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Editor's Ink

January, 2006

Dear Reader,

As we begin a new year, we are all hopeful of world peace and continued prosperity. As we reflect back on the past year, many good things have happened. Many of these happy events have recently occurred.

For example, the Preservation of Human Dignity, known as PHD, recently hosted a huge Christmas party for over 500 children aged several weeks to 12 years. Enjoyed were a full meal, clown entertainment, carols and other holiday activities. PHD serves thousands of women and their families each year, providing counseling, education and support services to women in need.

The Michael Joseph Foundation held its 12th Annual Benefit and Auction recently, raising over \$140,000 for families in crisis. The benefit was held at the beautiful Sanfilippo estate in Barrington Hills. Proceeds will provide some Katrina victims with housing.

Bugsy's Backyard Bash hosted by Friends of the Sparrow raised over \$100,000 for Home of the Sparrow, which provides transitional housing, counseling and job-skills training to homeless women.

Yes indeed. Much good has been accomplished in 2005.

Happy New Year everyone! Health and happiness to you all. May all your thoughts be sunny.

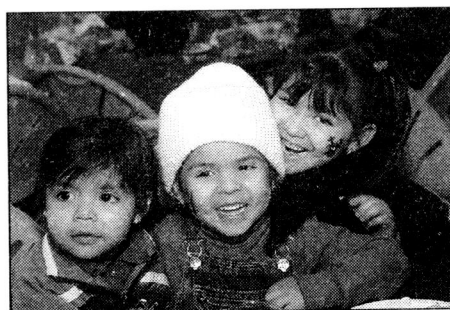
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Santa Plays to a Sold Out Crowd of 500 Kids of All Ages



Sisters Danna, 2; Anu, 4; and Kasla, 6 of Arlington Heights enjoyed the festivities.



Emily Vega, 11 months, of Arlington Heights had fun with her mom, Rosalba Delgado.

Santa Claus came to town a little early this year.

Santa and his reindeer appeared at St. Edna's Catholic Church, 2525 Arlington Heights Road, on Dec. 3 for two magical celebrations for the clients of The Society for the Preservation of Human Dignity, otherwise known as PHD, and their young children. More than 500 children from several weeks to 12 years of age enjoyed a good old-fashioned Christmas. PHD, located at 37 N. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, serves thousands of women and their families each year.

Party guests enjoyed a full meal, home-baked sweets, entertainment by Mumm the Clown, ornament making, holiday carols and face painting with a holiday theme. Whether the child was naughty or nice, Santa Claus had a special toy for every boy and girl. Each also received a Polaroid snapshot capturing the special moment with the jolly man in the red suit. This was a party that the children will remember for years to come.

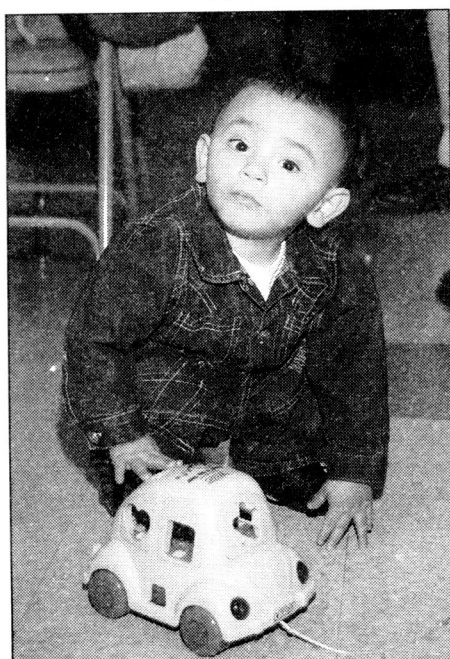
On a daily basis, PHD provides professional counseling, education and support services to women who are pregnant, parenting a child under the age of 3, or who have suffered pregnancy loss or the loss of an infant. PHD's clients also receive clothing, diapers, baby food, formula, winter coats and other items for their young children.

"Many of our clients face family dysfunction, lack of support, domestic abuse

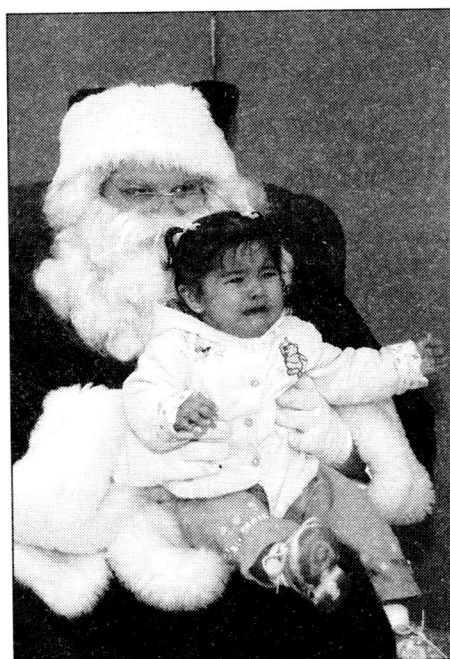
and poverty along with pregnancy and parenting young children. These families work hard to create a healthy life for their children. Today is not about working hard, it's about families coming together, in community with one another, to celebrate Christmas. Our staff and volunteers enjoy creating this magical day for our clients and their children. It is the highlight of our Christmas holiday. Our moms concentrate so hard on trying to make life better for their children that they deserve a day of pure joy," said Cathy Vincus, executive director, PHD.

The party was made possible through the generosity of the St. Edna Catholic Church Community who opened their doors and hearts to more than 675 individuals in need. The Rev. Jerry Jacob, St. Edna pastor, was happy to make their facility available for a worthy cause and offered his endorsement for the festivities. "Hosting the PHD Christmas Party is a positive way to demonstrate how the people of St. Edna respect and care for everyone. This is a wonderful opportunity for the community of St. Edna to reach out to women and their families during the holiday season. We are happy to support PHD's mission of providing respect and hope to families in our communities."

PHD hopes that members of the community will continue to help PHD provide for the needy. For more information about PHD, please call Marikay Martin at 1-847-359-4967, ext. 27.



Adrian Cardenas, 18 months, of Bartlett played with a new toy truck.



Emily Vega visited Santa for the first time.

Bugsy's Backroom Bash Raided



Taking time out for a picture were (from left) Jay and Connie Blomquist of North Barrington and Judy and Chuck Kelley of Barrington.

Jazz and glitter! Pearls, spats, feathers and sparkling dresses! All these and more could be found behind the green door at Bugsy's Backroom Bash, a retro "speakeasy" evening held on Saturday, Nov. 5, to benefit Home of The Sparrow!

Guests were greeted by fedora/trench-coated valet "henchmen" who asked the password but later showed their true colors by staging a "police raid"!

Three "bookies" were arrested, and speakeasy attendees herded to the main dining room of Biltmore Country Club in North Barrington where, after dining on a lovely meal, all were pardoned because of their eager bidding on the many auction items donated to benefit Home of The Sparrow. It was reported that in excess of \$100,000 was "seized" for this worthy cause!

Guests numbered 140 with compliments to the many among them who so creatively dressed in 1920s style. The atmosphere designed by artist Peggy Graves and the all-white floral centerpieces of Jeri Jakopin were "wow"!

"Everyone seemed to really have a fun time. The band never stopped, and the dance floor was full until midnight. We appreciate all the hard work committee members contributed to create this wonderful party," said event co-chairs Jan Broughton and Rosemary O'Hara. They also mentioned that the hair and dresses of auction co-chairs Pamela Ventrone and Sonja Colosia were "awesome!"

All proceeds of this yearly event go to Home of The Sparrow which provides transitional housing, counseling and job skills training to homeless women of the Northwest Suburbs, allowing motivated individuals to attain the goal of independent self-sufficiency.

Domestic abuse victim and recent Sparrow graduate Stephanie put a personal face on the program by relating the experience of suddenly finding herself and her three small children homeless. Desperate to create a better lifestyle, she was relieved to be admitted to Home of The Sparrow, and expressed appreciation for the opportunity thereby afforded to overcome the situation. Now employed, she has recently achieved the goal of buying her own home!

The home's executive director, the Rev. Karen Stunkel, reported that 84 individuals are housed each night in Sparrow shelters, which are located in Crystal Lake,

Palatine and McHenry. In addition, at least another 20 persons receive mentoring, while staff also handles about 1,400 crisis calls annually requiring some type of supportive service referral. Clearly, volunteer generosity has made a huge difference and is crucial to program continuation.

For more information or if you would like to volunteer, please call Jan at 1-847-277-0407.

Throughout the year, think about contributing to the Sparrow's Nest Thrift Shops, which are located: in Cary at 380 N. Northwest Highway, 1-847-639-4082; McHenry at 3714 W. Elm Street, 815-363-6008; and Palatine at 275 E. Northwest Highway, 1-847-705-6852. Drop off times are Wednesday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Many thanks from Friends of Home of the Sparrow and "Bugsy" for your support!



Jen and Stan Jakopin of Barrington Hills enjoyed the gala. Jen made all of the table centerpieces for the event.



Heida and Tom Brown of Lake Zurich were terrific dancers at Bugsy's Bash.

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District 220 Educational Foundation Elects and Honors Trustees



The Annual Meeting of the 220 Educational Foundation's Board of Directors:
(front row, from left) Sheryl Frankenberg, Mimi Noyes Burke, Jennifer Rose, Mary Herrmann, Deb Etzel, Penny Kazmier, Carol McGregor, Susan McGrath, (second row, from left) Joe Connelly, Dick Lamkey, Jon Stickney, Cinda Pittman, David Tilles, Joanne Bradley, Mary Kamps, Brian Jenkins, (not pictured) David Buckley, Jr. and Don Thompson.

The District 220 Educational Foundation elected officers and four new trustees to the board of directors at its annual meeting in October.

Carol McGregor, who has served as a trustee since the foundation was chartered in 1999, was elected chairwoman. She follows Susan McGrath, who was chairwoman for three years and will now serve as advisor.

Ms. McGregor has worked as a real estate broker in the Barrington area for many years and is the parent of three Barrington High School alumni. She has devoted many hours of leadership and community service to the boards of various organizations, including the Barrington Area Arts Council and the Barrington Board of Realtors.

The other officers elected were David Buckley, Jr., vice chairman, resource development, and Cinda Pittman, vice chairwoman, projects. David Buckley is a 1986 graduate of Barrington High School and joined the board of directors in 2004. Cinda Pittman is a new trustee and has chaired the foundation's PIE (Projects for Innovation and Enhancement) Committee. Joseph Connelly was re-elected to the post of treasurer/secretary.

Sheryl Frankenberg, Brian Jenkins and Mary Kamps also join the board as new trustees. All have children in District 220 schools and bring a variety of experience—both professional and volunteer—to the board room.

Honored at the annual meeting were retiring trustees Richard Lamkey, Penny

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"Sail" Time:

Assemblé has your Cruisewear arriving on a Daily Schedule throughout January. We have visited the New York and California markets on a regular basis, and you'll be delighted by our "finds". Crisp color and clean styling are the look for

your warm weather getaway wardrobe. Gone is a lot of the glitz. "In" is the sophisticated colors of cream, coriander and toffee. Batik prints conjure up tropical destinations. Crochet tops reign. Feather-weight pastel sweaters pair with denim gauchos (Yes, gauchos are here for the new season, too). Gauzy, hand-embroidered cotton shrugs rest over tees and tank tops. Colors of watermelon, pool and celery are standouts for early Spring. Of course, this fashion preview is just a sampling of what's arriving daily. You know to visit us often, as our goodies fly out the door!

P.S. Thanks to all of you for your support during this construction. Our business has actually increased!! (Go figure!)

Federal Court Finds Discrimination Laws Apply to Protect Employee from Harassment by Independent Contractors

by Joette S. Doran, Esq.



With few exceptions, employment laws apply only to employees and not to independent contractors. Federal and state laws vary regarding the criteria to determine legally whether an individual is considered an independent contractor or an employee. Generally, an independent contractor is an individual that performs services free from the direction and control of the company with regard to both the manner and method used to perform the work. Because the designation of an individual as an independent contractor has significant legal consequences for the individual and the business, the relationship should be carefully analyzed and a contract should be prepared which details the terms of the relationship.

The determination is important since, unlike an employee, an independent contractor is not eligible for overtime pay, benefits, unemployment or workers' compensation benefits. Moreover, an independent contractor is exempt from protection under the federal and state laws that protect employees against discrimination. These laws include Title VII (race, color, religion, sex or national origin), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act (40 years of age or older) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. However, an Illinois Federal Court recently ruled that protection against workplace harassment under Title VII did apply to hold a company liable for the actions of its independent contractor where the company knew or should have known of the harassment against the employee.

In *Dunn vs. Washington County Hospital* (05-1277, decided Nov. 17, 2005), the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals held that the employer was responsible for the protection of its own employees and the desig-

nation of an individual as an independent contractor was irrelevant if the employer failed to respond to the complaints of the employee. The recent decision reiterates a now long-standing opinion of the United States Supreme Court, which outlined the importance for employers to have a written policy against harassment that is distributed to all employees. The policy should inform the employee as to what constitutes illegal discrimination and where to make a complaint if they are a victim of discrimination or harassment by another employee, an independent contractor or a customer. Importantly, once the harassment is known, the employer has a legal duty to stop the behavior. For additional information regarding discrimination, please visit 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; past-president of Barrington Area Professional Women; and a member of the Barrington Chamber of Commerce.

Kazmier and Jennifer Rose. Richard Lamkey, a founding member of the 220 Foundation, has been affiliated with many school district booster clubs through the years as well as the Barrington Country-side Park District. Penny Kazmier served

as vice chair of projects since 2002, and Jennifer Rose was public relations chair since the foundation's incorporation in 1999. Both have a strong background of volunteer service in PTOs and on school district committees.

A Balanced Body in 2006

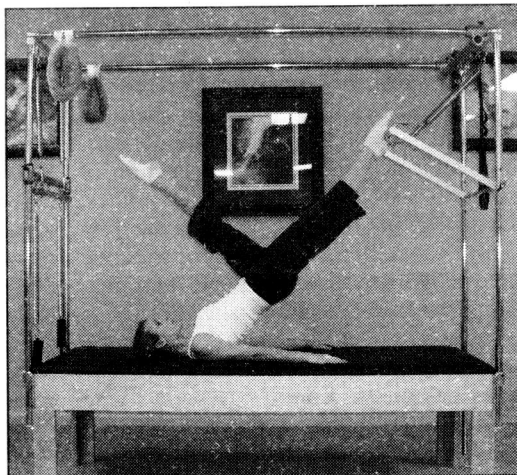
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Indulge your quest for overall fitness at **Studio Pilates Centre of Balance** where the age-old benefits of Yoga and Pilates provide a work out for your mind as well as your body. And the annual incentive of **saving 50%** on your Pilates Introduction Class when you sign up before Jan. 31, 2006 provides an opportunity to save a little after-Christmas jingly. Limited space is available, so call early for a class day and time to fit your schedule.

Developed over 5,000 years ago to increase strength, flexibility and balance, Yoga encourages you to listen and adjust to what your body is telling you, to focus on your own breathing, and is an excellent way of calming the mind and reducing stress. This month's featured Yoga pose is the Standing Forward Fold or Uttanasana. Benefits include stretching your hamstrings, hips and calves, while strengthening your thighs and knees. It also improves your digestion and is therapeutic for asthma, high blood pressure, osteoporosis and sinusitis.

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- The American Medical Association has called sexual assault the "silent violent epidemic" of the United States?

You can learn what every woman needs to know about sexual assault prevention, awareness and self-defense at a free Women's Self-Defense Workshop, to be held by Safe Daughters, a nonprofit organization. The classes will be held every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. for six weeks beginning Feb. 8.

The course will cover:

- Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness
- Common Myths and Facts about Sexual Assault
- Home, Parking Lot, Auto and Mall

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- Effective Verbalization Skills
- Basic Street Self-Defense

This is a hands-on workshop. Basic street self-defense techniques will be taught by American Women's Self-Defense Association (www.awsda.org) certified rape prevention instructors. This subject may not be appropriate for females under 12. Those under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

The course is free, provided you attend six sessions. A refundable deposit of \$100 is required for registration. Deposits of those not attending all sessions will be donated to the American Women's Self-Defense Association.

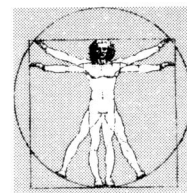
The workshop will be held at Lake Zurich Family Martial Arts, 215 S. Rand Rd., Lake Zurich. Class size is limited. Register online at www.lzfma.com or call 1-847-331-2977.

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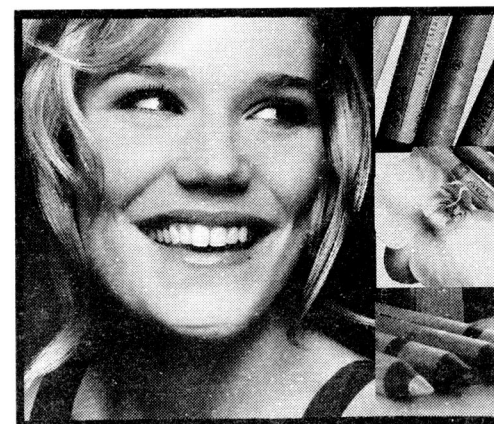
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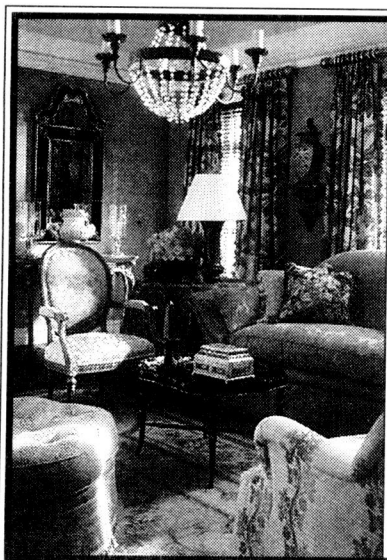
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home that will generally stand the classic test of time.

