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Editor's Ink

May, 2006

Dear Reader,

Each year, we dedicate the May issue to Mother's Day. We wish every mother and grandmother in our area a truly lovely day and hope that some of our gift suggestions might be helpful.

There is an exciting exhibition coming to the Field Museum this month entitled *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs*. In 1922, the remarkably preserved tomb of Tutankhamun was uncovered, revealing the unimaginable riches of this boy king. Twice the size of the exhibition in 1977, this newest attraction features over 130 ancient artifacts—gold, silver, jewels and more—reflecting ancient Egypt. The young king's early death still remains a mystery.

If May has Mother's Day, then Father's Day cannot be far behind. The Barrington Area Arts Council is preparing for its 20th Annual Summer Art Festival on Father's Day, June 18. Over 65 artists will be represented, plus musical entertainment. A lovely day is planned for the entire family, so save the date.

Until next time, may all your thoughts be sunny.

With warm regards,
Glenn McMonigal
Editor, *Lifestyles Magazines*



About Our Cover

The georgette bias volant dress has imprinted coffee palm leaves. Fluttery, feminine and fun. Ellen Tracy Spring 2006.



Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs at the Field Museum

May 26, 2006, to Jan. 1, 2007

For more than 3,000 years, they lay unseen beneath the Egyptian sands: gleaming treasures of gold and semiprecious jewels; statues and chests of breathtaking artistry; magical amulets and articles of ancient life; the mummified body of a young pharaoh.

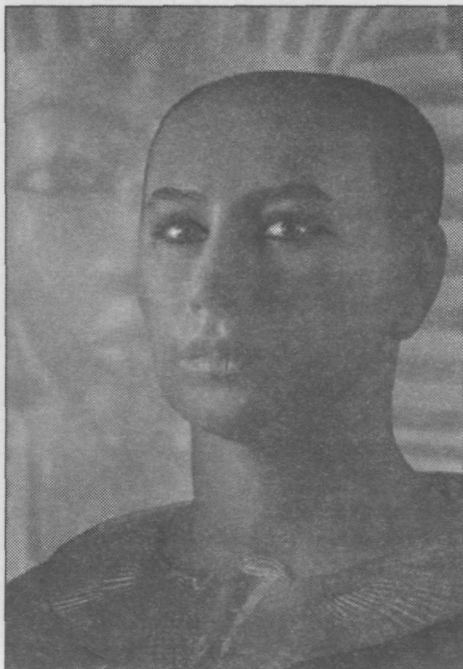
When the British archaeologist Howard Carter uncovered the remarkably preserved tomb of Tutankhamun in 1922, he created a worldwide sensation. When the boy king's riches toured the world in 1977, the term "blockbuster exhibition" was born. Now a new exhibition, *Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs*, offers visitors a chance to see fabulous new treasures and to enter the world that gives them meaning: 250 years that marked the pinnacle of ancient Egypt's culture, wealth and imperial power.

As those who saw the earlier exhibition can attest, coming face-to-face with the treasures of King Tut is an encounter not soon forgotten. Visitors to the new exhibition, twice the size of the original, will have an even broader and deeper experience. They'll see more than 130 ancient artifacts—of gold and silver, jewels and semiprecious stones, alabaster and gilded wood—excavated from the tomb of Tutankhamun and other royal tombs in the Valley of the Kings. They'll learn about life and death in ancient Egypt and the intimate relationship between the two. And they'll discover what the latest technologies are revealing about how the young king may have died.

Treasures Unimagined and Untouched

Howard Carter had spent five years searching the Valley of the Kings for the tomb of the storied Tutankhamun. His funding was coming to an end, but he persuaded his patron, Lord Carnarvon, to support his work for one more season. That was all it took. A few days after digging began again, a young water-carrier put his hand on a stone step.

"It was a spectacular discovery—a tomb untouched since antiquity, its inner sanctum never looted by tomb robbers," says James L. Phillips, acting curator of the Near East and North Africa at The Field Museum and professor of anthropology at the University of Illinois, Chicago. The only tomb of its era found intact, it was also, Phillips notes, the first major discovery in the age of easy worldwide com-



Latex model based on CT Scans of Tutankhamun's skull, National Geographic Reconstruction by Elisabeth Daynes, Photograph by Kenneth Garrett

munication. That, along with rumors of a mysterious curse, helped make Tut the most popular of the pharaohs.

But there is no denying the allure of the treasure itself. More than 5,000 beautifully preserved artifacts were found in Tut's tomb, and the 50 selected for this exhibition—along with more than 70 from other royal tombs—are among the most breathtaking objects of ancient Egypt. Only a few of these were in the original exhibition, and many have never before traveled outside Egypt.

Among the dazzling artifacts on display are a gold diadem, inlaid with semiprecious stones, that graced the boy king's head in life and death; a miniature gold coffin, in Tut's image, that held his inner organs; and a gold dagger, wrapped with his mummy to protect him in the afterlife. A wooden bust shows the king as a young and very human figure, while exquisite gilded statuettes portray him as the ruler of all Egypt. A small shrine of wood covered in gold and silver is engraved with tender scenes of Tutankhamun and his young wife. And most poignant of all is a child-size throne of ebony and ivory inlaid with gold.

Though less well known, the treasures from other royal tombs are equally spectacular, especially those from the tomb of Yuya and Tjuya, believed to be Tut's great-grandparents. Tjuya's coffin is a stunning sight, covered in a bright reddish gold inlaid with colored glass that forms her broad collar. Another fascinating artifact comes from the tomb of Amenhotep II: a model boat shaped like the royal barge and painted a bluish green, the color of life reborn. In such a celestial boat, the soul of the pharaoh would travel the heavens with the sun god, dying each night and resurrected each morning with the rising sun.

Behind the Treasures, the Story of a Mighty Civilization

Tutankhamun reveals ancient Egypt as a land of artistic and spiritual richness as well as material wealth.

"Like the earlier exhibition, this one is filled with beautiful objects," James Phillips says. "But now we also have the context that gives those objects meaning—the history, religion, ideals and daily life of the people the objects were made for."

Tutankhamun tells the fascinating story of Egypt's 18th dynasty, the golden age of the pharaohs. It was the height of Egyptian culture, wealth and power: the empire extended from Libya to Gaza, from Syria to Sudan; art and literature flourished, and architecture and technology advanced. But Tut was born into an era of great cultural upheaval: his father, Akhenaten, had replaced the worship of many gods with a radical new monotheistic religion, only to have it overturned by Tutankhamun's advisors soon after the old king's death.

Visitors will learn much about Tut's family and his royal predecessors and about the pervasive connections between religious beliefs and daily life in ancient Egypt.

"Religion, and its emphasis on the afterlife, contoured every aspect of Egyptian society," Phillips explains. "Just think about where all

these objects came from: tombs. Ancient Egyptians spent their lives accumulating objects they would need to carry on in the afterlife—furniture, jewelry, games, weapons, amulets, canopic jars to store the organs where the soul resides. And of course, offerings for the gods. You could say they lived to die."

The Mystery Remains

Tutankhamun's early death has long been shrouded in mystery. He had ruled for about 10 years and was scarcely out of his teens when he died—unexpectedly, to judge by the relatively small and simple tomb in which his mummified body was buried. X-rays taken in 1968 suggested to some that he might have been killed by a blow to the head. But the exhibition offers a series of recent, more detailed CT scans that show no signs of trauma. The mystery remains.

The CT video brings visitors closer to the mystery—and the science—through a "virtual autopsy" of Tut's mummy. (The mummy itself remains in the Valley of the Kings.) They'll also see a newly commissioned bust, offering a lifelike interpretation of Tutankhamun based on the CT scan. In a large display, "The Faces of Tut," visitors can compare that version with photographs of two other busts made from the scan and with images drawn from the art they've seen throughout the exhibition.

Admission

To purchase tickets, call 866-FIELD-03 (866-343-5303), visit www.fieldmuseum.org or come to the museum's box office. Special rates are available for tour operators and groups of 15 or more. Call our group sales office toll-free at 888-FIELD-85 (888-343-5385).



Howard Carter examines the coffin of Tutankhamun, Griffith Institute, Oxford/
Tutankhamun and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs

Citizens for Conservation to Hold 10th Annual Native Plant, Shrub and Tree Sale

Meredith Tucker (center) is among many experienced CFC native plant enthusiasts who will be available to assist gardeners at Citizens for Conservation's 10th annual native plant, shrub and tree sale on Saturday, May 6, from 9 a.m. until noon.

The sale will be held at CFC's headquarters, 459 W. Highway 22, Barrington. Look for the white farmhouse with a silo across from the entrance to Good Shepherd Hospital.

Gardeners will have the opportunity to select from a wide variety of prairie, woodland and wetland wildflowers plus grasses, sedges, water-emergent plants,



and native shrubs and trees.

For further details, call CFC at 1-847-382-SAVE (7283).

Green Thumbs May Events

Members of the Green Thumbs of Barrington Garden Club will turn to nature for their May 15th meeting.

The guest speaker will be Mark Spreyer, director of the nearby Stillman Nature Center. He will describe the center and his work there. There are many resources at Stillman from which we may learn.

Activities will commence with refreshments at 12:30 p.m. at the Barrington Area Library, followed by the interesting program and a business meeting. Visitors and guests are welcome to this presentation. Call Trudy at 1-847-381-6427 for more information.

Later in the month, on Saturday, May 20, the club will hold its annual Plant Sale

in the parking area at Langendorf Park in Barrington, which is located off Northwest Highway just west of Hough Street/Route 59 (turn south at McDonald's). The majority of the plants available will be from the gardens of members, while some popular plants from a commercial grower will also be offered. Sales will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. Come take a look! Shoppers are encouraged to bring a box or two from home to make things easy.

The Green Thumbs Garden Club is a member of the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs, the Garden Clubs of Illinois, and the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

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October Benefit for Families in Crisis



Committee members include: Mary Pavlik, Sandy Brigante, Gina Eiesland, Jane Fletcher, Lynn Accera, Joy Heitman, Marion Sanfilippo, Lynn Riordan, Joyce Kofkin, Nancy Herr, Anne Berglund and chairperson Ida Cardelli.

The 13th Annual Michael Joseph Foundation Dinner and Auction, "Somewhere in Time," will be held Oct. 7, 2006, at the Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills. Last year's benefit raised over \$130,000, which the committee hopes to exceed this year.

The Michael Joseph Foundation is an all-volunteer group dedicated to providing temporary housing for families in crisis. Over the past 13 years, they have provided furnished apartments for over 360 families as they worked toward self-sufficiency.

Last year, The group was also able to help some Katrina victims. They work closely with well-known charity groups—such as Catholic Charities, CITA and Wings—that assess and provide counseling and job-skill training for these families.

For more information on contributions, sponsorship opportunities or invitations, please call Ida Cardelli at 1-847-639-2334 or visit www.michaeljosephfoundation.org.

Ready—Set—Shop!

We're ready to spell out Spring's freshest fashion trends for you! All our unique collections of contemporary separates will be arriving daily throughout the month. Our regulars know the goods go in and out of here fast—so, visit weekly to avoid missing your size (Tell your hubby you need another stop at the Jewel!).

As you know, this Spring is all about shades of cocoa. You may choose to have your take on it with a dainty chiffon halter dress. Or, if the need is for casual, try one of our new shorts silhouettes in chocolate tones paired with the (hand) tie-dyed tees made just for **Assemblé**.

Speaking of tees, this season's offerings make it easy to express yourself in a variety of ways. Our batiks in delicate hues evoke a tropical ease. Soft peach and aqua tones carry the theme. Or, you can amp it up with colorful patterns accented by beads and payettes for a Spring Sparkle. Our soft, silky modals in all your solid colors drape the body for a flowing feminine feeling.

Skirts continue to be important. Check out how our selections from Basil & Maude match perfectly to all those modal tees

waiting for you. Lots of color. Great for your Spring events.

Oh, and don't forget the jacket. It has emerged as an all-purpose piece thrown over any dress, skirt or jean. Then, too, you may want to invest in a vest this Spring. We've got little knit numbers designed to hug your figure and show you off just right!

Our jeans just keep performing. White is the theme and we've got them in both long and cropped from Red Engine. Not to mention the myriad of fits and washes we keep in stock from all our fabulous denim resources.

Here's a news flash: *Get waisted!* That's right! The old sportswear staple has been reinvented to add interest and shape. You can go Western with our turquoise on metal, weave it with macrame and wood beads, or strike it rich with our jewelry-like buckles from Leatherock.

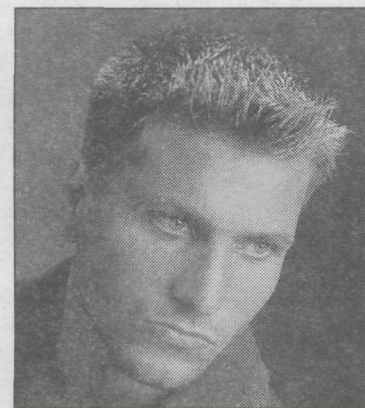
All this and more awaits you at **Assemblé**. Hope this peek into Spring's perspectives has whet your appetite to Ready—Set—Shop!

See ya soon!

For a Carefree Summer Do

As the warm, carefree summer months approach, why not consider having your hair match the season. Warm up your summer glow with some sun-kissed highlights. Create an easy, carefree style by adding some layers to enhance those fun highlights. The team at **Elevation Salon** is ready to help you create your summer style. At **Elevation Salon**, we use only the best Italian haircolor, which leaves your hair shiny and beautiful. So stop in for your complimentary consultation with one of the experienced team members.

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Elevation Salon, 28686 W. Northwest Highway, 1-847-304-5970.

BAAC Announces New Executive Director

Corryn Hall-Lee has been named executive director of the Barrington Area Arts Council. Hall-Lee comes to the BAAC from Western Illinois University where she was the director of annual giving since 2003. While at Western, Hall-Lee was responsible for planning and conducting a comprehensive year-round annual giving campaign that raises \$1.5 million annually. She also directed telemarketing efforts at WIU and helped establish Western Illinois University's e-fund-raising efforts.

Hall-Lee was formerly the development manager for the Alzheimer's Association-Greater Illinois Chapter, Rockford regional program center, where she planned, budgeted and executed all developmental activities in Northern Illinois. She also oversaw large-scale funding events and coordinated a national charity marathon team. Hall-Lee managed third-party fundraising, corporate and foundation giving, and memorial giving campaigns.

"I am so excited to be joining the Barrington Area Arts Council right now. The BAAC is primed for positive change. We are currently engaged in the initial discussions regarding not only our future and



Corryn Hall-Lee,
 New Executive Director of BAAC

the services we want to bring to the community, but the future of the arts in the Barrington community."

Hall-Lee has been a member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education as well as the National Association of Fundraising Professionals.

A former vocalist, Hall-Lee earned her bachelor's of science degree in communication from Illinois State University, where she majored in public relations and minored in cinema studies.

Go-To Gallery for Art and Antiques

Art and antiques are together at last. Now in its new, larger location, **Woodland Art Gallery and Frame Shoppe** has expanded its collection of limited edition, original and repligraph artwork and added a special selection of fine antiques and collectibles to the gallery. The result is a unique shopping experience for art and antique collectors and provides gallery owner Scott Teasdale the opportunity to showcase his love for fine antiques and collectibles.

"We have wonderful walls for displaying works by more artists and the new antique gallery spotlights beautiful furniture, lamps, glassware as well as Middle Eastern textiles," Teasdale explained.

In addition to original works of art, limited edition prints and sold out works by renowned artists, **Woodland Art Gallery**

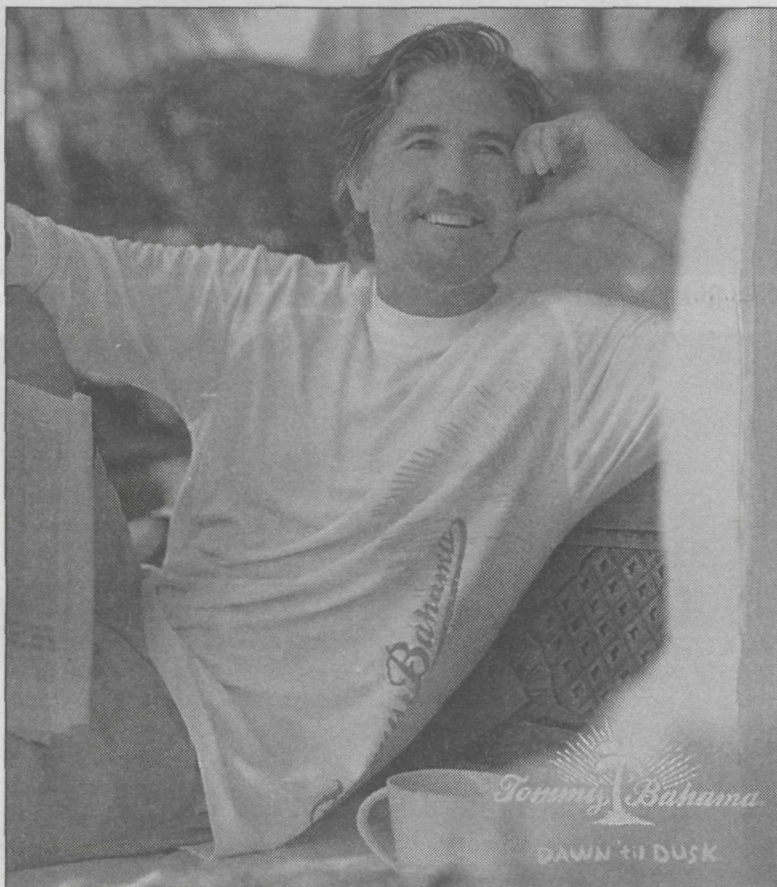


features commissioned original portrait paintings by artist John Hanley, Repligraphs by the masters, and Lotton Studios art glass are also gallery offerings.

The gallery specializes in museum mounting, custom matting and framing. Its selection of framing materials is extensive. Antique frames are also available.

Teasdale invites art and antique lovers to visit the new location as it evolves into a special place to enjoy this unique combination of treasured collections.

Woodland Art Gallery and Frame Shoppe, 44 Brink Street, downtown Crystal Lake, is open Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone **815-459-0460**.



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Elgin Academy Raises More Than \$200,000 at Extravaganza XXIX

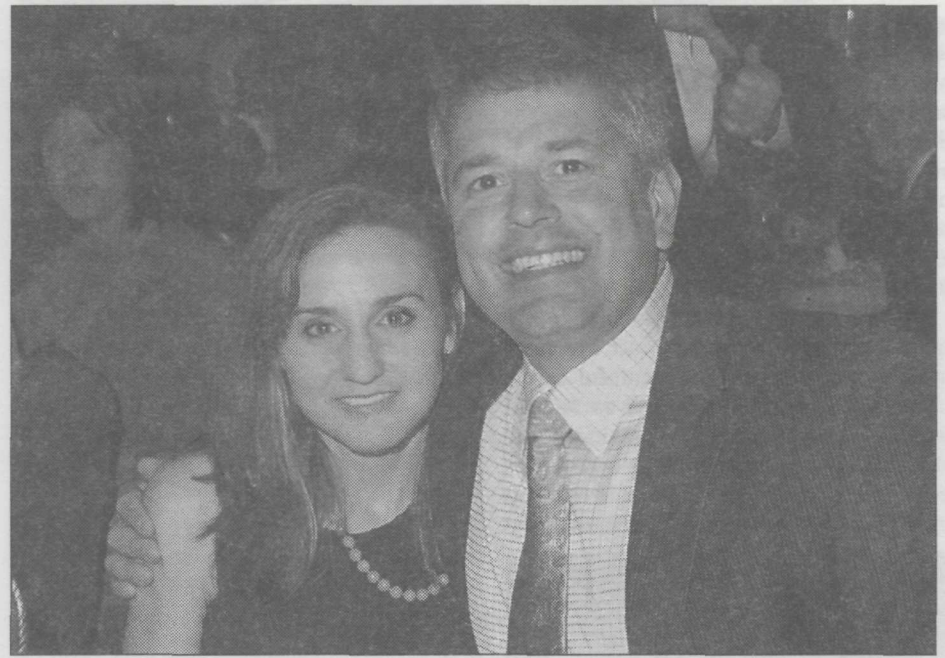
Elgin Academy parents "rocked" recently at the Boulder Ridge Country Club when the school's annual "**Extravaganza**" fundraiser brought in more than \$200,000 for the academy's operating budget and faculty compensation endowment fund.

