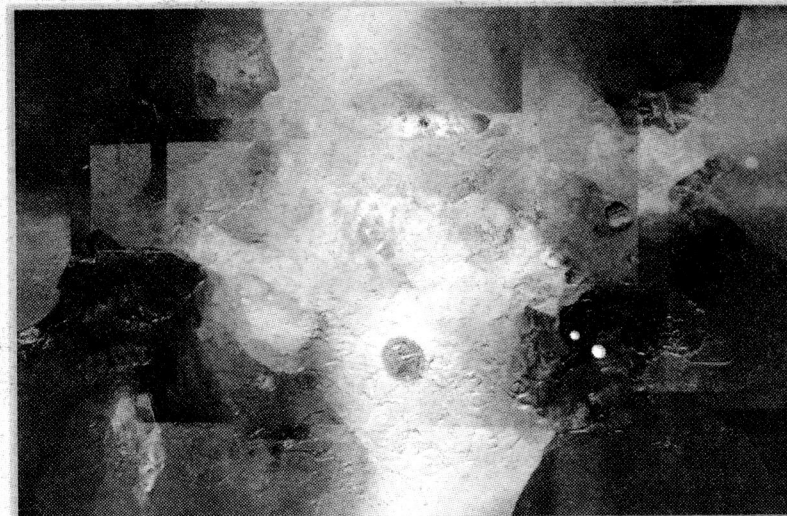
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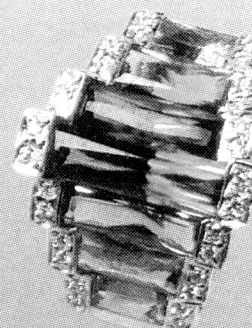
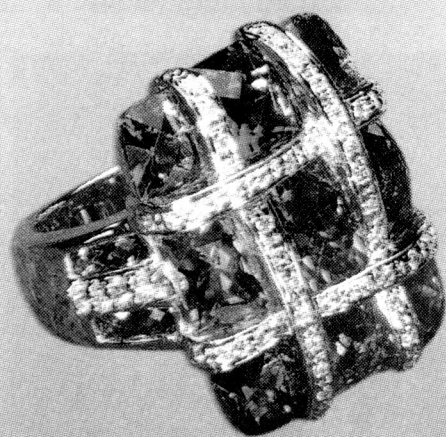


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Margaret Cobane, an exquisite artist of glass-blown Christmas ornaments, will be autographing her beautifully-designed ornaments at **Pine Cone Christmas Shop** in Long Grove. The signing will take place on **Saturday, Dec. 3**, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and **Sunday, Dec. 4**, from noon to 4 p.m.

Like other collectible glass ornaments, her designs and attention to detail are very appealing, yet, unlike others, her prices remain affordable. The average retail price for this elegant glass is \$15.

Ms. Cobane, accomplished artist, sculptor and designer, has found her niche in the gift industry. She has a love of beau-

tiful things. Her taste in design has been refined by exhibiting at major art shows across the country and by visiting museums around the world.

She especially enjoys designing glass-blown ornaments and finds the experience uniquely rewarding. "Life is like a canvas that we paint with our souls; my ornaments are a window to my soul. I hope that my love of people and of life shows in my designs and imparts warmth and joy to my collectors."

For additional details, call **Pine Cone Christmas Shop** in Long Grove at 1-847-634-0890.

Cancer Networking Groups to Meet at Wellness Place

Wellness Place, a Palatine-based cancer resource center, offers a variety of networking and support opportunities for people living with cancer, their loved ones and caregivers. The regularly scheduled meetings are offered at no charge and are facilitated by professionally trained staff to encourage conversation and information exchange. New participants must register in advance by calling 1-847-221-2400.

Free Networking and Support Groups for December

- Leukemia/Lymphoma/Multiple Myeloma Group for cancer survivors will meet Wednesday, Dec. 7, and Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Finding Your Way, a group of men and women who engage in an ongoing conversation about how to live fully in light of their mortality, will meet Thursday, Dec. 8, from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Using music, videos, and written and spoken

words, participants will discuss how they make choices about the quality of their lives.

- Recurrence/Metastatic Group for people with recurrence or metastatic disease, their family and friends will meet Thursday, Dec. 8, and Thursday, Dec. 22, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.
- A group for healthcare professionals, Care for the Journey, will meet Thursday, Dec. 15, from noon to 1:00 p.m.
- Creative Moments: the Power of Writing will offer experienced writers and novices an opportunity to discover how writing can be another tool to health and healing on Tuesday, Dec. 20, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
- Breast Cancer Group for anyone diagnosed with this cancer will meet Wednesday, Dec. 21, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
- Men with Cancer Networking Group will discuss issues faced by men with



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cancer on Tuesday, Dec. 13, and Tuesday, Dec. 27, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

• STARS, a group for children ages 6 through 12 who have an adult family member living with cancer, explores questions, concerns and fears related to cancer through the use of art, play and storytelling. Call for details.

• Parenting through Cancer is open to all parents of children under 18 years old and other adult family members. Call for details.

• Family Consultations are available for individuals, couples, children and teens, and families to discuss resources and ways to cope with cancer's impact on family life. Wellness Place professionals meet with parents and children together or on an individual basis. Call for appointment.

The Wellness Place resource center offers extended hours on Tuesdays from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m., when anyone is invited to explore CancerHelp, a computer-based educational tool, and to use the lending library of books, printed materials, videotapes and cassettes.

Welcome to Wellness Place orientation and tours are held Tuesdays from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. Other tour times and appointments for consultation are available by calling 1-847-221-2400.

Wellness Place, a community-based, not-for-profit organization, offers resources, support and education for people with cancer, their family and friends, and serves 60 communities in the Northwest Suburbs of Cook County and parts of McHenry, Lake and Kane counties.

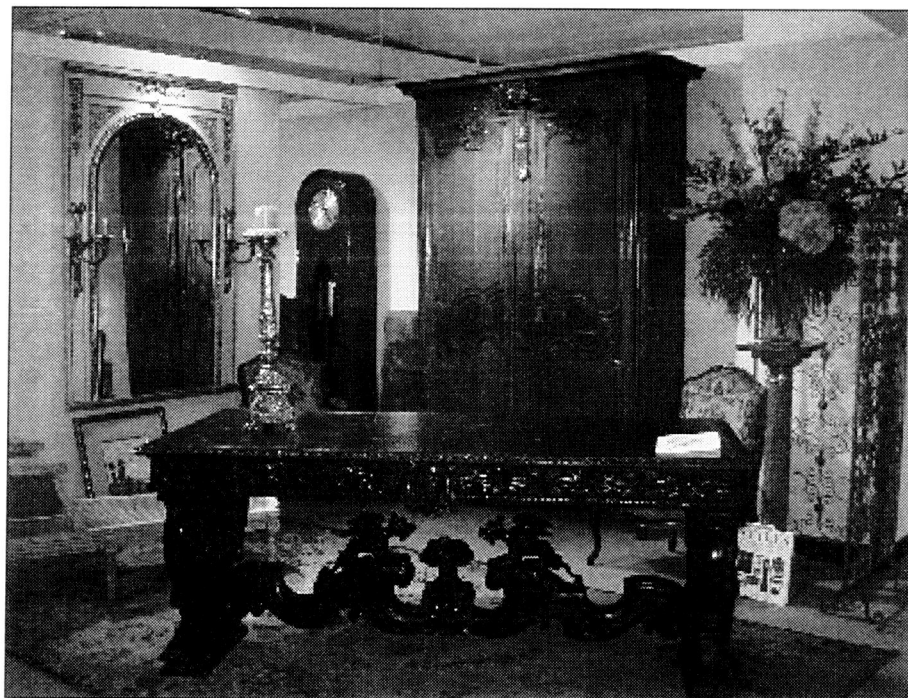
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BCC Gives Regal Performance for 79th Rush Benefit



Barrington Children's Choir members (from left) Julie Jordan, Claire Hart, Sarah deFreitas, Morgan Rossi, Tara Colbert and Erin Acino pose backstage with newlywed models Bill and Lucy Bickford (center). The choir performed as part of the "Royal Wedding Party" in the 79th Annual Fashion Show benefit for the Women's Board of Rush University Medical Center.

Members of the Barrington Children's Choir recently had the privilege of performing at the 79th Annual Fashion Show for the Women's Board of Rush University Medical Center.

The Sept. 15th fashion show at the

Symphony Center in Chicago raised \$10 million for the Women's Board Heart and Vascular Center. Aptly titled "The Beat Goes On," the show included local celebrities, community members and doctors from Rush University, all modeling jewelry

BACOA Offers PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) Program at Greencastle of Barrington

People with arthritis *can* exercise.

The PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise) Program is specifically designed for people with arthritis and emphasizes relaxation and joint-protection techniques that participants can practice at home.

The program, sponsored by the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation, the Barrington Area Council on Aging

and Greencastle of Barrington, is held on Thursdays from 10:45 to 11:45 a.m. at Greencastle, 445 E. Main St., Barrington.

The cost for a 10-week session is \$22. Participants can join the program at any time and will be given credit toward the next session. For more information, contact BACOA at 1-847-381-5030.



and fashions provided by wellknown Chicagoland retailers.

Donned in royal sashes and brooches, the BCC choristers sang *Someday My Prince Will Come* as a bride and groom danced across the stage in true fairy tale style. Marshall Fields, a co-sponsor of this annual event, selected the real-life newlyweds to model their Royal European Wedding fashions and invited the choir to provide the musical backdrop for this opening segment.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Barrington Children's Choir which, under the direction of its artistic founder Peggy Crawford, offers a community-centered music education program that provides a broad and challenging choral music experience for children from sec-

ond to 12th grade.

With over 150 singers in four developmentally sequenced choirs, BCC performs at numerous charitable, civic, corporate and private events in Barrington and the greater Chicagoland fine arts community. In addition to its annual winter and spring concerts, the choir has toured internationally, performing at choral festivals and concerts in London, Hungary, Italy, Austria and Prague.

Performance highlights this year will include The Joffrey Ballet's holiday production of *The Nutcracker* and St. Peter's Basilica in Rome in July 2006. And in celebration of the choir's 20 years of song, a compilation CD will be released before the holiday season.

From Bangkok to Barrington

Did you know that a little piece of Thailand can be found in downtown Barrington? A unique new retail shop, **Exotique Thai**, located at 115 E. Station St., imports the finest Thai handicrafts.

Thai silk is the best known of all the country's handicrafts, and the shop carries placemats, table runners, napkins, pillows, scarves, shawls and ties from Jim Thompson and others. **Exotique Thai** also features unique purses, intricate teak woodcarvings, Bencharong, fine porcelain detailed with exquisite hand-painted enamel decorations, and Celadon, a stoneware with a unique glaze. Furniture, lacquer ware, woven

wares, leather carvings, paintings and soap carvings are some of the other world-renowned Thai handicrafts that you will find at **Exotique Thai**.

These Thai arts and crafts are an amalgam of the finest cultural traditions of Asia, blended and stamped into unique forms instantly recognizable as Thai. The shop features both traditional and contemporary items that are selected for their outstanding quality and timeless beauty. Each item requires the dedication and experience of highly skilled artisans whose techniques have been transmitted from generation to generation. At **Exotique Thai**, you will find unique gifts and home décor items that are lasting and beautiful art treasures.

A Perfect New Year's Eve at Fritzl's Country Inn

Looking for a wonderful, relaxing dinner this **New Year's Eve**? **Fritzl's Country Inn** in Lake Zurich is offering the perfect gourmet specials—salmon potato soup, pâté, broiled crimini mushrooms with crab stuffing, venison medallions, filet Wellington, fresh seafood and veal schnitzel, Oscar style. Also offered will be their regular menu with regular prices.

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La Strada Ristorante, Serving Prime Steak and Seafood, to Open Spring 2006

La Strada Ristorante will specialize in serving classic regional Italian cuisine featuring prime Midwest steaks, filet mignon, veal scaloppine, and veal chops and New Zealand lamb chops. They will also specialize in fresh lobster, swordfish, halibut, salmon, tuna, whitefish, jumbo shrimp, little clams, jumbo black mussels and sea scallops, which will be delivered daily.

La Strada will feature display cases at our retail counter that will allow all to view and purchase the prime meats and fish from our menu, ice cream cones, and take private party info. You can watch homemade pasta-making

machines as fettuccine is air drying or gnocchi is freshly pinched for the day's specials. Children will be welcomed with respect and are able to order from an extensive menu with their own "sippy cup station." **La Strada's** private party space will consist of three private rooms accommodating up to 160 people with outdoor patio access.