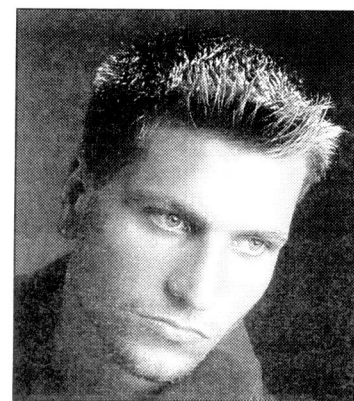
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Ring in the New Year with Style at Deer Park Town Center

Outside it's icy and cold, but at **Deer Park Town Center**, things are warming up this winter to bring you the best of the season's fashions. You'll find just what you need to keep toasty 'til spring!

Make the most of what the "lifestyle" center has to offer by starting your day with a hot cup of freshly brewed coffee at Caribou Coffee. This gourmet coffee shop welcomes you in from the cold with a blazing fire, leather sofas and chairs, and natural wood décor that makes you feel like you've just stepped into an upscale ski lodge.

Next, treat yourself to a day of shopping at over 65 of your favorite stores. For cold-weather gear, stop by Eddie Bauer. As the inventor of the down jacket, Eddie Bauer knows how to make a warm, resilient coat that combines practicality and style. The retailer has a vast selection of down jackets, vests, and accessories for both men and women that will keep you warm through many fun winter activities this season.

Looking to add luxury to your winter wardrobe? Be sure to check out cashmere at Banana Republic. From sweaters and throws to scarves and gloves, Banana Republic has everything you're looking for in this indulgent fabric. If you need a night on the town to heat things up, check out their great selection of embellished camisole tops, jeans, trendy jewelry and accessories, to create the perfect outfit sure to make heads turn.

Deer Park Town Center also has a great mix of restaurants to visit for a relaxing evening out with friends and family. This time of year is perfect for a steak dinner at Stoney River Legendary Steaks, where the food and ambience will delight your senses. Enjoy the upscale mountain lodge setting while feasting on entrees such as Pecan-Encrusted Swordfish, Citrus-Roasted Half Chicken, and a variety of Legendary Steaks including the 14 oz. Legendary Filet and the 12 oz. Center-Cut Sirloin.

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Polair Publishing Announces Latest Release by Barrington Author Gaye Mack, MA

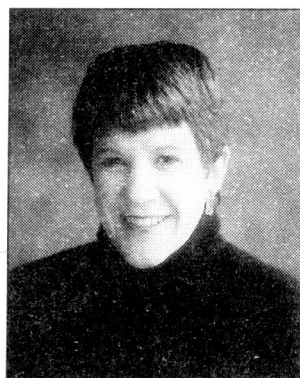
Turning to complementary medicine when conventional therapies stopped working for her, Gaye Mack, MA, was among the first group of registered practitioners with the Dr. Edward Bach Foundation. Her latest book, *Making Complementary Therapies Work for You*, explores the full range of options open to anyone who needs some form of healing.

Although her subject matter—traditional medicine—is largely ignored by most doctors, she acknowledges the need for integrating much of what conventional medicine offers in our personal pursuit of balanced health. The advantage of traditional medicine, however, is that it allows for better patient involvement in the therapy; the patient is empowered to be a part of their own healing.

The reasons for turning to complementary therapies are many, and the number of therapies is bewildering. *Making Complementary Therapies Work for You* makes these therapies accessible. It serves as a practical guide to make the choice simpler and participation richer. It is not a directory so much as a simple guide and is for anyone seeking to make the most of their healing process.

Making Complementary Therapies Work for You provides insight into the principles behind such complementary treatments as:

- Chinese systems, such as acupuncture



Barrington author Gaye Mack, MA

- Indian, or Ayurvedic, systems extending from nutrition to yoga
- Western subtle systems, such as homeopathy

- Communicators between body, mind and spirit, such as flower essences

Making Complementary Therapies Work for You is also designed for physicians introducing new suggestions for treatment and for therapists seeking to develop good responses and understanding in clients.

About the Author

A Barrington resident, Gaye Mack is a well-known speaker and trainer in Bach therapy. She has entries in *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare* and the 25th anniversary edition of *Who's Who in American Women*. She is also the author of *Igniting Soul Fire*:

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Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae Club

The Alpha Gamma Delta Northwest Suburban Alumnae Club will meet on Jan. 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of a Mount Prospect member for a Kirk Workshop. The evening should prepare members for the Annual Spring Showcase of Arts and Crafts to benefit the Kirk School for disabled

children in Palatine and the club's Scholarship Fund.

Featuring approximately 100 artists and crafters, the showcase will be held March 4 and 5. Please call 1-847-358-8450 or 1-847-215-0042 for more information.

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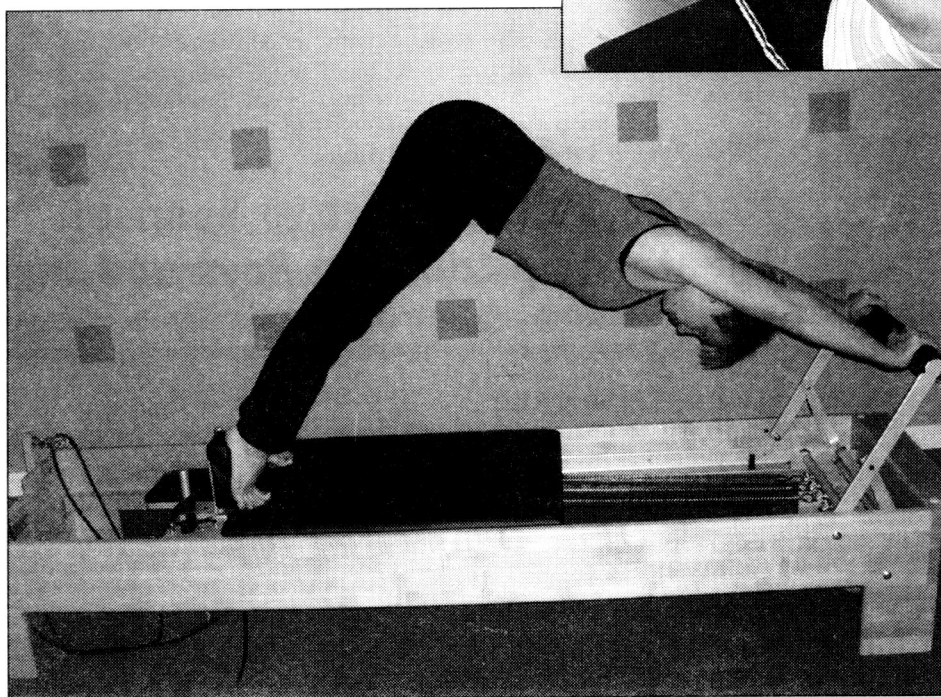
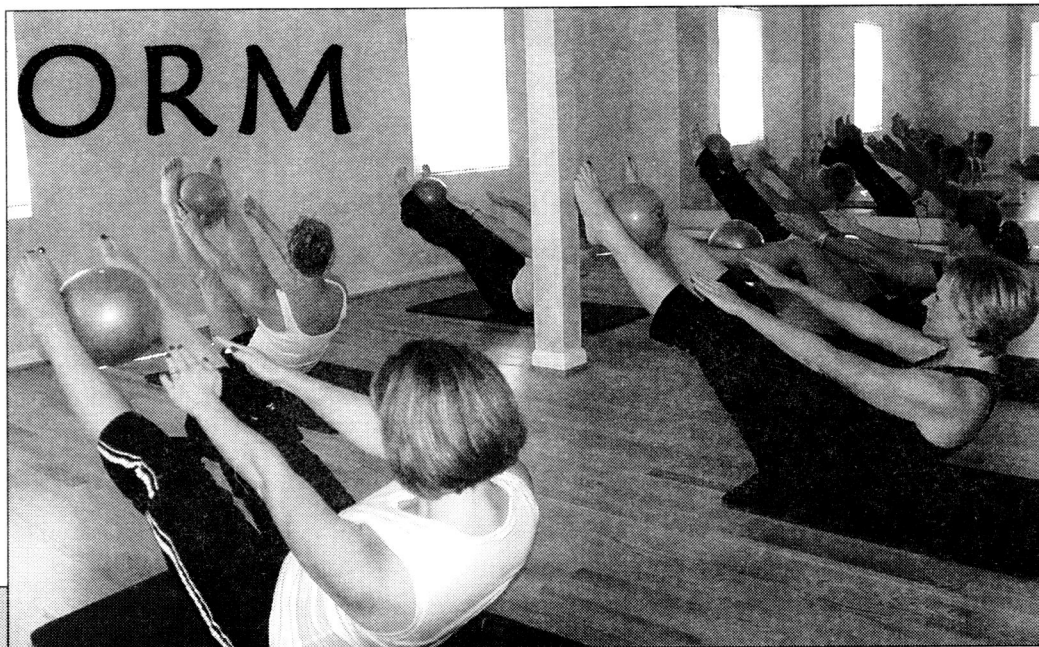
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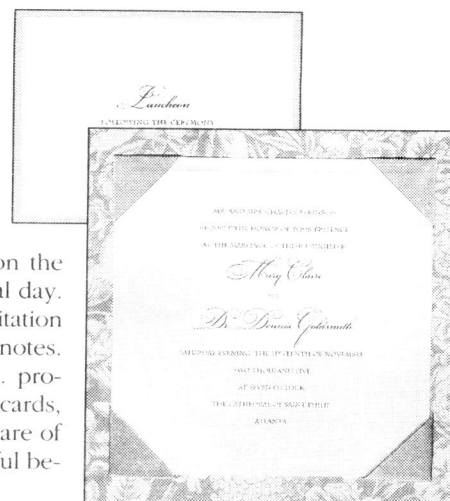


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Watch for our **LaFayette Spring Trunk**

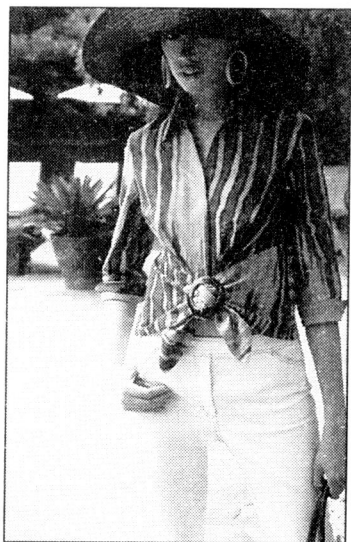
Show. It will be **Jan. 31 through Feb. 4.** As you know (from all the press), it's going to be a big dress year. LaFayette has great dresses—daytime and special occasion—you must take a look.

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**Barrington Teens for Teens raised money by offering two snowboards—
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Anyone who has visited a bustling middle school lunchroom knows that teens in this age group are a lively bunch. At Barrington Middle School's Station and Prairie campuses, students in the Teens for Teens Club are investing that energy—along with their time and their compassion—to help make life a bit better for other teens.

"Middle school kids are incredibly energetic, enthusiastic volunteers," said Cindy Cowdrey, Teens for Teens chairman for the BMS Prairie campus. "People might be surprised to see how much they achieve when given a chance."

Teens for Teens, a nonprofit organiza-

tion that gives students opportunities for hands-on volunteering, has accomplished a lot already:

- They have organized and participated in a Halloween party for the Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association. Teens for Teens members put together the entire party, from games to decorations to snacks, and then danced the night away at the event for disabled teens.

- They conducted a successful school supply drive at the Lake Zurich Wal-Mart. Group members collected notebooks, pencils, paper and other supplies—including over \$400—for students at two eco-

BACOA, Park District to Sponsor Theater Trip to *Pump Boys and Dinettes*

It's service with a smile—and with a song—when the Raue Center For The Arts in Crystal Lake presents *Pump Boys and Dinettes*. The Barrington Area Council on Aging and the Barrington Park District will sponsor a trip to see the Tony-nominated musical on Friday, Feb. 24.

The group will depart from the Park District at 11:30 a.m. and return to Bar-

ington at approximately 5:00 p.m. Time will be allotted for lunch in downtown Crystal Lake. The cost is \$38, which includes transportation and theater admission. The reservation deadline is Jan. 25.

For information or to make reservations, call the Barrington Park District at 1-847-381-0687.

"Green Thumb" Luncheon for Women's Connection

The Northwest Women's Connection invites you and your friends to our "Green Thumb" Luncheon on Jan. 12 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Concorde Banquets in Deerfield. Cost is \$15 inclusive.

Nancy Shanahan from Klehm's Nursery will share how to care for houseplants. And Sue Okarma will talk about how she worked hard to earn the approval and

love of others. She is a former teacher and now a busy volunteer who will talk about "A Gift that Keeps on Giving."

Free preschool childcare is available. (The nursery is located off premises.) Lunch reservations are needed by Friday, Jan. 6. Call Carol at 1-847-359-5089 or Karen at 1-847-818-9016.

nomically disadvantaged Chicago schools.

- They raised \$1,100 at a garage sale. The teens solicited donations and staffed the sale to raise cash to fund their volunteer activities.

- They delivered a truckload of food to stock the Hope Alive food pantry. The club collected it at a food drive at the Barrington Jewel-Osco store. The students also brought new and gently used games, videos, DVDs and craft supplies for the Hope Alive after-school program, which provides a safe environment for kids in the Cabrini Green area.

- They raised \$1,200 by giving two snowboards, donated by Aspen Ski & Patio, to fund an upcoming bowling party with the teens from Hope Alive.

Teens for Teens members find there are personal benefits in their volunteer experiences. "The hands-on experience really

helps our kids grow as individuals," said Mimi Troy, Teens for Teens chairman for the BMS Station campus. "They get a chance to spend time with teens who may face physical, mental and financial challenges. While they all have fun together, they learn how much they really have in common."

Next, the teens plan to set up the Burton Chill Program at Raging Buffalo Snowboard Park. They will spend a day organizing equipment to ready the park for the program that enables economically disadvantaged youth to experience the sport of snowboarding and build self-confidence by trying something new.

Teens for Teens is open to any eighth-grade student who wants to help other teens. The hour-long meetings are held after school the first Thursday of each month.



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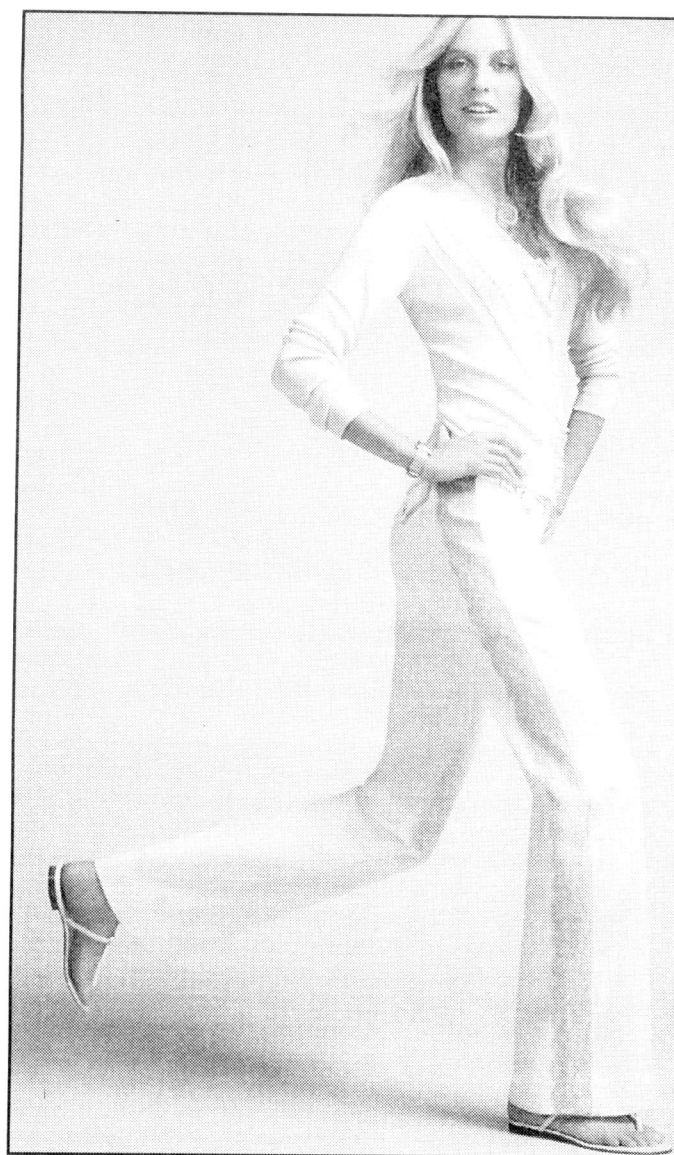
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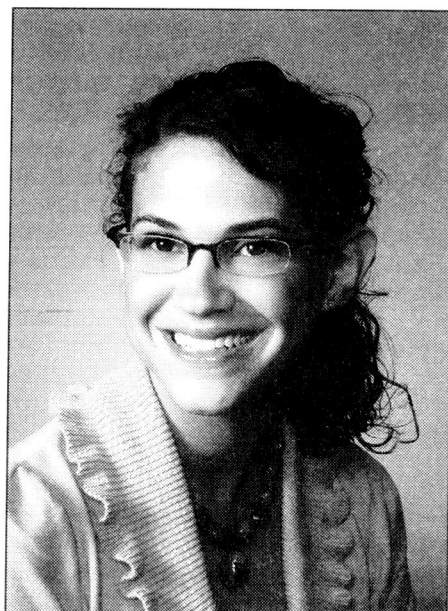
by Brooke Voris

per-spec-tive *n.* The relationship of aspects of a subject to each other and to a whole

"Seeing the forest for the trees"; interior design constantly challenges the creative mind to see the forest *and* the trees. Even when I'm designing the interior for a 20,000-square-foot mansion, I try to keep that mantra in mind. You need to start with the forest (room use, space planning, lifestyle...) and complete the design with the trees (furnishings, lighting, accessories...). Grand homes and grand rooms may create grand interior design issues if you don't keep a few simple ideas in mind as you envision your dream home and keep it all in perspective.