The rock n' roll theme included a chance to bid on backstage passes to a Rolling Stones concert as well as an opportunity to record and label a CD. More than 250 parents, alumni and other supporters bid on fine wines, golf outings, themed-baskets, gift certificates, home decorating items, fine jewelry and vacation homes in exotic destinations. A 10-minute "spot" auction raised \$21,000 for the faculty compensation endowment fund.

"This is one of the most successful fundraisers in the Chicago area because of the support and donations we get from our parents, alumni and teachers," said Deb Wheatley of Barrington who co-chaired the event with Sandy Santucci of Elgin. Wheatley also lauded Laura Anderson who has been EA's volunteer acquisitions chair for the event for 20 years.

Austin and Ellen Doree of Barrington who started "Extravaganza" as a fundraiser for the school 29 years ago (Austin is an academy alumnus) were in attendance as were Fred and Claire Suevel of South Barrington. Claire is president of the school's parent association.

Elgin Academy is an independent, college preparatory day school for pre-school through high school students from throughout the northwest suburbs. A large percentage of its student body comes from the Barrington, Inverness, Crystal Lake and West Dundee areas. Chartered in 1839, it is located on an 18-acre campus in the historic district of Elgin. For more information, see its web site at www.elginacademy.org.



Drs. Shannon and Paul Nourbash of South Barrington



(left to right) Laura Anderson, acquisitions chair, with Deb Wheatley of Barrington and Sandy Santucci of Elgin, co-chairs of Extravaganza XXIX



Harold R. Rider of Barrington and Antonis Theodorou of West Dundee



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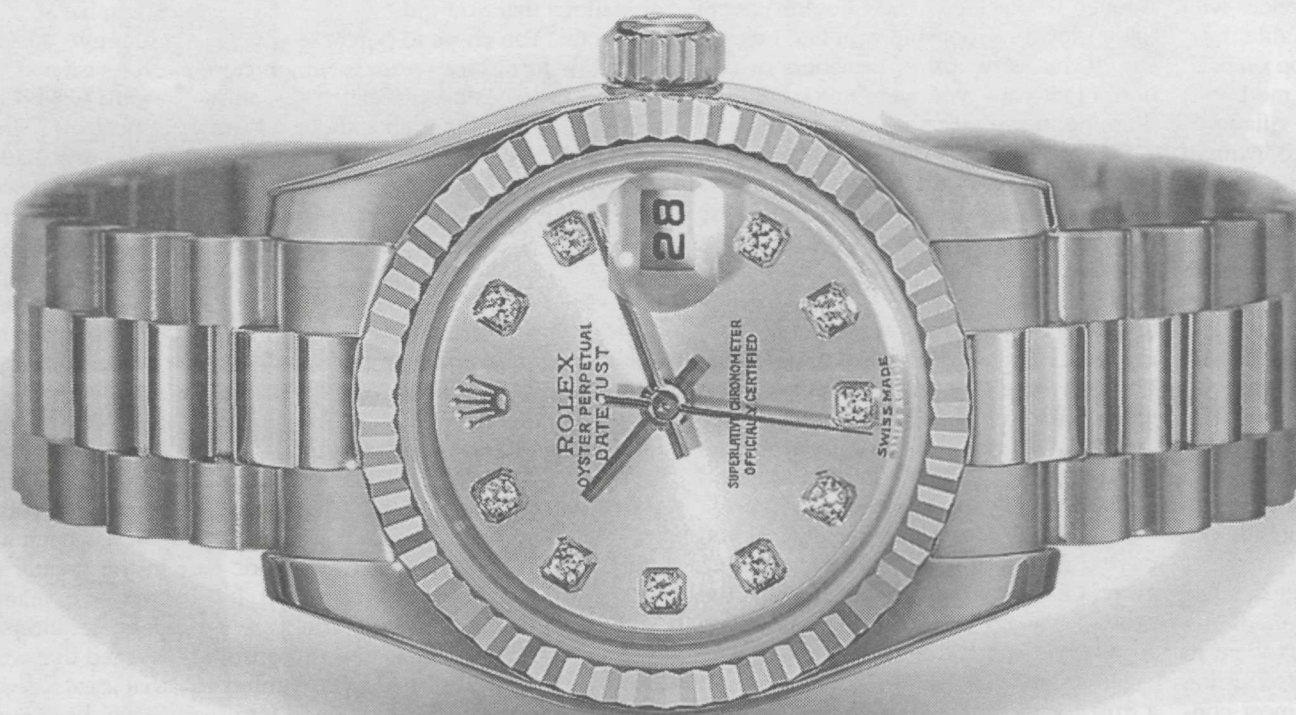


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"Cocktail Table" Talk with Sarah Davis

The other day I was at the new Starbucks on Northwest Highway ordering my usual soy peppermint mocha and noticed a group of women sitting around a small round table. I suppose eavesdropping isn't the most polite way to start my morning, but they seemed to be having so much fun that I couldn't help myself! I imagine that it is a monthly tradition for the group so they can get caught up on what is going on in their lives. My attention was grabbed when they started discussing a restaurant one of them had been at the night before. The other ladies all chimed in with their personal experiences at this particular restaurant which inspired me to wonder; what would my clients say about me and **Designs Of The Interior (DOTI)** with regard to my interior design work in a similar round table chat? What did they think about working with me? What were their expectations for their designer? Did I fulfill their expectations? Was it fun?

Instead of just daydreaming about what they would say, I decided to ask some of my clients to share their experiences with you in our own little "Cocktail Table" talk. Here's a bit of background scoop on each of them. Jenny, a stay-at-home mother of two young boys, lives in the village of Barrington. Becky is a newlywed living in an older home in Barrington Hills. Nancy, a working mother of two young boys, moved to Kildeer from the East Coast.

Sarah: "What prompted you to seek me and my firm out?"

Becky: "My husband, John, was actually just walking around downtown Barrington when he walked into DOTI. When you greeted him and started talking about our design projects, he could tell that I would want to meet you. I came in to meet you a few days later and instantly made a connection. You quickly became not only our designer, but also our friend."

Jenny: "I was struggling for quite a while with our unusual configuration of the living and dining rooms. I didn't want to make any costly mistakes and shopping with two little boys is not the most convenient way to put a design together. Sarah, all your fabric and frame resources gave me more options to create a room just as I imagined."

Nancy: "I decided to seek out a designer because, even though I have some pretty creative ideas on my own, I really needed a professional to pull a cohesive look together. I also knew that I wouldn't be able to get the look I wanted without the resources of a design firm like DOTI."



Sarah: "Did either of you have any initial fears or reservations about establishing rapport with me?"

Nancy: "I actually worked with a designer back in New Jersey—she never listened to our ideas and I couldn't seem to develop a relationship with her. I wasn't sure if that is typical of designers or not, until I met you—you were much better at listening to my ideas."

Becky: "My only reservation was that you looked so young, which translated, in my mind, to inexperienced! You quickly overcame that concern—you are truly a professional in every way."

Sarah: "Thanks Becky! I have a feeling that others may have reservations about my youth as well. My first reaction is that I'm flattered and it must be genetic! But when I give it more thought, perhaps the Tiger Woods analogy is more appropriate, it's not your age but your passion and skills that will carry your success."

Jenny: "I could tell immediately that you were a good listener, so we clicked right away. I honestly didn't have any fears because I was so excited to get started as soon as possible."

Sarah: "At what point did you develop a trust for me as your designer?"

Becky: "I started trusting you during your first visit to our home. You quickly assessed me and my personality and worked around my tastes in colors, patterns, fabric, and furniture styles."

Nancy: "Same for me! Pretty early on it was evident that you understood what I was looking for and what my taste is."

Jenny: "I think that I knew I could trust you at the second appointment when you brought over your design ideas—I could

tell you were on the right track with my vision and you were so flexible with letting me be involved in the design process."

Sarah: "You each took risks on colors and fabrics that you might not have taken without my guidance... how do you feel about that now that your project is done?"

Jenny: "You opened our perspective because you envisioned the design before completion and you worked hard at helping me visualize all your ideas. I am so happy with the results and there really isn't any risk with your ideas for new projects."

Becky: "All I have to do is look at the family room—I would not have been able to pull it together without your help. You helped me step outside my narrow ideas and I absolutely LOVE it!"

Nancy: "I'm not too shy of a person when it comes to decorating, so I probably would have tried risky fabrics and colors on my own, but I definitely wouldn't have been able to pull together the combinations that you did."

Sarah: "You chose to purchase your custom fine furnishings from catalog pictures versus purchasing direct from a showroom floor. Any thoughts about this now that your project is complete?"

Jenny: "This was the first time I purchased furniture from pictures, but I knew I wanted to have a unique and custom look. It was so nice having you coordinate the design, order and delivery."

Nancy: "It honestly was a little scary at first, and I had to rely on my trust for you. The room is so beautiful and the furniture is so comfortable—I wish I had more time to relax and enjoy the space."

Becky: "That was another reservation I had that I forgot about! That was the scariest part, but it worked out fine. The furniture is top quality, as is the fabric we chose, and we couldn't be happier! It really came down to trusting you!"

Sarah: "At our initial design consultation, you indicated that you wanted to incorporate some existing pieces into the new design. Are you happy with the end results?"

Jenny: "At first, I told you that I wanted to use existing fabrics from chairs I already had, but it wasn't so much that I had to use the old fabric in the new design, it was a starting point for the look and color I wanted to illustrate. I was thankfully open to using something different because I am much happier with the new, but similar, fabric we chose."

Sarah: "I'm glad you were so open to new ideas, Jenny. I agree that the new fabric we chose is much better for the design."

Becky: "This story is almost comical! We bought our new family room rug in Baltimore before we moved into our new home. When we finally placed the rug in the room, it was a little too large, but we really LOVED that rug! We ended up driving it all the way back to Baltimore to return it, only to decide that we couldn't find anything we liked more. We drove the rug home, and that's when we decided we needed the help of a professional to maximize the beauty of the rug and the room. That was the smartest move we made! The room looks beautiful!"

Nancy: "It was very important for me to keep the bed skirt and bed panel because I actually made them myself and worked so hard on them. I also really liked the feel and look of the colors. I LOVE the way it looks now that they are combined with the other fabrics we chose."

Sarah: "So... was hiring me worth it?"

Jenny: "Absolutely! I look forward to each visit and we keep moving into other rooms to find new projects to work on!"

Becky: "Hiring you was the smartest decision we made! The room looks great! You haven't seen the last of us—we'll be clients for years to come!"

Nancy: "ABSOLUTELY! ABSOLUTELY! Working together is so much fun. You have the experience and resources that I will never have."

Sarah: "Thank you ladies for spending your time with me today! I have sincerely enjoyed working with each of you and developing such great designer-client relationships. My hope is that others can learn from your experiences!"

It has been a privilege to design homes in the greater Barrington community for over five years. While developing these deep relationships with my clients I've learned that we live in a great community that cares deeply about everything we touch; be it our schools, parks, neighborhood or home. We lean on each other for advice and suggestions and I genuinely hope that this discussion with my clients has imparted in you a sense of confidence when working side by side with a designer.

*About Sarah: An interior design graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sarah has been designing beautiful spaces for **Designs Of The Interior** in Barrington for over five years.*



The Barrington Children's Choir "Springs" into Song

The Barrington Children's Choir is pleased to announce its 2006 Spring Concert, "Sound the Trumpet." The performance will be held Sunday, May 14, at 2 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center of the Lake Zurich High School. Tickets are \$22 for preferred orchestra seating; \$17 for adults; and \$12 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Joanna Hargan at 1-847-382-1750.

This year's concert, being held on Mother's Day, will feature a beautiful collection of classic and contemporary songs, per-

formed by BCC's Chamber and Bel Canto choirs under the direction of Peggy Crawford; the Intermediate Ensemble directed by Melissa Touvannas; and the Noel Choir directed by Becky Clark.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the Barrington Children's Choir, which offers a performance-based music education program providing a broad and challenging choral music experience for second-to-12th-grade students. The choir sings under the direction of founding artistic director Peggy Crawford.

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

In addition to its upcoming spring concert, BCC's Chamber Choir will perform

with the Palatine Children's Choir on Monday, May 22, at the Metropolis Performing Arts Center in Arlington Heights. This summer, BCC looks forward to performing at the annual Lilac Festival on Mackinaw Island and at the Tuscany International Children's Chorus Festival in Florence, Italy.

Auditions for the Barrington Children's Choir will take place May 17, 18, 19 and 23 and may be scheduled by calling the BCC office at 1-847-381-6607.

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Look for us in the new Cook Street Plaza in May. You can enter on Cook Street or from the Plaza Courtyard right off the elevators so parking is easy—until then, you can still find us at 220 S. Cook, with our door facing Lake Street, right behind the new Barrington Bank building.

As always, you can visit us on the Web at www.LuxuryLinensofBarrington.com, call us at 1-847-277-1480, or e-mail us at ensembles@sbcglobal.net. We thank you for your continued support.

Lilies Topic for Garden Club

What is a bulbous perennial that enchants the gardener with blooms from early spring through autumn? The answer is "lilies"! Kay Moats, member of the American Lily Society, and an avid gardener, will present a program entitled, "Lilies in the Landscape" at Field and Flower Garden Club's May 3rd meeting.

True lilies grow from 1½ feet to 10 feet tall. They thrive in many different sites in your landscape—planted in large containers on your deck or patio, featured in your perennial borders, nestled among shrubs, or tucked into a woodland setting. Some are suitable for rock gardens, and others are easy to force blooms to brighten a winter window.

Lilies are valued for their showy and of-

ten very fragrant flowers which may be recurved or funnel-, trumpet-, or bowl-shaped. Petals may be very plain or strikingly patterned. There are all shades of pink, lavender, white, yellow, orange, and red. Ms. Moats will address cultural requirements of lilies, and the many different hybrids now available to gardeners.

Field and Flower Garden Club has been a part of the greater Barrington Area for over 45 years. Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month in private homes or at the Barrington Area Library and include a program, a short business meeting, refreshments and always time to ask all sorts of gardening questions. For information, please call 1-847-358-7785.

Call for Artists

From Nov. 9 to Dec. 28, an international juried exhibition, "A Family Is..." will celebrate families of all kinds.

The call is out for artists working in any media. There is a \$25 jury fee, but there will also be cash awards.

The submission deadline is Sept. 1. Please send a #10 SASE for prospectus to: NWCC Corporate Gallery, 5999 New Wilke Rd., Suite 307, Rolling Meadows, IL, 60008. For more information, call 1-847-956-7966.

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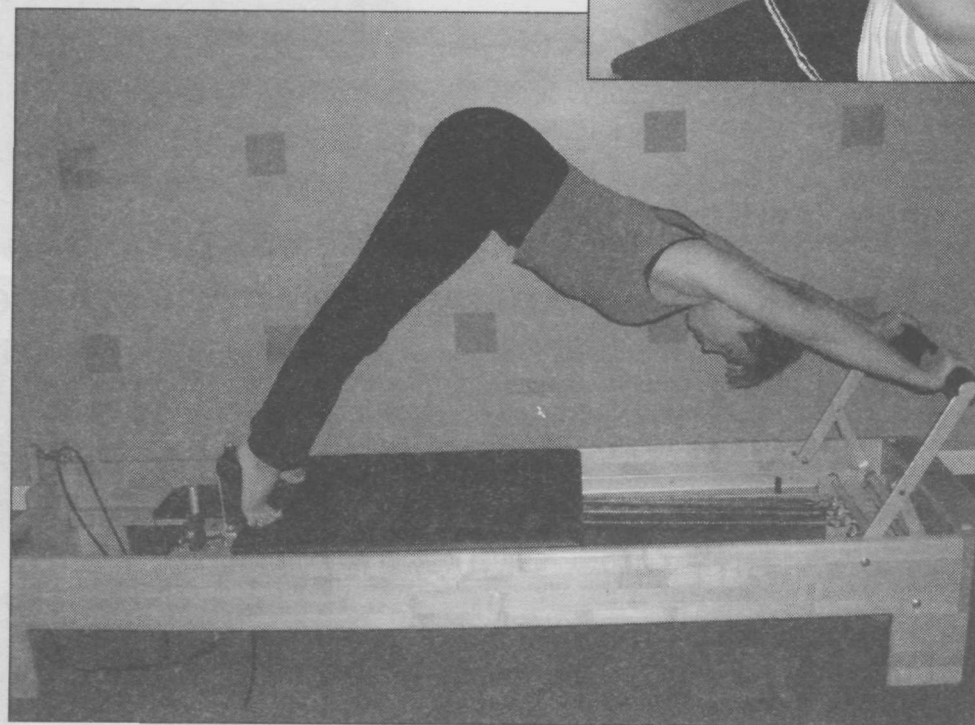
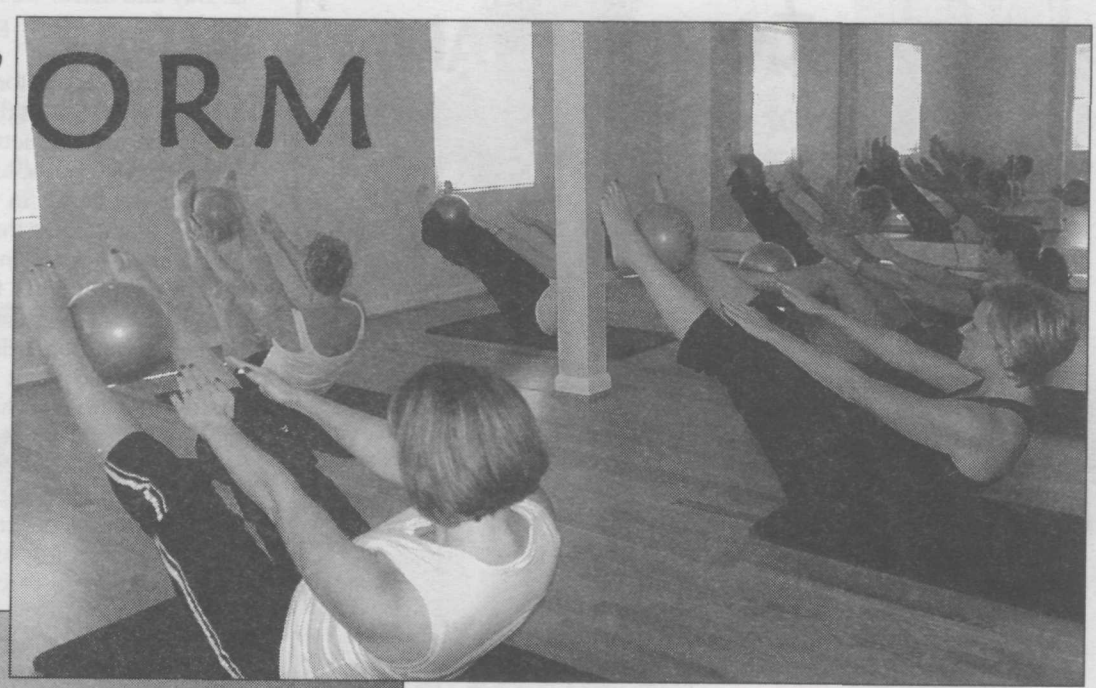
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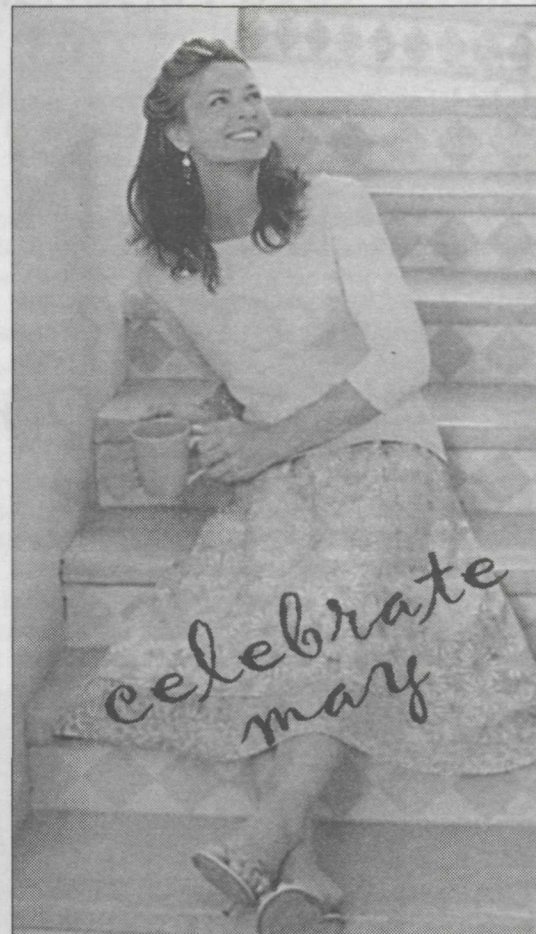
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As always, we offer complimentary gift wrapping and any help you may need in selecting that special gift.