La Strada Ristorante will be located in the Fountain Crossings Shopping Center (the new Meijer's shopping center) just a half-mile north of I-90 on Barrington Road, across the street from AMC 30 Theatre, South Barrington Tennis Club and Village Hall. Call **1-847-765-1700** for more info.

BACOA's Senior Activity and Lunch Programs for December

BACOA's Monday lunch program is held at the Barrington Park District, 235 Lions Drive, Barrington. Games begin at 10:30 a.m.; lunch is served at noon.

The suggested donation for the Monday lunch is \$3. However, if underwriting is unavailable for special programs, there may be an increase in the suggested donation. Preregistration is required; please call BACOA at 1-847-381-5030.

December Events

- Monday, Dec. 5—We will play games and have lunch. The Wauconda High School Chorus will perform a special music program.

- Monday, Dec. 12—We will eat lunch and play games. The seventh-grade cho-

rus of Prairie Middle School will perform Christmas songs. Blood pressures will be taken, and December birthdays will be celebrated.

- Monday, Dec. 19, Annual Christmas Luncheon—The Christmas luncheon for BACOA's lunch programs at the Barrington Park District and Greencastle of Barrington will be held on Dec. 19. We will enjoy games and lunch, of course, along with entertainment by Second Wind (Joyce Palmquist and Doug Saylor). Call BACOA for reservations by Dec. 14.

- Monday, Dec. 26, Closed for the Holidays—BACOA's lunch program will return on Jan. 9, 2006. Have a safe and happy new year!



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New Membership Program Assistant for Barrington United Methodist

Barrington United Methodist Church has hired Kate DeMent of Barrington as its new membership program assistant.

Her duties will include record-keeping of members' life events, maintenance of the church's database, and support of its many, active committees. Ms. DeMent is also a longtime member of the church.

Barrington United Methodist is located at 98 Algonquin Rd. (at Route 59) in Barrington. For more information, please call 1-847-836-5540 or visit the church's Web site at www.barringtonumc.com.



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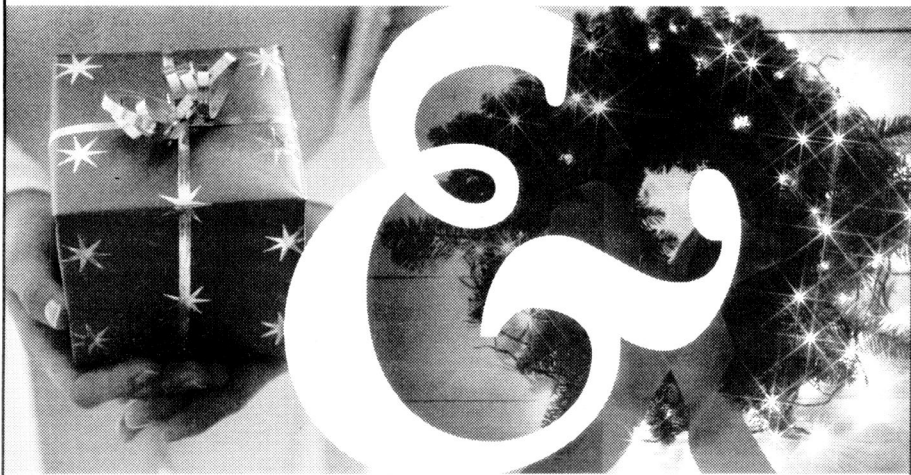
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Many more unique gift ideas can be found throughout **Deer Park Town Center**. Pamper a friend with gifts from Bath & Body Works and M.A.C Cosmetics. Find the latest in electronics at Bose, sure to impress your husband or father. Treat someone special to fine jewelry from Penelope's Fine Jewelry and Bailey, Banks, and Biddle.

Hosting a holiday get-together? **Deer Park Town Center's** got you covered! Make your house merry with decorations from Restoration Hardware, Yankee Candle, Pottery Barn and Smith and Hawken. Stock up on cooking supplies and gourmet ingredients at Williams-Sonoma, and make the evening end on a sweet note with goodies from Cold Stone Creamery and Harry and David.

Don't forget to treat yourself amidst

the flurry of the holidays! Dine at one of many delicious restaurants at **Deer Park Town Center**, including California Pizza Kitchen, Noodles and Company, Go Roma Italian Kitchen and Stoney River Legendary Steaks. Take a break from a hectic day of shopping by taking in the latest winter film at the state-of-the-art 16-screen Century Theatres. Meet a friend over peppermint hot chocolate and freshly baked brownies at Caribou Coffee.

And remember, if you still can't seem to find the perfect gift, **Deer Park Town Center** center-wide gift cards are great for the person on your list who loves to shop or dine out. The recipient of a **Deer Park Town Center** gift card can go shopping at over 70 stores and restaurants for clothes, books, beauty products, cooking supplies and much more.

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This is our second appearance in *Lifestyles* and I am going to approach this as our monthly "what's happening" newsletter.

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Fun at the Library

The Barrington Area Library, located at 505 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington, offers a variety of events and seminars for the public. Call 1-847-382-1300 or visit www.barringtonarealibrary.org for more information or to register:

Family Craft Night: Holiday Cards

Thursday, Dec. 1, 7:00 p.m., All Ages with Adult—Learn how to make dazzling 3-D holiday cards that are just perfect for family or friends. Choose one of our three designs and add your own unique and creative touches! Registration required.

Fun Fur Scarves for Knit Wits: A Knitting Project for Beginners!

Monday, Dec. 5, 7:00 p.m., Grades ninth to 12—These scarves are the perfect accessory to any holiday outfit! They make great gifts! Create your own beautiful hand-knitted eyelash yarn scarf in this easy, relaxing class. Even if you have never knitted before, you'll soon be up and running as you learn how to knit your very own charming scarf in no time at all. Materials provided. Registration required.

Make a No-Sew Winter Scarf

Thursday, Dec. 8, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Grades Third to Fifth—Don't know how to sew? No problem. Spend an hour with us and leave with a stylish winter accessory, ready to keep you or a friend warm and snuggly. Registration required.

Whaddya Know?! Computers and Information for Kids

Thursday, Dec. 8, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., Grades Fourth to Eighth—Gotta know

more about using the Internet and other online resources to help you with your homework? This computer class designed just for kids will help you find the most successful ways to do your online research. Registration required.

Drop-In Storytimes

- Tuesday, Dec. 6, 9:30 or 10:15 a.m.
- Saturday, Dec. 10, 9:30 a.m., Infants from Birth to 23 Months with Adult
- Saturday, Dec. 10, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m., Ages 2 to 5 with Adult
- Tuesday, Dec. 13, 10:00 a.m., Infants from Birth to 12 Months with Adult
- Tuesday, Dec. 20, 9:30 or 10:15 a.m., Infants from Birth to 23 Months with Adult

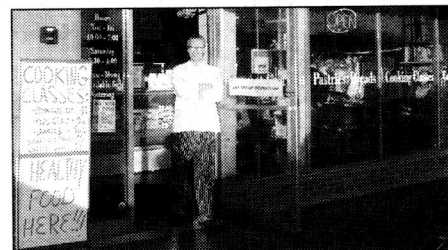
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The VFC Program is the Centers for Disease Control's largest public-private partnership, ensuring all eligible children

receive the benefits of newly recommended vaccines, thereby strengthening immunity levels in their communities. Eligible children include Public Aid recipients, families without insurance and under-insured families whose children are medically at risk. Medically at risk, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control, are those who have insurance but no coverage for immunizations; have chronic disorders such as diabetes; have renal dysfunction; are immunosuppressant; are receiving long-term aspirin therapy; or are at risk for Reye Syndrome.

McHenry County residents should call 815-334-4536 to make an appointment or to ask questions. The cost is \$10.



What's New at the Library

• Two renewals are now allowed on most materials, giving you extra time to complete your reading, listening or viewing. Renew at www.barringtonarealibrary.org, by phone at 1-847-382-1300 or in person at the library.

• Now, one easy-to-search database provides full-text access to 269 local, regional and national newspapers. Find information on companies, politics, industries, sports, cultural activities and people throughout the United States. From www.barringtonarealibrary.org, select Reference Databases and America's Newspapers.

• Thanks to a gift of the Friends of the

Barrington Area Library, an MP3 player can be checked out to download audiobooks at home from the library's homepage.

• Grant Awarded—Serving the Un-Retired: Boomers in Transition, a \$4,500 competitive grant will enable the library and its local partners to conduct focus groups of resident baby boomers to develop effective plans of service. Funding for this grant was awarded by the Illinois State Library, a division of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the federal Library Services and Technology Act.

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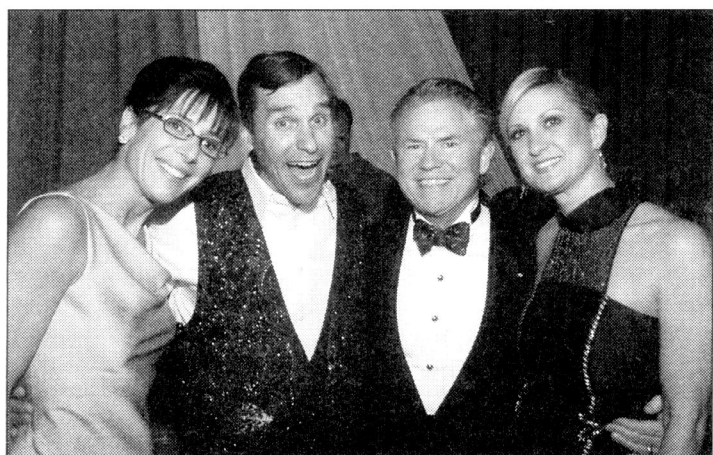
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Benefit Raises Record-Breaking \$750,000 to Fund Cancer Research Programs



(From left) **Melissa Pontikes**, president, Cancer Treatment Research Foundation; **Greg Dellinger**, Radio Disney; **Richard J. Stephenson**, chairman of the board, Cancer Treatment Centers of America; and **Alicia L. Stephenson**, chair, Cancer Treatment Research Foundation

Over 650 prominent Chicago philanthropists joined physicians and researchers at a black-tie event in Chicago Saturday evening, which raised a record-breaking \$750,000 to benefit cancer research programs through Cancer Treatment Research Foundation (CTRF).

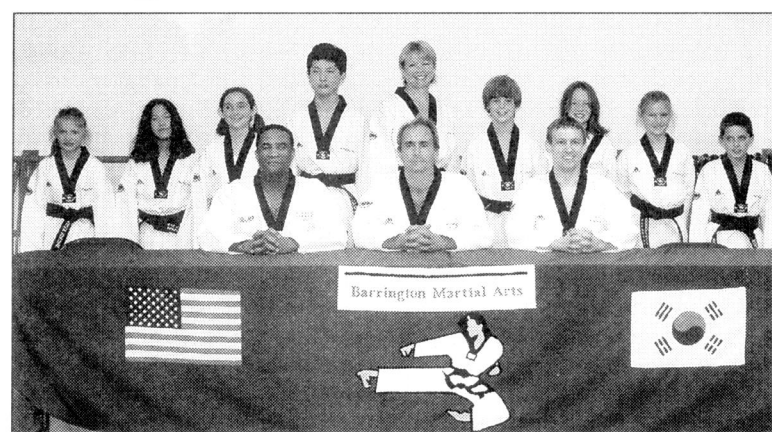
The National City Bank Gala honored the co-founders of the ComedyCures Foundation, Saranne Rothberg and Lauriel Marger, by giving them the distinction of "Superhero." Dr. David C. Linehan, associate professor of surgery at Washington University School of Medicine, was also honored as a "Superhero" for his research on proteomics.

A heartfelt speech was given by the foundation's chair, Alicia L. Stephenson, in which she emphasized the need to "Change the Face of Cancer NOW." She also noted the importance of the foundation's work; she said, "We are looking at cutting-edge solutions to complex problems. We are seeking a cure and in the process, providing hope to cancer patients everywhere."

In a moving show of commitment to cure cancer, event attendees pledged \$80,000 to fund Dr. Linehan's current CTRF-funded research on proteomics.

Even with the celebratory atmosphere, attendees were mindful of the serious

Students Pass Black-Belt Test at Barrington Martial Arts



On Sunday, Oct. 9, students tested and passed their Black-Belt test at Barrington Martial Arts: (back row, from left) Kiley Kostak, May May Yin, Julia Huldin, Benjamin Yin, Mrs. Bett Canning, Kevin Eiring, Breanna Podgorski, Mackenzie

Carlson and Matthew Dyer.