Where I find myself helping my clients the most is with regard to the scale of the various items that will comprise the living area. These include furnishings, window treatments, lighting, accessories and color. Each item must be carefully planned for and selected to make an oversized room feel warm and inviting. Move too quickly and you might be left with a cave-like room with all the warmth of an igloo.

Before selecting furnishings for a room, space planning is critical. I typically work with my client to decide on seating requirements and room flow first. Oversized rooms provide tremendous opportunities to be creative. But you must first have a clear vision for how you will use the room.



When my client is satisfied with the space plan, we'll work together to pick just the right pieces to make the room come alive while keeping it all in perspective.

Furnishings

It may sound simplistic, however, select furnishings larger in scale rather than size. The piece must look proportionate for the space. For example, upholstered furniture should use larger scale prints as opposed to smaller miniprints. Choose a high-back sofa with big fluffy cushions vs. a low-back tailored or petite sofa.

Medicare Part D Questions Answered

The Barrington Area Council on Aging is providing assistance to area seniors trying to decide which Medicare Part D insurance policy they will take.

Seniors can call the BACOA office with

questions; one-on-one appointments may also be available at the office at 6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100, Barrington. Seniors can call BACOA at 1-847-381-5030 for information or to schedule an appointment.

Window Treatments

Exotic window shapes and two-story windows are the norm for these oversized rooms. You need to be thinking in terms of color, style and fabric types to make the treatment work. I recently completed a two-story treatment that does a fantastic job of drawing your eye up to bring the ceiling down; a sort of optical illusion that makes the space much more inviting. Window treatments are critical for another more invisible reason. The use of fabric will not only soften the space but absorb sound to avoid sounding like a cave.

Lighting

A common lighting theme goes like this, "The room seems too dark once the sun goes down." The standard two-to-three table lamps just will not do. Consider a great chandelier. They're not just for the dining room. Try a torchier lamp to project light upward to illuminate the ceiling. You'll also need lots of task lighting to create warmth in the room. A general rule of thumb is to double the number of lamps versus a more traditionally sized room.

Accessories

Here, you'll want a few carefully selected large items and resist the universal temptation to go with lots of small items. Some pieces to concentrate on include trees, artwork, screens, sculpture and mirrors. The

larger accessories will not only accentuate the room, they will carry more impact.

Color

I'm always surprised by how many clients want to start with paint color. There are infinite combinations of paint colors but relatively few fabrics comparatively. So I suggest this task should be saved for last. I prefer to select paint colors and faux finishes based on my upholstery choices. Consider using colors and greenery to warm up the space. Don't be afraid to paint the ceiling or use darker colors. The room size allows for greater flexibility in color choices. Let your imagination run wild.

There you have it. You need not get lost in space when designing the interior of your large home. When planned for properly, a grand room can have all the comforts of a small cabin in the woods... surrounded by trees!

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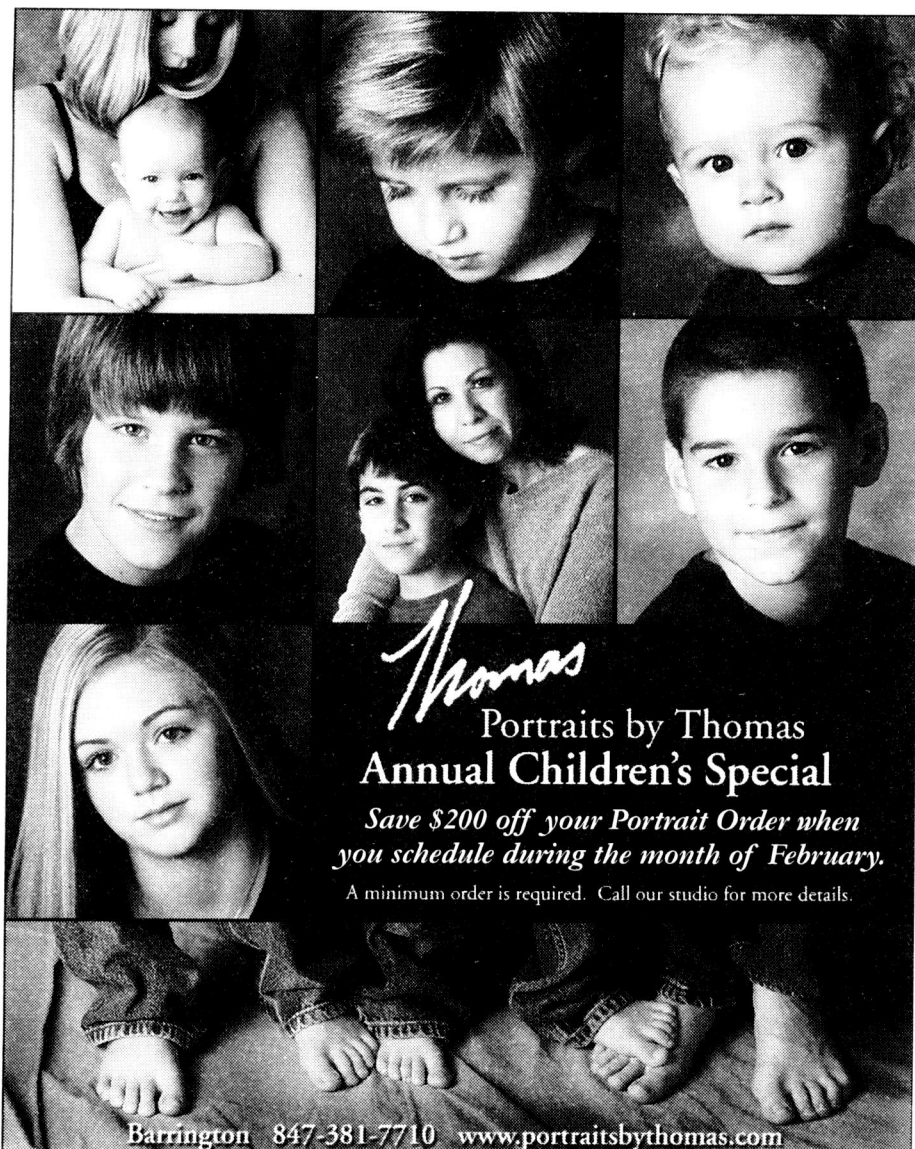
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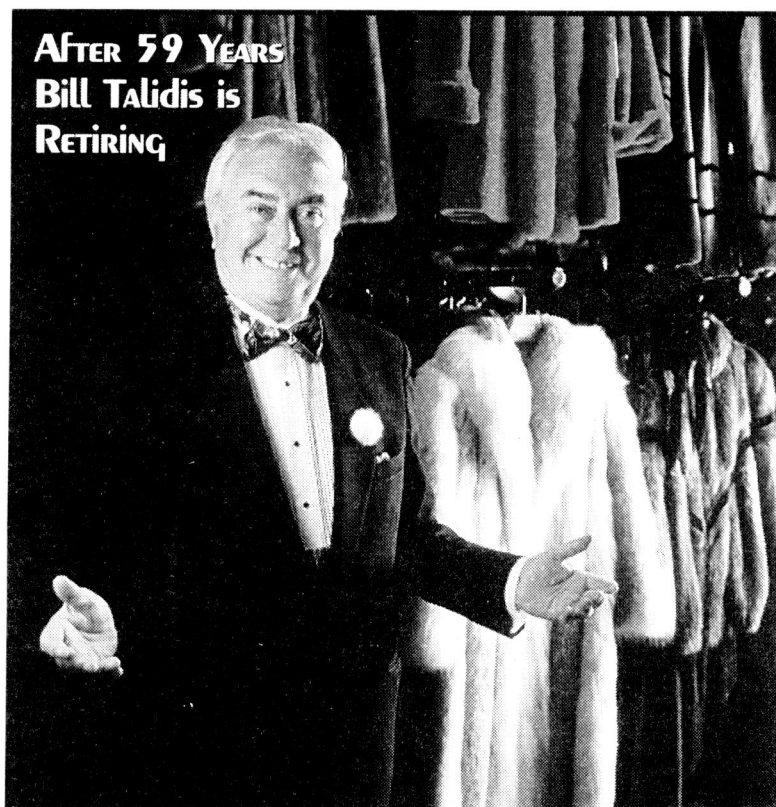
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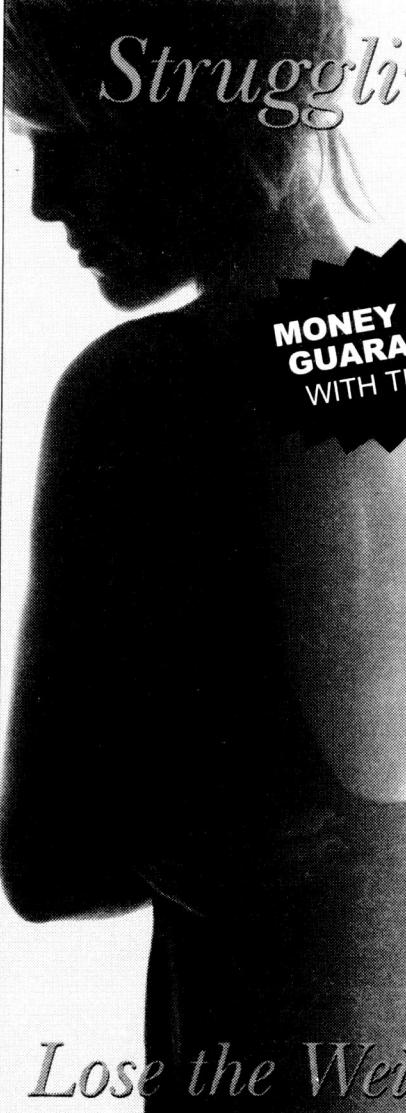
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After the Performance



Following one of the four Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble's 11th annual full-length productions of *The Nutcracker* at Barrington High School are: (from left) Elyse Roberts and Jasper SanFilippo, Barrington Hills; Monica Hernandez who performed as a soldier; and Margaret Stevens, a debutante in the opening party scene. Both girls are from Barrington and danced in the *Waltz of the Flowers*.

The Roberts Family Charitable Foundation and Jasper SanFilippo's Fisher Nuts generously supported this annual Barrington tradition.

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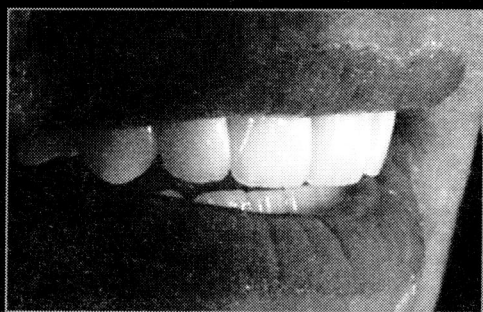
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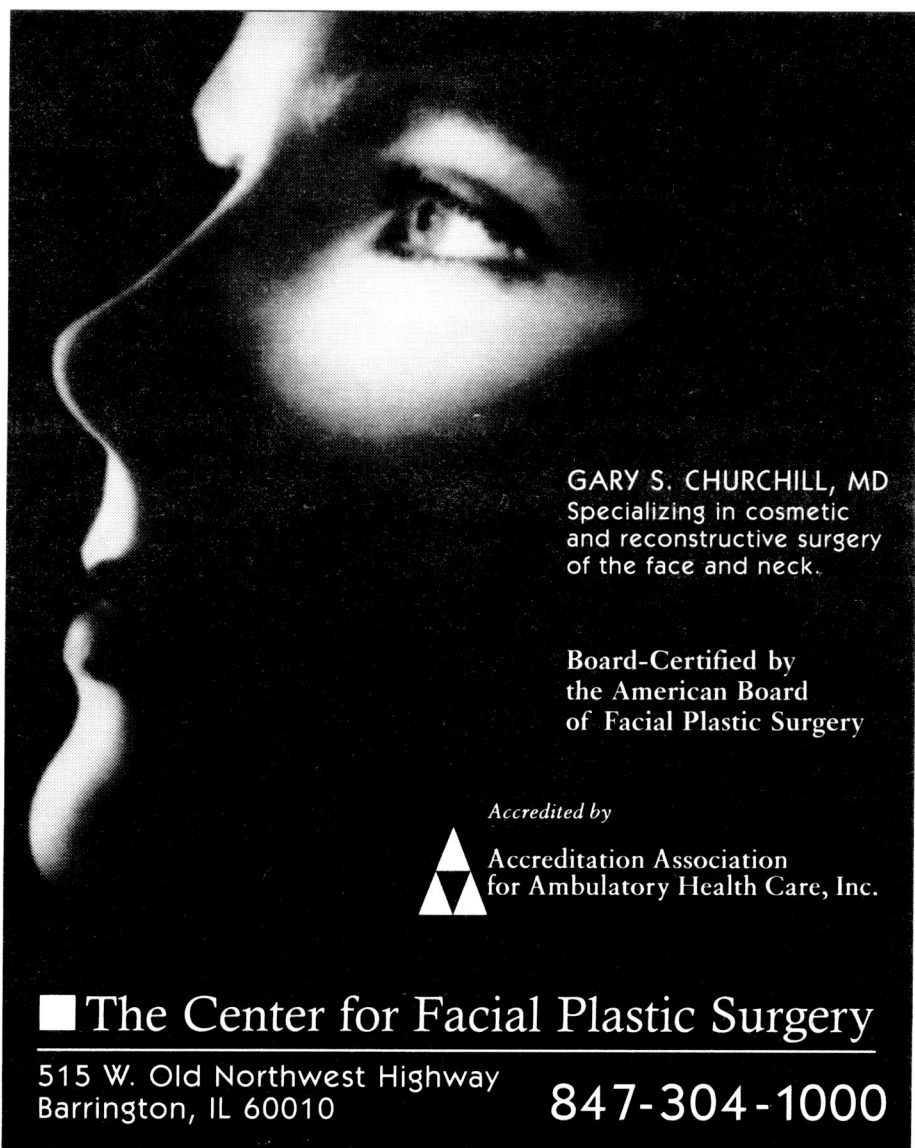
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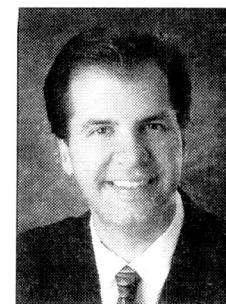
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Continuing Education— The Key to Quality

by James T. Gavrilos, DDS



New concepts, new techniques and new materials constantly challenge the dental profession. Sorting these out and selecting the best is an annual endeavor for dentists who maintain high standards.

Most of you are aware that dentists hold conventions with product booths where new materials and equipment may be examined. What you may not be aware of is the fact that the major thrust of these meetings is educational. At our Chicago Midwinter Meeting (held in February), it is possible to attend shorter lectures and sample what the speakers have to offer. Then we often need to travel to the lecturer's hometown to attend an in-depth course on their subject.

The real learning occurs at these out-of-town courses. We select them from the choices offered to us at the conventions and through literature. The choice is made with the patient in mind. We want the dental experience to be as good as the

dental work. Most of our staff attends many of these meetings with us, since we believe in a team approach for maximum quality.

To help judge your dentist or evaluate a prospective new dentist, don't be shy; ask them about continuing education. It is an essential step in providing the highest standard of oral health care for patients.

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Focus on Rhinoplasty

by Gary S. Churchill, MD

"It's as plain as the nose on your face."

This old adage says a lot about this central feature of our anatomy. Occupying the middle third of the face, probably no other single feature can so dramatically affect our appearance. The nose determines to a great extent the balance and symmetry of our faces. If one's nose is out of proportion to the rest of their features, it can dominate their looks. Someone who doesn't like their nose can focus on it, becoming self-conscious and insecure. A change in the appearance of their nose can make all the difference in the world to them. This is why rhinoplasty surgery is one of the most common plastic surgical procedures being performed in the United States today.

What is rhinoplasty?

This is the part of nasal surgery that changes the outer shape of the nose. This is accomplished by a combination of removing and/or repositioning cartilage and bone which is already present. The goal is to shape the nose in a natural way so it is balanced and in harmony with the rest of the face and does not appear to have been "done."

What is external rhinoplasty?

In traditional rhinoplasty there are multiple incisions made inside the nose in order to reach the cartilage and bone. In addition, the cartilage usually needs to be "delivered" or pulled out of the nostril in order to operate on it.