Remember Mother's Day—May 14, treat Mom to something special from **Peter Daniel!**



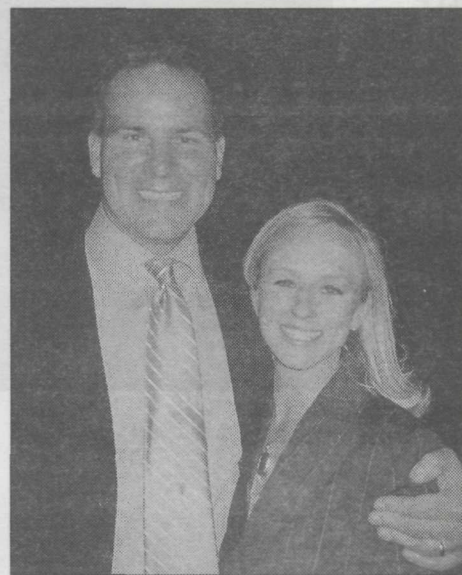
Hearts for Homeless March '06 Benefit

Lou Manfredini (aka Mr. Fix It) was the emcee for Catholic Charities Northwest Suburban Services' 17th Annual Hearts for Homeless Families in Transition, a fundraising event for The Catholic Charities' North/Northwest Suburban Shelter Program based in Des Plaines.

Chaired by Adrienne L. Flentge, the benefit took place on Saturday, March 25, at Stonegate Banquet & Conference Centre in Hoffman Estates.

For more information on Catholic Charities' Northwest Suburban Services and how they may help you or someone who needs help, please phone 1-847-376-2118.

Pictured are WGN personality Lou Manfredini with benefit chairwoman Adrienne L. Flentge from Northbrook.



BACOA's Alzheimer's Support Group to Feature *Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter*

The Academy Award-nominated film *Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter* will be shown during the May meeting of the Alzheimer's Association Support Group, sponsored by the Barrington Area Council on Aging. The meeting will be held Thursday, May 18, from 1 to 3 p.m. at BACOA's office in the SurroundSound Theater at The Garlands of Barrington, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington.

Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter chronicles various stages of Alzheimer's disease and a daughter's response in dealing with the illness. The 1994 film won a variety of awards including an Emmy for news documentary, as well as a silver

plaque for documentary from the Chicago Film Festival. Marcia Freedman, from the American Society on Aging, called the film, "Unflinchingly honest... a film that will give hope to caregivers as well as early-stage Alzheimer's patients."

A discussion period will follow. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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



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For more information regarding the McHenry County Music Center, please call 815-356-6296 or visit www.mcmusic.org.

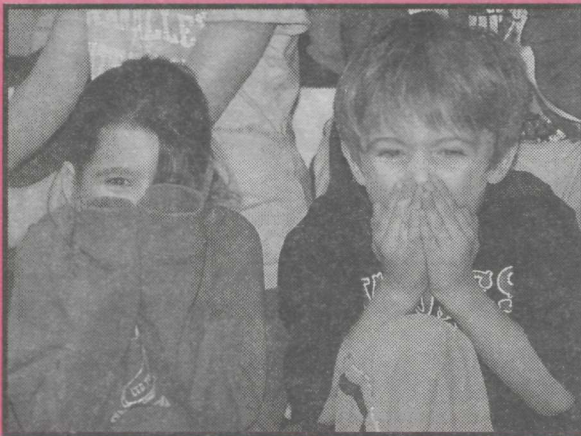
Youth Orchestra Gives Concert

The McHenry County Youth Orchestras will present a classical concert at 4:00 p.m., May 14, at the Raue Center For The Arts, 26 N. Williams Street.

The Prelude Orchestra, conducted by director Janet Kvam-Holub, will play a movement from the *Crystal Lake Suite* as one of their pieces. Russell Vinick will conduct the Intermezzo and Symphony orchestras with the highlight of the evening featuring our 2006 Concerto Competition winner, Michael Engels, a senior with the Symphony Orchestra. Michael will perform Mozart's *Clarinet Concerto in A minor*, accompanied by the Symphony Orchestra. The Intermezzo Orchestra will present a medley from *Phantom of the Opera*. MCYO's Brass Ensemble will also perform.

Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors, and \$51 for families of up to five. Please visit or call the Raue Center Box Office at 815-356-9212 for seat selection. This concert is supported in part by the Illinois Arts Council and the Barrington Area Arts Council.

MCYO's Symphony Orchestra will perform *Roman Carnival Overture* alongside the Lake Shore Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Russell Vinick, for a special "side-by-side" concert in Chicago on May 21. This fun concert will begin at 3:30 p.m. at the Northside College Preparatory High School. For ticket information,



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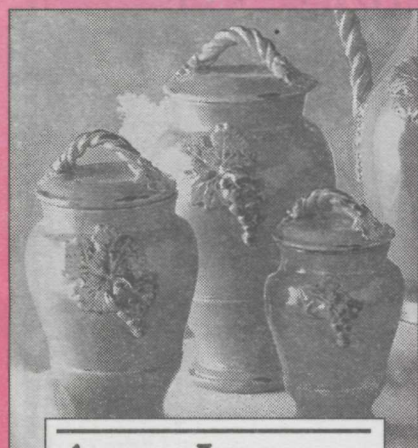
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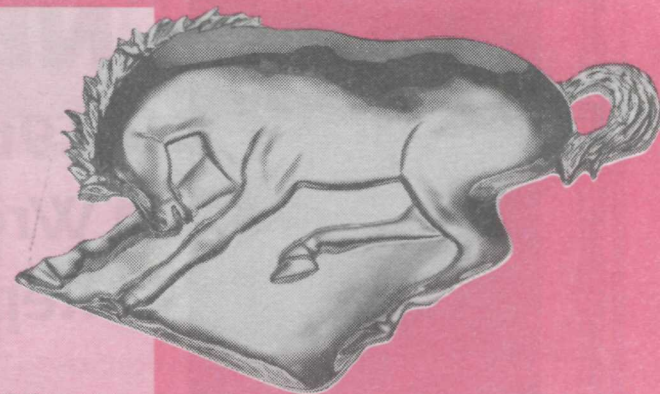
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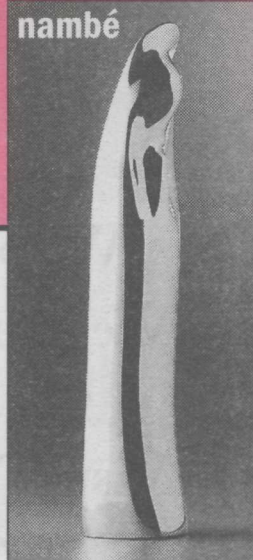
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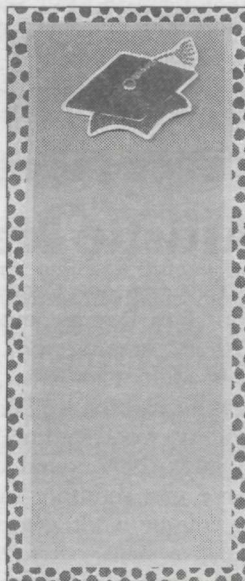
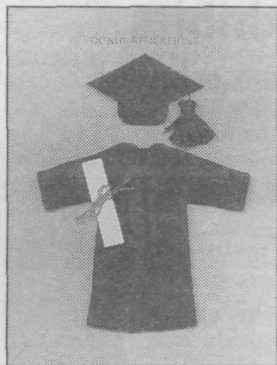
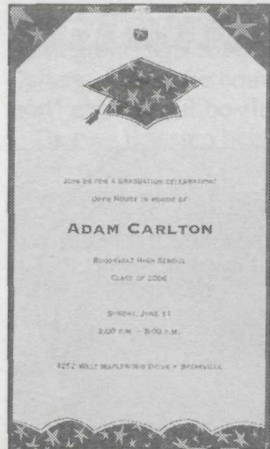
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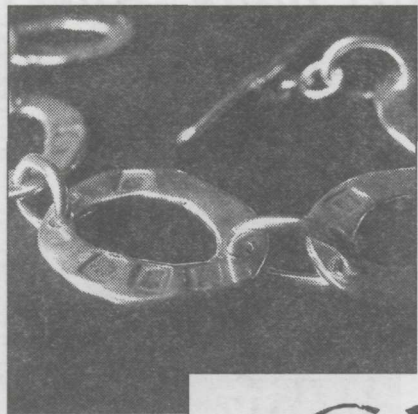
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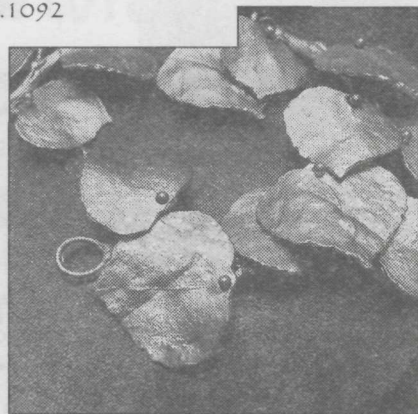
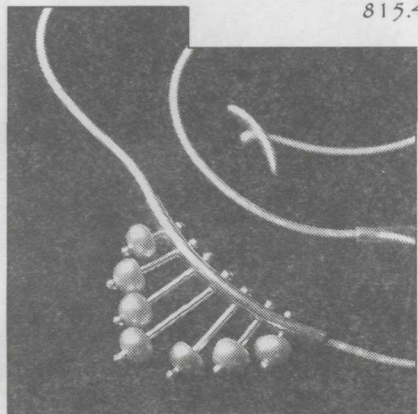
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Flip Flops; We can't seem to buy enough of this timeless sandal. From Rubber **Havaiana's, TEVA,** to Shearling **UGG,** we have over 100 different Flip Flops (Really). Plus new for Spring '06, **Reef.** Don't forget the kids. All of the above mentioned brands offer a child version of their flip flops. Believe me you will notice the difference from the \$5 versions at the Big Box guys.

Bump Toe; It all started with **KEEN.** We got 'em; you are gonna want 'em. Yes they look "funny" but the fit and function is unbelievable. Check out their covered toe flip-flop, you have never seen anything like this. This rubber toe look is here to stay and will be seen well into Fall '06 and all of 2007, bet me money on this one.

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Big news for our company—we are expanding with a second location. Our new store will be in downtown Palatine at 43 W. Slade Street. **Ms. Bossy Boots** should be open in May. The store will offer many of our best lines with additional more, funky fashion forward styles. Think Fun! Cuz I said so!

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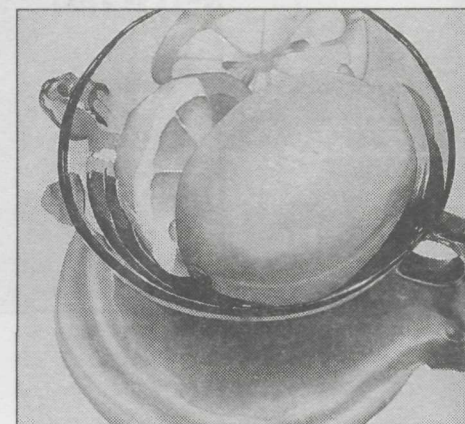
Artistic Bits Arts Center & Gallery in historic East Dundee announces the exhibit "20/20," running from May 19 to July 1.

In addition to the art, the event will also feature jewelry, leather handbags, metals, pottery, wood and more.

Studio 2909, founded in the mid-1990s, have met monthly in members homes to critique work, organize exhibits, share creative skills, network and provide mutual support. Members have exhibited in numerous solo and group exhibits in the Chicago area and nationwide. All images in this exhibit are of various media and framed 20" x 20".

Studio 2909 exhibiting artists will include Dee Abbate, Kathleen Berendt, Susanne Clark, Lucy Dellapina, Johanna Gullick, Judith Hollister, Julie Janzen, Bert Leveille, Rebecca Lozan, Veronica Potter, Victoria Senn, Sarah Stine and Diane Ward.

Other exhibiting artists will include Jena Barnett, Barrington; Aria Creations, Ltd., Carpentersville; Circa Ceramics, Chicago; Delia's Delight Jewelry, East Dundee;



Lemon Zest by Susanne Clark,
watercolor

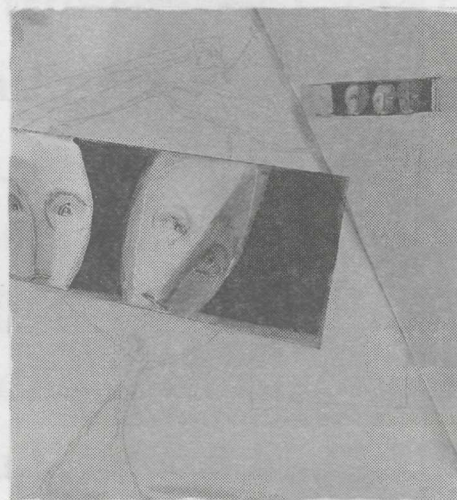
Greer Oaks, Wisconsin; Ilze Heider Leather Design, Wisconsin; Mark Pawl, East Dundee; Pottery by Jane, Lincolnshire; Lisa Slodki, Chicago; Studio 451, Rockford; The Voice of the Shuttle, Naperville; Sue Tinker, Des Plaines; Lisa Williams, Chicago; and more.

The Opening Reception will be Saturday, May 20, from 1 to 3 p.m. This event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

In addition to the gallery, also visit the Artistic Bits Antiques and Finds in the lower level.

Artistic Bits Arts Center & Gallery is a nonprofit arts organization that provides both professional and aspiring artists a center to display and sell their work, attend workshops, network and obtain information. Artistic Bits also presents special events throughout the year.

For more information, call 1-847-844-8140 or visit the center at 316 N. River Street, East Dundee. Hours are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday and Monday, closed.



Constructed Insights by Bert Leveille,
original digital painting

In Honor of Senior Citizens

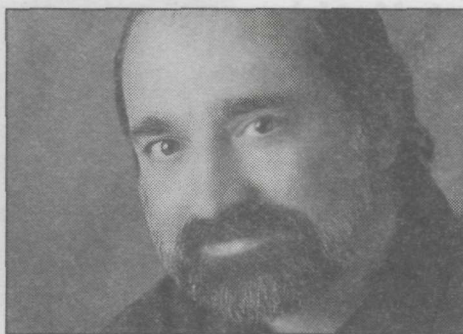
Barrington Area Arts Council presents a black-and-white portrait exhibit by Barrington photographer Thomas Balsamo of Portraits by Thomas. The exhibit will consist of a selection from the "Lives With Passion" project, honoring area seniors and their passion for living. The exhibit will take place at The Barrington Area Library from May 5 to July 2.

Thomas Balsamo's objective for this collection of interpretive portraits is to capture a glimpse into the souls of the people who are aging.

Thomas stated, "I witnessed passionate, vibrant, energetic people driven to give something to others. They are leaving legacies and are eager to share their wisdom and life experience with anyone who will give an ear. I now look at aging in a different and wonderful way. It is my hope that this exhibit will inspire people to keep themselves vital, by finding their passions and gifts, and by giving them away to brighten the world."

The "Lives With Passion" project, created in 2005, is a collaborative effort between Thomas Balsamo, The Barrington Council on Aging and The Barrington Area Arts Council. Its positive message on aging will continue in the fall of 2006 at Barrington High School's Claire E. Smith Gallery, where the entire "Lives With Passion" exhibit will be showcased.

Thomas Balsamo began his photograph-



Thomas Balsamo

ic career in high school, when he began a photography business out of his parents' home. For over 30 years, he has honed his art to a science, taking breathtaking and moving portraits of local residents and myriad other clients in his studio, Portraits by Thomas, at 557 North Hough Street in Barrington. His signature in each portrait is how well he captures the personality of each individual, focusing on their eyes most of all.

A nationally known and award-winning photographer, Thomas continues to challenge himself and others with projects that reveal the inner spirit and beauty of people of all ages and walks of life. Along with "Lives With Passion," his most recent photographic project was the *Souls* book and BAAC exhibit in 2003, which documented and captured the fragile and precious lives of autistic children, their siblings and parents, with writer and editor Sharon Rosenbloom. Both the *Souls* exhibit and book have had far-reaching effects, receiving high praise for bringing encouragement to those who live each day with an autistic child, while offering a better and more compassionate viewpoint of autism to a wider audience.

Now in its 28th year, the Barrington Area Arts Council is a not-for-profit community arts organization. BAAC's mission is to encourage the creation, appreciation and presentation of the visual, performing and literary arts for the residents of Barrington and its surrounding communities. An advocate and catalyst for the arts, BAAC offers artists the opportunity to share their work and talent through gallery exhibits and programs, educating the community on how art enhances all our lives by making the arts accessible to all ages and cultural interests.

BAAC is supported by membership as well as donations from individuals, corporations, foundations and other community organizations. BAAC is also a recipient of support from a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.



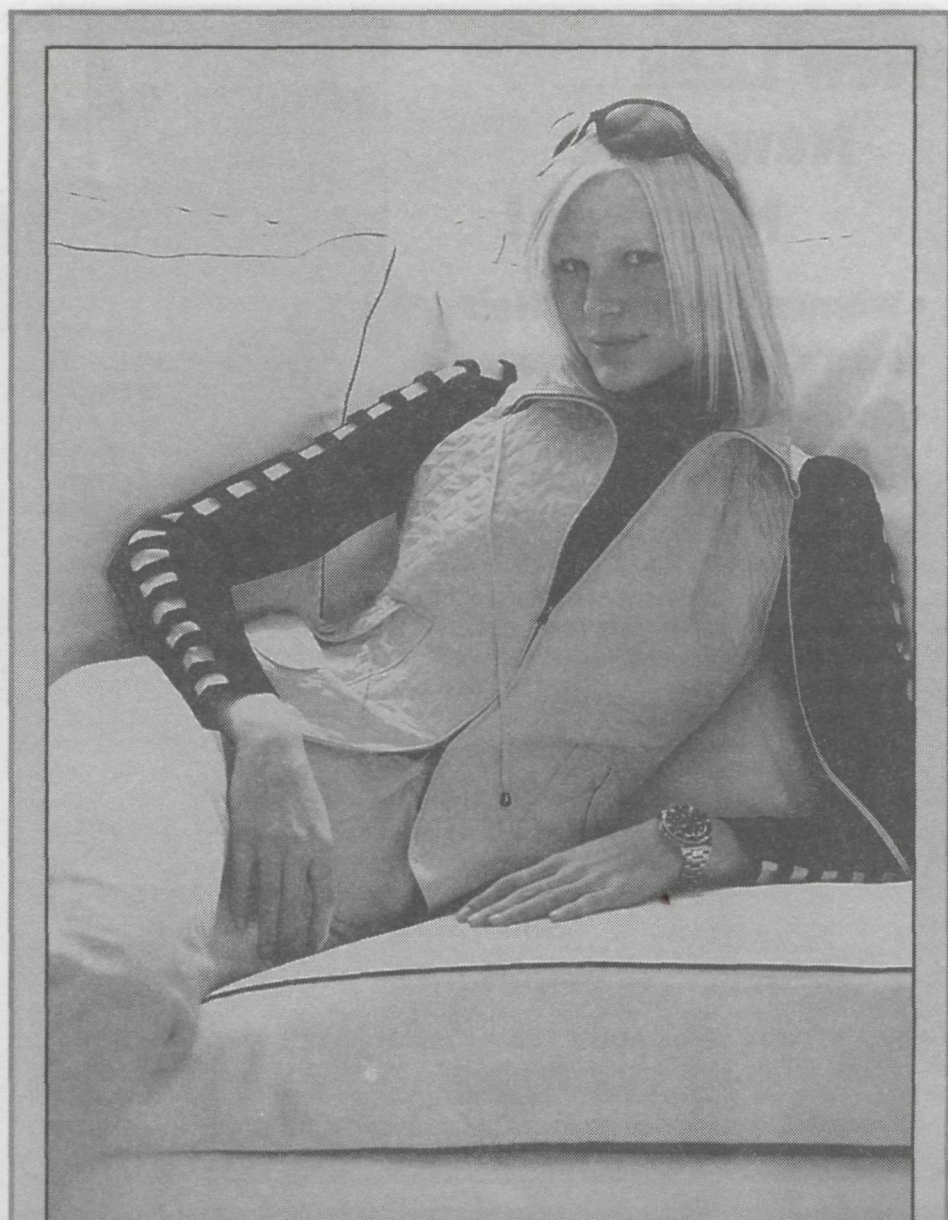
Ela Fine Arts Show to Run June 3

Deer Park Town Center will host the sixth annual Ela Fine Arts Show on Saturday, June 3, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Over 60 fine artists are scheduled to exhibit their work at the show, conveniently located in Deer Park Town Center's parking lot. There will be no charge for admission. All art will be available for sale.