Seated before the successful students are (from left) Master Lawson, Master Lotter and Master Tolbert.

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cause they were supporting. Cancer is the second leading cause of death in this country. And while breakthroughs are happening every day, lifesaving research is expensive. The Cancer Treatment Research Foundation is dedicated to curing cancer through funding patient-centered clinical studies that deliver innovative treatment options to cancer patients.

About Cancer Treatment Research Foundation

Cancer Treatment Research Foundation is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization found-

ed in 1991 based on the conviction that patients need and deserve the best possible treatments the world has to offer. We strive to fund the most innovative research known to man and shorten the distance between those dedicated to treating and curing cancer and patients who are fighting for their lives. Thanks to generous underwriting of operational expenses, 99 cents of every dollar donated to CTRF goes directly to cancer research programs—a ratio unparalleled in any not-for-profit setting.

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by Catherine Zedan-Grandi, L.E.,
Plastic Surgery Skin Care Specialist

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Coping with the day-to-day pressures and responsibilities of work, school or home can leave us feeling exhausted and wondering where to find the strength to do it again tomorrow. Naturally, when the sudden and unexpected twists of life such as illness, loss or becoming a caregiver get piled on, we sometimes lose ourselves in the chaos. Most people are unaware that they can easily stop the downward spiral.

Roberta Liebman RN, MS CHT, with 25 years nursing experience, uses a combination of powerful tools such as hypnosis, guided imagery, emotional freedom technique and NLP to help clients recognize pieces of themselves that were lost along the way and to easily regain a sense of wholeness. Clients can identify their unique personality type and coping strategies to become aware of what is working in their lives and what is not.

The American Medical Association recognizes hypnosis and holistic healing techniques because they are safe, effective and without side effects. Emotional Freedom Technique, a psychological ver-

sion of acupuncture, is generating excitement because of its widespread effectiveness. EFT is causing healthcare providers around the world to take notice.

At **Mind & Body Care**, Roberta teaches clients effective, life-changing techniques, including self-hypnosis, allowing them to realize the unlimited power they possess to handle whatever life presents. Clients find relief from chronic health issues because conditions such as pain, migraines, irritable bowel syndrome, asthma and cancer respond favorably to the mind-body connection.

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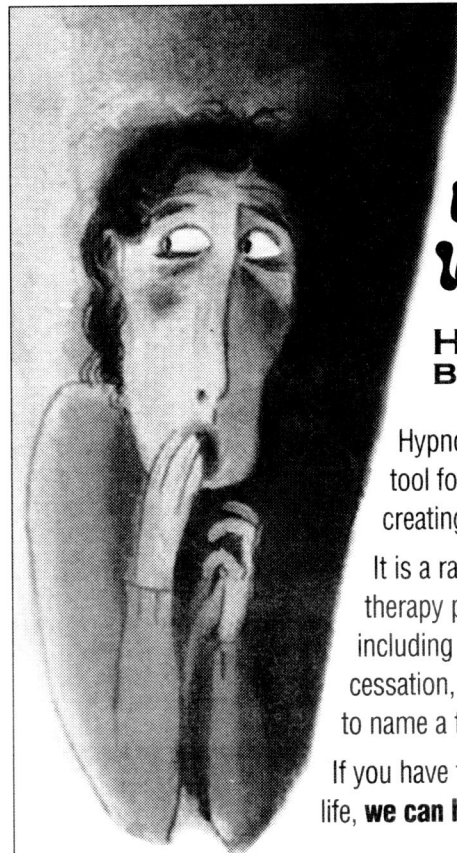
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Long Grove Café and Mangel Gifts Host Fund-Raiser

Mangel Gifts, 412 Robert Parker Coffin Road, and Long Grove Café, 235 Robert Parker Coffin Road—both located in the historic business district of Long Grove—will host a wine tasting and dinner to benefit "Journeys from PADS to HOPE," an organization that provides shelter, food and job counseling to homeless adults and children in the Northwest Suburbs. The event will take place Thursday, Dec. 1.

The evening begins at 6 p.m. at Mangel Gifts with wine and hors d'oeuvres served amidst an array of holiday decorations and seasonal vignettes created by

Executive Designer Doug Clark. A five-course dinner commences at 7:30 p.m. at Long Grove Café. Guests will enjoy three different entrees, each paired with an appropriate wine. A wine expert will discuss the selections being served. Long Grove Confectionery chocolates will be given as favors after a dessert of white chocolate mousse with raspberry wine.

The cost of the evening is \$75 per person. Tax-deductible reservations can be made by calling Mangel Gifts at 1-847-634-9287.

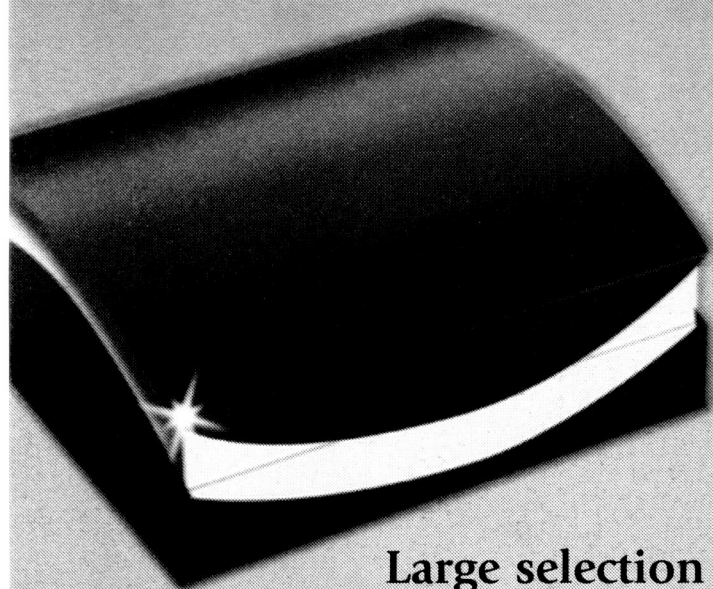
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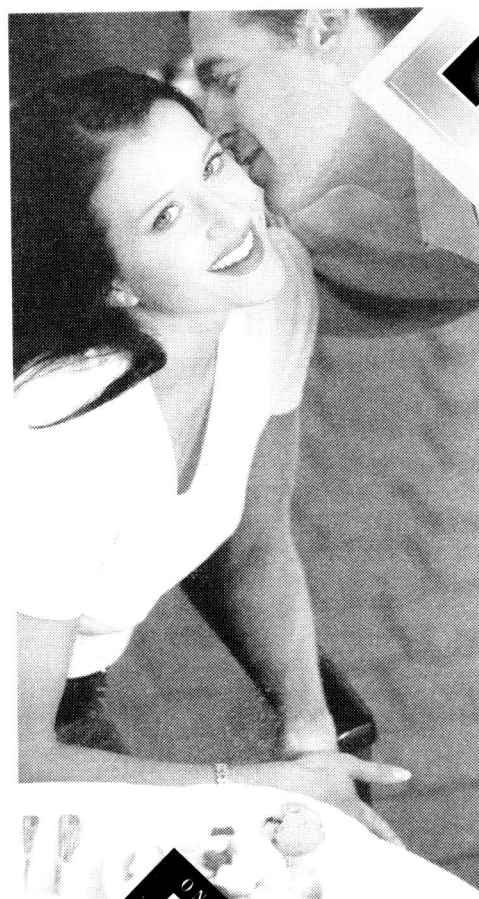
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St. Francis de Sales' Holiday Housewalk

It's not too late to get tickets for St. Francis de Sales PTO's Ninth Annual Holiday Housewalk and Boutique to be held Thursday, Dec. 1.

If you didn't buy tickets ahead of time to view these five beautiful area homes, you'll be able to purchase them at the free holiday boutique at Valker Hall. And you do want to see these houses! They'll be lavishly decorated with a nod to the holidays by top designers. The hall, located at St. Francis de Sales Church in Lake Zurich, will feature over 40 local vendors and artisans displaying their unique wares. After some holiday shopping, take an en-

ergizing break at the Gingerbread Café; get your walk ticket; and you're on the way to see the houses. New to the boutique this year are Racine Kringles, those decadent Danish pastries stuffed with nuts and fruit we've all heard so much about.

Boutique hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Ticket pick-up is until 6:30 p.m. at the hall.) Houses will be open for viewing from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 to 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and \$20 adult senior. (If purchased at the door, add \$5.) Call 1-847-726-4786 for information.

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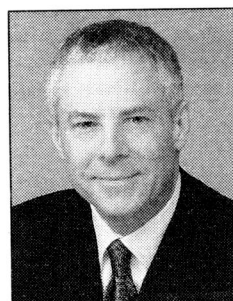
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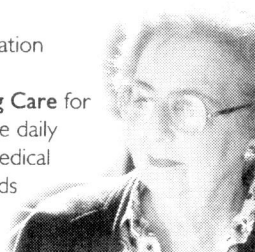
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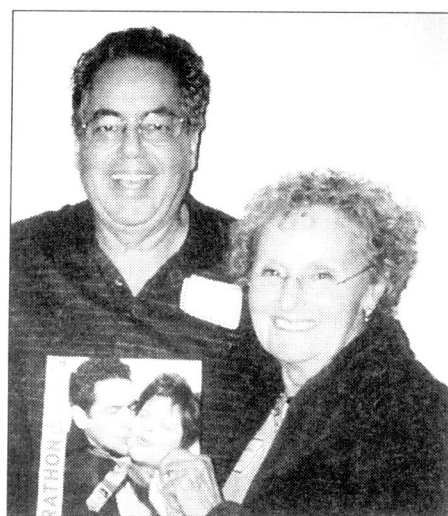
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Operation Raises Over \$361,000

Barrington Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago's (or BCLOC's) past president and co-chair of Lyric Opera of Chicago's annual Operation, Howard Robins from Arlington Heights, is pictured with President Maureen Brown from Lake Zurich. They are justifiably jubilant as the fund-raising goal of \$335,000 was surpassed and soared to reach \$361,000. The event was broadcast on WFMT FM 98.7 from 8 a.m. to midnight on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Other volunteers from Barrington Lyric who supported Howard in his first year as co-chair are Roger and Linelle Dickenson, Barrington; Loretta Lucia, Schaumburg; Bob and Charlotte Ranieri, Huntley; Denny Hayes and Dave Nellenman, St. Charles; Jeanette and Bill Muench, Crystal Lake; and Mary Robins and Craig Love, Arlington Heights.

Howard and Mary Robins, Barrington Chapter board members and co-chairs of Lyric Opera of Chicago's award-winning Lecture Corps, have coordinated the opera lectures for the 2005-2006 season. These free lectures are sponsored by the BCLOC. A phone reservation is requested for appropriate seating. Call Jill Lund at 1-



Howard Robins, Arlington Heights, and Maureen Brown, Lake Zurich, were jubilant with the fund-raiser's success.

847-756-3200 for a confirmed reservation.

For information on BCLOC, call Vice President George Obermaier at 1-847-985-0837.

You may wish to visit Lyric Opera of Chicago's Web site at www.lyricopera.org.

Four Seasons Garden Club of Barrington

Each month from September through June, the club holds its meetings on the first Tuesday of the month. The meetings are held at either a member's home or at the Barrington Library. A social coffee and visit among members is followed by a short business meeting and then a presen-

tation or demonstration connected to some aspect of gardening and gardening interests. For further information on each meeting, please contact Lenore Lawrence at 1-847-381-2883.

The December meeting will be at Alena Gust's home in Barrington, on Dec. 6 at

Finding a Senior Community to Call Home

by LeeAnn Atwood

One of the most difficult decisions families are struggling with these days is choosing a senior care facility for an aging parent who needs help. Making the decision can be overwhelming and emotionally wrenching for the entire family. For adult children, it can be difficult to accept that their strong, self-sufficient parent might need frequent assistance or is no longer capable of living alone. For the parent, it can be equally difficult to accept what appears to be the loss of independence.

When the time came for Marilyn Schnell of Algonquin to seek alternatives for her mother and father, she experienced these emotions and more. Marilyn's parents, Leonard and Florence, had lived happy and productive lives for many years. Eventually, it became evident that their health was declining and signs of Alzheimer's disease were showing, especially in Marilyn's mother.

Marilyn sought recommendations of friends, searched the Internet and visited senior care facilities, finally selecting **Hearthstone Senior Living Community** in Woodstock. She chose **Hearthstone** in part because they offered all levels of senior living, including independent apartments, Assisted Living, a dedicated Alzheimer's wing and nursing care. It was an option that allowed her parents to be together on the same campus as their care needs increased over time.