External rhinoplasty is a technique we use in which one single incision is made starting just inside the nostril on one side and extending across the base of the nose to the other side. This allows the cartilage to be worked on in its natural position without distortion and provides a much greater visibility during the operation. Also, there is very little bleeding during



Stacie McClane, MD Gary Churchill, MD

external rhinoplasty due to the single incision. We have found this technique gives much better control and predictability of the final result. We can also eliminate the need to pack the nose which significantly reduces the post-operative discomfort. External rhinoplasty is used on the majority of our patients.

What is a septoplasty?

The central support structure of the nose is the septum. It is made up of cartilage in the front of the nose and bone further back. This is what divides the nose lengthwise into two separate sides. The septum is often "deviated" or crooked due to some type of trauma earlier in life. This can lead to sinus infections as well as a chronic stuffy nose. If the deviation is located just beneath the bridge of the nose, it can cause the external form to look crooked. During a septoplasty, both the cartilaginous and bony portions of the septum are straightened and repositioned to the midline in order to improve the airway. This can be done as a separate operation or in conjunction with a rhinoplasty.

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As for January, well, the same applies... warmth awaits you at **D & J Bistro**, starting with our **true bistro dish** for the month—**La Bouillabaisse Provençale**, an assemblage of nine fish and shellfish in a saffron and garlic bouillon, olive oil and julienned vegetables, always a memorable rendition of this Provence specialty.

We may decide to organize a wine dinner as well during the month of January. Check our Web site and keep posted. **D & J Bistro** is where it's happening!

Merci for helping us enter our 19th year, and may peace and health be with you.

—Dominique

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.

Celebrating the Season with the Garden Club of Inverness



(From left) Linda Denison, director; Shirley Putman; Kathie Jarmolinski; and Sally Hard, president, after they decorated the luncheon tables.

The holiday season began with great cachet for the Garden Club of Inverness on Dec. 1 with its annual Holiday Luncheon. The chairmen of the event, Patricia Breslich and Betty Ann Dailey, marshaled their own creative energies and those of their committee members to produce a spectacular event.

Amid the splendid ambience of Medinah Country Club and accompanied by member Shula Luber's beautiful music, the



(From left) Charlotte Dilillo; Patricia Breslich and Betty Ann Dailey, luncheon co-chairs; Lois Kinney; and Eileen Mahoney also attended.

capacity crowd enjoyed the silent auction, the lavish prize baskets and the delicious lunch with its wickedly wonderful dessert. Floral designer Kim Oldis, whose finished arrangements and accompanying tablescapes were as exciting as her floral knife was swift, concluded the afternoon's festivities. Inspired by Oldis' designs and the hints sprinkled among her witty commentary, the guests departed filled with high spirits, great ideas and the knowl-



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The Barrington Area Arts Council announces The StoryBistro, next in a series of storytelling events featuring the Emmy award-winning storyteller and author Jim May; professional storyteller, writer and publisher Karen Chace; and premiere storyteller, naturalist/environmentalist Andy Tally.

Each StoryBistro concert is unique, BAAC's intimate gallery setting offering a perfect backdrop for thought-provoking, heartwarming, at times daring, surprising

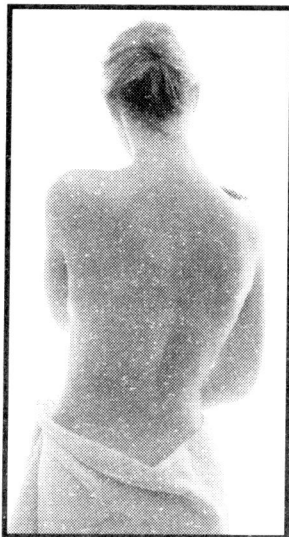
stories, told by personable and dedicated storytellers.

The event will take place on Saturday, Jan. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at BAAC Gallery, 121-B Barrington Commons Court, downtown Barrington. A \$20 donation per person is required, which directly benefits the Barrington Area Arts Council and Illinois Storytelling Festival. Beverages and light snacks will be served. Seating is limited. Please call 1-847-382-5626 to reserve your seats.



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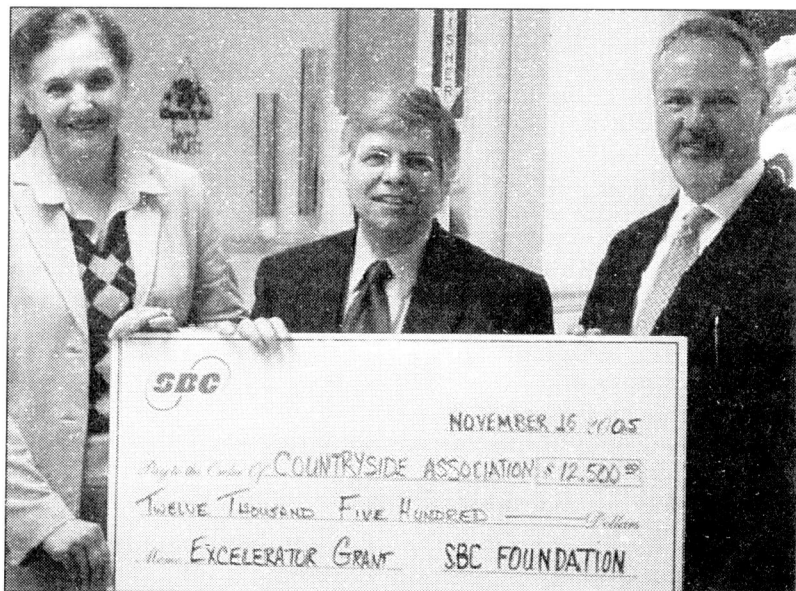
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Countryside Awarded SBC Excelsior Grant



(From left) Amy Luczkiw, board president, and Wayne Kulick, executive director, received the award from David Strahl, SBC director, external affairs.

The SBC Foundation recently announced Countryside Association for People with Disabilities as a recipient of an Excelsior technology grant for 2005.

Grants with proceeds totaling \$12,500 will be used to enhance client work productivity through technology by installing a hardware and software system that will automate the production reporting and client payroll for more than 380 clients employed at the association's Palatine and Waukegan training centers.

This grant process was highly compet-

itive with only 65 of more than 300 applicants receiving funding. Countryside Association for People with Disabilities is a nonprofit social service organization serving more than 640 children and adults with developmental disabilities and their families in Lake and northern Cook counties. For more information about Countryside and its programs, please call 1-847-540-3719 or www.countrysideassn.org.

SBC Excelsior is a major philanthropic initiative that connects the nation's neediest residents—including at-risk youth and

Find the Right Plastic Surgeon for Your Future

by Gregory Michael Bazell, M.D., Diplomate
of The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc.

When it comes to plastic surgery and the appearance of your face and body, your safety, and your life, nothing could be more important than asking two key questions of any surgeon: can you perform my procedure in a hospital and are you certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS)?

There are a few facts you need to know about plastic surgeons.

1. Hospitals will allow only qualified plastic surgeons to perform elective aesthetic plastic surgery procedures of the face and entire body in their facilities.

2. The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS) is the only board recognized by The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) that certifies individuals as plastic surgeons of the face and entire body.

3. The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS) does not contain the words "facial" or "cosmetic". Any board containing these words has no relationship to The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS).

4. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) will only allow plastic surgeons who are certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS) into its membership.

5. The American Society For Aesthetic Plastic Surgery (ASAPS) will only allow plastic surgeons who are certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS) into its membership.

6. Any U.S. medical school graduate, regardless of an absence of proper training in plastic surgery or certification by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS), is allowed to call themselves a plastic surgeon and to perform plastic surgery on you, your face, and your body.

By asking the following questions and by asking them in the following precise manner, you can determine with certainty the two most important facts you need verify about a plastic surgeon: does the individual before you possess hospital privileges to perform aesthetic plastic surgery of the face and body, and is the person before you certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS)?

1. **Ask: "Are you allowed to perform my procedure in a hospital?"** The response should be yes and not no. A lengthy response is also a red flag. Do not phrase the question as: "what hospital are you on staff at?" or "do you have hospital privileges?" Although many different physicians with different backgrounds in training/certification belong to and admit to hospitals, hospitals will only allow qualified plastic surgeons to perform elective plastic surgery procedures of the face and entire body in their facilities.

2. **Ask: "Are you certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS)?"** The response should be yes and not no. A lengthy response is also a red flag when it comes to the answer to this specific question. Do not phrase the question as: "are you board certified?" or "are you board certified in plastic surgery?" because you may get a "yes" to your question even though the individual is not certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS).

Don't expect honest and truthful answers to your questions... demand them.

Three important resources are at your immediate disposal to help you quickly verify that an individual is a qualified plastic surgeon:

1. **Contact The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS)** at: www.abplsurg.org or call: 215-587-9322. REMEMBER: Absolutely make sure your physician is on this list.

2. **Contact The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS)** at: www.abms.org or call: 886-ASK-ABMS. REMEMBER: The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS) is the only one of the 24 boards approved by The American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) to certify physicians in plastic surgery of the face and entire body.

3. **Contact The American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS)** at: www.plasticsurgery.org or call: 888-4-PLASTIC. REMEMBER: only physicians who are certified by The American Board of Plastic Surgery, Inc. (ABPS) can be members of this elite organization.

DAR January Meeting

Signal Hill Chapter of the Daughters of

the American Revolution will meet at 11:30 a.m., Jan. 17, in Room B, first floor at the Barrington Area Library, 505 N. Northwest Highway. Members will have a light lunch and social at noon. At 1:00 p.m., chapter member Iva Lea Van Buren will present a program on "DAR Schools."

Hostesses for the day will be Leslie Eiring and Phyllis Garner of Barrington; Janet Lareau of Algonquin; Candice Meyer of Cary; and Mary Ostrom of Barrington

Hills.

To be eligible for membership in NSDAR, a woman must be no less than 18 years of age and able to prove her lineage to an ancestor who aided in the cause of the American independence through military, civil or patriot service. We are eager to help prospective members trace their ancestry. Anyone who needs to know about membership may call Margaret Christiansen, 1-847-836-1758, or Judy Koral, 1-847-526-4054.

underserved urban families—to important community resources such as Internet access, computer training, math and reading classes, and job skills programs. For more

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Hypnosis

by Martin A. Nathan, M.A., L.C.P.C.

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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.**

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Doing Well by Doing Good

Many investors have strong opinions on social causes, such as support for a clean environment or concern for the poor and the disadvantaged.

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Socially responsible investing (or SRI) helps investors meet these goals by practicing an investment strategy designed to deliver an acceptable level of performance while excluding companies that don't meet certain ethical standards.

SRI has been around for centuries. Many historians credit 17th century quakers with bringing the concept to the United States. According to the Social Investment Forum¹, as of December 2003 approximately \$2.16 trillion was invested using a socially responsible strategy.

It is now much easier to assess the per-

formance of SRI thanks to the development of several broad "socially defined" benchmarks. Two of the most common are the Domini 400 Social IndexSM and the Calvert Social IndexTM.

While each SRI is subject to the portfolio manager's skill and process, many investors have realized that investing in a socially responsible manner doesn't mean sacrificing performance.

For additional information about socially responsible investing, please contact **Debbie Schoendorf CFP®** and Financial Consultant at **Smith Barney** in Barrington at **1-847-304-3530**.

¹2003 Report on Socially Responsible Investing Trends in the United States, Social Investment Forum, December 2003.

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Friends of Hospice Seek Individuals to Assist with Fund-Raising and Special Events

The Friends of Hospice Board invites individuals who are creative planners, detail-oriented, or interested in event planning to attend the second annual Friends of Hospice Open House on Wednesday, Jan. 18, at 6 p.m. at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Ave., Barrington. The evening will begin with a social hour, then a light dinner and formal meeting in-

cluding breakout sessions. Special guests will be members of the group's pediatric care and integrative therapy programs.

The Friends of Hospice is a volunteer group created to help promote the benefits of quality hospice care in your community and assist the Hospice Foundation of Northeastern Illinois by coordinating special events that raise funds to support

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patient care programs. Members work together and have fun while helping support a quality, community-based hospice program for adults and children with a life-limiting illness and their families.

The group of over 50 individuals from 20 towns raised over \$350,000 through special events in 2005, benefiting patients and families of Hospice of Northeastern Illinois. These funds have provided resources for Hope's Friends, the new pediatric palliative care program; integrative therapies, including art, music, massage and pet therapies; grief support services, such as Camp Courage summer day camp for children; and charity care for patients with financial need.

The Friends of Hospice will plan several events in 2006, including a gala in

June, the annual duck race in August, the barn dance and barbecue in October, and the tree-lighting celebrations in November and December. The group would also like volunteers interested in planning events and increasing community awareness of Hospice of Northeastern Illinois in McHenry County.

Friends of Hospice is looking for people who have a desire to make a difference. Whether you have an hour a week or can help out once a year, there are opportunities for involvement. RSVP by Friday, Jan. 13, if you plan to attend. For more information or to RSVP, contact Amy Bollman, special events coordinator, at abollman@HospiceAnswers.org or 1-847-381-5599.

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Women's Club of Inverness 2006 Fashion Show



The 2006 Fashion Show Committee: (back row, from left) Cindy Parkin, Betty Ann Daily, Eileen Newton, Lenore Lawrence, Jay Kist, Jane Cazal, Pattie Stejskal, (front row, from left) co-chair Raisa Bratkiv, Nancy Wulfers, (not shown) Susan Slapke, Rosemary Insolia, Jennifer Freckman, Ruth Guillaume, Kathy Anderson, Judy Miller and Susan Dewar.

The Women's Club of Inverness recently announced the theme of its 2006 Fashion Show and Luncheon at its December general meeting. This year's theme, "As Time Goes By: A Tribute to Romance, Elegance & Style," will highlight the era of Bogart and Bacall and the mystery and intrigue of far-off places like Casablanca and Key Largo. Considered to be one of the top five fashion shows in the Chicago area, this is a show not to be missed! ZZAZZ Productions, Oak Brook, well-known for

their professional, exciting choreography and glitz, will once again produce the show. Mark your calendars for Friday, April 21, 2006!

Also, mark your calendars for Thursday, Feb. 9, 2006, when the club will hold their monthly luncheon at Rolling Green Country Club in Arlington Heights, Ill. The program will be, "Millennium Park: From Fort Dearborn to Frank Gehry." Jane Clarke, a retired member of the Art Institute of Chicago's Museum Education Department,

How to Choose a Dance School for Your Child

Many parents of young children who desire to take dance lessons find themselves unsure as to how to choose a school. Frankly, a recommendation from a neighbor or friend is not enough. You should always visit the school in person. The following are some guidelines as to how to choose a school in order to insure your child's proper instruction and personal safety.

Facility—The dancers should have a large room with a special sprung floor. Dancing on concrete covered with tile or other hard surfaces is dangerous. There should be ample mirrors and well-constructed ballet barres for older students.

Observation of Classes—Before enrolling in any school, you should make an appointment to observe a class. Even if you are not knowledgeable, you will be able to judge certain critical things.

1) *Is the teacher well organized and pleasant?*

2) *Is he/she knowledgeable?* (Check the school brochure for teachers' backgrounds.)

3) *Are the teacher's corrections made clearly and in a positive way?*

4) *Are the students well behaved and attentive for their age?*

Performing Opportunities—As dance is a performing art, it is imperative that the students get the chance to dance for an audience. However, a good school should stress education and not detract from that for the sake of performing. A fancy costume will never cover up poor dancing!

Tuition—Do some comparison shopping as to class rates. Classes should be competitively priced but one should not think that the cheapest class means more for your money. As with everything, quality costs more. Schools should have discounted tuition for multiple classes if your child is a serious student. Family discounts may also be available.

Even pre-schoolers taking lessons should have a fun, interesting and beneficial class. A little extra time will result in a decision that you and your child will be happy with for years to come!

A Lovely Afternoon



(From left) BCLOC Hospitality Chair Mary Green, Barrington; Lyn Lundgren; First Vice President George Obermeier, Schaumburg; and President Maureen Brown, Lake Zurich

Members and guests of Barrington Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago enjoyed an afternoon with Lyn Lundgren on Nov. 20 at the Barrington Area Arts Council in Barrington.

Ms. Lundgren, a member of the renowned Lyric Opera of Chicago chorus, entertained with vignettes of fascinating

happenings as well as the intensive rehearsals required to support the reputation of the world-class chorus. Following the program, wine, refreshments and camaraderie were enjoyed by all.

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

BACOA's Lunch and a Movie to Feature *Enchanted April*

The Barrington Area Council on Aging's January Lunch and a Movie will be *Enchanted April*. The movie will be shown on Wednesday, Jan. 11, at the Barrington Park District, 235 Lions Drive, Barrington. Lunch will be served at noon, and the movie will follow. The movie will be

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

Please call BACOA by noon on Friday, Jan. 6, at 1-847-381-5030 to register for lunch. The suggested donation for lunch is \$3 per person.

will provide the almost 200-year history of the evolution of Chicago's lakefront. For reservations, please call Jay at 1-847-358-6526. Guests are welcome.

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The unique wooded campus serves as a backdrop for the building. The roofline is low, prairie style, which harmonizes well with the other buildings. The forest theme is brought indoors, where the commons is two stories high with wooden columns reaching up to the sky-blue ceiling from earth-toned carpeting. Each light-filled classroom is a bit different from the next—a response to the school philosophy of valuing each child as a unique individual.

