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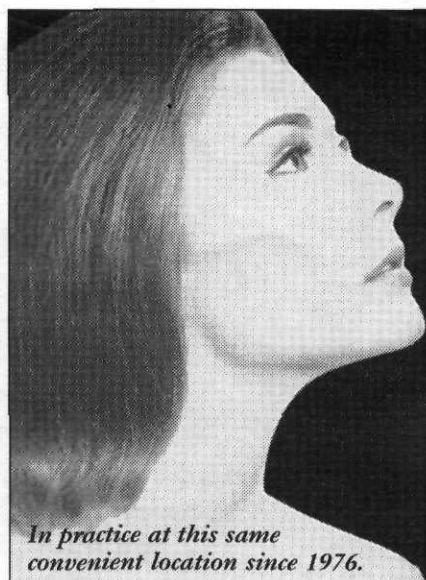
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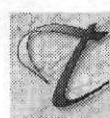
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Editor's Ink

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Dear Reader,

Happy Valentine's Day everyone! We hope it is a special one for you.

Speaking of special, it sounds like Friends of the Home of the Sparrow hosted a very special gala to help raise funds for women and children who face the threat of homelessness. About 120 guests gathered at the Biltmore Country Club and raised over \$100,000 for this great cause. The Rhinestone Ranch gala included quick-draw and roping demos, line dancing and great food.

The Hospice of Northeastern Illinois will kick off its 25th anniversary celebration with a performing arts showcase of song, dance and storytelling. This event will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Raue Center for the Performing Arts in Crystal Lake. Look for details regarding tickets and more info in this issue of *Lifestyles*.

The Barrington Area Historical Society is hosting a special photography exhibition, *In Citizen's Garb: Southern Plains Native Americans, 1889-1891*, this month. Over 50 photos explore the ways dress and life changed for the Kiowa, Comanche and affiliated tribes during this time.

And lastly, a fond farewell to our friends Gary, Kris and the entire staff at Chuck Hines. We will miss you.

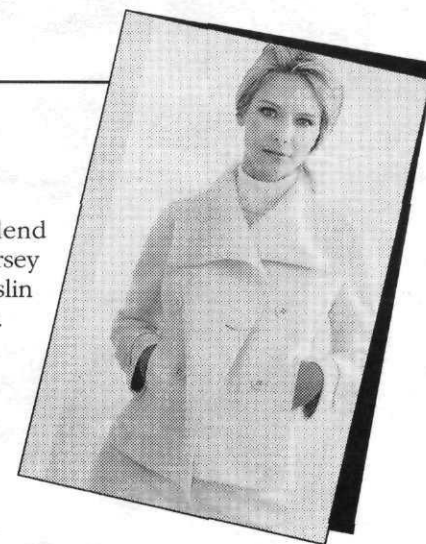
Until next time, may all your thoughts be sunny.

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



About Our Cover

A winter white double-faced wool blend double-breasted jacket tops a muslin jersey short-sleeved turtleneck sweater and muslin wool twill "Sloane" pants. Liz Claiborne.



Third Annual Gala, Feb. 24, to Benefit Woodstock Early Learning Center

Woodstock Christian Life Services (WCLS) is hosting their *Little Hands, Big Hearts* fund-raising dinner and auction on Saturday, Feb. 24 at Boulder Ridge Country Club.

This year a live auction will feature auctioneer and Woodstock Mayor Brian Sager, and will include two one-week stays in Manzanillo, Mexico, a sail boat excursion on Lake Michigan and more. Silent auction and prize items include tickets for sporting events, golf foursomes, spa packages, weekend getaways, dining certificates, party packages for kids and adults, and much, much more.



The event benefits Woodstock Early Learning Center, which cares for 150 to 200 children from McHenry County as a preschool, child-care and early learning center. More than 65% of WCLS' students are from working families who need some financial assistance. Proceeds from this event are used to offset tuition and childcare for these families.

Tickets for the event are \$75 per person, \$140 per couple or \$700 for a table of 10.

For more information call Beth Burg at 1-815-321-4002 or visit our Events Calendar at www.wclsil.org.

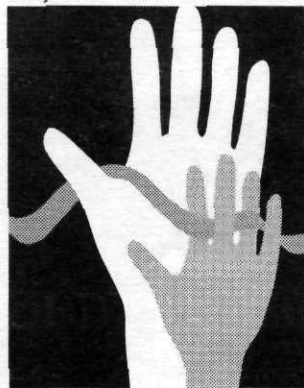
Hospice of Northeastern Illinois Kicks Off 25th Anniversary Celebration with Performing Arts Showcase

Hospice of Northeastern Illinois will open its yearlong celebration of 25 years of service to McHenry County with A Hand to Hold—a showcase of song, dance and storytelling—on Sunday, Feb. 11 at the Raue Center for the Performing Arts. There is a VIP reception from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. and the show runs from 4 to 6 p.m. Proceeds from this showcase of talent will help provide care for the 500 McHenry County families who rely on Hospice of Northeastern Illinois every year.

"We are thrilled to celebrate this milestone in McHenry County," said Carolyn Handler, Hospice of Northeastern Illinois president and CEO. "And we're thankful for the level of support from the McHenry County communities and organizations. These companies recognize our benefit to the community—and their support is vital to our success." Major sponsors of the event include Harris Banks of McHenry County and Centegra Health System.

Storyteller/author Jim May has banded together with Arranmore; Brooke Barrett-Smith, 2005 *American Idol* contestant; De Var Creative Inc.; Svalander Concert Dancers; McNulty Irish Step Dancers; Sinful Saints Dixieland Jazz Band; TownSquare Players Inc.; McHenry County Youth Orchestra String Quartet; and My Musical Mind for a not-to-be-missed event and to raise money for Hospice. May, who has been dubbed a master storyteller by Studs Terkel, has performed across the United States and Europe, and appears regularly

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A Hand to Hold

on WGN, WFMT-FM and WTTW-Channel 11.

The Raue Center will also showcase *The Gift of Knowing*, a collection of photographs and word portraits by photographer Susan McConnell and writer Mary Klest. The collection of work illustrates one of the two most important stories in a person's life; the natural, sometimes beautiful story of how a person moves from this life to another. To create this documentary exhibit, McConnell and Klest accompanied hospice workers through the course of one year into the homes of those who were in the process of adding life to their limited days with the help of Hospice. They were truly experiencing their "gift of knowing." The exhibit will be

"Rhinestone Ranch" Gala A Great Party!