"As I became more accepting of the changes in Mom and Dad, I discovered a new, comfortable relationship with my parents that was very rewarding," says

Marilyn.

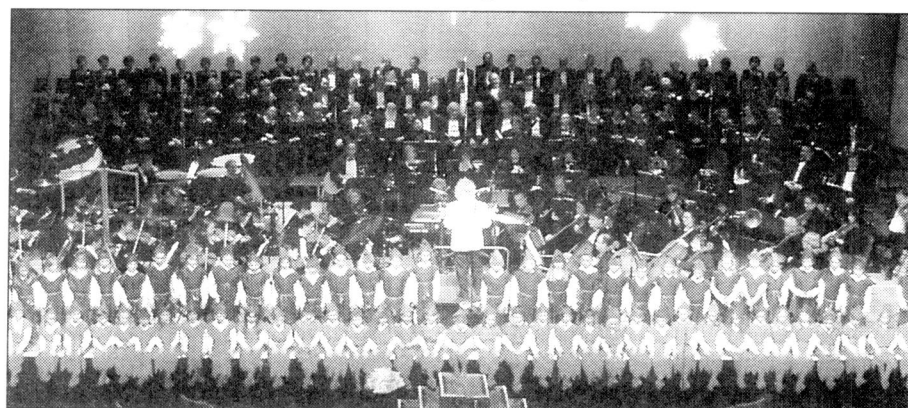
While Mrs. Robinson required nursing assistance throughout the day, Mr. Robinson was still fairly independent, so Assisted Living was the best option for him. The Robinsons were close together and could visit as often as they liked. It was ideal for Marilyn, because it allowed the flexibility of seeing both parents at the same time.

The Robinsons lived at **Hearthstone** for several years, but this is not the end of the story. Marilyn was in contact with them throughout their stay. She grew to know many of the people living and working at **Hearthstone**. She saw volunteers serving coffee, reading mail or visiting with the seniors. Some played games, offered religious services, or read aloud to someone with poor vision. *Marilyn could see the volunteers gained as much out of the experience as the residents they were visiting.*

Her parents have passed away and no longer live at **Hearthstone**, but that doesn't stop Marilyn. She is a familiar face around **Hearthstone** and visits often, painting nails and applying makeup, giving a lift only a 'polished' look can do. Other times, she listens and laughs as the residents recount their many memories. Being there helps her to remember her parents and give back to the community that gave so much to their family.

For more information about **Hearthstone Senior Living Community** or to inquire about becoming a volunteer, call **815-334-6200**. You can also visit them online at www.wclsil.org.

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Tickets are priced at \$35 and \$39 and are available at 815-356-9212. Great seats are still open. Raue box office hours are Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and one hour prior to show time. Raue Center For The Arts is located at 26 N. Williams St. in Crystal Lake. Or visit www.rauecenter.org.

9:30 a.m. This will be our annual holiday meeting and buffet luncheon. Members should bring a dish to pass with a recipe and a \$15 grab bag gift. Please direct any questions to Judy Palmer, 1-847-304-8801,

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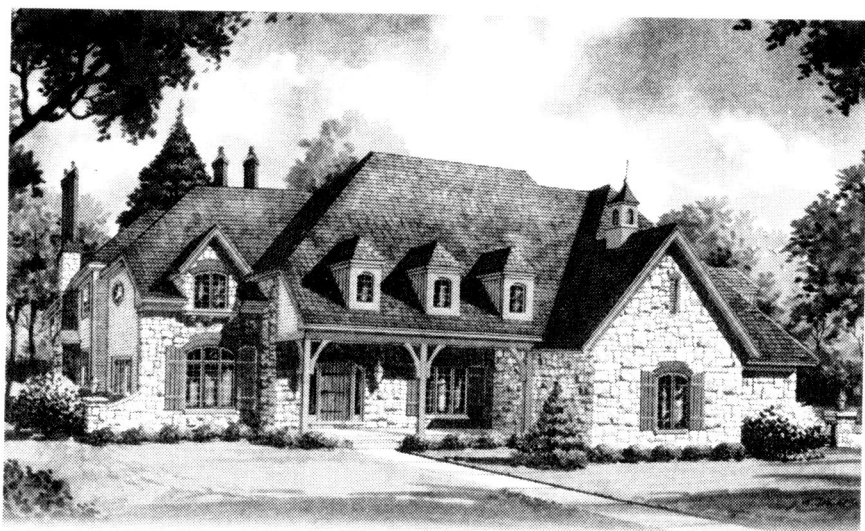
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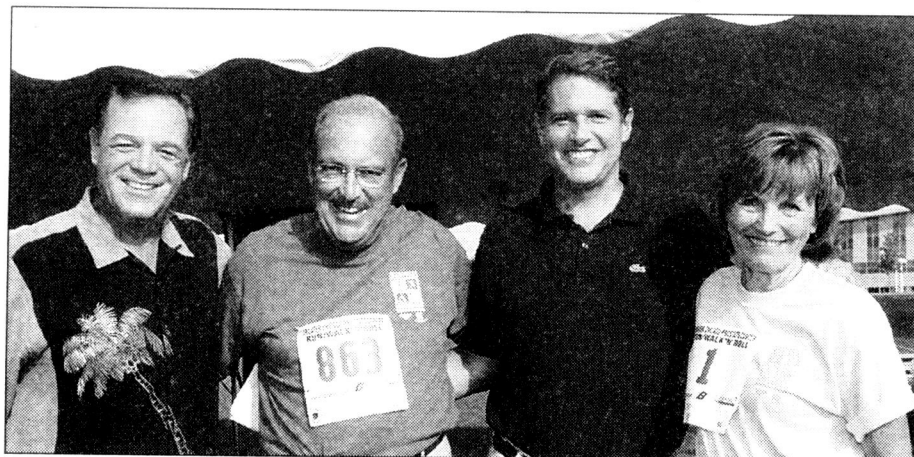
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Shown together at the Greater Chicago Run Walk 'n Roll for Prostate Cancer are: (from left) entertainer Ron Hawking of Barrington Hills, Stuart Porter of Barrington, WBBM-TV news anchor Antonio Mora and event co-chair Myrna Porter of Barrington.

The fight against prostate cancer in the Northwest Suburbs advanced mightily at Busse Woods on a gorgeous Sunday morning as some 1,000 runners and walkers came out to support Palatine-based Wellness Place Cancer Resource Center and Us TOO, an international prostate cancer survivor organization, for the first-ever Greater Chicago Run Walk 'n Roll for Prostate Cancer.

Event Co-Chair Myrna Porter of Barrington said the event raised about \$200,000 from sponsorship donations and entry fees.

"We are very pleased 1,000 runners, walkers and rollers came out to show their

support for the work that needs to be done to improve awareness that early detection and treatment of prostate cancer will save thousands of lives every year."

She added that Wellness Place and Us TOO will use the net proceeds to fund local public awareness programs to educate men and their families about prostate cancer and the importance of early detection and treatment for long-term survival.

The first-place male finisher in the 5K run was Steve Breese of Palatine and the first-place female was Mary Rose Veselik of Schaumburg, a nurse at the Chicago Prostate Cancer Center in Westmont.

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"Handbags & Halos"



Lynn Wyatt, the event's featured speaker, chats with host Bunky Cushing.



(From left) guest Ruth Kern takes time out for a picture with Elizabeth Bertucci.

Held on Oct. 11 at the Palmer House Hilton, Bunky Cushing—one of Chicago society's well-connected confidantes and companions to the area's philanthropic women—hosted the exclusive luncheon,



(From left) Enjoying the exclusive luncheon were Susan Gohl and Linda Heister.

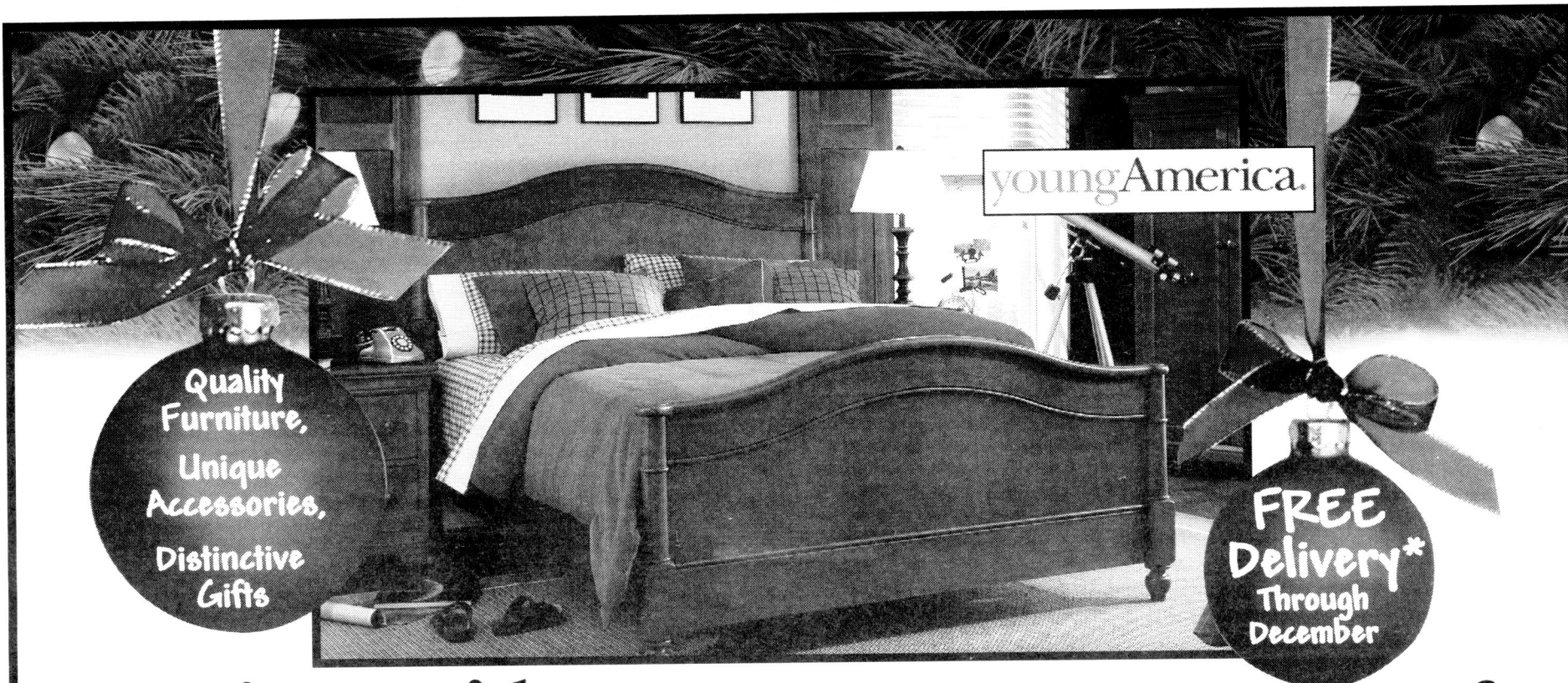
"Handbags & Halos."

Over 200 women attended the event, which raised over \$25,000 for the Howard Brown Health Center. Guests were encouraged to bring a gently used handbag to be donated to the Howard Brown Health Center Brown Elephant Resale. Howard Brown Health Center is the leading provider of health and wellness services to meet the challenges of HIV/AIDS as well as a variety of other community health concerns in Chicago.

Lynn Wyatt, an international hostess and noted philanthropist, was the event's featured speaker. A native Texan, Lynn Wyatt is an active member of Houston's cultural community. She is a trustee of the Museum of Fine Arts, a member of the executive committee of the Alley Theater, and a Life Trustee of the Houston Grand Opera and The Princess Grace Foundation-USA. A perennial on best-dressed lists, she has entertained royalty, artists, designers and celebrities at her homes in Houston and the Côte d'Azur.

Werks of Barrington, TAP Pharmaceuticals of Lake Forest and the Foglia Family of Barrington. Celebrities on hand included Antonio Mora of WBBM-TV, who served

as emcee and official starter, and singer Ron Hawking, star of the musical production *His Way* playing in Chicago.



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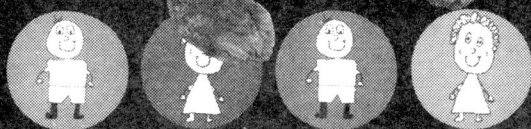
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PHD Raises Money to Support Programs and Services with Fashion Show

On Oct. 20, more than 300 women and men gathered to enjoy PHD's annual fashion show and dinner extravaganza "The Gift of Giving" at the Stonegate Conference Center in Barrington. Proceeds benefitted the many women and children served by PHD. Fashion show guests were provided with a view of the latest in this season's styles.