The school is also known for its low teacher-student ratios, differentiated teaching methods, environmental education, art and swimming programs.

Located at the intersection of Interstate 90 and Route 25, **Fox River Country Day School** is an independent, fully accredited, coeducational day and boarding school serving students from preschool through eighth grade. Call **1-847-888-7920** or visit www.frcds.org for more information.

One Eyebrow at a Time

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

"After her soul, the first things I check out on a woman are her eyebrows."

—Jamie Lee Curtis

Many famous people are noticed for their unique eyebrow shapes. For example, Brooke Shields, Cindy Crawford, Madonna and Ashley Judd all have unique looks that were achieved by design.

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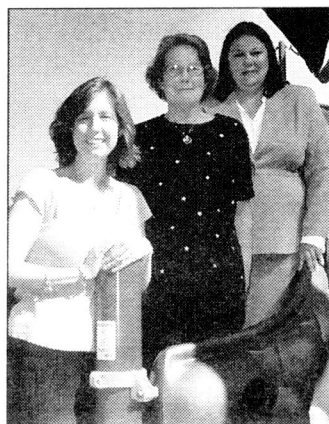
Preparing for the 34th Annual Kirk School Spring Showcase

The Alpha Gamma Delta Alumnae Club and the Parents and Teachers of Handicapped Students Group recently had their kickoff meeting for the 34th Annual Kirk School Spring Showcase of Arts & Crafts at the Kirk School in Palatine.

The Spring Showcase of Arts & Crafts will be held Saturday, March 4, and Sunday, March 5. This juried show will feature 95 artists and crafters at the Samuel A. Kirk School, 520 South Plum Grove Road in Palatine.

Applications for the show can be secured by calling Kathy Testa at 1-847-259-8749 or Rose Alberts at 1-847-215-0042. All items must be original work created by the exhibitor.

Proceeds from the showcase will enable the school to purchase additional freestanding equipment to augment the new playground for disabled children.



Checking out the new playground designed for physically handicapped children are Renee Kirshner, president of PATHS; Reta Holmgren, chairman of the showcase; and Kim Dungan, assistant principal of the Kirk School.

BJWC is Turning 70

Save the date to come out and support Barrington Junior's 70th anniversary on Saturday, March 11, at the new Marriott Northwest in Hoffman Estates.

The throwback party to the days of the 1930s will be filled with lots of memories and fun! The evening will include a wonderful dinner followed by an unbelievable chocolate fountain and a live and silent auction. Plus, the evening will feature the swing sounds of Bopology.

For 70 years, Barrington Junior Women's Club has been a group of dedicated women throughout our area. They are committed to enhancing the community by providing philanthropy and community service in the spirit of volunteerism.

Throughout the year, BJWC holds two fund-raisers (the last one being a sold out fashion show in November) in which all proceeds are allocated to many area not-for-profit organizations through their grant process. These include several community service scholarships to BHS students, BYS, BACOA, Clearbrook, Cowboy Dreams, PADS, WINGS, NISRA and Hospice to only name a few. BJWC is also involved in



BJWC's 70th Anniversary Co-Chairs (from left) Rebecca Darr of Hoffman Estates and Doreen Colletti-Muhs of Barrington

many community projects including the NISRA Tree house, the Barrington Brat Tent and Giving Day.

To join in on all the fun of BJWC's big year, tickets for their 70th anniversary Throwback Party will be available via their Web site at www.bjwc.org in late January. The price will be \$125 per person if purchased prior to Feb. 15 (or \$150 afterward). To learn more about this great group of dedicated ladies, please visit their Web site or come to their Feb. 7th meeting at 7 p.m. at the park district.

Barrington Area Council on Aging Senior Activity and Lunch Programs for January

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.

• Monday, Jan. 2—BACOA's Monday lunch program will be closed due to the holiday.

• Monday, Jan. 9—We will play games and have lunch. Welcome to 2006! The program will be a surprise.

• Monday, Jan. 16, Martin Luther King

Jr. Day—BACOA's Monday lunch program will be closed due to the holiday.

• Monday, Jan. 23—We will play games and enjoy lunch. Bonnie Scherkenbach, social service coordinator at BACOA, will give a presentation on BACOA's "Brain Aerobics" program. Brain Aerobics is aimed at all ages and is designed to increase brain activity through logic exercises, imaginative exercises, opinion exercises, reminiscence and more.

A Successful "Somewhere in Time" Evening



(From left) Ida Cardelli, Benefit Chairperson, Hildegard Zimmermann, Foundation President, and Leo Cardelli, Board Director

The all-volunteer Michael Joseph Foundation held their 12th Annual Benefit and Auction "Somewhere in Time" at the beautiful 58-acre Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills on Oct. 8. The event raised in excess of \$140,000 for families in crisis with special funding for Hurricane Katrina survivors.

The evening began with a tour of the Sanfilippo Grand Victorian Palace that includes the world's largest collection of restored music machines and also some magnificent organs. The dinner and live/silent auctions were held in an incredible separate building called Eden Palais. This building was specially designed to house a working antique French carousel along with Jasper Sanfilippo's fabulous other collections.

The Michael Joseph Foundation provides fully furnished transitional apartment housing for families in crisis. Thus far, they have helped over 350 families. The foundation works closely with well-known charitable groups, such as Catholic Charities, CITA, Kenneth Young and Wings. These organizations assess and provide counseling and job training aimed at building self-esteem and ultimately self-reliance.

The foundation is very grateful to the Fisher Nut Co. for their generous contribution to the success of the benefit and also to the Siemens Co. in Hoffman Estates. Employees of Siemens Co. contributed enough furniture and household goods to completely furnish one three-bedroom apartment for Katrina victims. Within three weeks, the foundation was able to provide Katrina victims with three fully furnished and stocked apartments, in addition to the 35 apartments provided for other families in crisis.

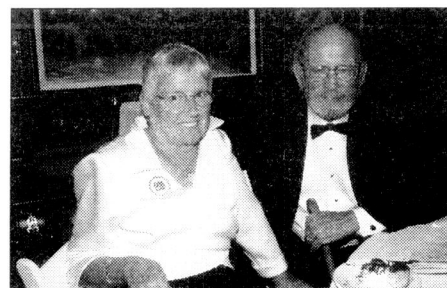
The next event will be held on Oct. 7, 2006. For more information, please call Ida Cardelli at 1-847-639-2334 or visit their Web site at www.michaeljoseph.8M.com. New participants are always welcome.



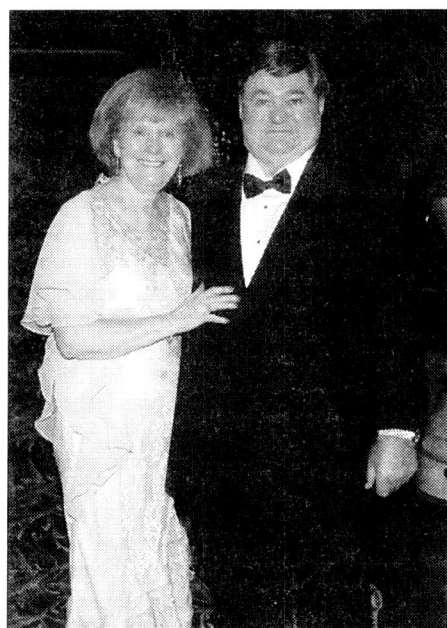
Board Director, Leo Cardelli (center), with Jerry and Lisa Evon, who purchased the Catlow Theatre replica at the benefit



Rosemary Maude and Mike Maude, Founder of the Michael Joseph Foundation



Jane Taylor Fletcher, Funding Committee, and Fred Fletcher

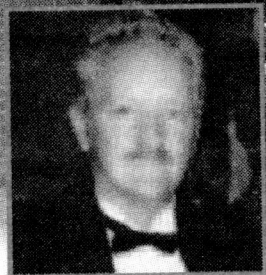
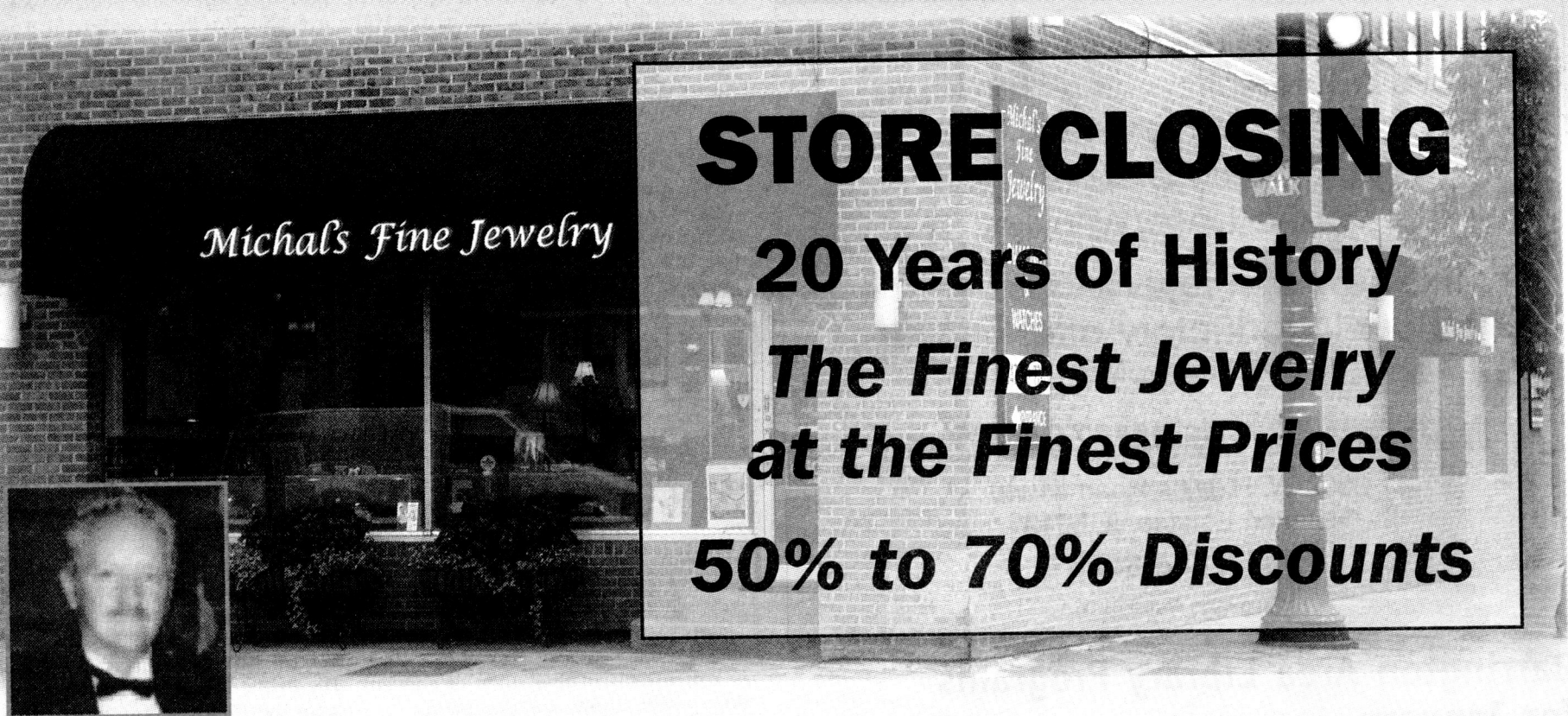


Marian and Jasper Sanfilippo, hosts of the benefit

• Monday, Jan. 30—We will play games and enjoy lunch. January is Glaucoma Month. A program on BACOA's Low Vision Education and Support Group will

be presented by Diane Voss Hansen, social service coordinator at BACOA. Blood pressures will be taken, and January birthdays will be celebrated.

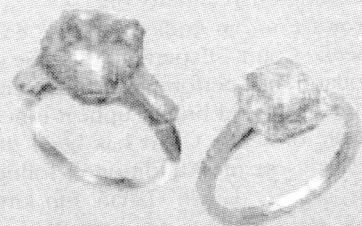
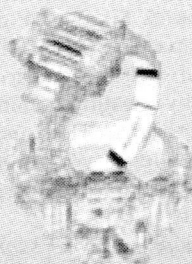
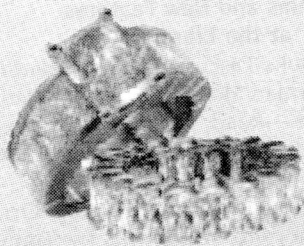
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Barrington Area Library Programs for January

Celebrate Scotland!

To promote cultural awareness, the Barrington Area Library hosts a series of programs on a different land every January. This year, we celebrate all things Scottish. You are cordially invited to learn more about this fascinating country's landscape, cuisine, arts and heritage by attending these special events.

Registration for all adult and young adult programs will begin Monday, Jan. 2. Registration dates for all children's and teen programs are noted below. Call 1-847-382-1300 to register. Online registration for some programs is available at www.barringtonarealibrary.org.

• **Second Fridays**, Friday, Jan. 13, 8:00 p.m., Seelie Court—Experience a sense of old Scotland in a performance filled with rhythm, energy and bright, upbeat tunes. The music of Seelie Court has been described as "sort of a traditional, folkie, Scottish, singin', dancin', havin' fun kind of thing!" Refreshments will be served.

• **Thistle & Heather Highland Dancing**, Saturday, Jan. 14, 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., All Ages—Kick up your heels and enjoy a morning of authentic Scottish Highland dancing, complete with bagpipe accompaniment. The dancers will perform such traditional Scottish dances as the Sword Dance and the Highland Fling. Free tickets will be available in Young People's Services beginning Monday, Jan. 2.

• **Scotland! Land of Misty Beauty**, Thursday, Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m., Adults and

Young Adults—Scotland is a land steeped in beauty, culture and history. Famed for its magnificent sights and the warm hospitality of its natives, it's a treasure chest for travelers. Explore the many faces of Scotland in this captivating travelogue and slide show.

• **Family Craft Night: Celtic Window Art**, Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7:00 p.m., or Thursday, Jan. 19, 7:00 p.m., All Ages with Adult—Make beautiful, circular window art inspired by a pattern used for many Celtic stained-glass windows. Registration begins Monday, Jan. 2.

• **Library Mini Golf**, Friday, Jan. 20, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Grades Sixth to Eighth—Since Scotland gave the world its first organized golf club, we decided to show our appreciation by creating a miniature golf course in the library. Help us build the course, then challenge your friends in the Reader's Cup Tournament. Registration begins Monday, Jan. 9.

• **Books and Cooks: Explore Scotland**, Tuesday, Jan. 24, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Grades Kindergarten Through Fifth—Calling all cooks and book lovers! Get a taste of Scotland's mysteries, culture and stories while you make and eat delicious traditional Scottish shortbread. Registration begins Monday, Jan. 9.

• **The Scots of Chicago**, Wednesday, Jan. 25, 7:00 p.m.—Scottish immigrants have had a major impact on our history and culture. Author June Skinner Sawyers will discuss the influence of the Scots on Chi-

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• **Book Discussion with Lanny Ori, *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*** by Muriel Spark, Thursday, Jan. 26, 2:00 p.m.—An independent-minded teacher at an Edinburgh girls' school cultivates a special, and ultimately dangerous, relationship with a small group of students. This classic novel is a darkly fascinating study of convention, power, loyalty and deception.

• **Gathering the Clans: A Genealogical Guide to Scottish Roots Research**, Thursday, Jan. 26, 7:00 p.m.—Crazy for the Campbells? Mad about the Mackenzies? More than 10 million Americans claim Scottish as their primary ethnicity. Genealogist Maureen Brady will show you how to research Scottish records to discover your ancestors.

• **Robert Burns: The Plowman Poet**, Tuesday, Jan. 31, 7:00 p.m.—We can't celebrate Scottish culture without highlighting the life and work of Robert Burns, Scotland's national poet. John Crombie of the Illinois St. Andrews Society will describe Burns' contribution to literature and his enduring appeal.

Programs and New Features at the Library

• **Great Books Discussions, *Billy Budd, Sailor*** by Herman Melville, Thursday, Jan. 12, 7:00 p.m.—Read, discuss and grow with outstanding works of literature. New members are always welcome.

• **Book Discussions with Lanny Ori, *Mountains Beyond Mountains*** by Tracy Kidder, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7:30 p.m., or Thursday, Jan. 19, 2:00 p.m.—Lanny Ori will lead stimulating discussions of notable titles. Drop-ins are welcome.

• **Gallery in the Library, *Yvonne Burdine, Mixed Media***—The Gallery in the Library is sponsored by the Barrington Area Arts Council.

• **Friends of the Library Humongous Book Sale**, Saturday, Feb. 4, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 5, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

• **New Scanner**—Scan, save and edit your pictures and documents with the new scanner in Adult Services.

• **Public Records Online**—Search public filings of new businesses, new homeowners, home foreclosures and sales, and bankruptcies in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Kendall, Lake, McHenry and Will counties. The Public Records Database is available from the library's home page at www.barringtonarealibrary.org under "Reference Databases."

Happy Fifth Birthday, Nellie!

Five years ago, a baby elephant arrived in Young People's Services and quickly became a cherished friend of library visitors of all ages. Celebrate with us and make Nellie's fifth birthday one she will never forget!

• **Nellie's Birthday Storytime**, Monday, Jan. 16, 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. or 2:00 to 2:45 p.m., All Ages—Join us as we share some of Nellie's favorite stories, songs and activities. Registration begins Monday, Jan. 2.