(From left) Eleanor and Jim Nelson, Janet Jones, and Dawn and Tony Silvestri, all of Barrington, enjoyed the evening.

So many of the approximately 120 guests commented "what a great party" when leaving the "Rhinestone Ranch" western-style gala given by Friends of the Home of the Sparrow on Nov. 4 at the Biltmore Country Club, North Barrington.

It was an "inter-active" evening! World Champion Gunslinger John Alvarez, "The Cactus Kid," demonstrated his famous quick-draw, as well as lessons in roping! Many enjoyed posing in their western-style wear with the life-size replica of John Wayne!

The line dancing instructions were a hit, and how about those Harley-Davidson motorcycles that were actually driven into the banquet hall by Randy Sanders of Fatsio Adventures!

"As usual, you had a fabulous band," commented one guest about the music provided by David Rothstein. "The dance floor was crowded from dinner to midnight."

Of course, all the revelry was for a serious cause, as emphasized by Christina Hasselbrink, a current resident participant of the Sparrow program, who spoke about the enormous impact its availability has had upon her life and the lives of the 100 women and children it annually serves in aiding them to achieve self-sufficiency.

The evening raised about \$100,000 for Home of the Sparrow, which provides job-skills training, counseling and transitional housing to women and children of the northwest suburbs who are facing the threat of homelessness. Thanks to all within the community who supported this important cause through their contributions and donations of time!

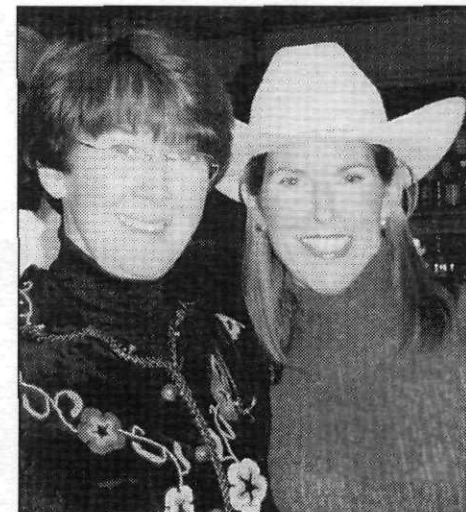
Home of the Sparrow's facilities are lo-

cated in Crystal Lake, Palatine and McHenry. For more information, visit h-o-s.org.

To become part of Friends of Home of the Sparrow, call Jan at 1-847-277-0407.



Kevin Colosia and Ginny Beck, both of Barrington, chat with Amy Mills of Arlington Heights.



Karen Phillips and Leslie Roberts, both from the Barrington area, take time out for a quick pic.



available for viewing Friday, Feb. 9 through Monday, March 5.

Tickets for A Hand to Hold are \$25 and \$30 each for general seating, and \$75 for VIP seating which includes a pre-show reception. For more information on A Hand to Hold or to purchase tickets, please e-mail jwilliams@hospiceanswers.org or call 1-847-381-5599 ext. 246.

For information on *The Gift of Knowing*, please visit www.giftofknowing.org or www.hospiceanswers.org.

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

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Are Physicians Subject to Non-Compete Agreements?

by Joette S. Doran, J.D.

Generally, a non-compete agreement provides restrictions on competing against an employer for a specific duration and geographical area. In order to be enforceable, the courts generally find that the restrictions must be narrowly drafted to reasonably protect the legitimate business concerns of the employer. Various factors are considered in determining whether the employer has a legitimate business concern in restricting employment. These factors include a detailed analysis of the employer's business and its relationship with its clientele, where the company and the employee performed work, the em-



ployee's skills and knowledge of the company's business and the type of position held by the employee. Courts analyze each restrictive covenant and employment

Resorts Hottest Trends Arriving at Assemblé

There's an electric current running through our new home. Lots of excitement about the new digs as well as the vacationwear coming in this month for you. Toss out all those old resort clothes that don't fit quite right—you are going to love this season's new looks. We know our customers and have programmed the trends for you. That's what makes **Assemblé** a hot little destination for you savvy shoppers. There's no shortage of options and new ideas this year. Whether on vacation or at home, you can embrace the spirit of all the new and exciting silhouettes.

Versatile, feminine tops highlight this season's new look. Soft, drapy necklines and rushed midriffs flatter your figure. Elongated tees and tunics from 3 Dot

hide a multitude, while cinched front details and empire bustlines accentuate the positive. A modern Asian influence is prevalent as seen in the kimono and bell sleeved details from Sweet Pea and Weston Wear. Wraps and babydoll tops offer a romantic touch when paired with cropped twills and denim bottoms from Lucky Brand or Christopher Blue. Dresses are a must. Due in this month is a collection of chiffons in soft ethereal hues of cream, cocoa and blush.

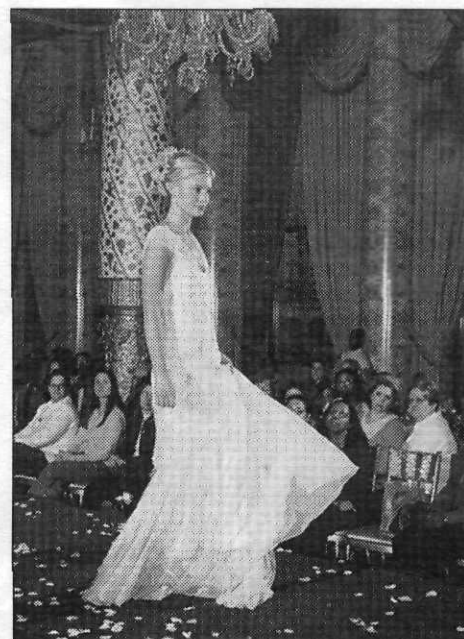
The trends are for clothes that will flatter your figure and brighten your mood. The collections we have highlighted here for you will be arriving throughout February. Those of you who shop **Assemblé** know to visit us often as sizes go quickly, and we get deliveries daily! See ya soon.

Premier Wedding Professionals Combine Talents for "Chicago's Magnificent Bride" Show

For the 15th year, Chicagoland's premier wedding professionals combine forces to create "Chicago's Magnificent Bride." The lavish bridal planning seminar and fashion show will showcase the finest wedding service providers available in Chicago. The show, sponsored by **Stuart-Rodgers Photography** in Chicago, will be held **Sunday, March 11** at The Drake Hotel Chicago, at 140 E. Walton Place.