This is a juried show where artists' work is reviewed by a panel of experts and must meet a minimum standard of excellence prior to acceptance. Exhibitors will feature oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings; sculpture; hand-pulled prints; fine

woodworking; mixed media; jewelry; fiber arts; art glass; and ceramics. Several artisans will demonstrate their talents during the event, including painting and drawing demonstrations. The day's events will also include entertainment and a student art exhibit and sale.

The Ela Fine Arts Show is presented by the Cultural Arts Connection, a 501c3 non-profit corporation. For more information about Cultural Arts Connection, visit www.culturalartsconnection.org or call 1-847-540-1919.



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—Laura from Elgin

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—Jim from Crystal Lake

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by Gary S. Churchill, MD

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Patients can apply makeup immediately following the treatment and it is recommended they wear a sunscreen daily. There may be some slight swelling and/or redness for a few hours to a few days. Pigmented areas may actually darken as



Stacie McClane, MD



Gary Churchill, MD

the pigment beneath the surface separates and comes to the surface flaking off after a few days. Because the lasers reduce wrinkles by encouraging collagen growth, fine line improvement is gradual. Multiple treatments are usually given as improvement in lines is usually evident after the third treatment about nine to twelve weeks after treatment begins. Most patients get from four to eight treatments three to four weeks apart, and a maintenance treatment two to three times yearly. The lasers' stimulation of new collagen should help existing fine lines as well as slow the appearance of new wrinkles.

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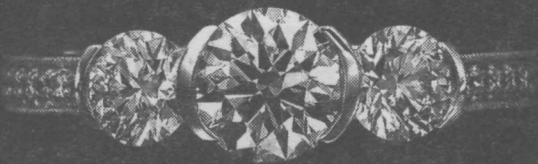


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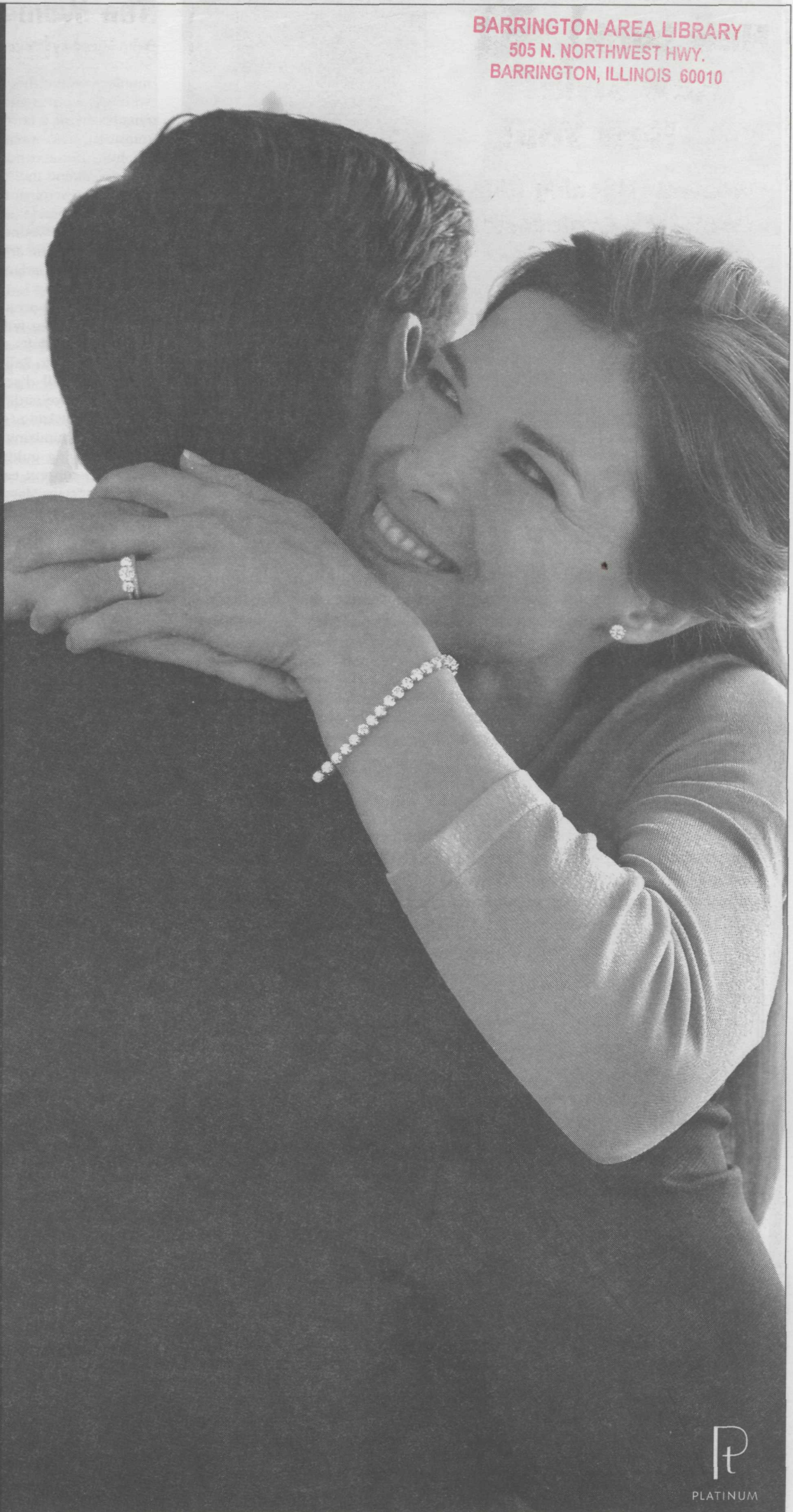
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The Move of a Lifetime!

With increasing age and wisdom, many seniors decide to move to retirement communities where they can enjoy a lifestyle with less worries and burdens. This often entails leaving a family home behind. The transition, while exciting, can be daunting. To help better understand the moving process, attend the "Smooth Move" workshop, a free seminar that provides a hands-on, practical guide on how to simplify and downsize on Wednesday, May 10, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at The Garlands of Barrington, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington, IL.

The Chicago-area relocation experts, Gero Solutions, will focus on helping guide older adults through the moving process. Mary Jo Zeller, co-owner of Gero Solutions, will discuss moving trends, how this move is different from previous moves, rightsizing, simplifying, liquidating, and minimizing stress. "We provide expert moving guidance so families can relax and support each other throughout the move," says Mary Jo Zeller. "It's a time for them to reminisce about the past and share excitement about the future."

There are a lot of details to consider when making a move like what possessions to bring with and what to leave behind, how to organize and pack and how to create a fresh look in your new home with existing furniture and accessories. Professionals will be available at the seminar to address these and other



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concerns. Look for representatives from iSOLD It (e-bay resellers), Adco (moving and packing company), Propak (movers of antiques and other valuables), Simple Abundance (furniture resale shop), Potpourri Estate Sales and Accent Blinds (window treatment provider). Plus designer Janet Nichols will be there to give tips on decorating, floor plan arrangements and more.

To reserve your place at this free seminar on Wednesday, May 10, please call The Garlands of Barrington at 847-304-1996.

Tips to a Smooth Move for Seniors

Compiled by Gero Solutions
and The Garlands of Barrington

1. Minimize the change of the immediate environment. Recreate the same comfort zones from the former home to the new home. If you have been getting out of bed on the right side for the last 20 years, set up the new bedroom the same. Put things away in cabinets, refrigerators, drawers, etc. the same as much as is humanly possible.

2. Honor the person and their possessions. Downsizing is not easy for anyone. When helping an older adult with a move, it is important for that person to be in control of the move and the decisions involved. If you are helping your parents with their choices, honor their decisions.

3. Identify treasures both sentimental and of monetary value. Take as many as possible. Have an agreed upon plan for what will happen to each treasure. Family is doing a great service by accepting these special items. Knowing these treasures have a good home offers great peace of mind.

4. Focus on the person moving and what they are going to take. That is what is important. Often families put all their energy into what is not being moved.

5. Be realistic. It is normal to be overwhelmed when facing 20+ years of accumulation. Set timelines and assign tasks. Break things down to manageable assignments; possibly tackle one room at a time.

6. Have a plan. Be specific and identify what is to be moved, where it is going to go and who is going to be responsible for all the details. Be more concerned about

the function and safety of things versus the beauty.

7. Seek outside professional help. Be realistic of your or your parent's capabilities. If you haven't moved in 20+ years, you are not an expert at relocation. Seek the support of a professional Senior Move Manager.

8. Be prepared to commit. You or your parents will need emotional and physical support throughout the moving process and for at least 90 days thereafter through the adjustment process.

9. Be good to each other. Adult children who are helping their parents move should take the time to reminisce and enjoy your family history. Often moving a lifetime unveils traditions, stories, and treasures that could have been lost or forgotten.

10. Anticipate stressful situations. Moving is one of life's major stressors at any age. Individuals who are moving themselves or families who are helping a parent move should be aware that other major life stressors oftentimes surrounded the move. Leaving a home of 20+ years is another major change and can be perceived as a loss. Be sensitive to what circumstances surround the move.

11. It's a matter of perspective. Letting go of years of accumulated possessions can be a daunting task. But doing so can also be a liberating experience that frees oneself to focus more on family, friends and special interests. Focus on the "up side of downsizing."

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What's Happening at Starr Couture

PLAYING DRESS UP...

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BACOA Offers Gallery Viewing

The Barrington Area Council on Aging and the Barrington Area Arts Council will offer a special viewing of BAAC's Facets of Fiber 2006 exhibit on Friday, May 19, from noon to 2 p.m. A light lunch will be served.

Facets of Fiber 2006 will feature the

work of 15 local and national fiber artists. Included in the show will be an array of wearable art, scarves, hand-painted clothing, soft sculpture and quilted wall art.

For more information or reservations, call BACOA at 1-847-381-5030. Reservation deadline is Monday, May 15.

—Starr

Smooth Move for Seniors *(Continued from preceding page)*

12. Keep a positive attitude. Instead of thinking of what you leave behind, think of what lies ahead. And remember, letting go is a process. If you're just not sure about an item, all you need to do is ask a friend or family member to store it while you decide.

13. Prioritize. Chances are those left-over items you've stored in the basement or attic, the ones you haven't touched in a year, won't be used after the move, either. Instead of packing it all up, hand items down to family members, donate to a worthwhile charity or put them on consignment. Ditto for clothes.

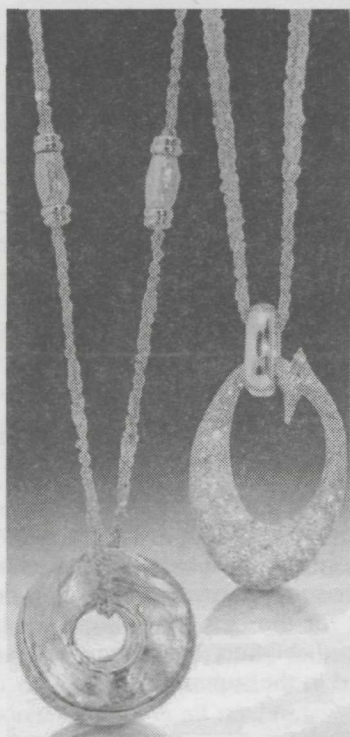
14. Memory is often different than reality. Check the condition of rarely

used items. They might not be in as good a condition as you thought.

15. Try to incorporate or adapt items to new surroundings. A table base could be cut down and reused. A large breakfront could be divided. Turn to the pros for imaginative planning, value assessment, help with moving, and assistance in adapting the new space (shower grab bar, storage-closet organizer).

16. Feel good about donating items. A worn desk, one you could feasibly throw away, could be donated to a charity that would then repair it and pass it along, giving it new life.

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William B. Fossier's Opera in Focus Legacy Lives On



(From left) Lake Barrington Shores Ladies Club president Anne Cronin with Janet Elter discuss Opera in Focus with Justin and Shayne Snyder.

William B. Fossier, Opera in Focus' creator, producer and master puppeteer, died of congestive heart failure and pneumonia on Feb. 19.

In memory of Bill, Opera in Focus' rod puppet performances will continue. Maintaining the excellence of the productions will be Bill's longtime friends seasoned Opera in Focus staff: Paul Guerra, longtime puppeteer, who designs and builds exquisite original costumes, wigs and headaddresses for the puppets; William Harder, puppeteer, who creates and runs all of the rear screen projected visuals and special effects; Tony Mackus, who is the rich-toned baritone narrator, well-known Chicago actor and director; and the Snyder brothers, who are excellent rod puppeteers. Justin is stage manager, and Shayne

casts and builds new parts for the rod puppets.

Opera in Focus is located at Park Central, 3000 Central Rd. in Rolling Meadows, 1-847-818-3220, ext. 186. The elegant 65-seat theater is handicap accessible. Every performance is followed by a demonstration of how the puppets are manipulated and a tour of the highly technical backstage area.

Lavish in its staging and costuming, Opera in Focus magnificently presents operas and operettas with puppets moving to recorded music. The uniquely animated rod puppets, the only ones of their kind, are the wonderful invention of William B. Fossier. Opera in Focus is partially funded by Illinois Arts Council, a state agency.

Please visit Opera in Focus on the In-

Spring Showcase Nets \$14,000



(From left) Judy Rezabek, treasurer of Alpha Gamma Delta; Sarah Hughes, president of Alpha Gamma Delta; Kathy Testa, treasurer of Parents and Teachers of Handicapped Students; and Kim Dungan, assistant principal of the Samuel A. Kirk School in Palatine

The 34th Annual Spring Showcase of Arts and Crafts, held on March 4 and 5, netted a profit of \$14,000 for the school. An additional \$500 was given to PATHS from the Northwest Suburban Alumnae Club of Alpha Gamma Delta.



ternet at www.operainfocus.com.

Opera in Focus Visits Lake Barrington Shores Ladies Club

On Feb. 13, Opera in Focus puppeteer brothers Justin and Shayne Snyder traveled to Lake Barrington Shores to share the history of Opera in Focus and demonstrate the rod puppets in action: the agility of rod puppets and how they are operated from beneath the stage.

These funds will enable the school to purchase additional freestanding equipment for the new playground for handicapped children. The playground was installed in the summer of 2005.

Following the program, Shayne and Justin offered the Persian-dressed Bajazet for LBS Ladies Club president Anne Cronin and Janet Elter, who admired the intricate, exquisite details of the form and fabrics.

Bajazet performs an aria from the opera *Adriana Lecouvreur*, an obscure opera by Farnesco Cilea.

The LBS Ladies Club provides educational and entertaining monthly programs throughout the year.

Brides Find Dream Dresses for a Song at The Heart of Hope Bridal Faire

Fund-Raiser Benefits Project Hope
and Wedding Budgets Too



Brides, prom attendees and bargain hunters alike browsed hundreds of designer wedding gowns, some priced in the thousands. All were offered for just \$50 each during The Heart of Hope fund-raiser held in April.

Many savvy brides, prom attendees and bargain hunters visited the House of Hope Resale Shop in Barrington on April 5 to 8th during Heart of Hope, a very special bridal faire benefiting Project Hope.

Shoppers immersed themselves in yards and yards of silk, satin and tulle as hundreds of beautiful gowns were offered for sale at just \$50.

"Many of the dresses were designer samples, priced in the thousands," remarked Colleen Dunkel, event co-chair. Some were vintage gowns. We had dresses in all styles and sizes, from simple, elegant sheaths to very elaborate beaded and sequined princess-style confections."

Appropriate for prom, bridal parties or other formal occasions, many other dresses were also available starting at just \$20. Most of the dresses were donated by area bridal shops in support of Project Hope.

"We had very generous sponsorship, and the gowns kept rolling in, even up to an hour before we opened," said Dunkel. And just as fast as we could hang them up, they were whisked off to a dressing room."

Shoppers came from all over the Chicago area, citing the great deals and the good cause as ultimate motivators. One bride eschewed an armful of potential choices after trying on her very first selection. When she emerged from the dressing room and ascended the platform to view the dress, an audible gasp was heard among the other shoppers.

"That's when I knew I had found my dream dress," she remarked. "I've never felt more beautiful in all my life."

Of course the \$50 price tag didn't hurt either, especially when the original retail

on the intricately beaded gown was over \$2,400. She also scooped up a perfect mother-of-the-bride dress for her mom for just \$35; it was originally priced at \$350.

"I'm not getting married, but the bargains here are just too good to pass up," confided one customer. She selected a simple ivory gown, which she plans to shorten for special occasions. Another bride, who had just become engaged one week prior, came not for the savings but instead to start the search for her particular style of dress. She also came away with the dress of her dreams—all three of them.

"After trying on practically every dress here in my size, I finally narrowed it down to three and bought them all," she said. "Now I have plenty of time to make up my mind. I still came out way ahead on the cost, and I feel good that the money is going to a great cause."

Many brides found their dream dresses during the event, which raised much-needed funds for Project Hope, a ministry of the St. Anne Catholic Community. Now in its 20th year, Project Hope provides emergency assistance to Northwest Suburban families in crisis, regardless of denomination. Remaining gowns will be available for sale during Project Hope's 14th Annual Annie's Attic Sale, held June 22 to 24 on the campus of St. Anne's Church in Barrington. The sale encompasses more than 20,000 square feet of merchandise and has become a summertime tradition for area bargain hunters. For more information regarding Project Hope, House of Hope Resale Shop or Annie's Attic, please call 1-847-381-5721.

Call for Poets

From Nov. 9 to Dec. 28, an international poetry exhibition, "A Family Is...", will celebrate families of all kinds.

The call is out for unpublished poems of what "family" means. There is a \$15 fee for every two poems, but there will also be cash awards.

The submission deadline is Sept. 1. Please send a #10 SASE for prospectus to: NWCC Corporate Gallery, 5999 New Wilke Rd., Suite 307, Rolling Meadows, IL, 60008. For more information, call 1-847-956-7966.



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Venetian Carnevale Provides Valuable Funds for OMNI Youth Services



(From left) Sheryl Kinney and Glenn Kinney, president of the board of directors and board of ambassadors member with Louise Sullivan, board of ambassadors member, and Mike Sullivan, president of the board of ambassadors.

The magic of the "Venetian Carnevale" came alive to benefit OMNI Youth Services on Saturday, March 11, at the Westin O'Hare.

Over 330 friends and supporters donned decorative masks and "carnevale" attire at the annual black-tie gala and auction, which raised over \$150,000 for at-risk youth and families. Guests enjoyed dinner and dancing along with performances by Reality, OMNI's teen theatre ensemble.