"This festive event not only featured an elegant meal followed by great fashions, it also raised money for women and their families within our own community," commented Cathy Shanahan, Arlington Heights, chairperson for this year's event.

The Society for the Preservation of Human Dignity (or PHD) is a nonprofit counseling center for pregnancy help and education which reaching out to women who are pregnant or parenting a child under 3 in Chicago's Northwest Suburbs.

Guests were moved by a compelling story shared by one of PHD's former cli-



The lovely Cathy Shanahan (Arlington Heights), this year's fashion show chairperson, modeled luxurious fashions from York Furrier of Deer Park.

ents who expressed her gratefulness to PHD for all the support she and her fam-

ily received during a most challenging time in their lives.

While guests enjoyed dessert, they were treated to an entertaining and high-energy fashion show professionally produced and choreographed by Fashionique Productions featuring fashions by Peter Daniel, Satin Filly and Starr Couture of Barrington. In addition, PHD's very own models, including PHD board member Robert Shanahan, president of Palatine Bank and Trust, and his wife, Cathy, hit the runway wearing fashions from York Furrier of Deer Park.

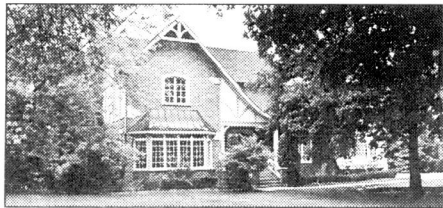
A variety of luxury and one-of-a-kind gifts and experiences from signed sports items to dazzling jewelry and unique personal items were among the many auction items on display for the guests' bidding pleasure. Thanks to the wonder-

ful support of our generous donors, much-needed funds were raised to benefit the vital programs and services that PHD offers.

The success of this event would not have been possible without the dedication of Cathy Shanahan and her marvelous committee members, including: Linda Calhoun and Sharon Molnar (Inverness); Chuck Kucera, Joyce Majerczak, Lynn Schmitt and Mary Lou Wilhelm (Palatine); Philip Engstrom (Hoffman Estates); Eric Eimen (Algonquin); Tom Dincher (Barrington); Frank Cantarelli (Glenview); and Denise Eisenberg (Northbrook).

For more information about the agency or for an interview with Catherine Vincus, executive director, please contact Marikay Martin, director of development, at 1-847-359-4967, ext. 27.

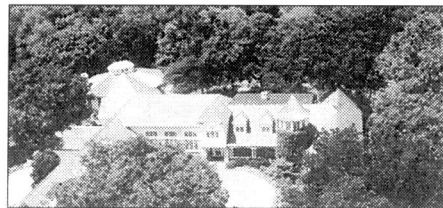
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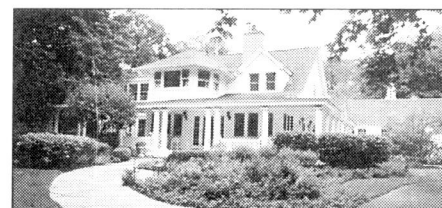
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This charming Cape Cod home is set on 7.5 private, wooded acres. Renovated & expanded, it includes a new gourmet kitchen w/ top-of-the-line appliances & granite counters, dramatic FR & master suite additions, & inviting porch. A 2 stall barn w/ ample turnouts, stone terrace & gar for 5 vehicles complete the perfect picture.

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Build Your "Forever Home" in Lake Barrington

Michael J. Graft Builder, Inc. Introduces The Enclave of Heritage Estates

Michael J. Graft Builder, an award-winning custom home builder since 1958, recently announced the premiere offering for **The Enclave of Heritage Estates**, an exclusive gated community of 32 custom homes on 66 acres in beautiful Lake Barrington.

The Enclave of Heritage Estates will increase the presence of Michael J. Graft home communities in the Barrington area.

"We are excited about expanding our presence in Lake Barrington with our custom homes and these very exclusive homesites," said Michael J. Graft, Jr., president. "Lake Barrington is not just Lake Barrington Shores anymore. This luxury home community will offer families the opportunity to build something so personal and special that it will become their 'forever home.'"

All homes constructed in **The Enclave** will be built and designed by Michael J. Graft Builder.

"This parcel of property is some of the last high-quality land available in the Barrington area," said Graft. "The rolling topography of this site will surprise and inspire families to call this home."

With homesites available from one to six acres, homes will range from 4,500 square feet to over 10,000 square feet. All of the new homesites provide the opportunity for walkout or English basements.

The Enclave offers a very beautiful and private setting. Some of the homesites will back up to The Lake County Forest Pre-

serve. In addition to a comprehensive landscape plan, tree-lined curvilinear streets with curb and gutter add to the aesthetic appeal of the new community.

Serving as the show place for the builder's construction will be the stunning model home recently featured in the Chicago Luxury Home Tour, located at 28317 Gray Barn Lane in the adjacent Heritage Estates development.

The 6,500-square-foot French country manor model home exudes Old World charm. The stone exterior is garnished by classic, iron balconies. The solid stone "theme" continues through the home's interior with gorgeous stone-arched openings separating the kitchen and family room, which boasts a large stone fireplace. Four bedrooms and six bathrooms offer ample space for family and guests and a three-stop elevator offers accessibility for everyone. The first floor master suite is a haven for relaxation seekers and the in-ground pool offers fun for the entire family.

From the quaint boutiques in downtown Barrington to first class shopping at Deer Park Town Center, everything one needs is just minutes away. Children living in the community will attend highly rated Barrington District 220 schools. Commuters will be happy with just a five-minute drive to the closest Metra train station. **The Enclave** is also just one mile from Good Shepherd Hospital.

Michael J. Graft Builder, Inc. has been



designing and delivering award-winning dream homes for nearly half a century. The company focus has always been on building communities, not just homes. In addition to several of their existing or planned communities, Michael J. Graft Builder also builds homes on sites owned by the customer.

The **Enclave of Heritage Estates** model home is located near the intersection of Kelsey Road and Route 22 at 28317 Gray Barn Lane. The home will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

with additional weekday and weekend hours by appointment.

For more information or to schedule a private appointment, please contact Jeff Kelch, director of sales, at **1-847-381-2424**. For additional information about Michael J. Graft Builder, Inc., please visit their Web site at www.GraftBuilder.com.



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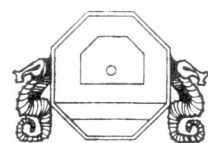
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BWC Card and Game Party a Success

The Barrington Woman's Club (or BWC), a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1914, recently held their annual card and game party fund-raiser, "Welcome to our Pumpkin Patch." Club members (and even some spouses) stepped up to the plate to ensure that this event was a success.

The club would like to thank all of its members and guests who supported this fund-raiser. A number of local businesses contributed both prizes and gift certificates. A special thank you goes out to: The Canterbury Shoppe, Chessie's Restaurant, Doncaster of Barrington, Mickey Brown, Egg Harbor Cafe, Le Vichyssois, M.J. Miller, Park Place Interiors, Peter Daniel, Peyton Floral, Port Edward Restaurant, Savvy Spirit and Spa Vargas. Club members Nancy Harff and Doris Morrissey also deserve a thank you for their gift basket donations. We encourage you to support these local businesses.

Over \$2,100 was raised for the Scholarship and Philanthropy Fund. In addition, a contribution of \$190 was made to the Hurricane Relief fund at Curves in Lake Zurich, an exercise and physical fitness facility for women. This contribution and all those made to the 8,000 Curves locations worldwide were matched by The Gary and Diane Heavin Community Fund. As a result, The Gary and Diane Heavin Community Fund matched the \$9 million collected for a total of \$18 million specifically for hurricane relief.



(From left) Curves manager Jan Stevens of Lake Zurich; owner Sue Braley; Barrington Woman's Club President Lisa Frese; and manager Debbie Canezaro

Normally, it is the policy of the Barrington Woman's Club to use the monies raised to benefit our local community through scholarships and philanthropic donations. As a show of support for our world community, the club donated funds this year for both hurricane and tsunami relief. Earlier this year, we donated \$1,000 to the Greater Chicago Chapter of the Red Cross for tsunami relief. In September, the board members voted to donate \$1,000 to the McCormick Foundation to assist with the hurricane Katrina relief effort.

The Barrington Woman's Club's purpose is to promote cultural, recreational and educational activities in the community and to support various charitable and philanthropic organizations. Since 1987, BWC has contributed over \$280,000 in scholarships and donations toward social

On Building Your Dream Home

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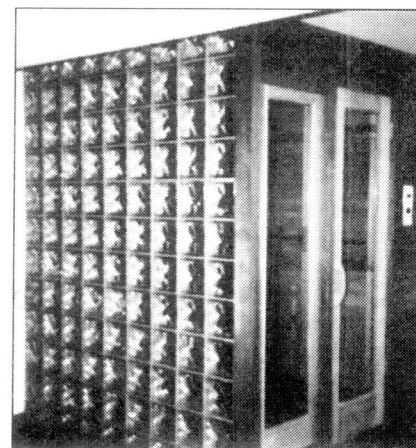
The Many Benefits of Sauna

"Old Finnish proverbs consider sauna to be the 'medicine of the poor, the hospital and of Finland,'" according to *Spa and Sauna Magazine*.

"Saunas promote the perspiration of body toxins, stimulate circulation, increase body metabolism, keep skin glowing and youthful and alleviate sinus congestion due to colds, asthma and allergies.

In fact, many feel it's one of the most effective detoxifying treatments available.

Today, in many research laboratories around the world, saunas are being tested as therapy for chemical poisoning. Because of the mental relaxation saunas are able to induce, it's said to be the perfect environment for intimate conversations with spouses, friends and children," *Spa and Sauna Magazine* continues.



For more information about the benefits of sauna, see **Swanson's Spas & Saunas** on Rand Rd. in Lake Zurich.

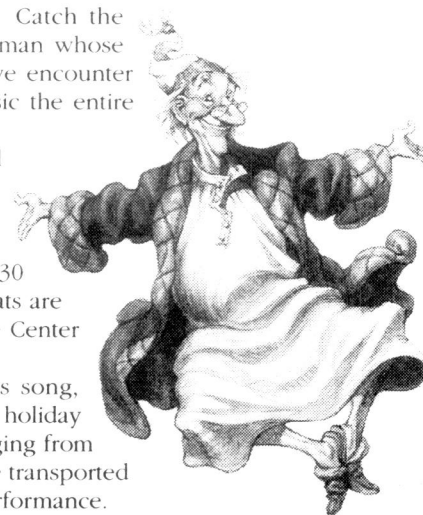
A Christmas Carol 'Tis the Season

'Tis the season for merriment and fun! Catch the holiday spirit with this classic story of a man whose cold heart is warmed after a Christmas Eve encounter with the supernatural. It's a timeless classic the entire family will enjoy!

A Christmas Carol, an intimate musical for young audiences based on the Charles Dickens holiday classic, will be performed at Raue Center For The Arts in downtown Crystal Lake on Thursday, Dec. 1, at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$16 and \$19, and great seats are still available. Call now for tickets at Raue Center Box Office, 815-356-9212.

This rendition of the famous story uses song, humor and suspense to bring the legendary holiday tale to life. Earlier in the day, children ranging from kindergarten through seventh grade will be transported via bus to the Raue Theater to see this performance.

Box office hours are Wednesday, 10 to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and one hour prior to show time. Raue Center For The Arts box office is located at 26 N. Williams St. in Crystal Lake. Or visit www.greatnightout.org.



Alzheimer's Support Group to Meet

The December meeting of the Alzheimer's Association Support Group, sponsored by the Barrington Area Council on Aging, will be held Thursday, Dec. 15, from 1 to 3 p.m. The meeting will be held at BACOA's office in the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington, 6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100, Barrington.

The group provides education, speakers and support for families and caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. The group meets the third Thursday of every month at the BACOA office. There is no fee to participate, but registration is encouraged. Please call 1-847-381-5030.

services for the Barrington area. Membership is open to any woman residing in the greater Barrington area. For information,

contact Judy Gentile, membership chairwoman, at 1-847-882-6450.

Form, Function—Fabulous!

by Tamara Tabel

Ron and Bobbie Wood of Inverness were looking to change their 17-year-old kitchen. But they didn't want to merely replace their current cabinets—they wanted to truly renovate the space with something new and different. The Woods approached several kitchen/bath design shops looking for just the right approach. Once they saw the design from Kaye Hathaway of **Barrington Kitchen & Bath Studio**, they knew their search was over.