From 1 until 2:45 p.m., guests are invited to view complete "price-is-no-object" mock wedding setups and discuss their wedding plans with vendors displaying the most exclusive and unique bridal services. Throughout the day champagne and hors d'oeuvres, and gourmet wedding cake with coffee and espresso, will be served among the lush flowers, ice sculptures, covered tables and old world charm of the hotel.

At 2:45 p.m., guests are invited to attend the fashion show produced by The Ultimate Bride. The Gold Coast Room will be lavishly decorated for a fashion show accompanied by the live music of the The Dick Judson Orchestra.



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relationship independently to determine whether the restrictive covenant is enforceable.

Recently, the Illinois Supreme Court considered whether a covenant not to compete was enforceable against a physician. In finding that a non-compete agreement was enforceable the court examined the physicians employment contracts which contained restrictive covenants which stated that upon termination of employment, the doctors would not practice medicine within a geographic area of three miles for up to five years. The doctors argued that the covenants should be declared void as against public policy however, the doctors failed to show that such covenants were contrary to the law or injurious to the public welfare. The court held that such covenants protected the business interests of established physicians and, in this way, encouraged them to take on younger, inexperienced

doctors which could have a positive impact on patient care. The court also stated that historically, covenants restricting the performance of medical professional services have been held valid and enforceable in Illinois as long as the duration and geographic scope are reasonable when considering the effect on the public and any undue hardship on the parties to the agreement. As such, the court held that based the time and effort it took to develop the medical practice, the geographic restriction of three miles and time restrictions of three and five years were reasonable. Accordingly, careful consideration should be given before signing any employment agreement and especially one that contains a non-compete provision since the agreement can potentially restrict future employment and require the payment of monetary damages. For additional employment information, please

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Shoe Box Express of the Inverness Women's Club



Pictured (from left, standing) are Denise Long, Anne Samyn, Judy Rode, Eileen Mahoney, Kathy Hickey, Adele Walker, Jay Fritz (Midwest Bank and Trust president), Patricia Breslich, Raisa Bratkiv, Charlotte Dilillo, (seated) Kristine Breneisen (bank manager), Donna Schuld, Barbara Hidding, Gert Jacobson and Maureen Specht (bank administrative officer). Not pictured is Barbara Parquette.

The shoe box express committee of the Inverness Women's Club met with officers of the Midwest Bank and Trust Co. on the occasion of the presentation of a United States Flag received by the Women's Club from our forces in Iraq to the Midwest Bank for display in their bank.

For four years the Inverness Women's Club has collected items needed by our service men and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. Every six weeks the items are sent to them via the Shoe Box Express.

The club has so far received three flags in appreciation of their efforts. Each flag has served in Iraq. One flag now resides in the Village Hall of Inverness, one re-

sides in the Midwest Bank and Trust Co., and the third is a traveling flag, currently in the Barrington Post Office.

The club is always looking for donations and names of servicemen and women stationed in Iraq and Afghanistan to send care packages to. If you would prefer to help with the shipping cost, a monetary donation payable to The Women's Club of Inverness and marked "Shoe Box Express" will be specifically earmarked to be used for postage to mail these packages. The list of items needed by soldiers changes from month to month, so please call Gert at 1-847-382-6006 for additional information.

BACOA Senior Activity and Lunch Programs for February

The Barrington Area Council on Aging's (BACOA) Monday Senior Lunch and Activity Program is held at the Barrington Park District, 235 Lions Drive, Barrington. Games begin at 10:30 a.m.; lunch is served at noon.

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

• Monday, Feb. 5—Games and lunch. February is National Heart Month; wear

red to celebrate. The program will be announced.

• Monday, Feb. 12—Games and lunch. Virginia Barton will present a special Valentine's Day program that includes music from the past.

• Monday, Feb. 19—Presidents' Day—The Monday lunch program will be closed for the holiday.

• Monday, Feb. 26—Games and lunch. Program will be announced. February birthdays will be celebrated, and blood pressures will be taken by Diane Vos Hansen, BACOA social services coordinator.

Prayer Seminar at Barrington United Methodist Church

Would you like to learn more about prayer? Then come to Barrington United Methodist Church's (BUMC) Prayer Seminar on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Carol Marshall, from the Village Church of Barrington, is the exciting speaker. All are welcome, and complimen-

tary snacks and beverages will be provided.

Barrington United Methodist Church is located at 98 Algonquin Road (at Route 59) in Barrington. Call 1-847-836-5540 for more information. Visit the BUMC Web site at www.BarringtonUMC.com.

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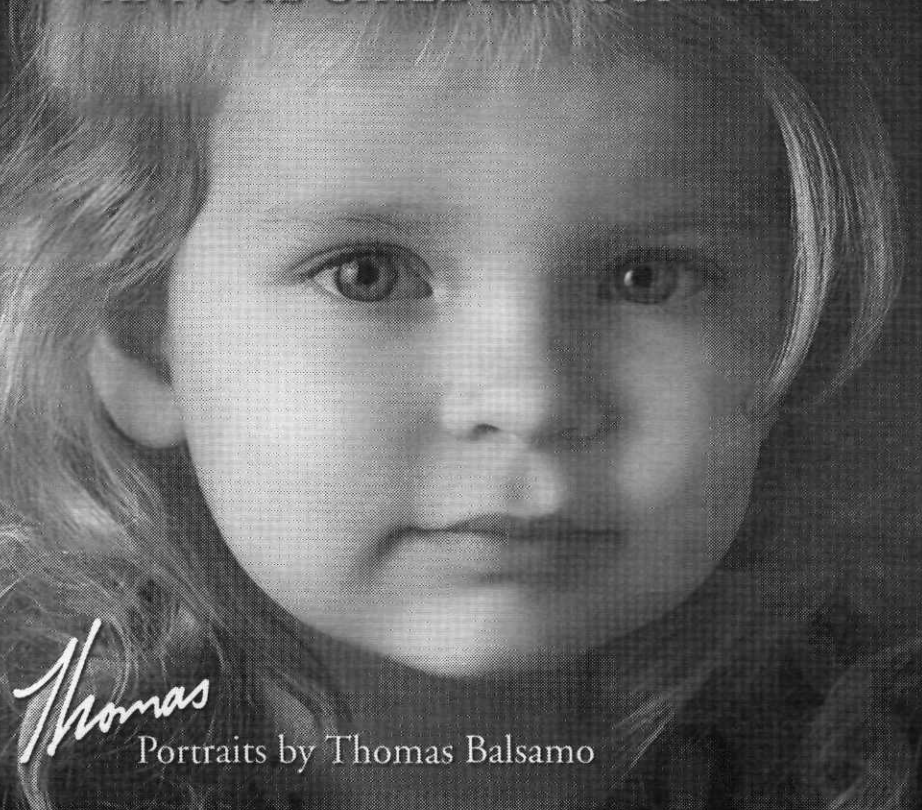
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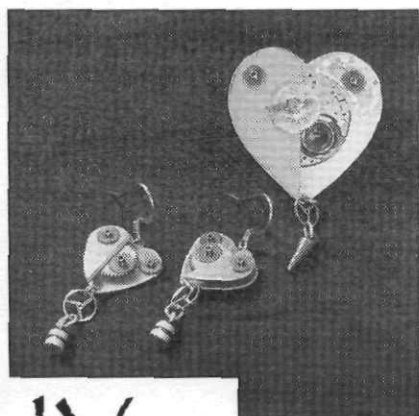
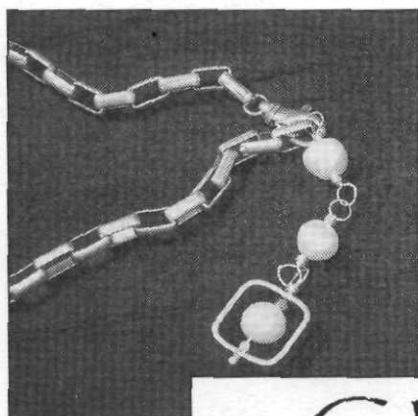
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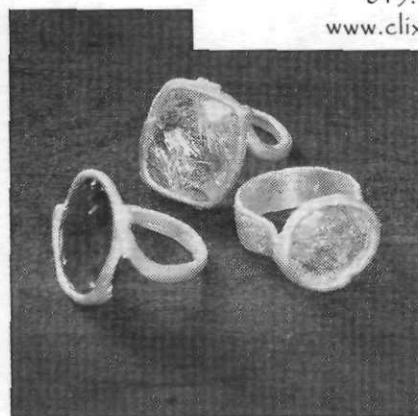
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Got Valentine Troubles, Mr. Cupid?