Area residents in attendance included Mike and Louise Sullivan of Barrington Hills, Alan and Lindy Rosenson of Kildeer, Mike and Tracee Patterson of Barrington, Jim and Diane Hohmann of North Barrington, Ken and Mary Beth Edwards of Hawthorne Woods, Ned and Jo Loughridge of Barrington, Bruce and Janelle Osborne of Kildeer, Vineet Saxena and

Kusum Mongia of Barrington, Steve and Sue Drake of Hawthorne Woods, Michael and Susan Carlino of Kildeer, David and Mary Pat Resch of Barrington Hills, and Mike and Joanne Balogh of North Barrington.

OMNI has been serving the community since 1972 and continues to be a leader in providing life-changing counseling and prevention services. With a specific expertise and passion for serving youth in overlooked and underserved communities, OMNI's experiential approach supports learning through doing and the development of skills youth can use for a lifetime.

The next event to benefit OMNI will be the 16th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, June 19, at the Ivanhoe Club. For additional information about OMNI, visit www.omniyouth.org.

Kildeer Women's Club Presents "A Walk in the Park"

Come join us and enjoy new spring fashions for women and children on Thursday, May 18, at 11 a.m. in the Royal Melbourne Country Club in Long Grove.

Fashions for ladies will be provided by Mary Anne's Closet Boutique of Long Grove, and Lollitots of Lake Zurich will show a selection of children's wear.

The silent auction will offer items such as: a week in a luxurious Chicago condo; a week at Myrtle Beach; or a South Carolina condo. Prizes will be provided by local merchants.

Tickets are \$45. Proceeds will go to local charities. The luncheon will be open to all. Membership in the Kildeer Women's Club is open to women in Kildeer and surrounding communities. For further information on the event, call Anita at 1-847-726-7555 or Nadia at 1-847-438-0145.



(From left) Sydney and Hailey of Bartlett, granddaughters of Kildeer Women's Club member Rosemary Kotowski

BAAC's Summer Art Festival Celebrates 20th Birthday



The Barrington Area Arts Council invites you to join us for our 20th Annual Summer Art Festival on Father's Day, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the center of downtown Barrington. Featuring over 65 local and out-of-state artists, there will be a variety of fine arts, jewelry and fine crafts available for sale, as well as musical entertainment and balloons for the kids!

A traditional and popular event throughout the years, BAAC has hosted hundreds of artists through the Summer Art Festival, many who have returned year after year

for the "small-town feel" of Father's Day in Barrington. Many families have made it a meeting place to have breakfast at local restaurants and then peruse the isles of art, which never cease to offer something of beauty and quality to view and, for some, to possess.

Come and make your Father's Day even more special by spending it with us and with your neighbors at BAAC's 20th Annual Summer Art Festival!

For more information, call 1-847-382-5626 or e-mail director@barringtonarts.org.

An Invitation for Growing!

Long a tradition in Barrington, the plant sale offered by the Field and Flower Garden Club will once again take place at Barrington's Jewel Center the day before Mothers' Day, this year Saturday, May 13.

Freshly dug perennials from members' gardens will bring an unequaled variety of desirable garden plants to home gardeners. The sale starts at 8 a.m. Prices range from \$3 to \$5 for almost everything, with others tagged somewhat higher for unusual or very special plants members are not willing to part with readily. A table of plants marked for only \$1 each will be available when the sale starts.

In addition to hardy plants the sale offers helpful information from club members as to both the care and characteristics of the plants available. Field and Flower Garden Club has many longtime members who know well not only which plants thrive in our area but what specific conditions are needed for them to flourish.

Typically plants are sold out by mid-morning.

Members' gardens vary greatly both in size and composition. Many have conditions ranging from difficult to discouraging; they are successful because their



Cathy Robinson and JoAnn Loebel are busy unearthing perennials—as they do every year for the plant sale the Field and Flower Garden Club holds at the Jewel Center. This year's sale is on Saturday, May 13, starting at 8 a.m.

owners have learned to adapt to the conditions they find and/or to find ways to change and improve them.

For both healthy plants and suggestions for growing them well, area gardeners have much to anticipate in this yearly offering to the community.



Celebrate Mother's Day with Style at Deer Park Town Center

This month, it's all about Mom. After all, she deserves it—Mom has worked hard all year to keep the house clean, make delicious meals, play chauffeur to countless children and much more. Treat her to a day of rest, relaxation and fun by preparing for Mother's Day at **Deer Park Town Center**, where you'll find an endless selection of gifts to spoil Mom for a change.

For the latest in fashion, stop by Chico's, J. Jill, Ann Taylor, Coldwater Creek, White House/Black Market, Acorn and more. Trendy items such as tunics, oversized bags, and feminine embroidered items are sure to keep Mom looking hip and fresh throughout the spring and summer months. For that special touch, stop by Bailey, Banks and Biddle or Kay Jewelers for a beautiful pair of drop earrings or a heart pendant necklace to really make Mom's eyes sparkle.

Chocolate is always a great gift for Mom. Check out Ethel's Chocolate Lounge for delicious gourmet chocolate, including a great Mother's Day Heart Box, filled with a selection of Ethel's signature pieces including Raspberry Rhapsody and Cinnaswirl. Have a get-together planned on Mother's Day? Pick up one of many mouth-watering cakes from Cold Stone Creamery to satisfy Mom's sweet tooth.

Choose from varieties such as Coffee House Crunch and Peanut Butter Playground.

Does Mom have a knack for interior decorating? Pick a gift she can use to decorate the house at stores such as Bombay, Pier 1 Imports and Silk 'n Things. If Mom has more of a green thumb, then look for a great addition to her garden or patio at Smith and Hawken.

Later in May, plan to make a trip with Mom to **Deer Park Town Center's 6th annual Craft Show** on **Saturday, May 20** from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and **Sunday, May 21** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. More than 50 crafters will exhibit and sell their work, including stained glass, jewelry, adult and children's clothing, photography, wood, florals and pottery.

Deer Park Town Center features more than 70 stores and restaurants including: Charmed, J. Crew, Avalon Salon & Day Spa, California Pizza Kitchen and Pottery Barn. Shopping hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday 12 to 5 p.m. For more information about the center including the center-wide gift card program, please call **1-847-726-7755** or visit www.shopdeerparktowncenter.com. **Deer Park Town Center** is owned and managed by Developers Diversified Realty (www.ddr.com).

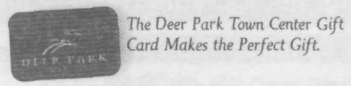


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"Two Artists from Barrington: Growing Up in Barrington Hills"

The Barrington Area Arts Council will present an exhibit titled "Two Artists From Barrington: Growing Up in Barrington Hills," featuring Laura Arndt and E.L. Kidder. This visual expression will show how the landscape and environment developed the artists' goals, talent and message.

The exhibit will take place at BAAC's Gallery at The Garlands of Barrington from May 5 to June 25, with the opening reception Friday, May 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. For gallery viewing information, call BAAC at 1-847-382-5626 or The Garlands of Barrington at 1-847-304-1996.

Laura Arndt

For Laura Arndt, growing up in Barrington Hills and spending long summers in Door County inspired her to express the beauty of the natural world through her drawings and paintings. In difficult times, she has always found nature to be the best source of healing.

"Even in the dead of winter," she said, "something amazing happens. Educating children and adults to admire, understand and feel comfortable with nature is my mission—through my work, I hope to spark that interest to appreciate our world and respect it."

Laura seeks to cross the line between graphic art and fine art, and in the process free her inner spirit.

"Even though my work is graphically influenced as I paint, I experience that pure fearless emotion of happiness," she said.

Laura received her bachelor's of fine arts



Landscape by E.L. Kidder

at Colorado State University and at the Institute of European Studies, Vienna. Her award include the Great Blue Heron, Barrington, and the IMSA Caring to Challenge Award 2004.

E.L. Kidder

E.L. Kidder also grew up in Barrington Hills and attended Countryside School, where her journey in art was influenced by teachers like Mr. Wyngate. He gave her a passion for the natural world, showing her how to be aware and to use her creativity.

Since then, she has moved beyond her childhood to live in 10 states and paint in 48 of them. Yet, she feels most at home when she returns to Barrington. Crisscrossing the country, she has explored color in the ephemeral and ever-changing beauty of America, attempting to capture moments before they are gone forever. Painting from the back of her car for 25 years, she has utilized the process called

Schaumburg Presents 18th Annual Fine Arts Festival

The Village of Schaumburg presents its 18th annual **Prairie Arts Festival Saturday, May 27, and Sunday, May 28**, on the grounds of the Robert O. Atcher Municipal Center, Schaumburg Road and Summit Drive.

The exhibition and sale will feature over 150 fine artists displaying ceramics, fiber arts, glass, graphics, jewelry, mixed media, painting, photography, pottery and sculpture. Special Events Coordinator Roxane Benvenuti says the free annual festival continues to draw patrons from Chicago, the Northwest suburbs and outlying areas, many of whom return annually to not only purchase art, but also to enjoy the festival's natural outdoor sur-

roundings. "It's a winning combination of art and nature, particularly at this time of year" says Benvenuti. Live entertainment can be heard throughout the grounds where local musical artists are featured hourly. Also, younger artists will enjoy a children's activity tent sponsored by the Schaumburg Park District and restaurant vendors will also be on the grounds serving a variety of food and refreshments.

The two-day festival will operate from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.—rain or shine—both Saturday and Sunday over Memorial Day weekend. Admission is free. For more information, visit www.prairiecenter.org or call **1-847-895-3600** weekdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Hawthorn Woods Women's Club Reveals Angels

On Saturday, Feb. 25, at the Hawthorn Woods Women's Club Charity Gala, five local angels were revealed. The Gold Angels, donating \$10,000 each, were Cambridge Bank, State Bank and Cindy Hass of ReMax Suburban. There were also two Bronze Angels: Fertility Centers of Illinois and Women's Physical Therapy Institute—each donating \$2,500.

The HWWC has recently announced a corporate donor program, the Angel Program, in which companies can support the HWWC charity mission at a higher level. Through an annual donation to the HWWC, these companies will become "Angels," helping women and children that are abused, homeless or financially challenged in Lake County.

The HWWC is a 501c3, not-for-profit corporation. All members and volunteers donate their time to serve women and children in Lake County. The HWWC is



(From left) Ginny Wagner and Margie Steiner from Cambridge Bank; Michelle Lanter Smith and Lisa Charnogorsky from HWWC

open to all women residing in Lake County. Club meetings are usually the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Hawthorn Woods Village Barn, 2 Lagoon Drive; guests are always welcome.

For more information on the HWWC and the HWWC Angels, please call 1-847-438-0723.

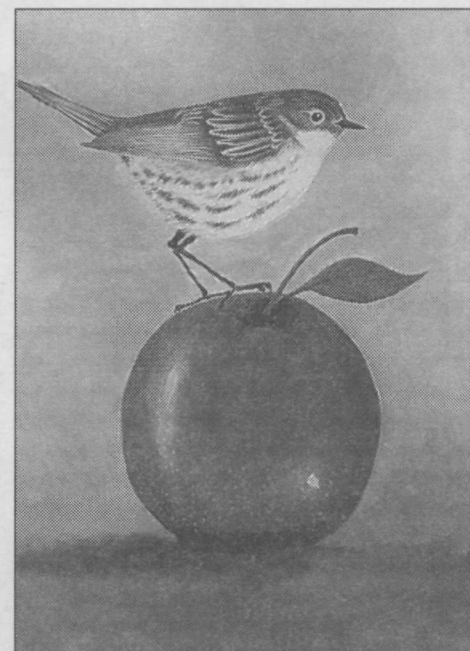


plain air painting, using oils for their versatility. She works on a small rigid surface, hopefully transferred before light and weather shift. These small-scale paintings were originally done on location as studies for the larger works completed in the studio.

For a time, E.L. lived in New York City as a fine art printer and book designer, selling work to the members of the NYC Stock Exchange and US Customs House. Most of her work was lost in the bombing of the World Trade Center.

E.L. said, "For me, painting is a lot like fishing; sometimes you catch one. Sometimes you don't... also like riding a bicycle; you need to pedal, pedal, pedal to make the whole thing work."

"Art is a reflection of our cultural heritage; it is a mirror of our strengths and weaknesses. Without the humanities, nations crumble and die. The support of art by living artists at a grassroots level is to participate in the progress of our nation—hopefully our joint contribution will be positive."



Untitled by Laura Arndt

Chers Amis...

The response to our new (since March) "super prix-fixe" has been very positive and it looks like it could be the solution to the soft week night traffic. If you have not had a chance to check it out yet, please come in Sunday through Thursday and enjoy a 3-course dinner for \$23.50, or \$28.50 with a glass of wine (not available on special days). May is synonymous with **Mother's Day**. Make your mother proud—bring her to **D & J Bistro** and show her you have good taste and a good sense of value... regular and special menu, along with our child menu... all will be available. On **Sunday, May 7**, we will present "**Paris Beyond the Eiffel Tower**"

...through slides and a 4-course regional dinner—great ambience! A delightful way to spend a Sunday evening (5 to 7:30 p.m.) ...\$54.50 covers presentation, food, wine, beverage, tax, tip. And don't miss our "True Bistro Dish" of the month: **Le Lapin en Cocotte**... referred to as "the third white meat," it is one of the healthiest and tastiest dish for us carnivores. And last, but not least, of what takes place at **D & J: Sunday, June 4... an entire afternoon and evening around collectible cars and food, bring your "toy" to our 14th "Wheels and Meal"**.

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Spring into a Journey of Healing and Hope

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois is offering a variety of grief groups in Arlington Heights, Barrington, Crystal Lake 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.

Grief to Hope, a monthly drop-in group in collaboration with Catholic Charities, offers comfort, support and hope to anyone grieving the death of a loved one. Registration is not required and the group meets the fourth Tuesday of every month from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Arlington Heights

Senior Center, 1801 W. Central Road, Arlington Heights.

Adult Loss of Parent, a six-week group, will focus on understanding common grief responses of adults grieving the loss of a parent. Learn ways of coping with the many layers of loss and effective ways to build support systems. The group will meet Tuesdays, now through May 30, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, 410 S. Hager Avenue, Barrington.

Widows and Widowers, a six-week session, will address ways of coping with the pain of loss and changing roles. Find hope and experience the benefits of sharing grief with others who understand. For convenience, two separate groups are scheduled. Group I will meet Fridays, now through May 26, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at Lake Barrington Woods, 22320 Classic Court, Lake Barrington. Group II will meet Thursdays, now through June 1,

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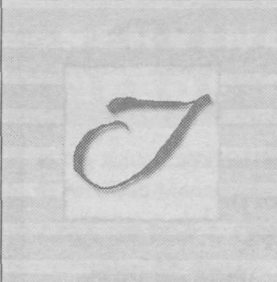


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To register for a grief support program, call Hospice of Northeastern Illinois Bereavement Support at 1-847-381-5599, ext. 250. For more information about Hospice and grief support services, please visit www.HospiceAnswers.org.

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois is a community based, not-for-profit organization serving families throughout McHenry, Lake, NW Cook, Kane, Boone, and DuPage counties. Hospice of Northeastern Illinois provides patient care and bereavement services to adults and children, regardless of ability to pay. Hospice of Northeastern Illinois is Medicare certified and accredited by the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO).

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An ever-changing inventory of vintage and select furniture for garden rooms and outdoor patios is now on display at **Belongings**, a consignment and donation shop of home furnishings at 205 S. Cook St., Barrington.

"We're thrilled with the merchandise arriving daily—many items are related to summer living, including metal decorative plant stands, garden artifacts and a growing selection of outdoor furniture," said **Belongings** Manager Karin Cumming.

All proceeds from the shop support free services and programs at **Wellness Place**, a Palatine-based cancer resource center dedicated to enhancing the lives of anyone affected by cancer. It serves 60 communities in northwest Cook County, and parts of Lake, Kane and McHenry coun-

ties.

Starting in April, the store's expanded store hours will be **Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Other hours are by chance and appointment.

"We welcome donations of select home furnishings and will move approved items to the shop at no charge. Select consignments are also wonderful additions to the shop's inventory of furniture, lamps, rugs, original artwork, fine china, silver, vintage jewelry and other interesting items," Cumming said.

For information about **Belongings**, call **1-847-304-0504**. For information about **Wellness Place** services, call 1-847-221-2400 or visit www.wellnessplace.org.

Day Camps for Youth with Disabilities

Registration is underway for NISRA (Northern Illinois Special Recreation Association) summer day camps for youth with disabilities, which will be held at six locations throughout NISRA's service area beginning June 12. Camp sessions are seven weeks long, with full day or half day options for children who attend summer school. Transportation is available for an extra fee. One week camp sessions in August and other recreation programs complete NISRA's offerings of summer-time fun for all ages.

The deadline for registration is May 5. Call the NISRA office at 815-459-0737 to receive a brochure or logon to www.nisra.org to view the brochure and print out a registration form.

An extension of 12 park districts and municipalities, NISRA provides year round recreation activities for children and adults with disabilities in McHenry County and parts of Cook, Kane and Lake counties. NISRA's mission is: enriching the lives of people with disabilities through meaningful recreation experiences.

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To Convert or Not to Convert?

If you own a Traditional IRA and your AGI is \$100,000 or less, should you convert these funds to a Roth IRA? By doing so, you will gain the benefit of tax-free withdrawals sometime in the future; however, current taxes, but no penalty, will have to be paid at the time of the conversion.

If you fit any of the following profiles, a Traditional IRA to Roth IRA conversion might be worth considering:

• *Your traditional IRA has been open for a short period of time and most of the balance comprises nondeductible contributions.*—Since there is little growth in your current IRA and no taxes are owed on nondeductible IRA contributions, your tax liability will be low at conversion because taxes are only paid on the growth of the funds and on the deductible contributions.

• *You do not need your existing IRA funds for support during retirement.*—You will have a longer time to recover the taxes paid at the time of conversion if you don't take distributions out of your Roth IRA. Also, minimum distributions are not required from a Roth IRA at age 70½ and, in fact, if you have earned income, you can continue funding a Roth IRA after age 70½. Your Roth IRA has more time to grow tax-deferred and funds can be passed on to your heirs tax-free.

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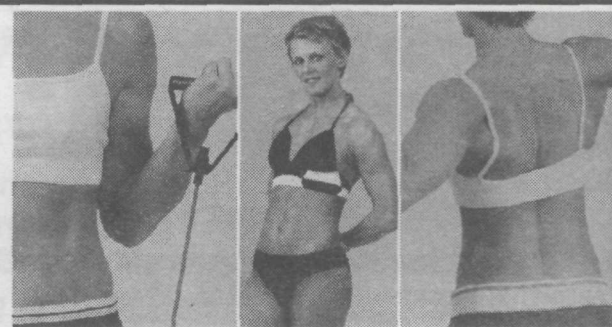
• *You anticipate your tax bracket will remain the same or will be higher during retirement.*—You will pay taxes at a lower or at the same rate at the time of conversion than you would if you took money out of the existing IRA after retirement. Also, any growth in the account after the conversion will be tax-free after five years and at age 59½.

In order to find out if a Roth IRA makes sense for you, you should contact your financial or tax advisor. Request a comparison between a Roth and a traditional IRA and the effects of a conversion using your specific IRA balance and tax situation.

Debbie Schoendorf, CFP®, is a financial advisor with **Smith Barney** in Barrington and may be reached at **1-847-304-3530**.

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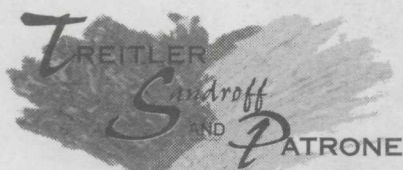
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Reservations and payment must be made the Friday prior to a Tuesday tee time by calling Wellness Place, 1-847-221-2400. No walk-ons will be permitted. All greens fee proceeds will support programs, services and professional counsel-

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Wellness Place, located at 1619 West Colonial Parkway, Palatine, serves 60 communities in the Northwest Suburbs of Cook County, and parts of McHenry, Lake and Kane counties. For more information, please call 1-847-221-2400 or visit www.wellnessplace.org.