"Kaye's design was head and shoulders above anything else we saw," say the Woods. "She had an excellent concept for a totally different configuration that was both unusual and usable. It gave us three to four times more space, and made everything much more accessible."

To gain extra space, Kaye took the footprint of the original space and moved the kitchen to be in closer proximity to the breakfast room. This allowed the addition of a bar area, a walk-in pantry and a closet accessed near the back entry. The ovens, cook top and refrigerator wrap around the wall, and a long island provides plenty of additional counter space. The overall design provides a better traffic flow, and gives the Woods new efficiencies and amenities.

"It is truly a timesaving kitchen," say the Woods. "Everything is easy to find without having to search, and the work areas are grouped logically; so for example, the dishwasher is right across from where we store the dishes."

The Crystal cabinetry, finished in a light warm stain with a highlight, gives an inviting, Old-World charm to the Wood's new kitchen. Bordeaux Granite countertops add a splash of drama. As a special touch, a built-in toaster was added to the cabinetry in the breakfast area, allowing the Woods to enjoy breakfast while gazing out upon the pond and its majestic swans.

The renovation and installation was expertly performed by **Delta Renovations**. Delta oversaw every detail, from the cabinetry and molding, to the beadboard and reeding on the island, to the custom tile work above the cook top.

"The finished job is superb," said Ron Woods. "Every cabinet door closes perfectly, every draw slides beautifully. Everyone who sees our kitchen comments on the quality of **Delta Renovation's** workmanship."

In fact, the Woods are so pleased with their new kitchen, they're now working with **Barrington Kitchen & Bath Studio/Delta Renovations** on a new master bath.

If you're considering a change to your home, talk to the experts at **Barrington Kitchen & Bath Studio** and **Delta Renovations**. Just call **1-847-381-3084**. They'll help you transform your home from outdated to outstanding!

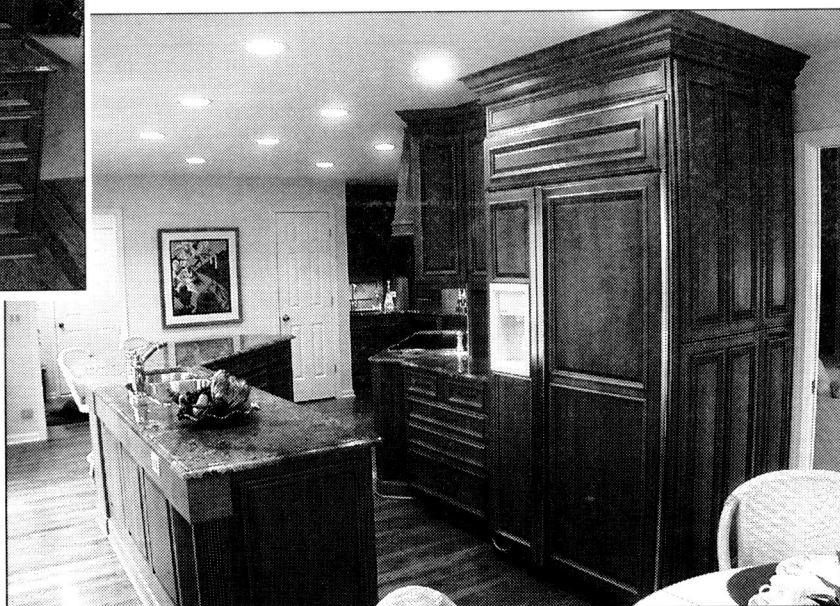
The new, open kitchen allows an easy flow between key work stations, and a generous island topped in Bordeaux Granite.



The focal point is a bronze, metallic medallion, beautifully inset with custom-cut, re-toned limestone.



The dramatic, built-in bar includes a wine refrigerator, wine rack, ice maker, wet sink and lit glass shelving to display glassware.



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Country Music Legend Crystal Gayle at Raue Center For The Arts

And Yes, Her Hair Still Reaches Her Ankles!

In an amazing feat of either ocular surgery or an earthly miracle, brown eyes will turn blue on Sunday, Dec. 4, at Raue Center For The Arts in downtown Crystal Lake.

Crystal Gayle, hailed as "one of the most gifted singers ever to come out of country music," will bring her *Crystal Christmas* and her Grammy-winning songs, including *Don't It Make My Brown Eyes Blue*, to the theatre for two shows at 2 and 6 p.m. Tickets are priced at \$46 and \$42 and can be purchased by calling the Raue Center Box Office at 815-356-9212 or by visiting rauecenter.org.

Good genes never hurt, and country heartbreaker Crystal Gayle certainly has them on her side. She is the sister of another vaulted country music legend, Loretta Lynn. Never to be left in her sister's shadow, Crystal cemented her own foundation in country music's history, but not just because of her awe-inspiring long hair and dramatic looks but also by her considerable vocal talents. She won the Country Music Association's prestigious "Female Vocalist Of The Year" for two consecutive years, and earned her place as a Grammy Award-winning vocalist for "Best Female Vocal Performance."

Box office hours are Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.



Crystal Gayle will bring her *Crystal Christmas* to the Raue Center this holiday season.

to 5 p.m.; and one hour prior to show time. Raue Center For The Arts is located at 26 N. Williams St. in Crystal Lake. Or visit www.rauecenter.org.

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The dynamic duo is proud of the homes they have crafted in Lake Forest, Bannockburn, Buffalo Grove and most recently, the \$25 million Brookstone community in Long Grove. Their homes are built to be timeless in style and quality, and only the best lots with magnificent views will accommodate their high standards. Each home offers a combination of quality materials and superior design that surpasses luxury.

Offering a complete range of building services, **Homes by Richmond** provides close personal attention that few builders can match. We can build your one-of-a-kind magnificent residence on either your home site or ours. By personally devoting an extraordinary amount of time with our clients, we help them select the quality materials and components that transform a typical home into a spectacular residence with its own personal identity. In addition, we help our customers create a home that reflects their individual tastes by supplying interior design services.

To create an aura of opulence, homes embrace luxurious inclusions such as an eight-foot stained mahogany or oak front door; a custom circular staircase; 18" x 18" marble flooring or maple or cherry wood floors; beautiful French doors; tray ceilings; oversized crown moldings; and thick casings and base trim. A sculpted limestone or marble fireplace can grace a library and family room, while an elegant gourmet kitchen boasts quality wood cabinetry, granite countertops, Sub Zero, Dacor, Bosch and Maytag appliances, and Kohler upgraded plumbing fixtures. Other important appointments are a butler's pantry, cedar shake roof, Eagle or Pella wood windows, state-of-the-art phone system, and a full basement with a nine-foot ceiling.

Our philosophy is to exceed our client's expectations. We provide construction excellence, value and peace of mind that comes with our painstaking hands-on approach throughout the building process. In addition, our accurate pricing data base and sophisticated estimating system enables us to build your home within your budget restraints. When clients see themselves personally reflected in their new home, we know we have done a good job. Please call us at 1-847-541-2100 to schedule an appointment.

Health World Says "Thank You"



Latin School of Chicago Volunteers

Health World Children's Museum in Barrington is a not-for-profit, interactive children's health and safety museum. We are celebrating our 10th anniversary this year!

During the months of August and September, Health World Children's Museum hosted volunteers from two local corporations—Discover Financial Services and Dade Behring. Discover Financial Services is based in Riverwoods, Ill., and these wonderful volunteers assisted with our VIP Day (Very Important "little" People)

in August. Dade Behring is based in Deerfield, Ill., and sent two groups of volunteers who worked very hard during our annual three-week close to spruce up the museum. A third group of volunteers came to us from the Latin School of Chicago during our annual close and also helped with indoor and outdoor clean-up. This was a huge group of teens dedicated to serving the community.

Health World appreciates the efforts of all of these outstanding volunteers!



Dade Behring Volunteers

From a Woman's Point of View

by Gail Wickstrom, Wickstrom Ford Lincoln Mercury

Frank is Back...

Although he didn't go very far, Frank Oswald is back as Service Manager at the Lincoln Mercury Service Center. When we acquired Wickstrom Lincoln Mercury two and a half years ago, Frank and Colin felt that it would serve our customers well that Frank work at the Ford service facility, allowing Frank to learn our customer processes, computer systems and really embrace the Wickstrom philosophy of our customers "Expecting the Best and Experiencing the Difference." Many of our Lincoln Mercury customers know how professional Frank is and would always ask how he was doing, in fact many preferred going to the Ford service center just to have Frank take care of them and their vehicle.

Frank has over 18 years of experience



with Ford and Lincoln Mercury products. So if you have been looking for Frank... he's back at Wickstrom Lincoln Mercury.

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Barrington's Normand Neal Takes Management Reigns of Mercedes-Benz at Motor Werks

After five years of stellar performance in BMW sales and as sales manager of its Honda franchise, **Motor Werks** partners Paul Tamraz and Jim Hub announced the recent appointment of **Normand Neal** as sales manager of its Mercedes-Benz sales team.



Normand Neal

German Car Buff

Mr. Neal, a South Barrington resident for the past 15 years, joined **Motor Werks** in 2000 as a BMW sales associate. He had accrued 20 years experience in executive management in the travel-intense retail fashion industry.

A longtime **Motor Werks** customer with a passion for German automotive craftsmanship, Mr. Neal saw the immediate logic in working for a company whose ideals and standards he respected, with the added bonus of being close to home with his wife and children.

New 2006 Products Debut

Mr. Neal joins the Mercedes team at a time when an array of new products have recently arrived or are soon to debut as 2006 models. Earlier this year a newly redesigned SLK Class roadster and the nicely nipped and tucked ML-Class SUV led the way. A dramatic CLS entry dubbed a "4-door Coupe" has also joined the ever expanding Mercedes-Benz lineup.

Due in early 2006 will be a completely redesigned flagship S-Class. But turning heads right now is the breathtaking new R-Class—considered a whole new category of luxury class "people mover". It boasts the most passenger and cargo capacity of anything in its category. A real must-drive for in-town or around the country travelers.

The R-Class was designed with the personal experience in mind, even when traveling with five other adults. Luxurious captain's chairs envelop first- and second-row passengers with personalized comfort and control. Even third-row passengers enjoy reclining seat backs offering plenty of room to stretch out. Overhead, an optional retractable Panorama Roof stretches over five feet—nearly the entire length of the roof, giving new meaning to "the sky's the limit." Day or night, open or closed, the R-Class Panorama Roof inspires the imagination from sunrise to sunset.

Normand Neal will be pleased to assist in your purchase, lease or service needs for the entire Mercedes product lineup. His direct line is **1-847-304-3050** or e-mail your inquiries to: nneal@motorwerks.com.



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Motor Werks new Mercedes-Benz R-Class reaches exceptional proportions in an appealing luxury combination: Part wagon, part SUV, with sports sedan style and performance...

Unique, spacious, athletic and luxurious, the new Mercedes-Benz R-Class represents an entirely new way of thinking about what travel can and should be. Featuring rare comforts to make your on-road adventures truly rewarding ones, here are just some of the highlights awaiting you during your road test at Motor Werks...

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Our Town Barrington Volunteers to Sponsor Holiday Decorating Contest

Where's the best Christmas display in Barrington?

Our Town Barrington Volunteers invite residents and businesses in Barrington to "Light the Way for Santa" by entering OTBV's first Christmas outdoor decorating contest.

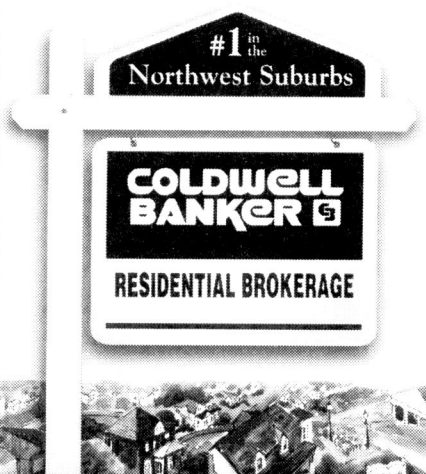
Winners in three categories—businesses, individual residences and neighborhoods—will be awarded a five-foot decorative Santa, courtesy of Pasquesi Home and Gardens.

A team of judges will view the entries on Tuesday, Dec. 20, between 7 and 9 p.m. Entrants must be located in the Vil-

lage of Barrington. If you would like to enter, leave a message with OTBV at 1-847-304-3656. Be sure to include the entrant's name, address and contact telephone number. Winners will receive the Santa to display before Christmas and will be posted on OTBV's Web site.

Our Town Barrington Volunteers is a partnership among members of the Barrington-area community; its mission is to support and maintain a strong and vital downtown Barrington. For information about OTBV, visit its Web site at www.ourtownbarrington.org.