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Garden Club "Community" Program

The Field and Flower Garden Club's speaker for their next meeting is an expert at garden design for a "community." A community in this instance is not a synonym for neighborhood but instead defines a planting site and the plant material that is placed in it. Considerations are soil types, drainage, light, bloom time, water requirements, costs and maintenance.

Roy Diblik, co-owner of Northwind Perennial Farm near Lake Geneva since 1991, will present a program on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at a member's home. Northwind specializes in growing perennials, ornamental grasses and native plants. Diblik has been growing plant material since 1978 and makes available cutting-edge plants not often found in nurseries and garden centers in the Midwest. The

Lurie Garden in Chicago's Millennium Park is graced with many plants propagated by Diblik. Northwind Perennial Farm is located on a Turn-of-the-Century farm and also has a unique garden shop on the premises.

Field and Flower Garden Club has been a part of the greater Barrington Area for over 47 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 gardening questions. Field and Flower is a member of Garden Clubs of Illinois Inc. and National Garden Clubs Inc. For information, please call 1-847-382-3440 or 1-847-381-7816.

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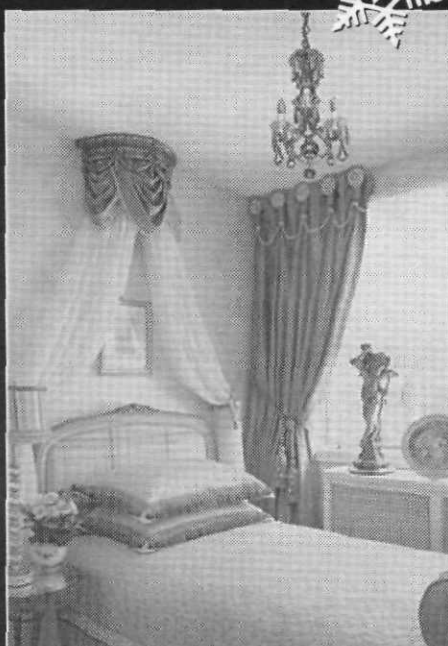
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—Starr



Starr Kondos, Owner

Four Seasons Garden Club Christmas Brunch



Pictured attending the Christmas brunch are (from left, standing) Patricia Toole, Holly Antonucci, Melinda Manning, Judy Palmer, president, Alena Gust, vice president, Gail Bachman, secretary, Diane Hunter, Angie Battin, Ruth Boch, Nancy Marshall, (seated) Ruth Fentress, Dot Lick, Carolyn Roussel, Joy Sponholz, Carol Dymond, and Elaine Bontempo, treasurer. Not pictured is Lenore Lawrence.

The Four Seasons Garden Club annual Christmas Bunch and grab bag gift exchange was held on Dec. 5, 2006 at the home of Lenore Lawrence. Each member brought a delicious dish to pass along with the recipe.

The Four Seasons Garden Club meets at 9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, September through June. The meetings are usually held in a member's

home or at the Barrington Library. Meetings include a social coffee, visiting among members and guests, a short business meeting, and a presentation or demonstration concerning some aspect of gardening or gardening interests.

For further information regarding the club or its activities, please contact Lenore Lawrence at 1-847-381-2883.

Barrington Lyric Sponsors Free Lectures

The Barrington Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago (BCLOC) will welcome members and guests to a pair of free lectures. Sue McCandless will lecture on Mozart's *Costi fan tutte* on Friday, Feb. 2 at 1:30 p.m. Gary Pett will lecture on Poulenc's *Dialogues of the Carmelites* on Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 3:30 p.m. Both lectures will be at the Garlands of Barrington, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington (just south of the Barrington Area Library on Northwest Highway).

Reservations are necessary. Phone Jill Lund, director of activities at The Garlands, at 1-847-756-3200.

The Barrington Chapter sponsors free, open-to-the-public opera lectures on all of Lyric Opera of Chicago's main stage productions. The lecture presentations are given by Lyric Opera of Chicago's award-winning Lecture Corps which is co-chaired by Howard and Mary Robins, Arlington Heights, both past presidents of the



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Back-to-Back Fund-Raisers Result in Nearly \$500,000 for WINGS

It's been a busy December at the WINGS office. Back-to-back fund-raisers, Home for the Holidays and Sweet Home Chicago, brought in nearly \$500,000 for WINGS—Women In Need Growing Stronger. The proceeds will benefit WINGS transitional housing and the Safe House which provides emergency shelter to women and children fleeing domestic violence.