• **Nellie's Birthday Card**, Jan. 2 to 31, All Ages—Stop by Young People's Services during January to wish Nellie a happy birthday and help decorate her birthday card.

Programs for the Young and Young-at-Heart

• **Baby Steps**, Infants from Birth to 12 Months with Adult, Tuesday, Jan. 10, 10:00 a.m.—No registration is required. Siblings are welcome if they do not cause a distraction.

• **Nursery Rhyme Time**, Infants from Birth to 23 Months with Adult, Tuesday, Jan. 3, 9:30 or 10:15 a.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 17, 9:30 or 10:15 a.m.; Repeated Saturday, Jan. 21, at 9:30 a.m.—No registration is required. Siblings are welcome if they do not cause a distraction.

• **Films, Fingerplays and More!**, Wednesdays, Jan. 4 to Feb. 15, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m., All Ages—Come in from the cold and warm up with this popular program

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BACOA to Offer AARP Income Tax Assistance Program

The Barrington Area Council on Aging, Inc. is once again offering the AARP Income Tax Assistance Program.

A trained AARP volunteer will assist seniors with their taxes on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon at the BACOA office at the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington,

6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100, Barrington. Assistance is by appointment only and will run from Feb. 1 through April 13.

Appointments fill quickly, so call as early as possible to schedule. For more information, please call BACOA at 1-847-381-5030.

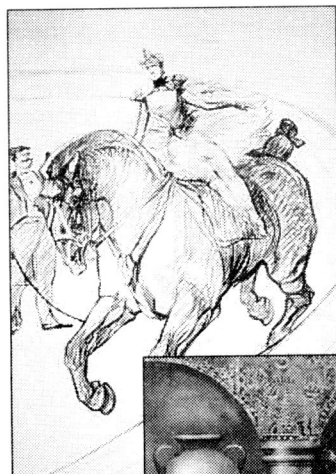
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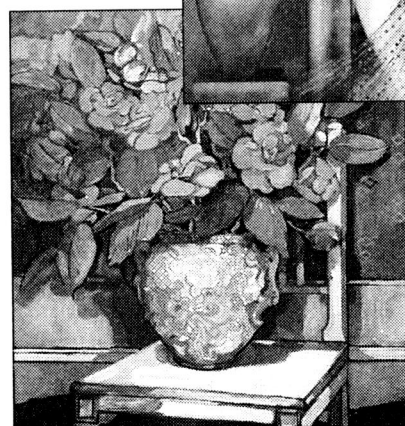
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League of Women Voters January Program

The League of Women Voters of the Barrington Area is hosting a presentation by the Community Drug Prevention Coalition. The program will be Jan. 17, 9:30 a.m., at the Barrington Public Library.

A panel of speakers of CDPC members from the police, school and social service communities will provide their observations on the issue and discuss new programs that have shown success in other areas, including the new "social norms marketing" program that the CDPC is currently researching.

The coalition is made up of area school districts, social service agencies, community parents, law enforcement and the member governments of the Barrington Area Council of Governments. The purpose of the organization is to implement a proactive, nonenforcement approach to the problem of drug and alcohol abuse by youth. The organization was formed in December 2004 "to create a caring community free from substance abuse." The organization's mission is "to reverse the trend of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse in our community through education, prevention and intervention strategies and encouraging healthy alternatives."

A new initiative of the CDPC is the formation of a Youth Advisory Committee, comprised of area teens, which is kicking off during Red Ribbon Week. The Youth

Advisory Committee will join teens from different clubs, local organizations and area churches to communicate what they are presently doing about alcohol, tobacco and other drug problems, what can further be done, and how youth can work together to promote positive change.

In January 2006, the CDPC will distribute a survey to Community Unit School District 220 parents of middle school and high school students. The survey will cover the perception of alcohol, tobacco and other drug use by area students. Replies will be completely anonymous. Area parents are encouraged to complete and return the survey so the CDPC can establish a baseline of perceptions as a tool to measure progress of CDPC efforts. Statistics on actual alcohol, tobacco and other drug incidents and service provisions also are being collected as a baseline against which to measure the effectiveness of new programs.

The Community Drug Prevention Coalition invites the community to join its efforts and seeks volunteers to help with this initiative. For more information about the coalition and how residents can help, contact the office at 1-847-381-7871 or send an e-mail to bacog@bacog.org.

Find out more about the League of Women voters of the Barrington area at www.lwvba.org.

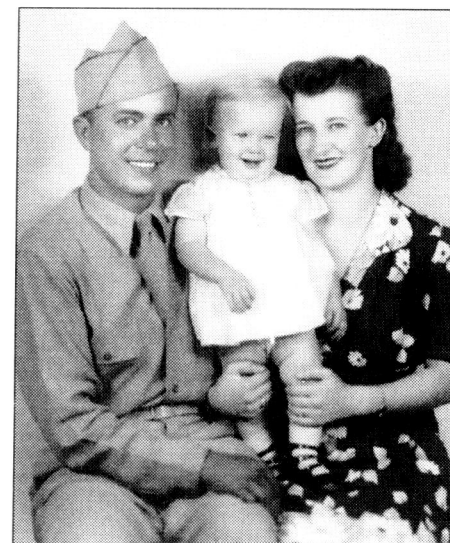


Finding a Senior Community to Call Home

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.



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.

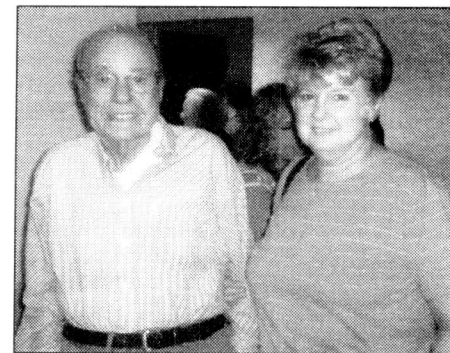
For more information about **Hearthstone Senior Living Community** or to inquire about becoming a volunteer, call **815-334-6200**. You can also visit them online at www.wclsil.org.



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.



Barrington Area Library Programs for January

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for young children and families. Young People's Services staff will present a half-hour of stories, short films, fingerplays and songs. No registration required.

• *Mother Goose Asks, "Why?"—Winter Science Storytime*, Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7:00 to 7:30 p.m., or Thursday, Jan. 19, 10:00 to 10:30 a.m., Ages 3 to 5 with Adult—Thrills and chills will abound when you and your preschooler join us for a delightful winter story and a cool experiment about melt-

ing ice! Registration begins Monday, Jan. 2.

• *Drop-In Storytime*, Ages 2 to 5 with Adult, Tuesdays, Jan. 3 to Feb. 28, 11:00 to 11:30 a.m., and Saturdays, Jan. 7 and 21, 10:30 to 11:00 a.m.—Perfect for families that make impromptu visits to the library, this drop-in version of our registered storytime is filled with stories, fingerplays and songs. No registration required.

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The recent Barrington Career Center Community Awareness Breakfast was recently held at The Garlands of Barrington. Over 75 business, community leaders and friends of the center, attended this meeting to learn of the thousands of individuals being assisted in their job transition process in the Northwest Suburban communities.

The event was sponsored by Harris Bank Barrington.

Four of the funding partners were honored with a special plaque during the breakfast: Robert Jensen, Barrington Area Community Foundation; Tom Werner, Harris Bank Barrington; Kurt Hamilton, Hamilton Partners; and Leslie Luther-Jeschke, Barrington Area United Way.

Quest's Preschool Program is Changing for Fall 2006

Quest Academy is proud to announce that beginning in fall 2006, bright area preschool students will have the opportunity to attend its accelerated program whether or not the parents intend to have the child continue at **Quest** through kindergarten and beyond.

Learn more at a **Preschool Open House** on **Saturday, Jan. 21**, from 10 a.m. to noon at 23 East Northwest Highway in the Palatine Centre Plaza.

Quest Academy, an independent day school for gifted students preschool through eighth grade, offers a rich curriculum designed specifically to challenge bright young children during their critical early years. All candidates for admission will still participate in a screening process so that the school can assess whether the child is likely to be successful in its accelerated learning environment that teaches basic readiness skills in language arts and math, as well as fun and engaging activities in French, science, music, art, physical education and drama. The curriculum is supported by an outstanding preschool faculty with master's degrees.

Parents of bright 3-year-olds will have the option of enrolling their child for either a two-day or three-day morning pro-

gram (8:30 to 11:00 a.m.). Tuition for the two-day program is \$3,000 plus a \$500 new student fee. Tuition for the three-day program is \$4,700 plus a \$500 new student fee.

Parents of bright 4-year-olds will have the option of enrolling their child for either a two-day or three-day afternoon program (12:30 to 3:00 p.m.) or five full-day program (8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.). Tuition for the two-day program is \$3,000 plus a \$500 new student fee. Tuition for the three-day program is \$4,700 plus a \$500 new student fee. Tuition for the five full-day program was \$14,650 plus a \$1,000 new student fee for the 2005-2006 school year.

Both the preschool and prekindergarten programs will have one lead teacher and two assistant teachers. Admission to the two- or three-day programs will be limited to a maximum number of 15 children in each classroom. The five full-day pre-kindergarten option will be composed of 21 students.

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Gert Jacobson will take us on a tour of gardens of both historical and horticultural interest, including Hever Castle, the childhood home of Anne Boleyn; Hampton Court, built by Cardinal Wolsey but given, with reluctance, to Henry VIII; Siss-

inghurst, designed by the peerless Vita Sackville-West; as well as Great Dixter, Sezincote, Wisley and others. She will also provide a peek at the 2004 Chelsea Flower Show. Though the weather outside may be frightful, we will be warmed as we visit these beautiful places.

The program will begin after a brief business meeting and refreshments. New members and guests are always welcome. For more information, call the membership chair at 1-847-358-8994.

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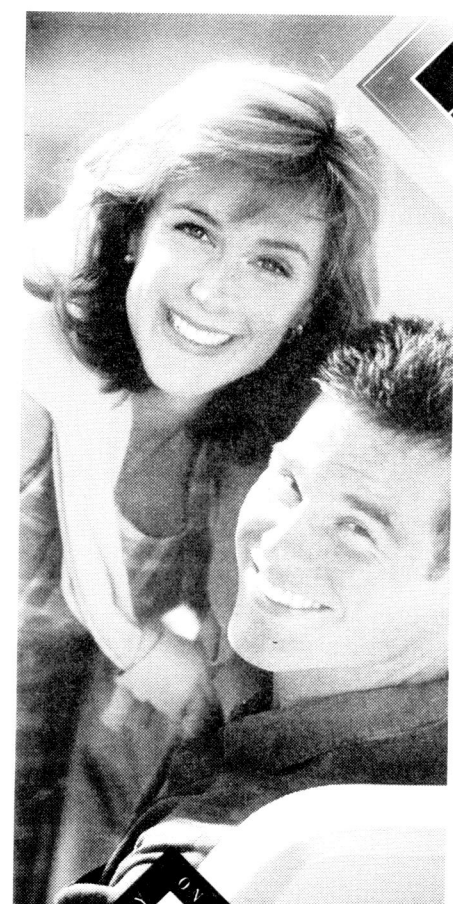
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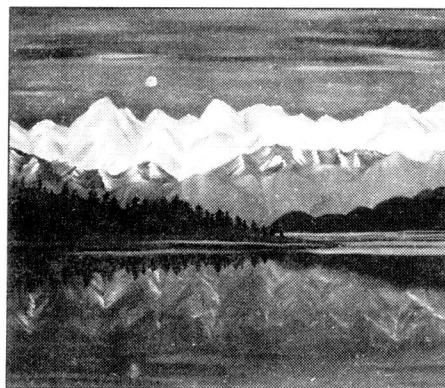
The new year is a time to make resolutions. Often, our resolutions are to improve our lives. At BAAC, we hope one of your resolutions will be to make the arts in Barrington a part of your life.

Begin by setting aside the time to visit the visual art exhibits at the Barrington Area Arts Council Galleries. The first art experience on your 2006 calendar should be a visit to the BAAC Gallery to view Urban Edges IX. This annual juried exhibition, always an outstanding selection of fine art and sculpture, opens on Jan. 13. Linda Kramer, a well-known Chicago artist, juried the 120 entries and selected 27 works by 20 artists.

The exhibiting artists include Kris Blum, Thomas Celewicz, Gail Collier, John Goulet, Ray Grzebielski, Martha Hayden, Ed Iverson, Ben Jurevicius, Jin Young Kang, Doris Mamon-Kucik, Doug Manley, Eileen Mueller Neill, Dennis O'Malley, Nancy Reid, Joan E. Robertson, Nadine Meyers Saitlin, Ryan Schultz, Monica Stanton and Artisan Skosek. The artists reside within a 150-mile radius of the city of Chicago.

The selected work includes paintings in mixed media, oil and acrylic, watercolors, colored pencil and pastel drawings, black-and-white photography, archival inkjet prints, etchings, and sculpture. Linda Kramer will give five awards of excellence.

We invite everyone to a reception on Friday evening, Jan. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the BAAC Gallery. The evening will provide an opportunity to meet the artists, view the artwork, and enjoy a sampling



Reflection by Yvonne Burdine,
colored pencil and pastel

of light hors d'oeuvres and beverages.

The exhibit will be on view through Feb. 26 at the BAAC Gallery. The gallery is at the Barrington Area Arts Council, 121-B Barrington Commons Court, Barrington. For more information, call 1-847-382-5626.

Next, stop at the BAAC Gallery at the Garlands to see Beyond the Rainbow, an exhibit of colored pencil drawings by Joan E. Robertson. Ms. Robertson is a member of the Colored Pencil Society of America, the former curator for Kemper Insurance and the curator of the BAAC Gallery. Her intricate drawings of still life explore the depth and range in the colored pencil palette.

The exhibit will be on view from Jan. 6 through Feb. 26 at BAAC Gallery at The Garlands, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington. The public is invited to a reception on Fri-

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Grief Groups and Workshop Offered by Hospice of Northeastern Illinois

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois is offering a variety of grief groups in Arlington Heights, Barrington and Lake Barrington. All Hospice of Northeastern Illinois grief support sessions are open to community, free of charge and professionally facilitated.

- *Mourning to Meaning*, a monthly drop-in group for anyone grieving a loss, does not require registration. The group offers experience, strength and hope no matter where you are in your grief journey and will meet the first Monday of every month from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Avenue, Barrington. Please note that the next meeting will be Jan. 9 due to the holiday season.

- *Adult Loss of Parent*, a six-week group for adults grieving the loss of a parent, will address common grief responses of adult children and building support systems. The group will meet Thursdays, Jan. 12 to Feb. 16, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Avenue, Barrington.

- *Widows & Widowers*, a six-week support group for those grieving the loss of

a spouse, will include discussions about loneliness and changing roles and lifestyles. The group will meet Fridays, Jan. 20 to Feb. 24, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Lake Barrington Woods, 22320 Classic Ct., Lake Barrington.

- *Soothing Moments*, a workshop for those who are grieving or currently caring for a loved one, will focus on stress relief, improving self-care and relaxation techniques. The workshop will be Tuesday, Feb. 7, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Avenue, Barrington.

- *Grief to Hope Workshop*, a meeting for adults grieving the loss of a loved one, will include topics of practical solutions for everyday challenges and improving self-care and support. The workshop will be Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Arlington Heights Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights.

To register for a grief support program, call Hospice of Northeastern Illinois Bereavement Services at 1-847-381-5599, ext. 250. For more information about hospice and grief support services, please visit www.HospiceAnswers.org.



day, Jan. 27, from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. 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.

Last but certainly not least is a visit to the BAAC Gallery at the Barrington Area Library to look at Contemplations, pastel

and colored pencil drawings by Yvonne Burdine. After honing her colored pencil skills, Ms. Burdine studied pastels under Jeff Wells. She is a Barrington resident.

The exhibit will be on view through Feb. 26 during regular library hours. The library is located at 505 N. Northwest Hwy., Barrington.



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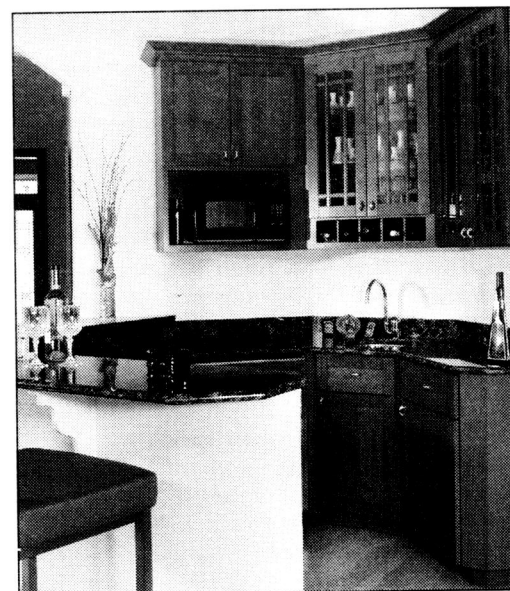



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Rotary Club Gifts Benefit Barrington

'Tis the season of giving, and the Rotary Club of Barrington has recently announced the recipients of the gifts from its charities fund.

Based upon input from its members, the club has selected the following organizations to receive gifts for specified projects or needs: Barrington Youth Services, Barrington Giving Day, Barrington Community Foundation, Boy Scouts of America, Diveheart, Patricia Graft Student Assistance Fund at National Louis University, Harper College Educational Foundation, Lifeline Pilots, Harold Lipofsky Fund, St. Joseph's Home for Elderly (for ultrasound equipment), and Wellness Place.