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

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Simplify Your Makeup Application by Enhancing Your Natural Beauty with Permanent Cosmetics

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

Every woman wants to look more attractive, and permanent cosmetics can help you do just that. Permanent cosmetics can also add the finishing touch for women who desire to improve their appearance and who desire to make their lives much easier. A woman who seeks the attractive look of well-groomed eyebrows can get them with color added by permanent cosmetics. A woman who loves to wear eyeliner but finds it undesirable when it runs down her cheek is a perfect candidate for permanent cosmetics as well. Lip color that really stays is a definite bonus afforded only through permanent cosmetics. These three simple wishes by most women can be granted with permanent cosmetics!

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The May meeting will be held at 9:30

a.m. on May 2 at Alena Guest's home. Her address is 512 Rue Chamonix, Barrington; her phone number is 1-847-438-3981. This meeting will be a garden workshop to prepare for our spring garden club sale to be held at Alena's home the following Saturday. Please bring at least one perennial plant or garden-related item with a suggested price. Guests and visitors are welcome.

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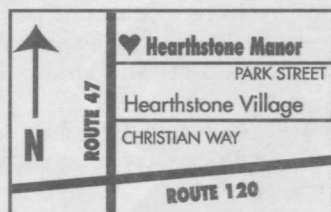
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Next Month: Hybrid Careers-Making it Work

How Did You Select Your Dentist?

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

When it comes to making choices about dental care, what factors should you use to evaluate your new dentist? With the possibility of developing a relationship that could last for years, it is only logical that your investment of time and money be with a person who will provide you with what you expect.

Family or friends are usually where most people go for referrals prior to calling a new office. An even better source is a practicing dental specialist like an orthodontist, oral surgeon or periodontist. Unlike friends and family, they will be able to comment on the quality of dentistry from a technical level. Ask them where they send their own family, and you can be assured that the standards in that office will be high.

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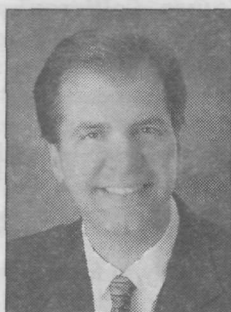
- Does your initial examination include measurements of the crevice or "pocket" around each tooth (approximately 100 measurements)?

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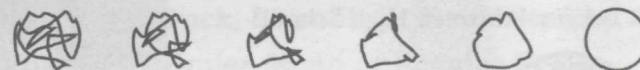
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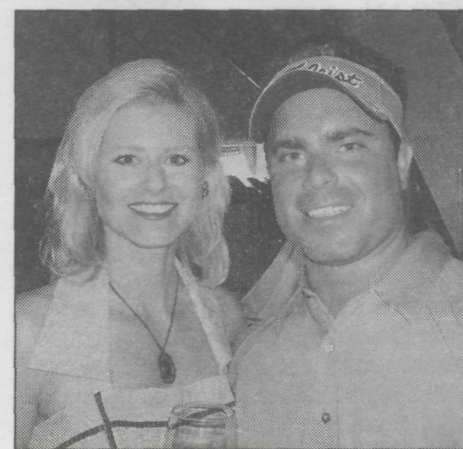
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The 2006 Wellness Challenge

Recounting hole-by-hole play at exclusive Twin Orchard Country Club in Long Grove, Frank Caputo of Addison regales childhood friend Deana McGowan of Barrington with his success at last year's golf outing to benefit Wellness Place, a cancer resource center in Palatine.

The 2006 Wellness Challenge golf outing will return to Twin Orchard Country Club on Monday, July 24, followed by a "Hall of Fame" dinner, prizes and auctions.

Wellness Place provides free professional counseling, services and programs to enhance lives of people living with cancer, their families and caregivers. Golfers and sponsors interested in supporting this year's golf outing may contact Simone



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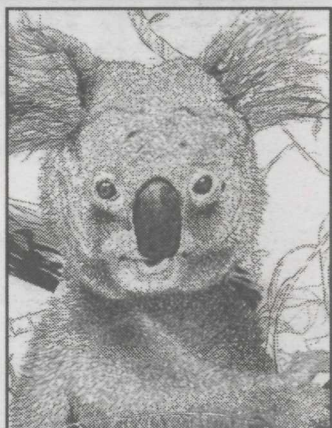
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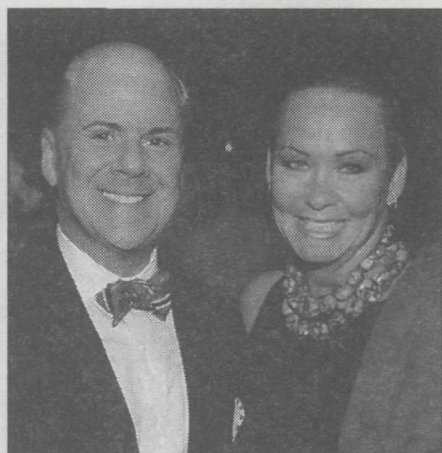


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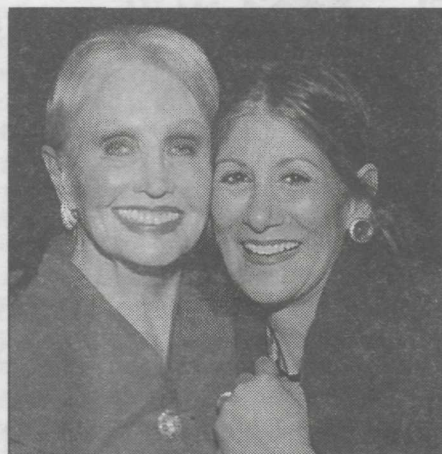
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Enjoying the event were
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Host Bunky Cushing with
Candace Jordan. Mr. Cushing
welcomed 85 guests.



Hazel Baar (left) shares a
moment with Cook County
Treasurer, Maria Pappas.

Chicago's premier party-giver Bunky Cushing toasted Chicago's social doyennes at his 12th anniversary of his famous Annual Valentine's Tea. The event was held in the elegant setting of The Greenhouse at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

According to Harper's Bazaar, this invitation-only event brings together the city's outstanding fashion, financial and literary personalities as well as socialites.

Mr. Cushing stated, "Valentine's Day comes at a time of year when an escape from the dreary winter weather is a marvelous tonic."

Eighty-five ladies attended the tea this year. If you would like more information about this lovely occasion, kindly call Susan Maier at 312-573-5231.

Make It a Fun Summer— Sign Up for an Art Class

If you are looking for a stimulating, challenging, and fun way to spend your summer, explore the possibilities of art classes at **Kaleidoscope School of Art** in Barrington. New classes begin each week throughout the summer for children **ages four through high school**. In Kaleidoscope's friendly and encouraging atmosphere students gain confidence and skill as they create impressive artwork they will really be proud of.

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Why not try **Treasures of King Tut, Jazzy Jewelry, Fine Art Tiles, Creative Canvas, Clay Garden Art, Mosaics, or Clay Totems**? With 185 classes to choose from this summer there is something for everyone! You can check out all of our classes when you call for our **free brochure at 1-847-381-4840**.

This year Kaleidoscope is proudly celebrating our **20 year anniversary**. We have shared incredible art, the smiles and success of children, treasured friendships, and much more over these past 20 years. For those coping with difficult circumstances, who need the joy and healing of art in their life, Kaleidoscope provides tuition assistance through the Art Scholarship Fund. On **September 15**, Kaleidoscope will hold a **CHAIR-ity Silent Auction at the Ice House Mall** in Barrington. Everyone is invited to come bid on fine art chairs, and celebrate our 20th anniversary as we raise money for the scholarship fund.

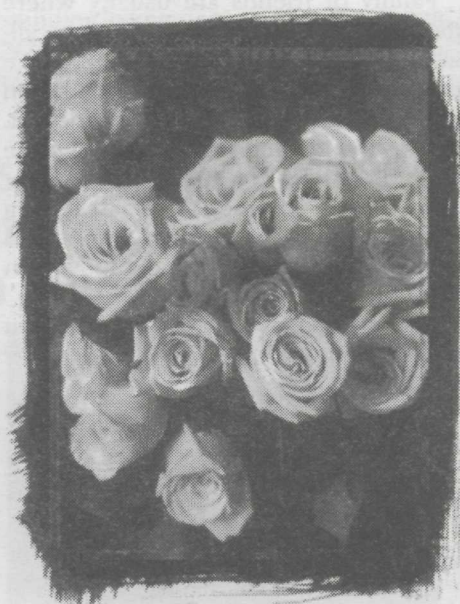
Don't miss out, be a part of the fun when you enroll in an art class this summer. Call now for details and a free brochure at **1-847-381-4840**. Kaleidoscope is located at 316 West Main Street in Barrington (just two blocks west of Jewel).

Custom Frame Mementos for Mother's Day

With spring finally in full bloom, it's time to get the house in order and Mom is generally the one to head up the task. **Art and Frame Galerie** of Lake Zurich has artwork and gifts to show your appreciation of Mother on Mother's Day. However, the main business of **Art and Frame Galerie** for the past 20 years has been the expertise offered in custom picture framing.

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Art and Frame Galerie is located at the southeast corner of Rand Road (Route 12) and Main Street (Route 22) in Lake Zurich. We are behind Chase Bank and next to D & J Bistro, the Chop Shop and Gino's East.

Lake Zurich Garden Club

The next meeting of The Garden Club of Lake Zurich will be held May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Foglia YMCA on Old McHenry Rd.

The program will be The Perennial Garden presented by Susanne Lankin, Master Gardener.

Visitors are welcome. For information, call 1-847-438-2989 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

- May 13, 8 a.m., Plant Sale at Ela Area Library, Lake Zurich
- June 6, 7 p.m., Perfect Perennials for Perpetual Color for Real Lazy Gardeners by Greg Bartosuk
- July 11, 6 p.m., Members work at Ela Library Garden, clean up and maintenance

Join Fritzl's for Mother's Day

Looking for someplace special to take Mom for **Mother's Day**? Why not make reservations at **Fritzl's**? They'll be featuring all her favorites and will open at noon. Among the menu items offered on Mother's Day are Shrimp, Escargots, Chicken or Veal Oscar, Lobster Tails, Roast Duck, Liver Paté, fresh seafood and more. Plus, a regular menu at regular prices.

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Boasting 15 acres of luscious gardens, Woods Walk in Barrington Hills will host "Caring is Perennial," an elegant garden gala on Saturday evening, June 17, to support Hospice of Northeastern Illinois.

The evening will feature the "Gift of Knowing" photo and writing exhibit, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, dinner, music by Eden Orchestra, and a live auction, including a week in Nantucket and a Triple Crown horse-racing package.

"Caring is Perennial" committee co-chairs are Cary resident Conni Hummel and Roselle resident Margaret Kiple. The committee of 20 Friends of Hospice volunteers from 10 communities is sup-

ported by Hospice Foundation of Northeastern Illinois vice chair Mike Moorman.

Proceeds will benefit supportive care programs at Hospice of Northeastern Illinois, including its children's care program, Hope's Friends; a comprehensive integrative therapy program; inpatient units; and assistance to patients who are unable to pay. The gala proceeds will also assist grief-support services, Camp Courage for children, and continuing staff education.

For sponsorship opportunities or an invitation, call Amy Bollman, Hospice Foundation of Northeastern Illinois, at 1-847-381-5811, ext. 368.

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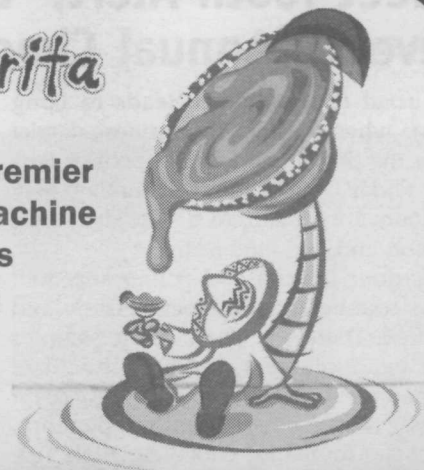
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Garden Club's 65th Anniversary

The Garden Club of Inverness has much to celebrate at the annual Spring Luncheon, which will be held at the Inverness Golf Club on Thursday, May 18, at 11 a.m.

The culmination of the club year is always a lovely event; and this year is particularly notable as the club, the oldest established organization in the village, marks the 65th anniversary of its founding.

The business meeting preceding the luncheon will feature the installation of officers and introduction of the board of directors for 2006-2008. This year's scholarship winners will be announced, adding their names to those of the 15 students to whom scholarships have been awarded in

the past five years. And the lunch, which never fails to dazzle, will be made even more enjoyable by the centerpieces, exciting examples of members' creativity and a final fillip to both the day and the club year.

Members and guests are encouraged to join in the festivities, to gain a glimpse of some of the future plans contemplated for the Garden Club of Inverness, and to enjoy the company of friends, old and new.

For more information, call Kathie at 1-847-359-6579 or Joanne at 1-847-934-3753.

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Sweet Tooth Alert! Long Grove Hosts Seventh Annual Chocolate Fest

The road to indulgence leads to Long Grove when the historic business district hosts the Seventh Annual Chocolate Festival Friday, May 5 through Sunday, May 7. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Admission and parking are free.

Outdoor booths and restaurants will serve countless sweet treats, classic and inspired. There will be chocolate silk pies with candy centers, fondue, chocolate dipped strawberries, a new chocolate mousse waffle cone, chocolate popcorn, chocolate fountains, chocolate High Tea, even chocolate pizza and chocolate martinis!

This year marks the opening of the Chocolate Café Hideaway, a cozy indoor spot located at the main crossroad. Hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to Sunday. The café provides a multi-sensory experience with chocolate art, chocolate scented candles, and a chocolate fountain. Admission to the café buys the "Chocoholic Plate" filled with gourmet truffles, chocolate cake, cookies, and candy. Carry out plates are also available. The weekend will also showcase a 250 pound chocolate American flag and eagle, created by Jan Wakulinski for the Long Grove Confectionery. The hand sculpted and hand painted piece will be on display in the historic creamy building just steps from Apple Haus Square. On Saturday only, also in the old creamery, meet and hear the story of WWII "Chocolate Pilot" Col. (Ret.) Gail Halvorsen who dropped choco-

late from his plane during the Berlin Air Lift. Another festival first has Long Grove Confectionery and Jelly Belly Candy Co. passing out signature candies, committing "random acts of chocolate" throughout the weekend!

The popular Chocolate Demonstration Tent, a highlight of the weekend, has moved to Fountain Square. The free ongoing program begins at 11 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday and showcases the talent of top pastry chefs and chocolatiers in the Chicago area. Those scheduled to present include Chefs John Kraus and Bob Hartwig from the French Pastry School, Chicago; Pastry Chef Diana Moles, Eli's Cheesecake; Pastry Chef Annie Overboe, Food Columnist for the *Daily Herald*; Chef Kaaryn Hobfoll, The Cooking & Hospitality Institute of Chicago, Le Cordon Bleu Program; Chocolatier Doug Behnke, founder of Gold Coast Chocolate, Naperville; Kim Grundy, Washburne Culinary Institute Alumni Chefs; and cake stylist Mark Seaman, owner of Marked for Dessert, Chicago. Prizes like cooking classes, dinners, and special tours donated by the chefs will benefit the Special Olympics, the designated charity of the festival.

Another weekend highlight is the Kids' Chocolate Candy Fashion Show presented by Long Grove Confectionery and Jelly Belly Candy Company. This unique show, scheduled for 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday in Fountain Square, features 20 young models dressed in fashions de-

Intimate Opera Chicago Performs Mozart's Comic Masterpiece *Così Fan Tutte*

Intimate Opera Chicago will perform Mozart's comic opera masterpiece, *Così Fan Tutte* at 7:30 p.m. on Fridays, May 12 and 19; at 7:30 p.m. on Saturdays, May 6 and 13; and at 3:00 p.m. on Sundays, May 7 and 14. The performances will be at Grace United Methodist Church of Logan Square, 3325 W. Wrightwood, Chicago.

Così Fan Tutte (meaning "They all do it") is a delightful "opera buffa" comedy about two engaged couples, one male cynic and one female master flirt—all of whom are hedging bets on the couples' fidelity. The production will feature recitatives in English; all remaining music will be performed in Italian with English supertitles.

Priority seating (the first three rows) is

corated with an estimated 120,000 pieces of chocolate and candy.

Other special events and entertainment are planned. Art Werks, a paint your own pottery studio at the foot of the covered bridge, will be showing the children's cartoon, "Chocolate Fever" on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person and chocolate popcorn will be sold, all proceeds being donated to the Special Olympics. Throughout the weekend there will be free music and entertainment on the main stage by the landmark covered bridge and at select locations throughout town.

available for \$25 per person. General admission seats are \$20 for adults; \$18 for seniors (65 years or older); and \$18 for students (with a valid ID). Online credit card ticket orders are accepted at www.intimateoperachicago.com. Ticket reservations may be placed via phone at 773-342-1509 or via e-mail to intimateopera@comcast.net. Reservations and orders are accepted up until two hours prior to curtain time, and venue doors open 30 minutes prior to curtain time.

The artistic director is Nancy Henninger. Stage director is A.J. Wester. Musical director is Yasako Oura. Assistant director is Amanda Consol.

Intimate Opera Chicago is a 501c3 organization.

The Radio Disney Prize Patrol will roll into town with its high energy show on Sunday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

For the public's parking convenience, a free Holiday Inn Express Chocolate Shuttle will run every 10 minutes from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday from Enzo & Lucia's Restaurant on Old McHenry Road to Geimer Greenhouses on old Route 53.

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Citizens for Conservation Celebrates 35 Years of Saving Living Space for Living Things

The music of a string trio greeted all who entered Citizens for Conservation's 35th anniversary celebration, held recently in Barrington. The annual meeting was held at the Barrington Area Library, where the meeting rooms were transformed with a timeline depicting CFC's accomplishments, plus photos, displays, brochures and newsletters—all telling the story of this organization of dedicated volunteers that has influenced the Barrington-area landscape.

Karen Darch, Barrington village president, read a proclamation congratulating CFC on its anniversary and presented a key to the village, the first she has bestowed as president.

Speakers during the "35 Years in 35 Minutes" program included Sharon Pasch, Jeanette Muench, Sam Oliver, Gail Vanderpoel, John Heinz, Carol Hogan, Grace Eckstrum, Nancy Taub, Nancy Bachmann, Dave Johnson, Karen Yancey and Ryan Julian.

The William H. Miller Conservation Award in recognition of outstanding contribution toward conservation in the Barrington area was presented to the Lake Barrington Shores Conservators. The group started in 1993, and its members have worked tirelessly to fulfill their mission of preserving the flora and fauna of Lake Barrington Shores. Roger Dickinson and Helen Horton accepted the award on



Grace Eckstrum, who was among more than 130 members and friends of Citizens for Conservation attending the 35th anniversary celebration, enjoyed the 35-year timeline of CFC history. She was one of 12 speakers who told the story of the organization's work in the Barrington area during the program, "35 Years in 35 Minutes."

behalf of the Conservators and the LBS Landscape Commission.

The Great Blue Heron Award, presented in recognition of outstanding contributions toward conservation within CFC activities, was presented to Lloyd and Mary McCarthy for the inspiration, education and appreciation they bring through their photographs of the natural world and

For Women Only

Enjoy a day of pampering, networking and golfing for women only on Monday, June 5, at Clearbrook's Fifth Annual Women's Golf Classic at Chevy Chase Country Club in Wheeling.

The \$250-per-player fee includes mimosas, continental breakfast, clinics, golf carts, lunch, massages, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, a dinner buffet, and live and silent auctions. New this year is the Player Passport, which entitles golfers to partici-

pate in all hole contests—purchase before the event to get the early bird rate of just \$50. Someone could drive home in a 2006 Hummer H3 for making a hole in one. Proceeds help create opportunities for children and adults with disabilities.

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Mighty Oak Awards, for nonboard members volunteering 50 hours or more in the last year, included Joyce Allen, Donna Ducay, Katherine Grover, Demmy Giannis, Helen Hawthorne, Carol Hogan, Trevor Kevorkian, Cathy LeFevre, Jerry Masino, Gail Vanderpoel, Jim Vanderpoel and Ruth Vanderpoel.

Shooting Star Awards, for those active with CFC for 10 years, included Wes Wolf, John Wagner, Cathy LeFevre and Linda Mrowicki.

Waid Vanderpoel Twenty Years of Service Awards were presented to Joyce Allen, Wendy Paulson, Ruth Vanderpoel and Tom Vanderpoel.