Home for the Holidays, held on Dec. 3, 2006 at the Chicago Marriott Northwest, was the first to arrive. Almost 300 parents and children flocked to visit with Santa, decorate gingerbread cookies, listen to storytelling, see a puppet show and of course enjoy a delectable brunch complete with a chocolate fountain. Instrumental in determining the success of the festivities was the Barrington Friends of WINGS advisory group. In 2005, they brought in just over \$42,000 for the event. This year that amount surpassed the \$75,000 mark.

The advisory, headed up by Barrington's Maria Hayes, engaged other Barrington residents including presenting sponsors David and Diane Hill of Kimball Hill Homes, Vince and Pat Foglia, Dave and Katy Pepper, Michael and Susan Hedrick, The Conroy Family and Douglas R. Brown. A host of other sponsors also joined the list providing added proceeds that WINGS will share with their partner agencies in-



Pictured (from left) are Sweet Home Chicago Co-Chair Julie O'Connor, WINGS Chairman Rita Canning and Sweet Home Chicago Co-Chair Elizabeth O'Connor Cole.

cluding Home of the Sparrow, Fellowship Housing Corporation and HomeAid Chicago.

Hayes, thrilled with the turnout said, "Our group was so pleased to bring this event back for a second year. We truly appreciate the support that Barrington and the surrounding communities have for WINGS. It's this gathering together that makes the holidays really special."

Without missing a beat, the staff and volunteers at WINGS turned around and worked Sweet Home Chicago, another family holiday brunch held at the Four Seasons Hotel Chicago on Dec. 10, 2006. This time the party was hosted by Michal and Elizabeth Cole and Jim and Julie



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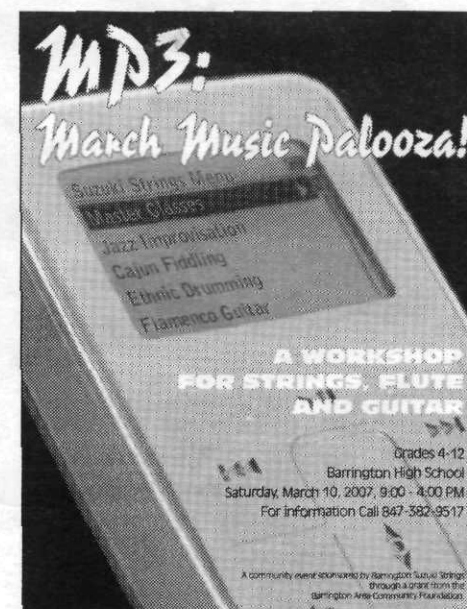
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MP3: March Music Palooza!

Sponsored by the Barrington Suzuki Strings and partially funded by the Barrington Area Community Foundation is a first-ever extraordinary event to be held at Barrington High School on Saturday, March 10. It is for fourth- to 12th-grade students in the Barrington Public Schools, St. Anne School and the Suzuki Music School of Barrington who play strings in orchestra, flute or guitar. Sessions will be conducted by well-known professional musicians who have performed and taught all over the United States and other countries. Whether you are a young student or one who has played for several years, this workshop will give you new musical insights and techniques, and will be a fun way to spend the day. In addition to several fun types of sessions like learning African rhythms on Hand Percussion, Jazz Improvisation, Cajun Fiddling, and Yoga for Musicians, there are specialized sessions for strings, flute and guitar.

We welcome these outstanding musicians and instructors to the Workshop: Charles Pikler, principal violist for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Walter Preucil, cellist for the Chicago Lyric Opera Orchestra; Mojo and the Bayou Gypsies, Cajun music; Randy Sabien, jazz improvisation performer and instructor; Jean-Christophe Leroy, percussion instructor from the Chicago Merit School of Music; Shirley Trissell



and Clara Takarabe, violin and piano performers; Nancy May, yoga instructor; Eric Schroeder, flamenco guitar performer; and the Allegro!!! String Performing Ensemble from the Western Springs School of Talent Education. For more information on each of the performers and instructors, and the sessions to be offered, see the barringtonsuzuki.org Web site.

Please call the Barrington Suzuki Strings office at 1-847-382-9517 for more information on this exciting event.



O'Connor. The event, which drew nearly 500 guests and brought in almost \$400,000, sold out weeks before invitations could be sent out.

The honorary chairs, John and Rita Canning of Inverness, are longtime supporters of WINGS. The couple has been at the helm of the event since its inception. John Canning owner of Madison Dearborn Partners worked tirelessly with his staff to bring in over 50 sponsors for the event including presenting sponsor LaSalle Bank and lead sponsor, Pritzker Family Foundation.

Rita Canning said, "I'm amazed at the amount of corporate sponsorships we've been able to secure. Many of them raised their level of participation to \$10,000 and \$15,000. Co-chairs Elizabeth Cole and Julie O'Connor did an amazing job of putting this all together."

Parents and children, dressed in holiday attire, enjoyed a host of activities including gingerbread house decorating, visits with Santa, professional photo sessions and a silent auction. Holy Angels' Nia Imani Choir and award-winning band Ralph's World provided entertainment for the over 200 children who attended.

Both events are being planned again for 2007.

WINGS currently operates 24 homes and apartments in Chicago and the north and northwest suburbs of Chicago in Cook and Lake Counties. A 15,000 square foot Safe House can house up to 45 women and children each night. In addition to shelter WINGS provides therapeutic counseling, mentoring, children's activities, career services, legal and medical advocacy and much more. To learn more, visit www.wingsprogram.com.



Spring is Arriving at Peter Daniel

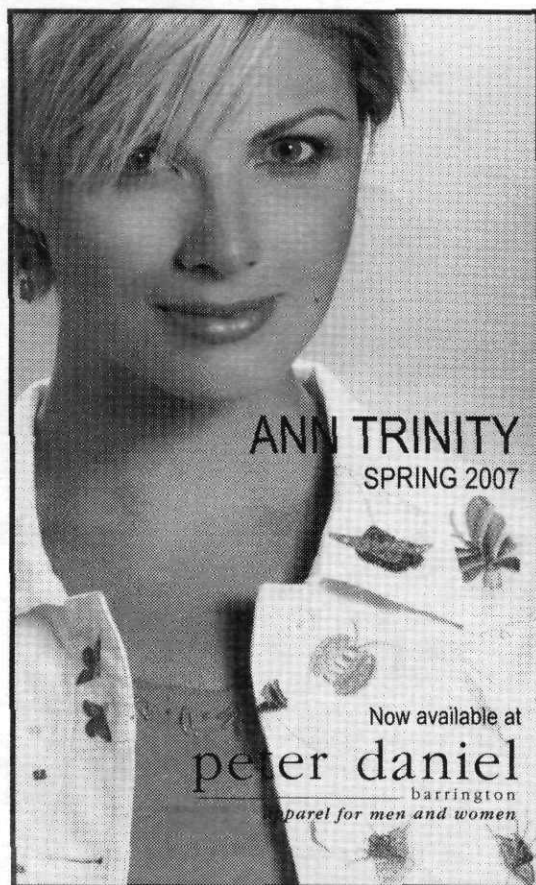
We're excited to add some great new lines to our Ladies Department this spring. One of our favorites is **Fresh Produce**. Many of you are probably familiar with this fun, casual, colorful, easy-to-wear line of clothing. From T-shirts to dresses, this is a great casual line for travel and weekend wear.