In addition, New Generations will receive a special contribution toward Barrington Teen Center from the Harold Lipofsky Fund, which is a special endow-

ment fund established by the club in honor of its longtime member.

All gifts will be awarded at the club's Christmas party on Dec. 20. The gifts were made possible by funds raised at the Rotary's successful fund-raiser held in May. (The club already has sent more than \$12,000 in aid to Katrina victims as well as food and clothing.)

This week, club members will be shopping for Christmas gifts for 33 needy children residing in Barrington Township. Members are choosing the gifts from the children's wish lists, and the gifts will be given directly to the parents so that they can distribute the gifts to their children.

The Rotary Club of Barrington meets on Tuesdays at noon at the Barn of Barrington. For further information, call Steve Kuehl at 1-847-487-6835.

"Flowers and Birds of New Zealand" on Four Seasons Garden Club Program

The Four Seasons Garden Club of Barrington typically holds its meetings on the first Tuesday of the month from September through June. 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 presentation or demonstration connected to some aspect of gardening and gardening interests.

The January meeting will be held at the Northern Trust Bank Building located at the intersection of Northwest Highway

and Hart Road in Barrington on Jan. 10 at 9:30 a.m. "The Flowers and Birds of New Zealand" will be presented by Sue James, who is originally from New Zealand. Color handouts will be provided.

Please note that the meeting is changed to the second Tuesday in January.

Please call Judy Palmer, 1-847-304-8801, or Lenore Lawrence, 1-847-381-2883, for more information.

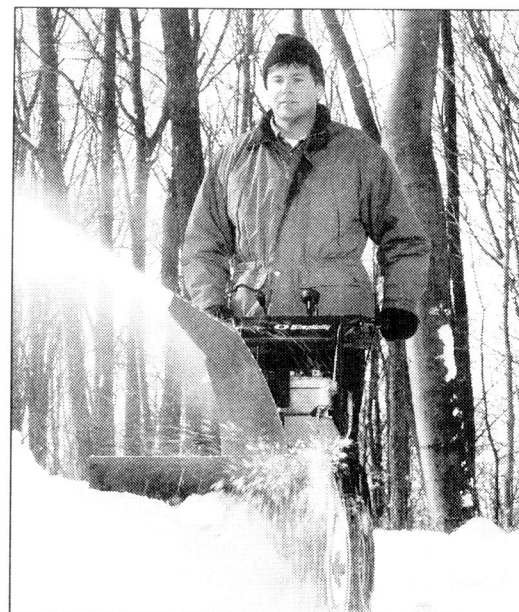
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South Barrington Garden Club Announces 2006 Officers



The 2006 officers of the South Barrington Garden Club: Joanie Walter, recording secretary; Stella Willmott, first vice president; Micki Nelles, corresponding secretary; Anita Bierbaum, second vice president; Lisa Kolodziej, treasurer; and Diane Maxwell, president. All are from South Barrington.

The South Barrington Garden Club meets the first Thursday of each month at the South Barrington Park District. The club is an active member of The Garden Clubs of Illinois, Inc., and National Garden Clubs, Inc.

The purpose of this organization is to help members acquire a better knowl-

edge of gardening; to encourage the preservation of the native plants, cultivation of trees and flowers; and to encourage the improvement and planting of public property to enhance the Village of South Barrington.

For membership information, please contact Diane at 1-847-842-1155.



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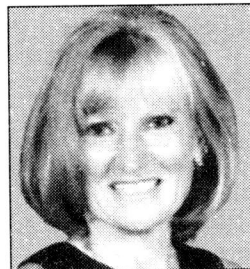
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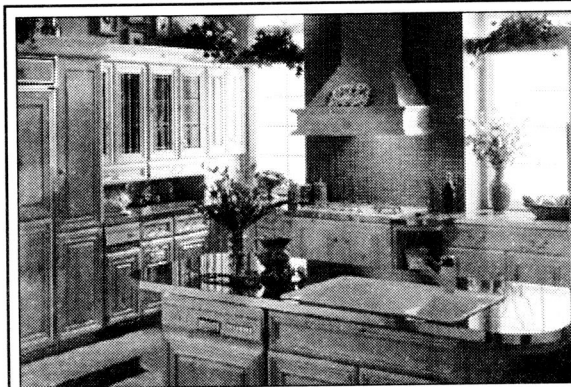


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AAUW Upcoming Events

The American Association of University Women, Barrington Area, Illinois Branch, Inc. promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, self-development and positive societal change. Membership is open to any graduate of an accredited university or college, and guests are welcome to attend two meetings prior to joining.

The luncheon book group meets the second Wednesday of every month at The Garlands, noon to 2:00 p.m. On Jan. 11, they will discuss *Woman in White* by Wilke Collins. Call chair Loretta at 1-847-381-5012 or 1-847-381-1804.

The Women's Issues group will meet Jan. 18 in a member's home at 7:30 p.m. to discuss *A Single Square Picture: A Ko-*

rean Adoptee's Search for Her Roots by Katy Robinson. Call Barbara at 1-847-726-0852 for more information.

The evening book group will meet Tuesday, Jan. 24, at 7:30 p.m. in a member's home to discuss *Will of the World: Shakespeare* by Stephen Goldblatt. Call Peg at 1-847-381-4791 for more information.

Great Decisions begins Tuesday, Jan. 24, and will continue for eight consecutive Tuesdays at the Barrington Library at 1:00 p.m. Topics to be studied and discussed include: UN Reform; U.S. and Iran; Brazil; Energy; Human Rights/Terrorism; China and India; Turkey; and Global Pandemics.

These are based on materials prepared by the Foreign Policy Association. Call Bobbi at 1-847-381-3315.

The 23rd AAUW annual networking luncheon will be at the Deerfield Hyatt on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2006, with Pat Hutar and Martha Atherton of American Women for International Understanding as speakers. Cost is \$35. Indicate your choice of salmon, chicken or vegetarian entree with your reservation, which is due by Jan. 16. Social time will be 11:30 a.m. with the meal served at 12:15 p.m. Guests are welcome. For more information, call Mary Lou at 1-847-382-5989.

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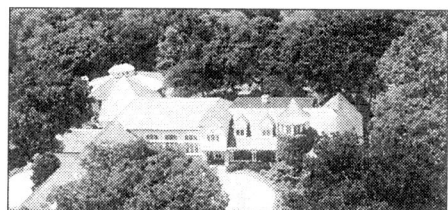
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Bull Valley Garden Club Hospice Committee Meets



(Front row, from left) Rita Simonaitis, Carolyn Miller, Nancy Porstner, Mary Moltmann, Pat Schermerhorn, Barbara Parrish, (back row, from left) Pam Minero, Kyle Truelsen, Beth Wester, Lorraine Boehmer and Barb Brezinski.

The Hospice Committee of the Bull Valley Garden Club met recently to plan their activities for 2006.

Nancy Porstner organized the committee five years ago after a staff member at the Hospice of Northeastern Illinois informed her of the need for the donation of floral bouquets so Hospice workers could take them on their visits with clients. Under Nancy's leadership, the Hospice Committee has grown to 16 members, the largest committee of the Bull Valley Garden Club, and each month at least one member arranges and delivers

bouquets to the hospice office. Several years ago, Nancy initiated the Garden Club's donation of a prize to the Annual Hospice Duck Race and Pool Party. This year, the club donated a bird feeder to the fund-raiser that raised \$51,637 for hospice programs. Nancy is pursuing other activities in the club, and Mary Moltmann will chair the committee for the coming year.

Bull Valley Garden Club is a member of Garden Clubs of Illinois and National Garden Clubs, Inc. For information, please call 815-344-3582.

BACOA's Thanksgiving Luncheon

Some 90 seniors and special guests attended the Barrington Area Council on Aging's Thanksgiving Luncheon on Nov. 19 at the Barrington Park District. Volunteers from Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, BACOA and the Barrington High School Adopt-A-Grandparent Club were among those who served turkey and trimmings.



Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club

Start the new year by joining the Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club. We are a fun group of people who share the interest of gardening whether experienced or not. The club is a member of the Garden Clubs of Illinois and the National Garden Clubs, Inc. Every month, we have an interesting program with either a guest speaker, a day trip, hands-on experience, volunteer and civic activities, and lots of good times!

Our next meeting will be held at Reed Turner Woodlands located at 3849 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, on Monday, Jan. 9, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. This meeting is our annual "Show & Tell," where we share ideas, new books or magazines that we like, and a chance to discuss our successes or problems we had in the growing season. For more information, contact Penny at 1-847-540-8212.

Seniors to Taste Tea and Talk Books

Barrington-area seniors are invited to a tea tasting and book talk at Barnes & Noble's Deer Park store on Wednesday, Jan. 25, at 1 p.m.

Attendees will sample gourmet tea selections and discuss a variety of good winter reads, ranging from the newest releases to timeless classics.

Admission is free, but space is limited to 20 people. The reservation deadline is Friday, Jan. 22. For more information or reservations, call Linda Avellon at the Barrington Area Council on Aging at 1-847-381-5030.

Barnes & Noble Deer Park is located at 20600 N. Rand Road, Deer Park.



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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.

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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.

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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.

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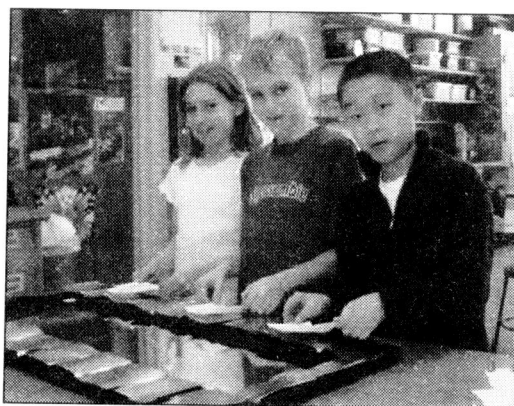
Kildeer Countryside School Plans to Raise Funds for Auditorium

The first ever Monte Carlo Night will be held on Feb. 10 to benefit renovations to Kildeer Countryside School in Long Grove.

Built in 1948, the elementary school has been updated in many ways but lacks a modern auditorium. The PTO would like to update the gymnasium area into an auditorium and multipurpose room. The cost to do this is estimated to be over \$100,000. All proceeds from Monte Carlo Night will go towards completion of this project.

Guests will enjoy a first-class evening that includes food, live music, auctions and more. One of the highlights of the silent and live auctions will be art projects done by each class. The school children have created a wide variety of items ranging from painted or mosaic furniture, wall art, garden pieces and home décor accessories.

The event is open to friends and family of Kildeer Countryside School. Please call



Kildeer Countryside fourth-graders Rebecca Hannon, Tommy Murray and Jay Wang start the layout for their class art project—a character copper foil mirror.

Stephanie Hannon at 1-847-215-6189 to purchase tickets by Jan. 20, 2006. Tickets are priced at \$100 per person and include dinner, dancing and more. Black tie dress is encouraged. Donations for our auctions are welcome too.

Brush Up Your Shakespeare with BACOA/Park District Theater Excursion

Join the Barrington Area Council on Aging and the Barrington Park District for a performance of *Twelfth Night* at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles on Wednesday, April 5.

William Shakespeare's comedy features identical twins, a dashing duke, a heroine in disguise and a pirate king.

The group will leave from the park district at 11:00 a.m.; enjoy lunch and a 2:00

Art Associates February Programs

The Barrington/Northwest Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago is sponsoring two programs in the February Seminar Series.

The first lecture on Wednesday, Feb. 8, is titled "Great Estates: American Country Houses and Gardens," presented by Kathleen Roy Cummings, art historian and adjunct lecturer of the Art Institute.

On Thursday, Feb. 16, Jane Harshaw Clarke, also an adjunct lecturer of the Art Institute, will present a program titled "Arts and Crafts in Chicago: From Hull House to Ragdale."

Both lectures will be held at the Barrington Area Library, 505 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington, at 1:00 p.m. The fee is \$15 per lecture, and guests are welcome.

To register, contact Betsi Orr at 1-847-381-2863. Membership in the Barrington/Northwest Community Associates is open to anyone in the Northwest Suburbs who has an interest in the enjoyment and appreciation of art. Annual dues of \$85 includes an Art Institute Family Membership. For more information, contact Marianna Barr at 1-847-382-3952.

BACOA Seminar to Address "Taking Away the Keys"

One of the hardest jobs a caretaker can face is convincing a person with dementia to stop driving.

The Barrington Area Council on Aging and the Barrington Area Library are sponsoring "Taking Away the Keys," an insightful seminar that will give suggestions and guidance to caregivers dealing with this difficult task.

The seminar will be held Wednesday, March 1, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Zimmerman Room at the Barrington Area Library,

505 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington.

Speakers will include Catherine Prusko, associate director of program services for the Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association; Dr. Denise Fiducia, clinical psychologist with Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge; and representatives from Alexian Brothers Hospital's Driver Evaluation Program.

For more information or for registration, call Penny LeNeveu at BACOA at 1-847-381-5030.



p.m. performance at Pheasant Run; and return to Barrington at approximately 5:15 p.m. Total cost is \$48; reservation deadline is March 20.

For more information or to register, call the Barrington Park District at 1-847-381-0687.

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Eagle® wood windows within the home. Upstairs, the spacious master bedroom has a sitting room, two walk-in closets and a deck for relaxation.

European exterior features showcase a turret entry into the foyer, and the dramatic façade is adorned in brick and stone with stucco accents. The back yard has plenty of room for a pool.

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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 Renovations's** workmanship."

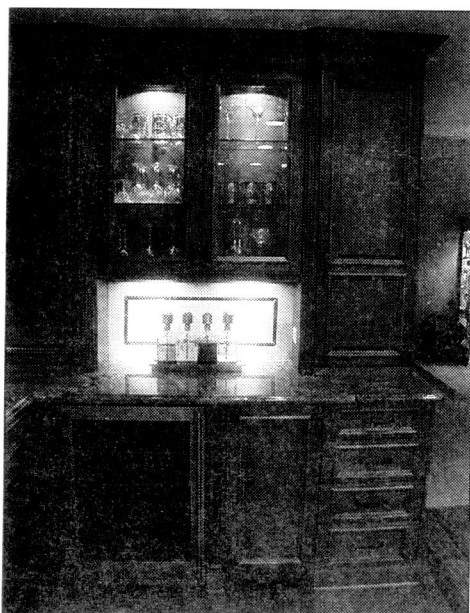
In fact, the Woods are so pleased with their new kitchen, they're now working with **Barrington Kitchen & Bath Studio/Delta Renovations** on a new master bath.

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!

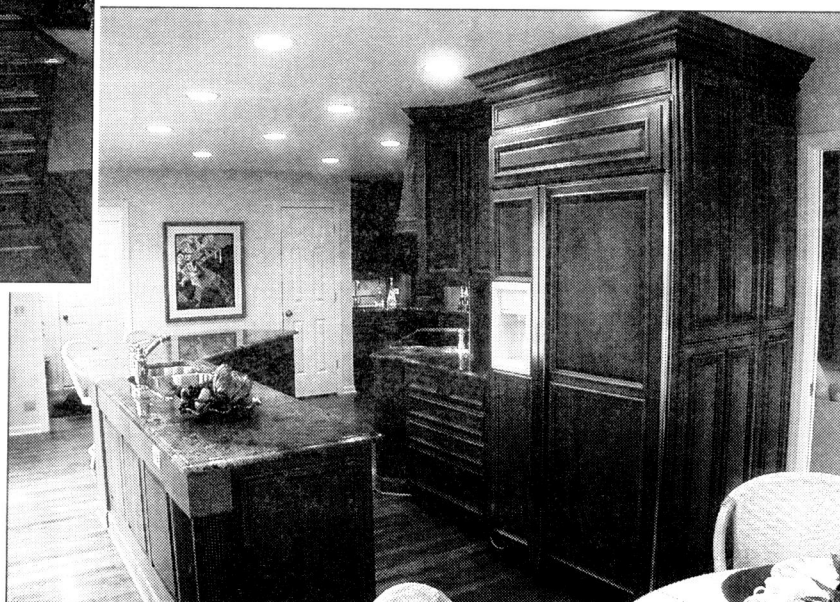
The new, open kitchen allows an easy flow between key work stations, and a generous island topped in Bordeaux Granite.



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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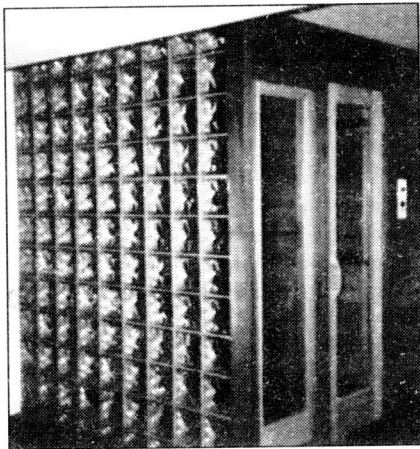
The Many Benefits of Sauna

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

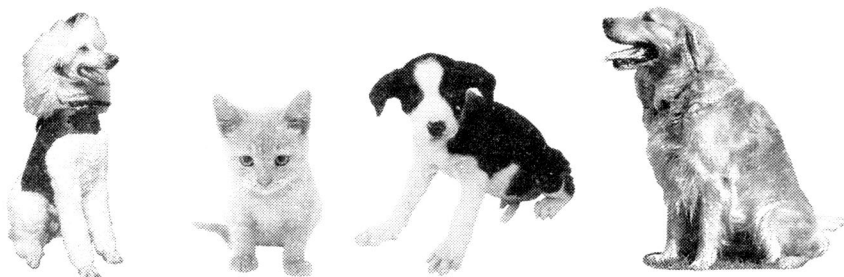
"Saunas promote the perspiration of body toxins, stimulate circulation, increase body metabolism, keep skin glowing and youthful and alleviate sinus congestion due to colds, asthma and allergies.