Thank You Awards went to Eagle Scouts Brendon Dempsey, Eric Hall, Ryan Julian, Matthew Kerchberger and Austin J. Reynolds for their Eagle Scout projects, com-

pleted in conjunction with CFC.

A Special Thank You was given to David Johnson of the Wild Bird Center.

The evening concluded with a presentation, "20 Years of Restoration" by Tom Vanderpoel, which highlighted CFC's volunteer efforts over the years in "Saving Living Space for Living Things" through protection, restoration and stewardship of land, conservation of natural resources and education."

"Over the past 35 years, CFC has seen 355 acres in the Barrington area come under their management," wrote Cathy Trawinski, who attended the meeting. "Flint Creek Savanna is their largest preserve at 103 acres. This volunteer-driven group educates students and adults, conducts nature tours in the area, collects seeds, restores natural areas, and much more. More than 150 volunteers contributed 7,000 hours in 2005."

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BCC Singers Take Part in ACDA Honor Choir



Members of the Barrington Children's Choir (from left) Justine Nugent, Elizabeth Stermer, Melanie Tomal, Dina Dalessandro, Hailey Rowe, Erin Fisher and Pam Costis pose with ACDA Treble Honor Choir Director Henry H. Leck at the recent American Choral Directors Association Central Division Conference in Chicago.

Several members of the Barrington Children's Choir had the privilege recently of participating in the American Choral Directors Association Central Division 2005 Treble Honor Choir.

The choir, which included children ages 10 to 15 from Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Ohio, performed at the association's three-day regional conference in Chicago.

BCC choristers Pam Costis, Shannon Corey, Dina Dalessandro, Erin Fisher, Justine Nugent, Hailey Rowe, Elizabeth Stermer and Melanie Tomal auditioned and were selected to take part in the Honor Choir. The choir was directed by Mr. Henry H. Leck, an associate professor and Director of Choral Activities at Butler Uni-

versity in Indianapolis, Ind., and founder and artistic director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir.

The BCC choristers were challenged to learn a repertoire of 10 songs, that included pieces sung in French, German, Czech and Maori (a tribal language from New Zealand). In the month and a half leading up to the ACDA conference, the girls worked with BCC's Intermediate Ensemble Director Melissa Touvanas, who taught them the songs and coached them through the diverse languages. The girls spent three days at the conference rehearsing with the combined choir of 220 children, under the direction of Mr. Leck. The choir performed two concerts on the

2006 Country Market Plans

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Jim May to Entertain with Stories

Professional storyteller and author Jim May will captivate both children and adults with his original stories—ranging from hilarious to heartfelt—in a special appearance at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, at Wellness Place, a cancer resource center at 1619 W. Colonial Parkway, Palatine. The free program, "Lighthearted Stories for the Whole Family," is open to the commu-

nity. Reservations are required; call 1-847-221-2400 as seating is limited.

May, recently inducted into the National Storytelling Circle of Excellence, "will tell stories for all generations, promoting thought and reflection that delight children and the child in all of us," says Anne Walker, Wellness Place clinical specialist.

last day of the conference, one for the members of the Choral Directors Association and one for the parents and friends of the choristers. Both concerts ended in a standing ovation for the children and their conductor, whose hard work and collective talents were well appreciated.

The Barrington Children's Choir, now in its 20th year, offers a music education program that provides a broad and challenging choral experience for children grades second through 12th. The choir, which accepts new students by audition, rehearses weekly and performs three an-

nual concerts for the public in addition to other performances for charitable, civic, corporate and private events. The choir has toured both nationally and internationally, and this year looks forward to participating in the Tuscany International Children's Chorus Festival in Florence Italy, July 2006, and The Annual Lilac Festival on Mackinac Island, Mich., June 2006.

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Native American Flute Healing Arts Circle Meets at Wellness Place

Newly formed healing arts circles offer participants support, stress reduction and a sense of increased well-being, according to Lois Coldewey, clinical program coordinator at Wellness Place, a cancer resource center at 1619 W. Colonial Parkway, Palatine. All circles are provided at no charge. Anyone affected by cancer is welcome to drop in. For information, call 1-847-221-2400.

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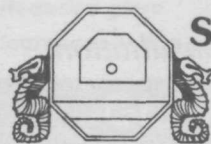
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Native American Flute

Volunteers Ken Raven Gibson of Chicago and Peg and Dave Hernandez of Downers Grove will teach participants how to play melodies on the Native American flute. This circle will meet from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Fridays, May 5, 12, 19 and 26. No experience is necessary. Flutes will be provided.

Introduction to Journaling

The introduction to journaling circle will meet from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday,

May 1. The meeting will be led by Wellness Place clinical specialist Anne Walker.

Knitting

A knitting circle, led by Wellness Place outreach coordinator Kara Kordick and child and family coordinator Liz Bolash, will meet from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. on Fridays, May 12 and 26.

Paper Arts

The paper arts circle, led by Wellness Place volunteer coordinator Jeanne Reichard, will meet from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 15.

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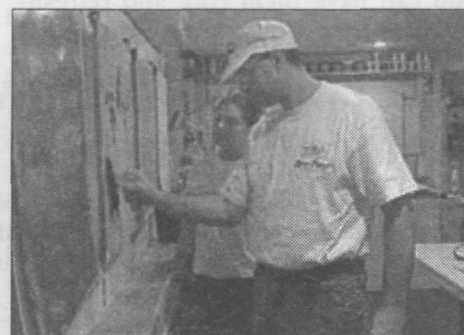
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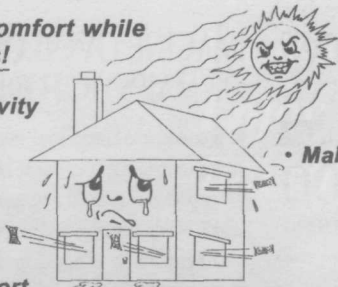


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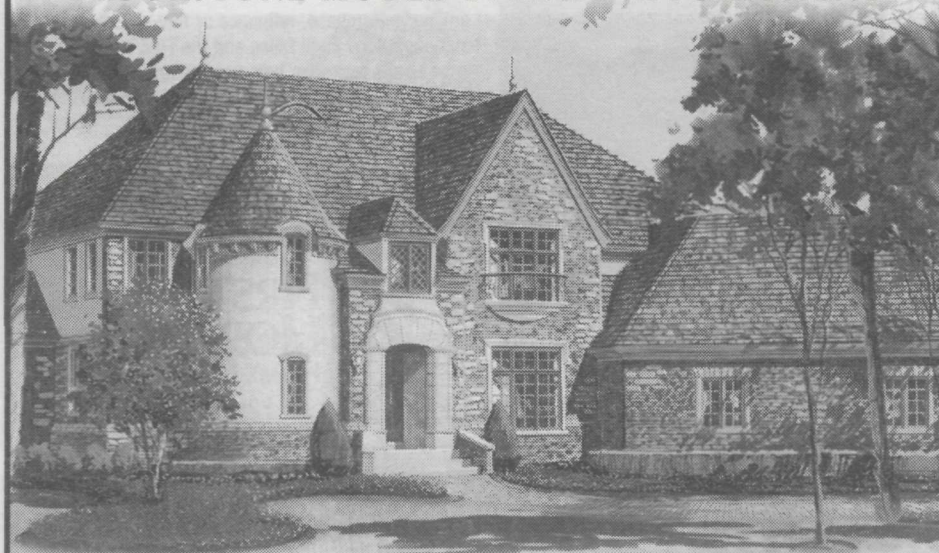
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Peterson: Governor's Capital Plan Would Condemn Future Taxpayers, Measure Fails

The state of Illinois has a need for new roads, bridges, water works and school buildings, but a plan to help pay for those projects failed Thursday when proponents could not answer questions about the details, including how the projects would be selected or even how the \$4.3 billion would be paid for.

State Senator Bill Peterson (R-Buffalo Grove), who voted against the measure, said it was the responsible thing to do, because it would add to the state's already staggering debt. The proposals, Senate Bill 668 and Senate Bill 3053, did not receive the 36 votes necessary to pass the Senate.

"I want to bring a capital program home to the 26th district, but I want to do it in a responsible manner that lends integrity to the budget process and respects the pocketbooks of future taxpayers," said Peterson, who said the two measures were presented to senators only an hour before it was pushed through the Senate Executive Committee.

The plan was composed of two separate bills. Senate Bill 668 would have authorized \$1 billion in school construction grants, while Senate Bill 3053 would have dedicated \$3.3 billion in borrowing revenue for new transportation, transit and higher education programs.

Peterson noted that once again the spending proposal failed to identify a separate revenue source to pay off the debt

completely. In the past, any new bonding program, such as Illinois FIRST, was funded with new revenue sources. However, this spending initiative would rely on more bonding, driving the state's total debt to \$26 billion or a whopping \$1,400 per each household in Illinois.

"Illinois already has record-high state debt, record-high spending, and a \$2 billion backlog in unpaid bills," Peterson pointed out. "We cannot sustain this kind of spend-as-you-go policy."

Additionally, Peterson noted that neither SB 668 nor SB 3053 provided specific details—such as dates or dollar figures for specific projects—about how the \$4.3 billion would be spent. Furthermore, over \$650 million earmarked for the road program has to be put on paper—in any form much less a road program format.

"Road projects, new schools, water and sewer system improvements are important to the vitality of communities all across Illinois. We all agree on that. But based on Gov. Rod Blagojevich's demonstrated lack of honest, straightforward dealings with lawmakers, we need a lot more information about this plan as well as other spending projects that have been promised but never seen," Peterson commented, referring to several projects that the state has appropriated money for that have yet to be released.

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For the past 15 years, Burkhalter has been impersonating Mae West across the country by sharing this famous legend's unique brand of humor, which even extends to involving members of the audience in some of the comedic skits. This program is guaranteed to keep you laughing at the snappy comebacks that have been made famous by one of Hollywood's most quoted women in history.

On Wednesday, May 17, a social hour will begin at 11 a.m. in the upstairs banquet room of the Kelsey Road House, 352 Kelsey Rd. in Lake Barrington. This room is handicap accessible. Lunch will follow at noon, and the program will begin at 1 p.m. A check in the amount of \$20 made out to the Barrington Woman's Club will hold your reservation. Mail your check to Fran Collins, 26848 W. Hwy. 22, Barrington, IL, 60010.

Feel free to share this special afternoon of laughter with your husband or gentle-



man companion. After all, "When she's good she's very good... but when she's bad she's better."

The Barrington Woman's Club's purpose is to promote cultural, recreational and educational activities in the community and to support various charitable and philanthropic organizations. Since 1987, BWC has contributed over \$280,000 in scholarships and donations toward social services for the Barrington area. Membership is open to any woman residing in the greater Barrington area. For information, contact Judy Gentile, membership chairwoman, at 1-847-882-6450.



sponsibility to set realistic parameters and undertake responsible projects that I know will be followed through. The proposal as

it stands now is bad public policy, and that is why I didn't vote for it."

From a Woman's Point of View

by Gail Wickstrom, Wickstrom Ford Lincoln Mercury

Wickstrom Ford will be hosting an event called "Celebration for Life" for the American Cancer Society on Tuesday, **May 23**, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. This is an evening to celebrate cancer survivors and their caretakers. Hors d'oeuvres and light refreshments will be served.

Cancer touches most of us in some way in our lifetimes. I lost both of my parents to cancer in the same year, when I was only 25 years old. I was the oldest of five children and my youngest sister was only 11 years old. At the time our children, Colin and Richard were only one and a half and three years old, and suddenly we had an eleven year old to raise.

Then a few years ago we lost Tim's sister Kathy to cancer. Ironically, she was the same age my parents were when they died, 52 years old.



This will be the sixth year that Wickstrom Ford has gladly hosted this event. Hope to see you all there. You can R.S.V.P. to The American Cancer Society at **1-847-358-9218** by May 15.

Barrington's Most Popular Mercedes? This Year's E-Class is the Top Seller at Motor Werks of Barrington

When asked which is the best selling vehicle among the many Mercedes-Benz model choices, recently appointed **Motor Werks** sales manager **Normand Neal** was quick to respond: "Last year the prize went to the newly restyled 2006 E-Class which debuted early last fall." Neal, a longtime Barrington resident and Mercedes expert, is in his sixth year of luxury car sales at Motor Werks.



Normand Neal

Neal explained that E-Class has always been popular among Barringtonians, and predicted that its elegant restyling and boost to 268 hp will no doubt secure its overwhelming appeal for years to come.

In recent years, Mercedes began offering its popular 4MATIC all-wheel drive

system with its E-Class cars. **Motor Werks** was among the first retailers to satisfy the demand for this all-wheel drive performer.

The outstanding stability and increased traction of 4MATIC all-wheel drive helps Barrington area winter drivers rediscover their handling confidence. By braking wheels or using electronic engine intervention the 4MATIC system offers the performance and control drivers benefit from year-round, on wet or dry road conditions.

Normand Neal invites newcomers and connoisseurs alike for their Mercedes-Benz road test. He can assist in all phases of purchase, lease or service. His direct line at **Motor Werks** is **1-847-304-3050** or e-mail him at nneal@motorwerks.com.

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4MATIC Available



Workshop on Braille Shorthand

The April meeting of the Barrington Area Council on Aging's Low Vision Education and Support Group will feature Polly Abbott from the Guild for the Blind. She will present a free, hands-on workshop on Braille shorthand; the workshop will show how Braille can be used for shopping lists, telephone numbers and labeling. Abbott will dispel some common myths about Braille; one user with low vision found this shorthand Braille "liberating."

The group will meet Thursday, May 11, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Lake Barrington

Woods, 22320 Classic Court, Lake Barrington.

BACOA's Low Vision Education and Support Group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. at Lake Barrington Woods. The meetings are open to all ages, and transportation is available to residents of the Barrington area.

For general information on the group, call BACOA at 1-847-381-5030. If you need transportation, please call Denise at Lake Barrington Woods at 1-847-842-8900.



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Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club Events and Plant Sale

The next meeting of the Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club will be held on Monday, May 15, at the gardens of Pam Duthie. Pam Duthie is the owner of The Gifted Gardener, a landscape design and consulting firm, and an instructor at the Chicago Botanic Gardens. She is also the author of *Continuous Bloom* and *Continuous Color*.

Pam will conduct a hands-on workshop in her own garden, where we will learn how to maximize color with bloom and foliage. Information on deadheading, weeding and improving soil will be discussed. This tour will meet at Reed Turner Na-

ture Center, located at 3851 Old McHenry Rd., Long Grove, at 9:15 a.m. For information, contact Penny at 1-847-540-8212.

On May 13 and 14, the garden club will host their Annual Plant Sale at 3851 Old McHenry Rd., Long Grove. A variety of homegrown, colorful annuals, perennials and vegetables will be on sale. Many rare, unusual and heirloom plants will be featured. The sale will open to shoppers at 10:00 a.m. Also, the garden club has teamed with local botanic artists who will be on hand drawing, painting and selling their lovely works of art. For more information, contact Leslie at 1-847-438-3695.

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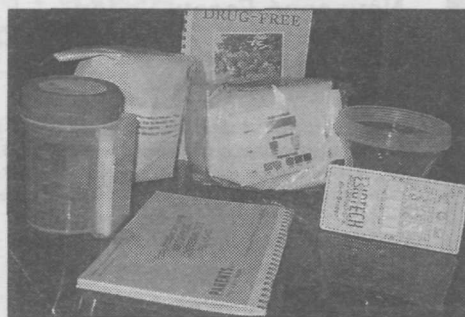
Family Interactive Drug Testing—A New Approach to Parent-Teen Communication

The investments by all trustees of American youth—of love, education and moral guidance—are succumbing to market penetration by the most effective criminal multilevel network ever imagined. Today, cell phones, Web sites and e-mail technology effectively accelerate the marketing of illegal drugs while making it harder for parents to protect their children.

A new player in the field, however, is Family Interactive Drug Testing (FIDT), a start-up, not-for-profit public charity. Its founders intend to arm all parents with free immediate detection technology for use as a deterrent in the most effective environment—the home.

Parents' determination in the home can be voiced confidentially and sincerely with all of the consequences of choosing drug use openly discussed. Government research concludes that the parent is the most effective "antidrug." Parent "antidrug" momentum is greatly enhanced when each parent knows that other parent-neighbors are, at the same time, addressing drug use with their children. Parents have the right to remove all doubt and a need to know.

Psychologists say that all children have a basic need for approval from their parents, though it may be masked by adolescent behavior at times. Not all negative behavior is due to adolescent phases; it could be because of drug use. There is only one way to tell. The lines of communication between teens and parents are



still intact if you call in your "emotional markers" in the right setting.

FIDT is in the process of accepting donations to provide all parents of seventh to 12th graders a free drug-testing kit. The kit tests for the four most popularly marketed social drugs. It is a simple urine test with an indicator if the sample has been contaminated. The results are within minutes and highly conclusive. These types of tests are extensively used for pre-employment screening and random employee drug testing in commerce and industry.

Random drug testing is here to stay. FIDT is confident that most parents will want the on-the-spot ability to test for assurance. FIDT deterrent programs are based on random drug testing at home at the discretion of parents, fully informed in advance, on how to apply the testing as a deterrent.

This is not a school district program. No school money is used, and school districts aren't informed of, or liable for, the results of tests administered by parents. Children

The Sarah Siddons Society Attends Review

Many members of The Sarah Siddons Society of Chicago attended the *Noel Coward Musical Review*, recently held at the North Light Theater in Skokie. The society's co-presidents, Betty Jeffreys and Lori Lennon, followed up the review with a discussion of some of the society's fantastic upcoming events, including the *Waa Mu Show* at Northwestern University on May 4; *Spelling Bee* at Drury Lane Theater in Water Tower Place on May 24; and *Spamalot* at the Cadillac Palace Theater on June 1. Donna Atwater of Chicago was chairman of the event.

The Sarah Siddons Society provides \$29,000 dollars of funding for theater students at several colleges in the Chicago area, including Northwestern's School of Communication, the Theater School at De Paul University and Columbia College Chicago. These funds are made possible, in part, from the Lucia Perrigo Trust, named after the founder of the Sarah Siddons Society Governor's Board; the trust donates \$3,000 a year to a Northwestern theater student. In addition,



Members attending the event: (clockwise, from upper-left) Bill and Blake Hannay; Bob and Carol Beilfass; Donna Hannay.

Mr. Gerald Perutz of Kenilworth also donates \$3,000 a year to a selected theater student. This is in tribute to his wife, Dinah, who was president of the Sarah Siddons Governors Board.

For additional information on the Sarah Siddons Society, call Betty Stuart Rodgers Jeffreys at 1-847-382-2368.



refusing to cooperate with parents in testing raise the suspicion of drug use. And that in itself can be a timely indication for increased parental attention, if not profes-

sional intervention. Readers can request interest in an area project organized by FIDT by visiting—
www.familyinteractivedrugtesting.org.

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- According to *Money Magazine*, landscaping can have a 100 to 200 percent recovery value.

- Trees add value as they grow in size.
- Landscaping can provide shade in the summer and shelter from wind and snow in the winter. This helps with energy costs.

Environmental Value

- A mature tree removes 26 lb. of carbon dioxide from the air and releases 13 lb. of oxygen.

- Plantings slow soil erosion and allow water absorption.

- Plantings provide shelter and food for birds and other wildlife.

Common Mistakes

Curb appeal is every homeowner's goal. But a lot of money can be spent and efforts could be in vain. The following are four common mistakes:

- *Improper Choice of Plants and Shrubs*—The choice of specific plants is key to ensuring their adaptation to our climate and their vitality on your property. We rec-

ommend materials that have been grown in Northern Illinois and Wisconsin nurseries. For instance, evergreens can be finicky. Sometimes, they brown out or lose growth. Why? With not enough snow to protect them, our winters may be too cold.

- *Planting in the Wrong Place*—Keep in mind "the right plant for the right location." Always consider a plant's mature size. Sun or shade tolerance is also an issue. Popular shrubs like rhododendrons should be replaced after one season if they receive too much sunshine.

Many types of shrubs remain puny if planted in northern exposures. Broadleaf evergreens planted under taller trees may die off. When the trees lose their leaves, they lose their protection from the winter sun and wind.