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Barrington **\$1,187,000**
Elegant, yet comfortable vintage home w/ wrap around porch, on double village lot. Carved, wide moldings, inlaid floors. 3-car gar. W/ 2nd story office potential.
Lois Olivari **847/917-2469**



Barrington **\$798,500**
Exceptional 4 BR, 3.5 BA home w/ front & rear water views. 2-story entry, hrdwd flrs, cook's kit w/ granite, study, fin English LL w/ 3-car gar & prof landscpd lot.
Suzanne Luby/Liz Luby **847/277-2777**



Barrington **\$539,000**
Totally rehabbed 4 BR, 2 BA 1924 home. Kitchen w/ SS & granite. LR & MBR w/ fplcs. Fin bsmt. Hardwd & granite flrs. 1st flr den/BR. Upd roof boiler, c/a, H2O + more.
Sherl Wheeler **847/370-3808**



Lake Zurich **\$419,900**
Two story Colonial w/ 4 BR, 2.5 BA in newer Lake Zurich neighborhood! Eat-in kitchen w/ double pantry, ceramic floor & countertops. Master suite w/ walk-in closet.
Jane Pohlman **847/277-2722**



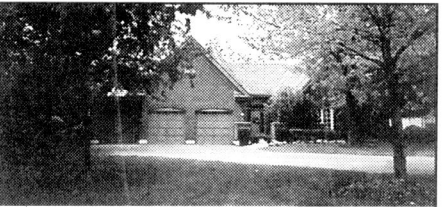
Barrington Hills **\$3,750,000**
New const! Terrific 5 br, 6.5 ba, fab 5 ac wd site w/ pond. 2-stry entry & FR. Gourmet kit. Front & back stairs. Grt views t/o. Approx. 10K sq. ft. Fin. w/o. Horse trails.
Celeste Lockhart **847/525-0411**



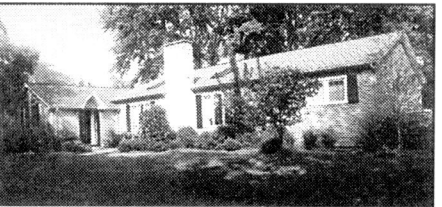
Barrington Hills **\$1,725,000**
Breathtaking 7.5-acre waterfront 3 BR, 4.5 BA, sty, 58x23 Grt Rm home w/ 4-stall barn for horse lovers. Gorgeous gourmet kit, 1st flr MBR, indoor pool retreat.
Celeste Lockhart **847/525-0411**



Barrington **\$939,000**
Totally updated 4 br, 4 ba, 2-story BR Col w/ 4000 sq ft, hrdwd flrs, skylights, cherry kit w/ granite center isle & brkfst bar, study, lux master suite. Shows like new const.
Suzanne Luby/Liz Luby **847/277-2777**



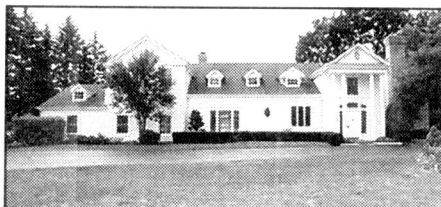
North Barrington **\$712,900**
Fabulous maintenance-free 6 BR, 3.5 BA ranch in The Falls of Wynstone offers approx 5500 sq ft of living space. Volume ceilings, kitchen opens to family room.
Celeste Lockhart **847/525-0411**



Barrington **\$464,500**
Charming home set on a fabulous wooded lot w/ 4 BR, 3 full BA. Cathedral ceilings in huge FR. 27x12 MBR w/ glorious BA. Hardwd flrs. Gorgeous landscaping.
Sherl Wheeler **847/370-3808**



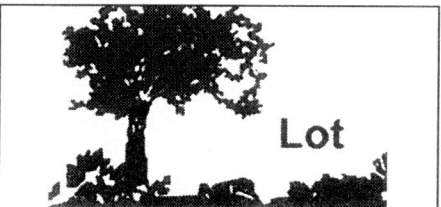
Barrington **\$369,900**
Fabulous 3 br, 2.5 ba Devonshire model w/ loft. Master BR retreat w/ walk-in closet, luxury master ba. 2nd floor Indry rm. 3-car gar. Pro landscaped. Huge paver patio.
Helen Cantieri **847/277-2287**



Barrington Hills **\$2,050,000**
Elegant New England 10 ac estate. Spacious 4 BR, 4+ BA home. Pool, pond, 2 gazebos & riding trails. Flint Creek adds to serenity of manor home & guest cottage.
Margaret Semrad **847/277-2250**



Barrington **\$1,549,000**
Brick Georgian features 5 BR, 4.5 BA, 3 fplc, cook's kitchen with granite countertops & stainless appliances, hrdwd flrs, finished walkout lower level. 4-car garage.
Bonnie Paice Legue/Shannon Paice **847/277-2723**



Barrington Hills **\$925,000**
Magnificent 5 wooded acres. Prime Barrington Hills site. Close to 100 miles of horse trails. Perfect for building your dream estate. Low Cook Co taxes. Secluded & priv!
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Inverness **\$649,900**
Spacious 4 BR, 3.5 BA tri-level home on 2+ acres. Wall of built-ins, sunny eating area, 2nd flr library w/ parquet flr, MBR w/ walk-ins. New siding, roof, gutters, furnace.
Suzanne Luby/Liz Luby **847/277-2777**



Barrington **\$449,900**
Awesome 4 br, 2 1 bath Colonial rebuilt in 1991. Spacious FR w/ frpl, wood floors, luxury master suite, 1st flr study, bsmt. Neutral decor. Walk to train & shops.
Bonnie Paice Legue/Shannon Paice **847/277-2723**



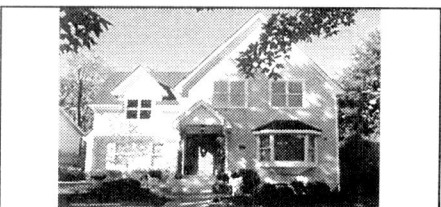
Crystal Lake **\$359,900**
Fabulous 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home featuring 2-story foyer, formal living and dining rooms, cook's kitchen, cherry flooring, 2-story family room with fireplace.
Bonnie Paice Legue/Shannon Paice **847/277-2723**



Barrington Hills **\$1,750,000**
Waterfront-4 br, 4+ ba home on 5 acres. 2-stry fam rm, kit w/2 granite islands, sun rm. Mstr w/sitting rm. 4 fplc, loft & walkout w/rec rm, off, exercise rm, 4 c gar.
Sherl Wheeler **847/370-3808**



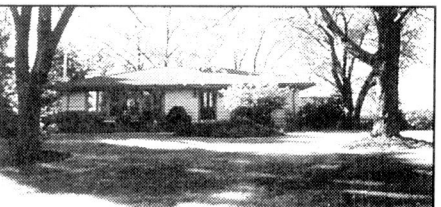
Deer Park **\$1,209,000**
Sunny spacious quality 4 br, 4.5 ba home offers desirable amenities including first floor master suite, finished walkout lower level, efficient kitchen, 4-car garage.
Suzanne Luby/Liz Luby **847/277-2777**



Barrington **\$839,900**
Inviting 2-yr old 4 BR, 4 BA home offers a great village location + study/guest rm, full fin LL w/ sitting rm-game rm-Indry rm, deck, paver patio, gardens + pergola.
Suzanne Luby/Liz Luby **847/277-2777**



Barrington **\$559,900**
Traditional Colonial w/ 5 BR, 3.5 BA set on park-like 1-ac. Gourmet kit w/ granite opens to FR. Full fin LL w/ off & rec rm. Newer roof, carpet. Deck & gazebo.
Celeste Lockhart **847/525-0411**



Lake Barrington **\$449,000**
Fabulous updated 3 BR, 2 BA on wooded lot. Long views of countryside. Hrdwd flrs, updated kit w/ granite cntrs. Huge deck, scrnd porch. Fam Rm w/ fplc. Heated gar.
Sherl Wheeler **847/370-3808**



Inverness **\$355,900**
2 BR, 2.5 BA end unit TH offers LR, spacious DR w/ brk FP, kit open to eating area w/ patio access & fin LL. Close to every convenience + pool, tennis & clbhs.
Suzanne Luby/Liz Luby **847/277-2777**



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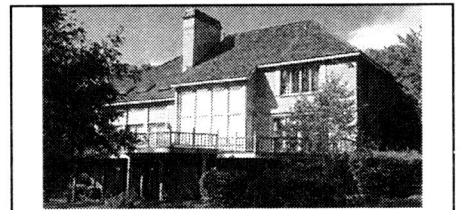
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South Barrington \$2,799,000
An architectural masterpiece on pond! 3 yr new w/ approx 10,000 sq ft. 5 BR, 6.5 BA, kit w/ cherry, granite, SubZero, Viking. 1st flr BR, 2-stry library, fin walkout.
Bob Untch 847/277-2295




Fox River Grove \$2,500,000
Builders & developers! 19 acres. Prime sloping land for subdividing. Borders Algonquin & Barr. Hills. McHenry Cty, Algonquin twship. Zoned R1, subject to farmer's lease.
Richard A. Lis 847/277-2740



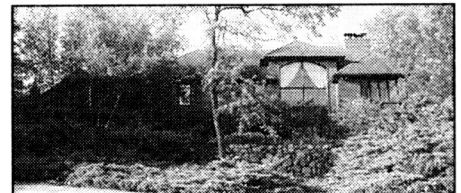
Deer Park \$1,960,000
Spectacular 4 br, 4+ bath lakefront home on 20 acres. Home has 2+ story cathedral ceilings, 2-story windows. Lower level is finished w/ fireplace & 2 large rec areas.
Mary Spinner 847/277-2284



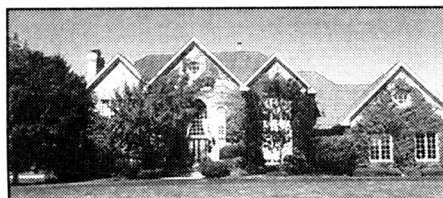
Barrington \$1,875,000
Stunning 5 BR, 4+ BA almost new Harris-built home. Most desirable amenities. Fin walkout LL w/ pool rm, rec rm, sitting rm, workout rm, study, sunrm, gazebo, 2 patios.
Suzanne Luby/Liz Luby 847/277-2777




Barrington Hills \$1,750,000
Fabulous 5 br, 3 ba w/ pool & tennis cts on 10+ acres contiguous to riding trails & forest preserve. Att 2nd residence w/rec rm for in-law, home off, or multi gen.
Suzanne Luby/Liz Luby 847/277-2777




Barrington Hills \$1,625,000
Beautiful 6 br, 4.2 ba hilltop Colonial w/ sweeping countryside views. Finished LL w/ rec rm, exercise rm. Sunny patio w/ pool, cabana. 3-stall barn. Quiet setting.
Mary Spinner 847/277-2284



South Barrington \$1,299,000
Brick Georgian w/ million dollar views! 7200 sq ft on 3 levels. 4 br, 4+ ba, fin walkout, granite kit, 1st flr lib, 250 degree lake views. Light, bright, open & neutral.
Suzanne Luby/Liz Luby 847/277-2777




Inverness \$1,095,000
Exquisite 4 BR, 3.1 BA residence. Cherry library, 2-story FR w/ FP. Granite kit. Lrg master suite w/ ultra spa BA. Fin LL w/ study. Lush garden w/ deck, paver patios.
Frank & Lynne Caiazza 847/867-3424




South Barrington \$880,000
6 BR, 4.5 BA home on 1.6 ac w/ koi pond. Updated kit, den, fin LL w/ ballrm & wine cellar, 4-car gar. In-law apt w/ 2 BR, kit, BA & priv entrance. Gorgeous gardens.
Suzanne Luby/Liz Luby 847/277-2777




NEW CONSTRUCTION
Carpentersville \$874,700
New construction! Custom 4 BR, 5 BA home in upscale Spring Acre Hills. Features Brazilian cherry floors, cherry/granite kit, study, finished walkout LL & 3-car gar.
Jack Sanderson/Barb Wessberg 847/903-9688



Arlington Heights \$799,900
Beautiful new 4 br, 3.5 ba home on 1 acre. Hdwd flrs, 6-panel maple drs. Fam rm w/ brick fplc. Granite & maple kit w/ stainless appls. Vac, surround sound, sec system.
Jackie Edwards 847/277-2266