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Coming soon to the Ice House Mall...SOAK, this one-of-a-kind shop will feature **handmade soaps, bath salts and bath accessories**. Look for the Grand Opening of **Soak** at the Ice House Mall!

The Ice House Mall & Village Shops will feature exciting events throughout the month of February. **Feb. 8 to 13th** is our **"Treats for Your True Love!" Contest**. Customers can enter to win a **Valentine Gift Basket valued at over \$150**. To enter, customers can stop in at any of our fine shops. No purchase necessary. One winner will be notified.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner, and shopping for that special someone in your life couldn't be easier at the **Ice House Mall**. We are **just minutes away from you** and offer 17 one-of-a-kind shops that have just what you are looking for—from the latest in fashion apparel and accessories at **Peter Daniel**, **Savvy Spirit & Casual**, and **Filly's**, to furnishings and gifts at **The Canterbury**

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Spring will be here before you know it. Now is the time to plan for home improvements. Don't miss our **Extreme Home Improvement & Design Expo on Saturday, Feb. 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.** at the Ice House Mall & Village Shops. Come see over **20 vendors** display their products and valuable information on how to improve and repair your home this spring. **Free seminars** and **entertainment** by local community artists will be featured.

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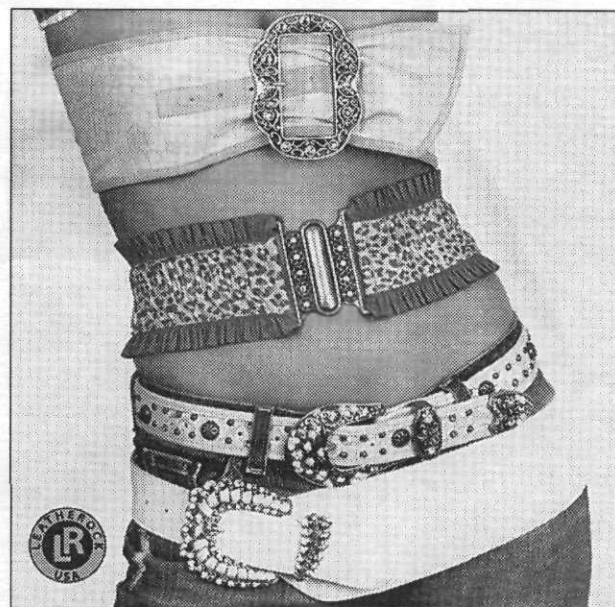
From its humble inception in 1879, the Art Institute's quality and character have been formed in large part by its benefactors. As part of the World's Columbian Exposition, the museum acquired a new location and classical Beaux Arts building in 1893. Around that time the Art Institute received its first major gift, a collection of French paintings presented by Mrs. Henry Field. Over the next century, the ongoing gifts of art, financial support, and volunteerism from individuals and organizations contributed to the museum's expansion and attainment of its vision.



Mrs. Potter Palmer
by Anders Zorn, 1893.

Annie Morse is senior lecturer in Museum Education at The Art Institute of Chicago. She is also an independent curator who has worked with the Contemporary Arts Council, The Three Arts Club of Chicago, and the Hyde Park Art Center. Her discussion will illuminate the lives and personalities of some of the important early benefactors, including Bertha

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Resort and Early Spring collections are beginning to pour in at **Satin Filly**... stay happy and warm.
—Karen

Visions of Sugarplums, Scholarships and Nature

The Holiday Luncheon of the Garden Club of Inverness, with its visions of sugarplums, is now a delightful memory for those who enjoyed the creativity and meticulous planning that made the event so special. The club's principal fund-raiser for its Scholarship and Community Involvement programs was a splendid success, and, with thanks to the generosity of its attendees, produces effects which last long past the beautiful day.

Last year three scholarships totaling \$4,500 were awarded to local students, with a total of \$19,500 in scholarships granted in the past six years. Scholarship applications for graduating high school seniors and college students with a demonstrated interest in environmental studies, e.g. horticulture, botany, landscape design, agriculture, forestry, conservation, natural resources management, or environmental engineering, are now available,

both in high school guidance offices in Barrington and in District 211, or by contacting the scholarship chair at 1-847-756-4472 or P.O. Box 1203, Palatine, IL 60078.

Join the Garden Club of Inverness at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 15 at All Saints Lutheran Church, 630 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, for a program on nature photography by Jon Kinney, a member of the Riverwoods Nature Photographic Society and the North American Nature Photography Association. Kinney, an avid nature photographer, who has enhanced his skills through college classes, workshops and independent study, will focus his program on what to consider before snapping the picture: proper subject selection and placement, lighting, perspective and other compositional issues.

For information, call Judy at 1-847-358-8994 or Camille at 1-847-991-5034.



Honore Palmer, Martin A. Ryerson, Kate S. Buckingham, and Georgia O'Keefe. Following her lecture, BN/WCA members will enjoy a delicious lunch at the Union League Club of Chicago.

The cost is \$65 dollars, which includes transportation and lunch. This event is for BN/WCA members only. Reservations are due by Feb. 16. Send checks to Day Chair

Carole Bulakowski, 1-847-358-5837.