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.



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Council of Barrington Garden Clubs Announces Awards

The Council of Barrington Garden Clubs has a Barrington Area Beautification Committee headed by Mary Kay Gott and Sally Deniston. The committee recently announced its awards in the Barrington area to businesses, churches, schools and civic organizations.

The purpose of the garden council is to serve as coordinating body to aid inter-club cooperation and to provide, when requested, appropriate response to community issues, plan and projects at the direction of member clubs.

The council represents Barrington Garden Clubs, including: Country Home and Garden Club, Field and Flower Garden Club, Countryside Garden Club, The Garden Club of Barrington, Village Planters, Green Thumbs, and Little Garden Club of Barrington.

We have several committee chairs: Arbor Day, Barrington Area Beautification, National Garden Week and Conservation.



Angie Consalvo (right), Angelina's on Cook Street, received an award in recognition of their continued landscape design.

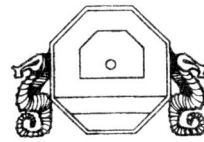


Mrs. Peg Olson (right), Country Home and Garden Club, received an award for the club's beautification of Wellness Place. Mary Kay Gott (left) presented the awards.

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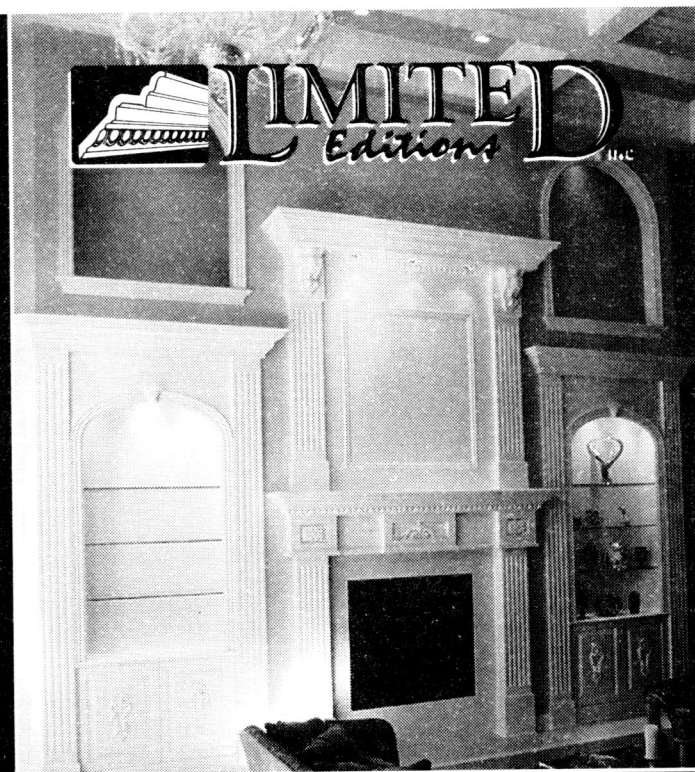
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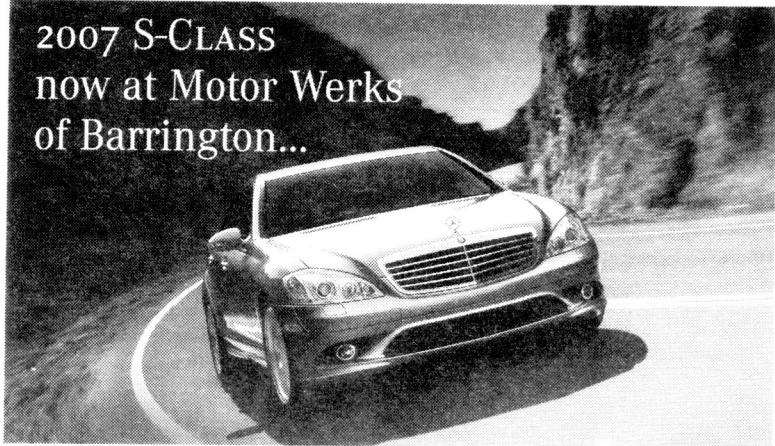
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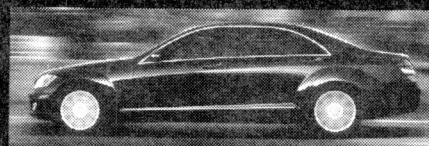


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Lake Zurich Garden Club

The next meeting of The Garden Club of Lake Zurich will be held Jan. 3, 2006, at 7 p.m. at Foglia YMCA on Old McHenry Road.

The program will be a "Botanical Travelogue of France" presented by Mel Zaloudek, author and faculty member at Triton College.

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.

Future Meetings and Activities

- Feb. 7, 7 p.m., Landscape Design Principles by Cindy Tyley
- March 7, 7 p.m., Garden Expertise by Michael Nowak
- April 4, 7 p.m., Flowering Shrubs, Selection & Care by Glenn Grosch
- May 2, 7 p.m., The Perennial Garden by Susanne Lankin
- May 13, 8 a.m., Plant Sale at Ela Area Library, Lake Zurich

Nerd, Ugly Duckling, Beauty and Beast at Lake Zurich High School

"The nerd has left the building" and rehearsals for *Honk!* are underway.

Family members of all ages will enjoy this contemporary musical retelling of the story of the ugly duckling. *Honk!* and the flock will appear on Jan. 27, 28 and 29 in Lake Zurich High School's Performing Arts Center.

And, as if the pack is not already going "quackers," auditions for *Beauty and the Beast* started right after Thanksgiving!

This Disney musical featuring Belle, the Beast, Gaston and other Disney favorites will transform Lake Zurich High School's Performing Arts Center into an enchanted castle on April 26, 27, 28 and 29.

The theatre program thanks its nerds and welcomes ducklings, beautiful Belles and Beasts. Call 1-847-540-4740 for ticket information on any of the upcoming productions.

BACOA Offers Caregiver Support Group

The Barrington Area Council on Aging's monthly Caregiver Support Group will meet Wednesday, Jan. 4, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the BACOA office in the Prairieview Building at The Garlands of Barrington, 6000 Garlands Ln., 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 a Woman's Point of View

by Gail Wickstrom, Wickstrom Ford Lincoln Mercury

Do you know what it is like to look at your calendar and it says "Lifestyles article due" and you haven't given it a thought since writing the last article. After working with Glenna, the editor of *Lifestyles*, I would like to take this opportunity to thank her and her staff for publishing this community publication for over 20 years. There is not a week that goes by that someone doesn't come up to me in the grocery store or a restaurant, to tell me how much they enjoy reading my article in *Lifestyles*. So keep up the great work.



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Wild Birds Subject of Green Thumbs Meeting

As the new year begins, members of the Green Thumbs of Barrington Garden Club will shift their focus from holidays to nature. On Monday, Jan. 16, the club will benefit from a presentation of information and advice regarding the beautiful wild birds we enjoy seeing during these frigid winter months. The meeting will begin at 12:30 p.m. at the Barrington Area Library. Guests and visitors will be welcome.

The expert presenter, Dave Johnson,

owner of the Wild Bird Center in Fox River Grove, will speak about "Questions You Always Wanted to Ask about your Backyard Birds." During the program, he will be happy to supply the answers to those questions. With this information, members will be better equipped to support this special segment of our natural environment.

For more information, please call Trudy at 1-847-381-6427.

Keep Your Brain in Shape with Brain Aerobics

Aerobics keep your muscles supple. Brain aerobics keep your mind supple.

Thanks to the success of its recent Brain Aerobics Workshop, the Barrington Area Council on Aging is organizing a group to play "mind games" on a regular basis.

Brain Aerobics is aimed at all ages and is designed to increase brain activity through logic exercises, imaginative exer-

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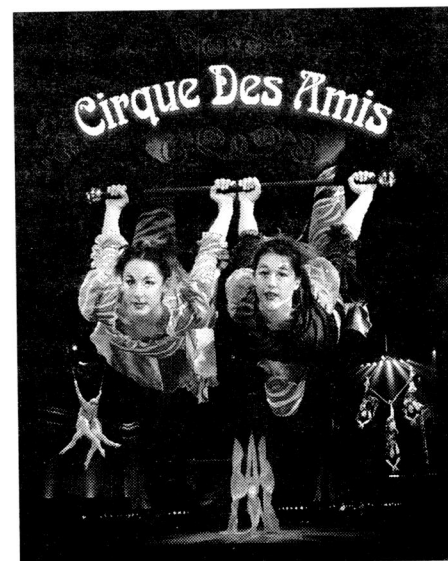
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The troupe is composed of gymnasts, dancers and athletes who form their bodies into works of art. The show is choreographed to haunting music. The performers move with strength and rhythmic artistic expression.

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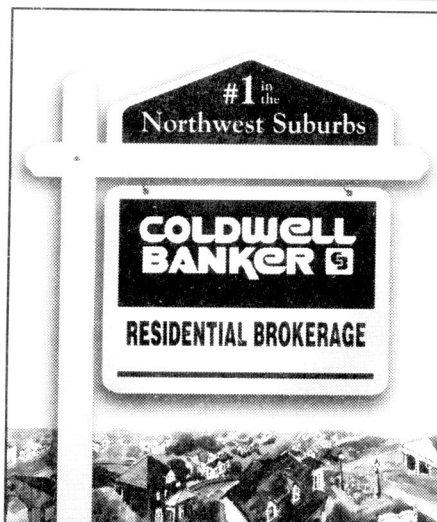
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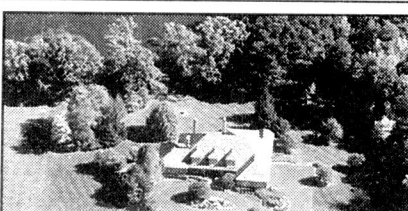
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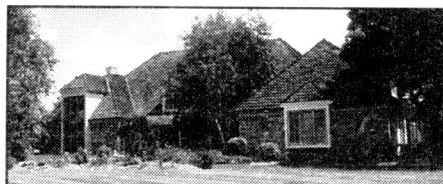
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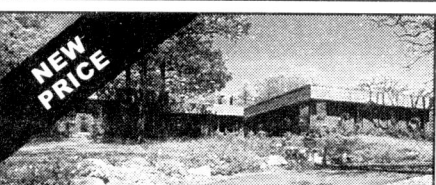
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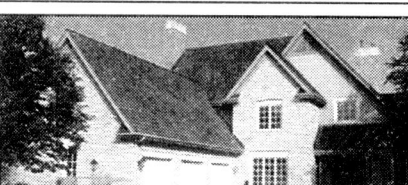
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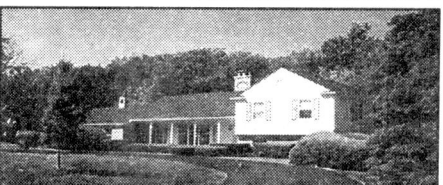
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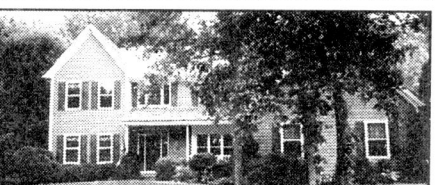
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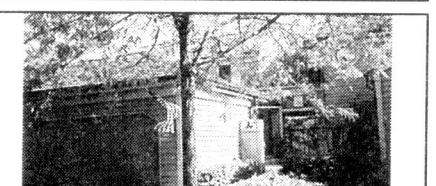
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Barrington \$343,900

lk Barr. Shores–Sun-filled & upd 3 BR, 2+ BA, 3-level TH. All new SS appl. Den/off. New furnace in '05. New roof in '04. Fin LL. 2-car gar. Priv, decked courtyard.

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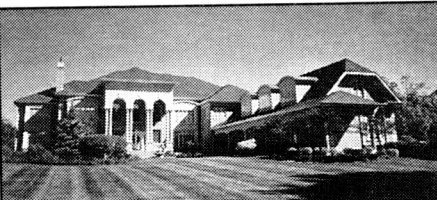
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Barrington Hills \$3,750,000
New const! Terrific 5 br, 6.5 ba, fab 5 ac wd site w/ pond. 2-stry entry & FR. Gourmet kit. Front & back stairs. Grt views t/o. Approx. 10K sq. ft. Fin. w/o. Horse trails.
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Long Grove \$1,925,000
5 br, 4+ ba country estate. True masonry stucco exterior, rich millwork, 5 fireplaces. Gourmet kit. 3 acres. Stone terrace, 6 yrs old. 4 car gar.
Anne Kaplan 847/465-3646



Kildeer \$1,799,000
New const-4 BR, 4.5 BA, w/o LL, dual strcases, grmt kit, frml stay, 3 FP, all BR w/ BA, 9' clgs on 1st flr. Wlkg/bike paths. Stevenson HS.
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10+ Gorgeous Acres Contiguous to Riding Trails offer Broad Vistas - Attached 2nd Residence Perfect for In-law, Home Office or Multi Generational Arrangement.
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Kildeer \$1,749,000
Pond views-4 BR, 3.2 BA hm. Kit w/ hearth rm & sep EA. Mstr ste w/ sit rm & 23x17 w/ 1 clst, 2 stry FR. 9' & 10' clgs t/o. Exclusive new area.
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Lake Barrington \$1,089,000
Set on 1+ prof landscaped wooded acres. 4 BR, 4.5 BA, 3 frpls & hrdwd floors thruout. Magnificent kit w/ granite, stainless appls. Fin. Walkout.
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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.
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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.
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North Barrington \$699,900
Wonderfully Remodeled Colonial Poised on Wooded Acre - The Difference is in the Details.
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Barrington \$689,000
Upscale in village w/designer interior. 4BR, 3BA w/ granite foyer, maple kit w/granite, hrdwd flrs, new mstr bth, new mechanicals & roof. Oversized lot.
Frank & Lynne Caiazza 847/867-3424



Cary \$599,000
Spectacular 3 BR, 2.5 BA home. Fab kit w/ granite ctrtrops, SS appl, maple cabs, island & brkft bar. 1st flr MBR, full fin LL. 3 frpl, hrdwd flrs, 3-c gar, patio. Pond views.
Bonnie Paice Legue/Shannon Paice 847/277-2723




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



Fox River Grove \$489,000
Gorgeous former 5 BA, 2.5 BA model w/upgrades galore on wooded site features 9 ft ceilings, library, gourmet kit, spectacular open flr plan. Walk to train.
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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.
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Barrington \$375,900
Special village 3 BR, 1.5 BA farmhse with extra wide private fncd yard. Bright eat-in kit, wbf, refinished hrdwd flrs, full bsmt & 2+ car garage.
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Cary \$253,750
Spacious rms and neutral decor make this 3 BR, 2.5 BA hme truly move-in condition. Oak drs & trim. Lrg & bright kit. Door to deck. 2-car gar. Eng. basement.
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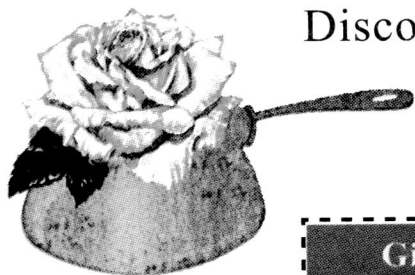
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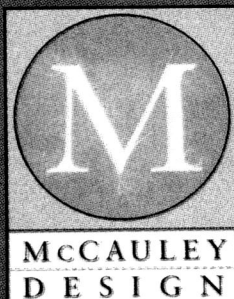
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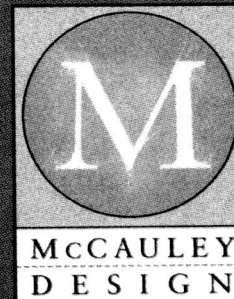
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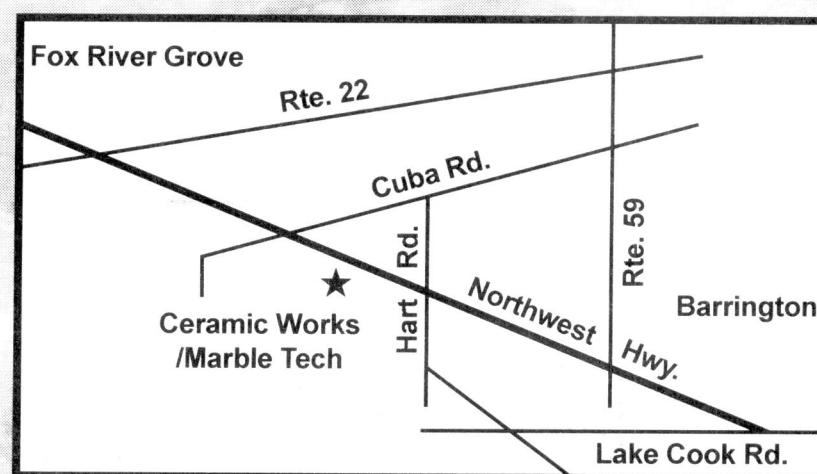
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