- *Lack of Variety and Imagination*—In your design, try to pay attention to variety in the texture, color and size of your plant materials. A good mix of heights give a landscape dimension, while large groupings of the same plant can help create variety in texture and color throughout all seasons. All green is boring. Also, mixing deciduous plants with evergreens creates interest in all seasons.

- *Not Having an Overall Plan*—When creating a plan, it's important to envision the finished result, keeping in mind that landscaping is a process and not just a destination. When dealing with living things, change is constant. A plan creates direction.

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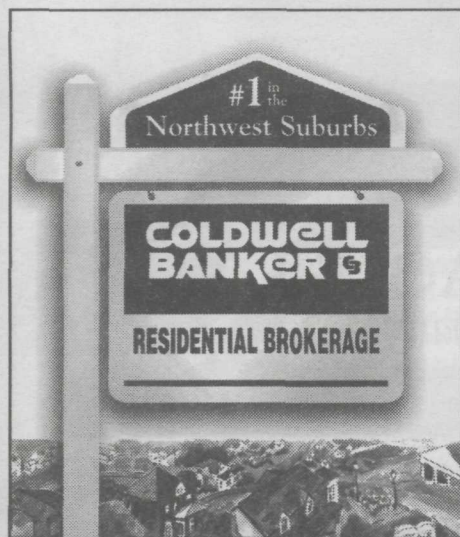
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Medinah Shriners Ladies Fashion Show "Lavender & Lace"

"Lavender & Lace"—That's the theme for the Medinah Ladies Luncheon and Fashion Show benefiting Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago Unit.

This year's event, like all of its predecessors, is expected to sell out early.

The activities will be held Saturday, May 13, at Drury Lane, Oakbrook, starting with a reception at 11:00 a.m., the luncheon at noon with the gala fashion production, presented by Creative Impact, beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The fashion show is the principal ladies fund-raiser for Shriners Hospitals for Children, Chicago unit. Over 1,200 women are expected to attend. The net proceeds will be used to purchase a pocket paging system for nurses and staff with a direct link to the assigned child patient.

What is truly magnificent, and remains mostly unspoken and widely unknown, is that Shriners Hospitals for Children spend an estimated \$1.8 million dollars a day, or about \$20 dollars every second, caring for the children in its 22 hospitals and burn care centers. They receive no third party reimbursement from parents, insurance or governmental agencies for the medical care and expenses for any child accepted into their system. That's why it's often referred to as "the world's greatest philanthropy."



Despite the ever-rising costs, Shriners Hospitals for Children remains committed to providing the very best pediatric, orthopaedic, burn and spinal cord injury care possible. And now, there is consideration to expanding their medical disciplines to include treatment for cleft lip and palate and other related disorders, kicking off right here in Chicago.

There is *never* a charge to the patient or parent for any service or medical treatment received at Shriners Hospitals. Children from infancy to their 18th birthday may be eligible for treatment if, in the opinion of the chief of staff, there is a reasonable possibility that treatment will benefit the child. Shriners Hospitals are open to children regardless of the race, religion or relationship to a Shriner.

What about those Shriners?

We've all seen them dressed in costumes, riding around on those mini-replica cars,

DAR to Meet at Reed Turner Woodland Nature Preserve

Signal Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet at 11:15 a.m., May 16, at the Reed Turner Woodland Nature Preserve, 3849 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove. This spring meeting will feature a potluck luncheon followed by a brief history from Barbara Reed Turner of the Woodland Nature Preserve. A social period and silent auction will follow.



full size Harley's and beautiful black horses, even those famous men in kilts (appearing at the fashion show incidentally)! They are a fraternity of men who founded and support the world's greatest philanthropy. All those parades and other appearances keep the philanthropy they love in the minds of you and me. That's why they have the slogan, "We march and ride so children can walk." Their famous image known worldwide as the "Editorial Without Words" represents their ideal that no man stands so tall as when he bends to help a child.

But here's proof to the old saying that "behind every great man, there's a woman." Who's putting on the fashion show? Who's helping to purchase desperately needed equipment to improve the already excellent care given to children at Shri-

Hostesses are Sally Hansen of Algonquin, Darlene Horslev of Barrington, Margaret Christiansen of Barrington Hills, and new members Janet Smith and Nancy Swartz.

All members and prospective members are invited. Contact Sally Hansen, 1-847-658-7292, if you need a ride or wish to share your car. Monthly meetings will resume in September.

ners Hospitals for Children, Chicago Unit? Shrine Ladies!

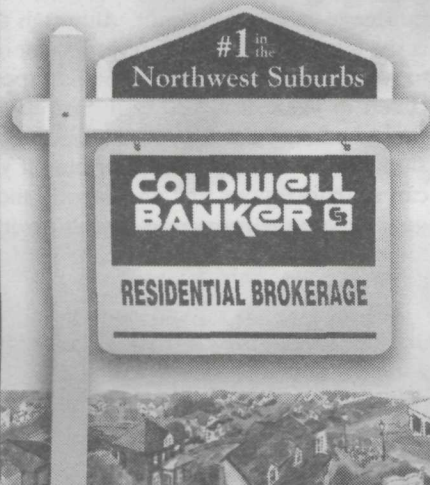
They're raising money to provide additional equipment, which will improve the quality of life at the hospital—making it quiet and more responsive to the needs of the kids they love and care for every day.

Shriners... "We're looking for a few good men too!" That's what they are saying. Check out their Web sites: www.medinah.org and www.shrinershq.org. Check out their new headquarters in Addison off Swift Road near Army Trail.

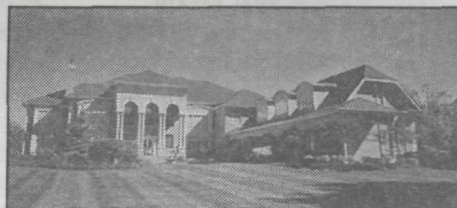
Or better yet, don't just write a check. Get Involved! Become a Shriner or a Shrine Lady. Give back to your community!

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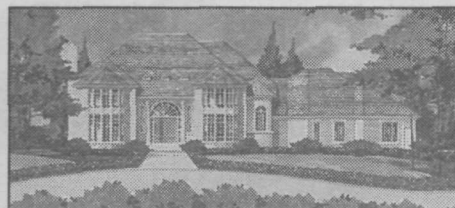
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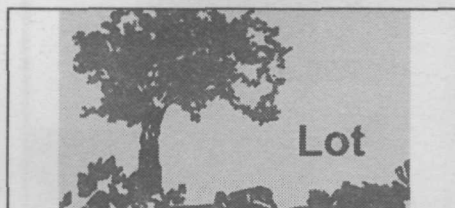
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Only 5 years old & sits on 2 acres. 4 bedroom, 4.5 bath home shows like a model. Vaulted great room with fireplace opens to kitchen. Finished English lower level. Laura Balistreri 847/277-2707



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



Barrington \$519,900
Expansive 4 br, 2.5 ba colonial offers full fin bsmt w/ rec room & workshop. Lrg corner cul-de-sac lot w/ 10 acres of common ground, pond, walking paths & fishing. Celeste Lockhart 847/525-0411



Lake Zurich \$445,000
Open & airy with volume ceilings, brick fireplace, 3 br, 2.5 ba, spacious loft area & gourmet kitchen with stainless steel appliances. Fully fenced large rear yard. Donna Veller 847/826-1530



Barrington \$689,000
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Lake Barrington \$269,000
Lk Barr. Shores-Upper level 2 BR, 2 BA Belaire model. Priv entry. Vaulted ceilings. Skylights. Spacious sunny kitchen, dining room. Large deck. Great views. 1-car gar. Ron & Jeanine VanDeVelde 847/277-2282



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May Events at the Barrington Area Library

Drop-In Storytime

Perfect for families that make impromptu visits to the library, the storytime is filled with stories, fingerplays and songs. No registration required. Siblings are welcome if they do not cause a distraction.—*Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. and Saturday, May 20, at 10:30 a.m., Ages 2 to 5 with Adult.*

Nursery Rhyme Time

Share special moments at this half-hour drop-in session. Hear stories, browse through a selection of library materials and meet new friends. No registration required. Siblings are welcome if they do not cause a distraction.—*Tuesday, May 2,*

at 9:30 or 10:15 a.m.; Tuesday, May 16, at 9:30 or 10:15 a.m.; and Saturday, May 20, 9:30 a.m., Ages Infants to 23-Month-Olds with Adult.

Second Fridays: Chicago Bluegrass Band

Peter Nye and the Chicago Bluegrass Band play a distinctive blend of original, contemporary bluegrass music. With a lineup of the best players in the region, smooth instrumentation, and tight harmonies full of emotion and soul, their performances are entertainment at its very best! Refreshments will be served.—*Friday, May 12, 8:00 p.m.*

How Will the Current Real Estate Market Affect You?

Real Estate

It's no secret that the last 10 years have been very good for the real estate market. Low interest rates, a rise in new construction, and many empty nesters looking to downsize from their large homes has resulted in a surplus of upper-end housing. In Barrington alone, (106) \$1,000,000+ homes were sold in 2005. Currently there are 243 homes priced over 1 million dollars available on the market. This translates to 2.29 homes available for every home sold in 2005.

To date, the first quarter of 2006, there have been only 20 home sales in the million dollar plus market. Using this quarter as an indicator, 2006 would produce approximately (80) \$1,000,000+ homes sold. **THIS REPRESENTS A 25% DROP IN THE BARRINGTON REAL ESTATE MARKET!**

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After being in the mortgage business for over 15 years, I have seen many changes take place in the industry. In recent years, we have seen some creativity in the mortgage lending world.

We have moved away from doing loans with mortgage insurance and have moved towards "piggybacking" mortgages, which means doing a first and a second mortgage instead of just one mortgage. This is done when we must go over 80% loan-to-value of your home, or may be done to keep a first mortgage within conforming loan limits, which results in a lower interest rate on the first mortgage.

This benefits our clients because mortgage interest is tax deductible whereas mortgage insurance is not. Although this is the current trend, it is important for one to realize that once your home has appreciated in value it would be beneficial for you to contact a trusted mortgage professional that can help you determine if you can refinance your first and second mortgage into one mortgage, resulting in a lower amount of interest being paid on the loan.

Also, if you have taken out a home equity line of credit, you may have noticed your interest rate slowly rising over the past 15 months. This is due to the rise of the prime rate as the Federal Reserve attempts to keep inflation under control. If you have a home equity line of credit, you may be able to refinance your first mortgage and home equity line of credit into one mortgage, once again, resulting in less overall interest being paid on the loan.

Not only can you save money on mortgage interest payments, but the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform has recently recommended changes to the tax deductibility of mortgage interest. Their recommendations call for eliminating mortgage interest deductibility on home equity lines of credit and second mortgages and possibly phasing out first mortgage deductibility over a span of five years.

With the steady rise of interest rates on home equity lines of credit over the past several months, coupled with the possibility of no longer being able to deduct mortgage interest that resulted from your second mortgage or home equity line of credit, I ask that you give me a call today so we can help guide you through your different mortgage options and help you determine what the best solution is for you!

Call Kathy Motlagh today at **1-847-590-5800** for expert mortgage advice!

Living with Our Wild Neighbors

Do you have raccoons in the attic? Baby birds on your front porch? A naturalist from Crabtree Nature Center will show us ways to identify and help orphaned or injured wildlife and describe ways we can humanely resolve conflicts with our "wild neighbors."—*Saturday, May 13, 10:00 a.m., All Ages, Registration Begins May 1.*

Book Discussions with Lanny Ori

This month, the discussions will focus on *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult—*Tuesday, May 16, 7:30 p.m., and Thursday, May 18, 2:00 p.m.*

Book Signing Event

The Barrington Area Library and the Barrington Area Arts Council will present an afternoon with two local authors and their new books. Barrington Writers Workshop members Jean Tolle, author of *The Galty Prize*, and Sharon Shea Bossard, author of *Finding My Irish*, will be featured at this Irish-inspired event. Books will be available for purchase, and the authors will sign purchased copies. Refreshments will be served.—*Sunday, May 21, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Adults and Young Adults.*

What Is the Holy Grail?—

Behind Dan Brown's *The DaVinci Code*

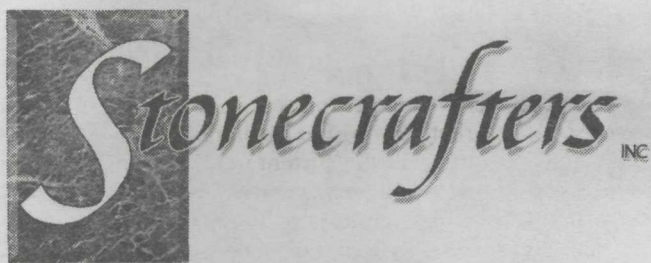
You've read the book and watched the movie—now take a look behind the scenes of the story that has sparked discussions around the world. Leonard Biallas, professor of theology and religious studies at Quincy University and an Illinois "Road Scholar," will take you on a mystical and historical tour in search of the Holy Grail.—*Tuesday, May 23, 7:00 p.m., Adults and Young Adults, Registration begins May 1.*

Karen Land, Iditarod Racer

What would it be like to compete in the iditarod dogsled race across 1,150 miles of frozen Alaskan wilderness? Find out when three-time iditarod competitor Karen Land brings her dog, Borage, and her special gear to the library. *Mush!—Thursday, May 25, 7:00 p.m., All Ages, Free tickets available in Young People's Services beginning Monday, May 15.*

Friends of the Barrington Area Library Humongous Book Sale: "A Whale of a Sale!"

Saturday, June 3, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday, June 4, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.



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From the company's start in 1993, **Stonecrafters** has been providing superior customer service and attention to detail. **Stonecrafters** owner, Dave Hammerl, told us that his goal for the company has always included a demand for quality and a vision to be the supplier of choice for custom stone products to homeowners, builders and designers in Chicago's Northwest Suburbs.

We discussed the company in more detail with Dave and asked why **Stonecrafters** is, "the choice for custom stone products"? Dave told us that this would be best answered with a tour of the operation. We started in their beautiful showroom which includes some great examples that are sure to get your creative juices flowing. Another feature I liked was that the staff is not motivated by commission, so dealing with high pressure salespeople is not a factor.

We continued the tour into the yard where Dave showed us the huge inventory of slabs that they have on site to choose from. Dave told me a story of a customer who was shopping on the coldest day of the year and Dave decided to help with the slab selection personally. Dave instructed her to pull her car right

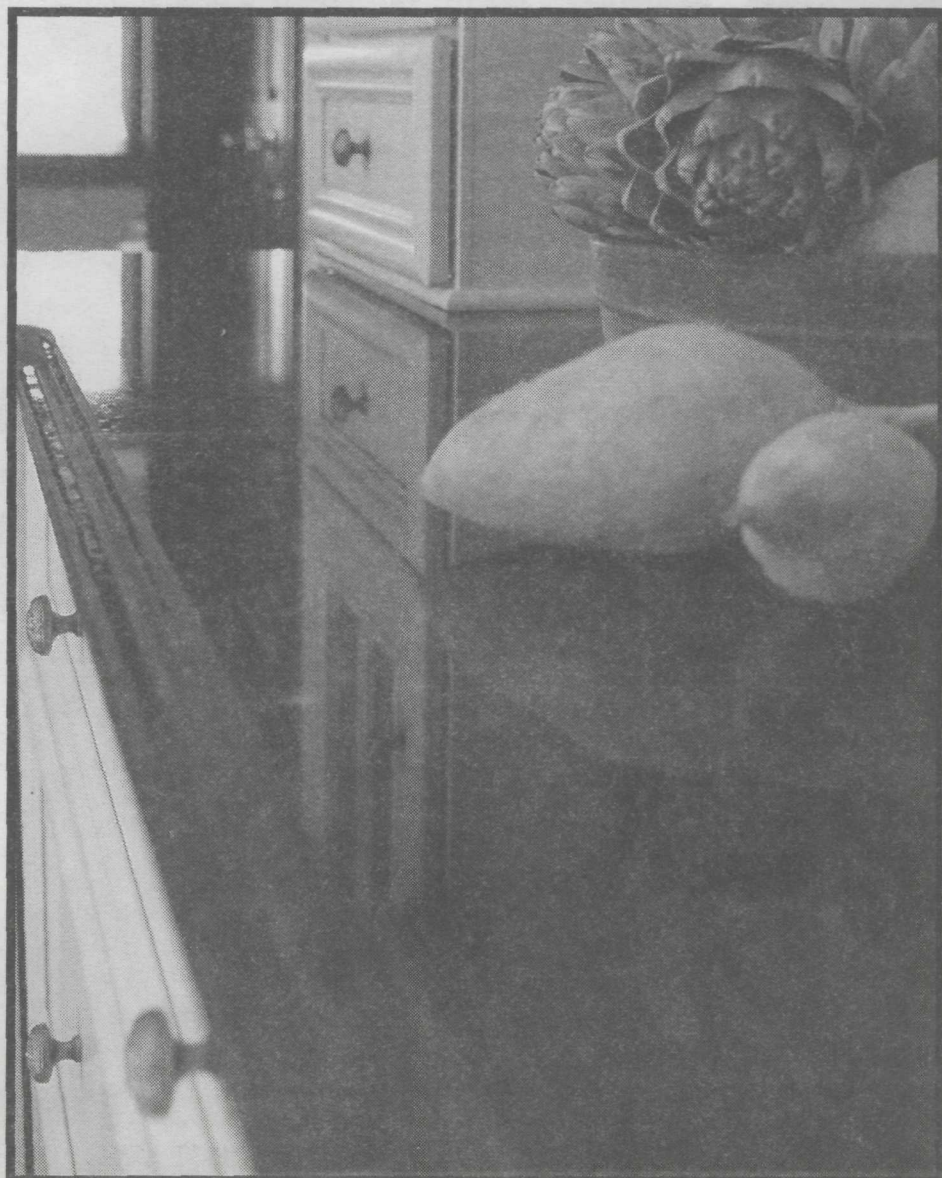
up to the bin and stay warm as Dave and the staff pulled slab after slab to find the best one for her application. You will never be rushed while shopping at **Stonecrafters**.

Following the yard, we made our way into the state-of-the-art cutting and finishing facility. From precision CNC computerized cutting machinery, to the hand polishing and finishing area, **Stonecrafters** has the process perfected. On an environmental note, **Stonecrafters** filters and completely reconditions 100% of the water used for polishing and cutting to reduce waste and cost. This is something to see—it is very impressive.

We finished our tour back in the office area where I met the rest of the staff and was very impressed with the level of knowledge and expertise they all had. I now understand, the **Stonecrafters** Difference. To see this amazing operation for yourself, call to schedule an appointment or simply stop by the showroom. I am sure you will be impressed with the professionalism and customer service of **Stonecrafters**.

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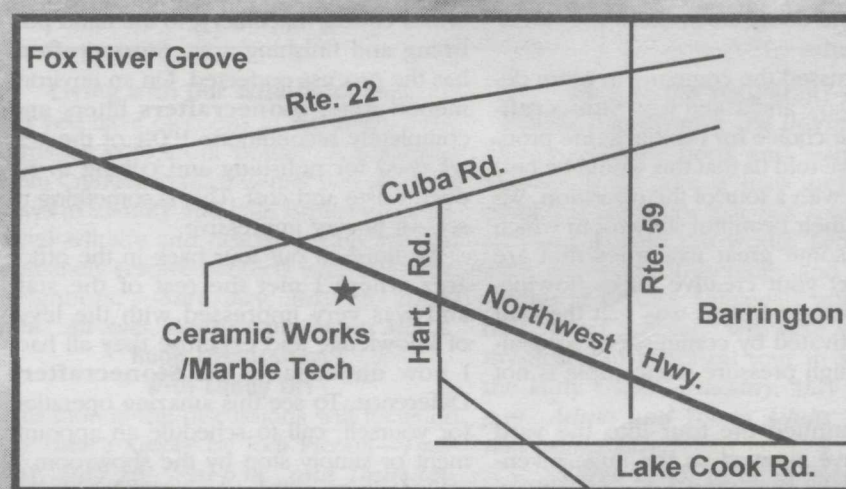
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