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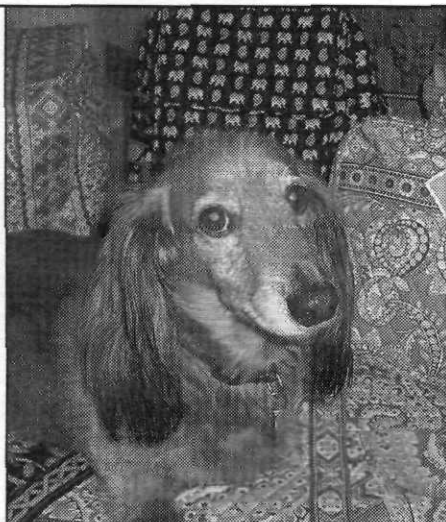
9 a.m., bus departs Langendorf Park parking lot; 9:30 a.m., bus departs Harvest Bible Church parking lot; 10:45 a.m., lecture in Morton Auditorium; 1 p.m., bus departs AIC; 1:15 p.m., lunch at Union League Club; 3:15 p.m., bus departs Chicago

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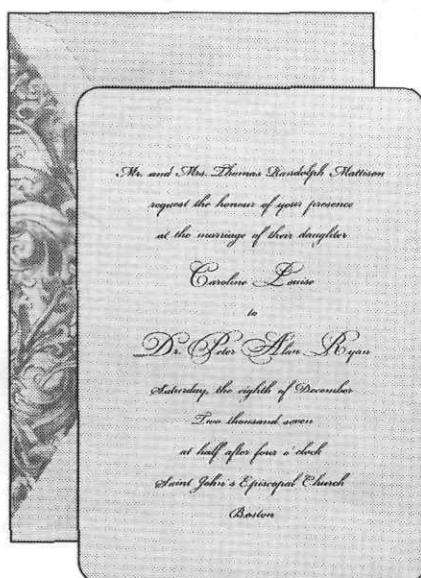
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com ensures that cancer survivors, their families and friends are protected online through strict privacy policies, password-protection and visitor management tools.

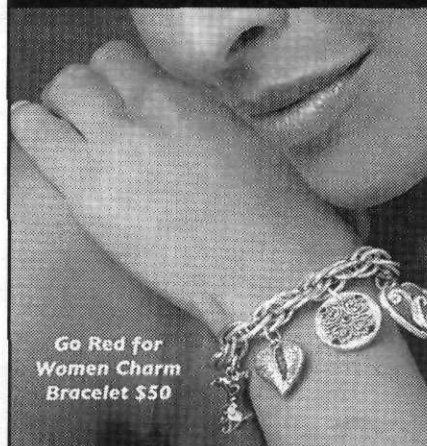
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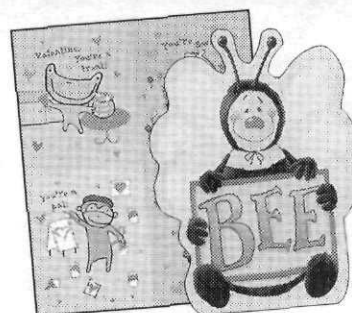
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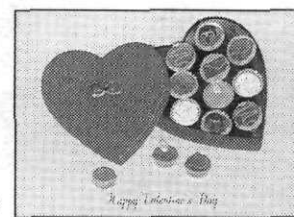
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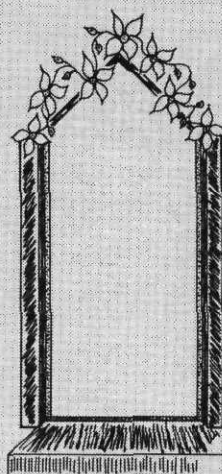
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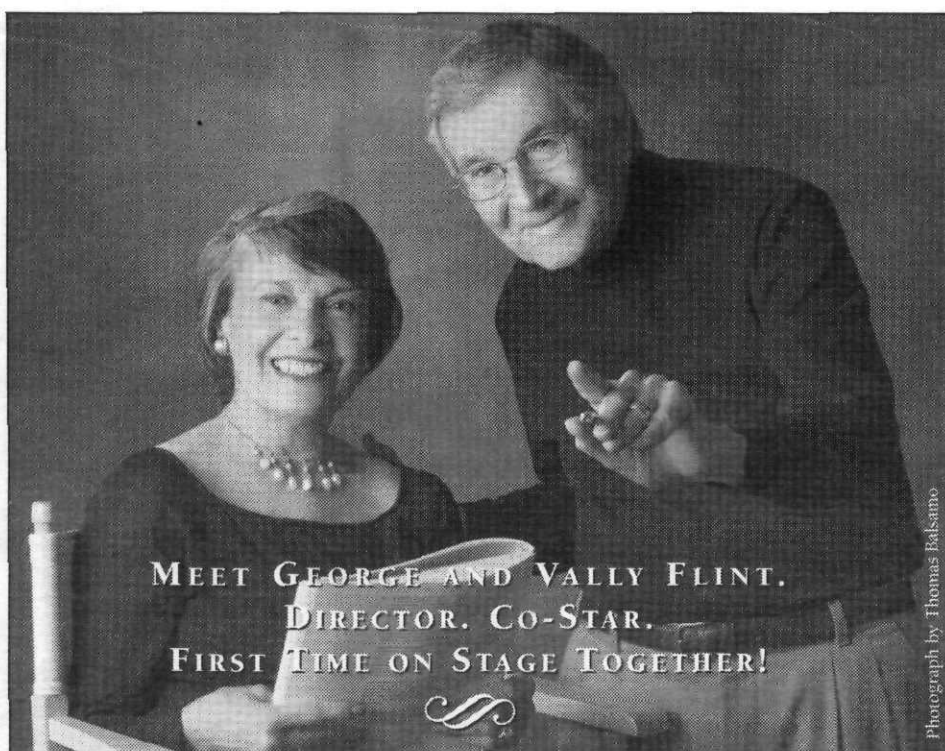
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Wellness Place provides professional, cancer-related counseling, services and programs at no charge to enhance the lives of people living with cancer, their families and caregivers. The not-for-profit cancer resource center serves 60 communities in the northwest suburbs of Cook County, and parts of McHenry, Lake and Kane counties. For information, call 1-847-221-2400, or visit www.wellnessplace.org.



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Start the New Year Off Right The Garlands February Community Events

Attend some fun and educational programs that are sure to bring you happiness and wisdom! The community is invited to attend the following events to be held at The Garlands, 1000 Garlands Lane (off Northwest Highway near the Barrington Area Library), Barrington. Just mark your calendar and call 1-847-304-1996 to make a reservation today.

• Friday, Feb. 2, 1:30 p.m., **Così fan tutte**, free—Does the virtuous woman exist? "No way," blusters a cynical old bachelor. In fact, he's willing to bet on it, and does—baiting two young soldiers who are certain their fiancées will remain true, no matter what! Lyric Opera lecturer Susan McCandless presents.