North Barrington \$699,900
Charming 4 br, 2.5 bath Col poised on wooded acre offers hardwood floors & Italian tile, fabulous kitchen w/ granite, master suite with gorgeous Euro-shower.
Suzanne Luby/Liz Luby 847/277-2777



Deer Park \$699,000
Striking 4 BR, 3.5 BA spacious contemporary ranch w/ open flr plan on 2.7 wd acres. See-thru FP. Lux mstr ste. Scnd porch, deck w/hot tub. Newer roof & mechanicals.
Mary Spinner 847/277-2284



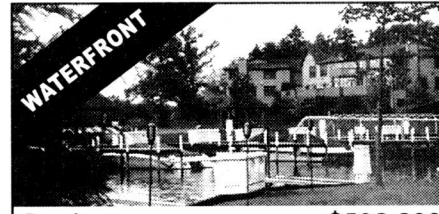
UNDER CONTRACT
Barrington \$699,000
Stunning 4 br, 2.5 ba Colonial w/ hdwd flrs, updated kit. Vaulted sunroom. Den. Finished lower level. Deck. 3-car garage. New furnace, a/c & roof.
Ron & Jeanine VanDeVelde 847/277-2282




Barrington \$665,000
Stunning 4 BR, 3 BA home on 1.6 wooded acres. Expansive kit. Vlt'd fam rm w/ fplc. Enormous Mstr Ste w/ French drs. Priv deck. Newer furnace, a/c. Fin bsmt. 3-car gar.
Ron & Jeanine VanDeVelde 847/277-2282



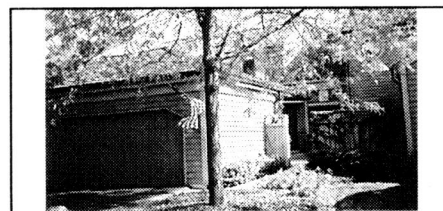
ALSO FOR RENT
North Barrington \$659,700
Renovated Biltmore masterpiece w/ new SS appl, gourmet kit, mstr BA. 3 BR, 3.1 BA, full fin LL w/ kit & guest BR! Wd lot overlooking creek & pond.
Jack Sanderson 847/903-9688



WATERFRONT
Barrington \$539,900
Premium waterfront location! 2 mstr br, 3.5 ba town-home. Magnificent views of Fox River. Loft for additional fam rm, ofc or br. Fin walk-out LL. Balcony & scrnd patio.
Barb Wessberg 847/277-2770



Deer Park \$419,900
Come & see this delightful & affordable 3 BR, 1.5 BA beauty on one of the nicest settings in Deer Park! Freshly painted. Sep dining room. Cozy family room w/ wbf.
Anna & David Kaparis 847/277-2754



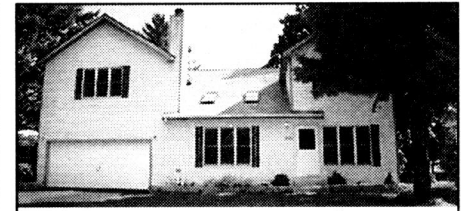
Lake Barrington \$419,000
Lake Barrington Shores! Outstanding 3 BR, 2+ BA TH. 1st flr Mstr Suite, hardwood floors, vaulted ceilings, huge lower level w/ mini-kit & large screen TV, 2-car gar.
Ron & Jeanine VanDeVelde 847/277-2282



Chicago \$409,900
Fantastic 4 BR, 2 BA home w/ lrg living rm & dining rm, wd flrs. Updated kit w/ oak cabinets & sunny breakfast rm. MBR suite w/ office/den. 2-car gar. Great yd.
Jackie Edwards 847/277-2266



Wauconda \$324,900
Brick & low-maintenance 4 BR, 2.5 BA 2-story in desirable Oak Grove! Corian in sunshiny bright kit, newer appl, 2nd fl Indry. Fabulous interior lot, party-sized deck.
Holly & Wayne Wyckoff 847/277-2291



Cary \$261,900
2-story beauty across street from Silver Lake! 3 BR, 2.5 BA, vaulted LR w/ 2 skylights & frpl, loft, eat-in kitchen w/ granite. Pergo floors. MBR ste. Fin bsmt w/ rec rm.
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Choose from models that clear 20" paths all the way up to commercial-duty 38" machines. Plus, exclusive features like the Power Boost™ snow sensing system and Easy Turn™ maneuvering feature set Simplicity snowthrowers apart from the rest.

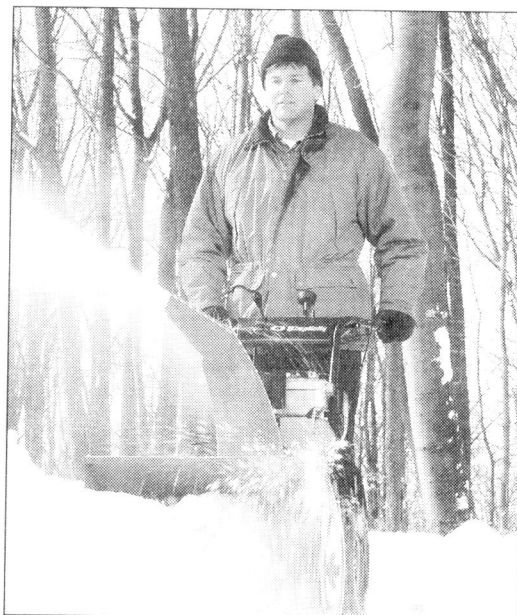
If Simplicity is not your brand, we also have Toro and Honda—both at preseason prices. All sizes are available and we invite comparison shopping of different brands.

If you already own a snowblower, getting it tuned up and ready for winter may also be a wise decision so that it's ready

when you need it.

But before it snows, there's one item of business that needs taking care of—leaf cleanup. Turn a mountainous chore into a breeze—Reed Lawn & Leisure has a good selection of power blowers and vacuum systems. We carry collection systems from Simplicity, Honda and John Deere; Echo power blowers; and both Simplicity and Echo leaf shredders.

Stop in, browse or schedule your service appointment. Reed Lawn & Leisure is located at 20413 Rand Road in Palatine. **1-847-438-5220.**



Garden Club of Lake Zurich

The next meeting of The Garden Club of Lake Zurich will be held on Dec. 6 at 7 p.m. at the Foglia YMCA on Old McHenry Road.

The program "Using & Preserving Herbs" will be presented by Barb Collins of the College of DuPage.

For more information, call 1-847-382-2621 or 815-444-6289. The Garden Club of Lake Zurich is a member of both The Garden Club of Illinois, Inc., and The National Garden Clubs, Inc.

Upcoming Meetings and Activities

- Jan. 3, 7:00 p.m., "Botanical Travelogue of France" by Mel Zaloudek
- Feb. 7, 7:00 p.m., "Landscape Design Principles" by Cindy Tyley
- March 7, 7:00 p.m., "Garden Expertise" by Michael Nowak
- April 4, 7:00 p.m., "Flowering Shrubs, Selection & Care" by Glenn Grosch
- May 2, 7:00 p.m., "The Perennial Garden" by Susanne Lankin

Harvest Festival Celebration in Ottawa

Learning to operate a combine tractor is Barrington United Methodist Church member Elizabeth Harley, who was in Ottawa, Ill., to celebrate the Food Resource Bank's Harvest Festival on Oct. 2.

Ottawa farmers donated their land, and BUMC donated \$11,000 of seed and "plantables" to raise corn and soybeans for developing countries, such as Malawi, Africa. Pete Wesley of BUMC's Missions Work Area spearheaded the project, which is in its second year.

Under the direction of the United Methodist Committee on Relief, profits from the crops, matched by the United States Agency for International Development, will be used to help farmers produce more food in Malawi.

Barrington United Methodist is located at 98 Algonquin Road at Route 59 in Barrington. For further information or to do-



nate to the project, please call 1-847-836-5540. Visit the church's Web site at www.barringtonumc.com.

Music Therapist to Present Stress-Reduction Tips on Dec. 7

Certified music therapist Louise Dimiceli-Mitran will demonstrate how music can help diminish anxiety in the program "Music for Stress Reduction" at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 7, at Wellness Place, a cancer resource center at 1619 W. Colonial Parkway in Palatine. The evening is open to everyone. Preregister by calling 1-847-221-2400.

Holidays often conjure up a wide range

of emotions. Ms. Dimiceli-Mitran will explain how to use music to relax and enjoy the season.

Ms. Dimiceli-Mitran also will demonstrate how to incorporate music with guided imagery, during medical procedures and as an effective way to lower the perception of pain while promoting relaxation and restful sleep.

DAR Holiday Luncheon

Signal Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is busy preparing for its annual Holiday Luncheon to be held Tuesday, Dec. 13, at Makray Country Club, 1010 S. Northwest Hwy. (Route 14), Barrington. The gathering will begin at 11:30 a.m. with lunch following at noon. At 1:00 p.m., DAR member Ellen Stortz will share her enjoyment of the poet Longfellow in an entertaining fashion with her recitation of his *Christmas Carol*. Ellen has held many positions

within the DAR, including past regent of her chapter and writing the DAR's II State Biennial Proceedings. She is an active environmentalist and wrote and illustrated *The Prairie Tree*. This Christmas reading will surely get everyone into the holiday spirit.

For more information on attending and for DAR membership, please contact Judy Koral at 1-847-526-4054 or Margaret Christiansen at 1-847-836-1758. (There will be no regular December meeting.)

BACOA's Lunch and a Movie

The Barrington Area Council on Aging's December Lunch and a Movie will be *Christmas with the Kranks*. The holiday comedy, featuring Tim Allen and Jamie Lee Curtis, will be shown on Wednesday, Dec. 14, at the Barrington Park District, 235 Lions Drive, Barrington. Lunch will be served at noon, and the movie will fol-

low. The movie will be shown on a large-screen television, and popcorn will be provided.

Please call BACOA by noon on Friday, Dec. 9, at 1-847-381-5030 to register for lunch. The suggested donation for lunch is \$3 per person.



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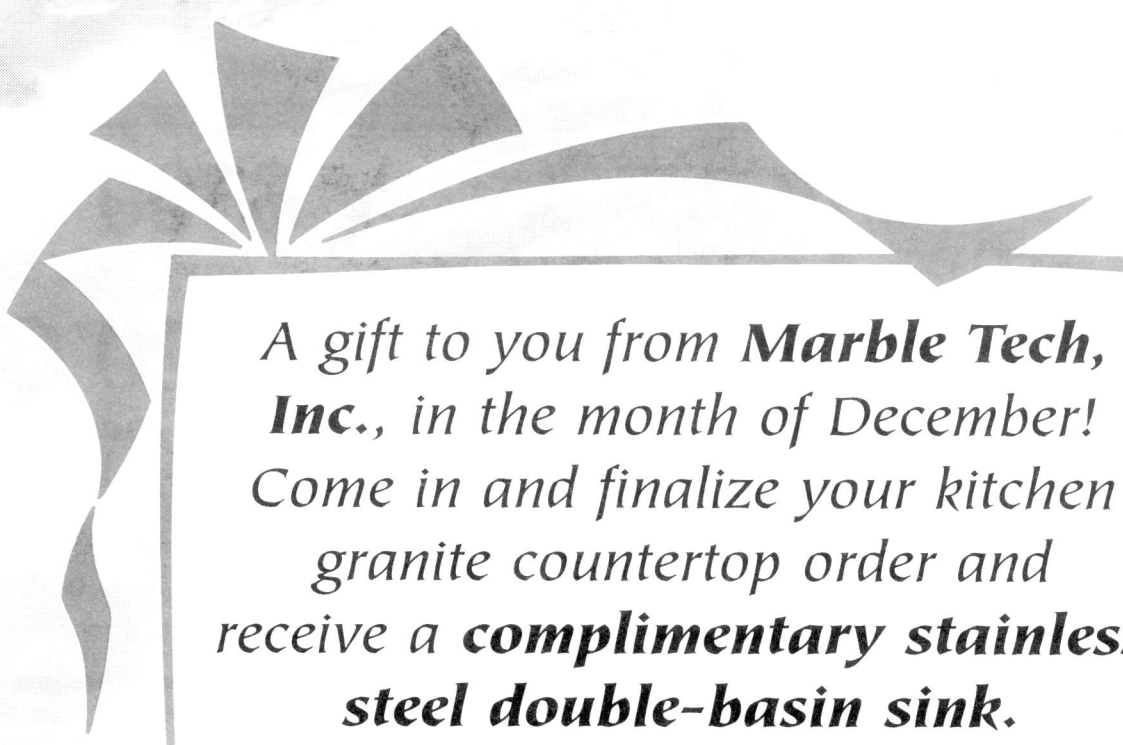
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