• Saturday, Feb. 10, 10 a.m. to noon, **Hollywood's New Racism Exposed**, \$19 per person—*Daily Herald* film critic Dann Gire examines how some current and Oscar-winning movies, while appearing to be perfectly enlightened in their treatment of minorities, carry the tacit message of white superiority. Gire will review and discuss clips from films such as *Ghosts of Mississippi*, *Men of Honor*, *Dances with Wolves* and *Glory* in what is sure to be a real eye opener.

• Tuesday, Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m., **Dialogues of Carmelite**, free—It's 1794. France's Reign of Terror is raging. Desperate to find safety and peace, Blanche de la Force, a timid young aristocrat, leaves

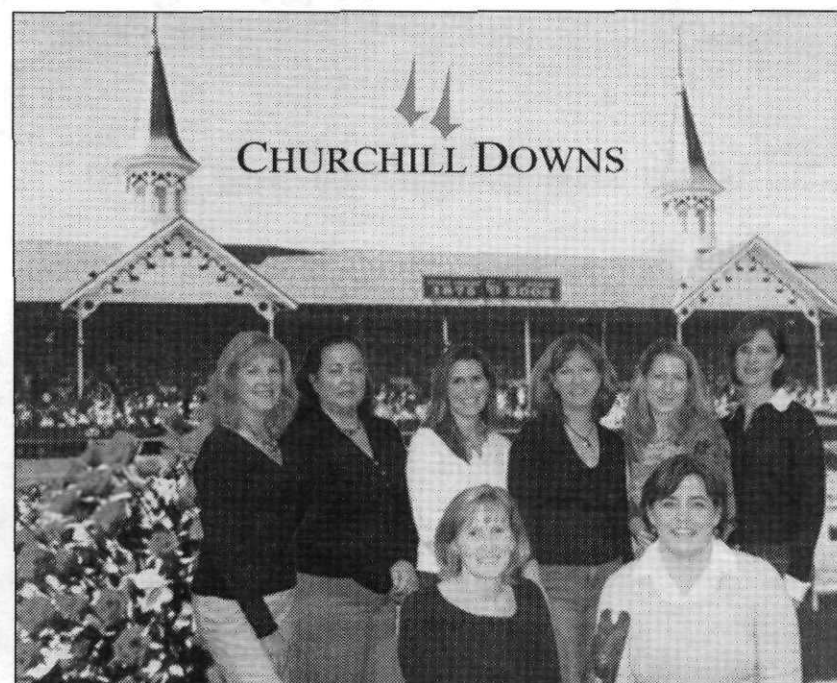
her family for a convent. But as the Mother Superior warns, she has entered a house of prayer—not an escape from reality. Lyric Opera lecturer Gary Pett presents.

• Wednesday, Feb. 21, 4:30 to 7 p.m., **Arthritis Screening**, free—Dr. Odell will screen participants for arthritis and joint pain. He will focus on hip, knee and shoulder pain. Please wear shorts or a T-shirt depending on the problem area. Limited appointments will be available. R.S.V.P. to 1-866-ALEXIAN.

• Saturday, Feb. 24, 1 to 2 p.m., **Blizzards In Illinois**, \$10 per person—Betsy J. Green, local historian, trained storm spotter and member of the American Meteorological Society, will revisit the most memorable local blizzards of the past 150 years. Her presentation, based on hundreds of newspaper articles and eyewitness accounts, brings the drama of blizzards alive. You'll be surprised to learn how attitudes toward snowstorms have changed over the decades!

The Garlands, located near the heart of Barrington, is a unique community for people ages 55 and older, offering residents an uncompromising lifestyle in a resort setting. The Garlands of Barrington combines elegant residences with unprecedented amenities and services. Come and experience The Garlands at these February events.

Trifecta... Win, Place and Show Up for the BYFS Derby



Pictured (from left, front row) are co-chairs Donna Penyak and Nicole Jacobsen, (back row) Gayle Maraval, Linda Maselli, Christina Currie, Cinda Pittman, Amy Wickstrom and Tracy Bischof. Members not shown include Kathy Maca Mangan, Karen Mazzulla, Terry O'Brien, Joann Rogers, Gail Sapio, Judy Tolle, Lynn Topping, Angie Wallin, and Linda Zabkiewicz.

The Barrington Youth & Family Services (BYFS) Auxiliary announces they will be bringing the Kentucky Derby to Barrington at their spring event. Once again, the ladies of this auxiliary are planning another unforgettable evening filled with fun and surprises! This "legendary" event will be held on Friday, May 4 at the beautiful Makray Memorial Golf Club. Music will be performed by Ron Bedal and his

Orchestra. Ticket price for the event is \$150 per person.

One hundred percent of the proceeds from this event will benefit Barrington Youth & Family Services.

For information on the event, including sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, please contact Sue at BYFS at 1-847-381-0345 or Donna Penyak at 1-847-382-2927.

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A L'Amour Announces Exciting Events

A L'Amour, the premier bridal salon in the area, has very special events planned in February.

- Feb. 4—"The Icing," a special day planned for brides to provide ideas for makeup, hairstyles, headpieces, veils and accessories to complete your look. Reservations are required.

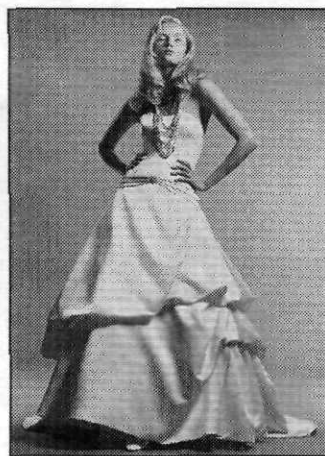
- Feb. 12 to 17th—**Valentine's Day** is **A L'Amour's** birthday. We will celebrate the entire week with special in-store promotions. Watch our Web site for details—www.alamour.com.

- Feb. 16 and 17th—**Henry Roth Bridal Trunk Show**. Appointments are required.

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

Four Seasons Garden Club February Meeting

The February meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the Barrington Area Library located on Northwest Highway. The business meeting will be followed by a presentation titled "Ask me Anything" by Robert E. Livingston, owner and landscape designer for Creative Edge Landscapes, LLC. Guests are welcome.

Livingston has 23 cumulative years in the green industry and is an expert in residential and commercial landscape design with an emphasis on conservation.

The Four Seasons Garden Club meets at

9:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of each month, September through June. The meetings are usually held in a member's home or at the Barrington Library. Meetings include a social coffee, visiting among members and guests, a short business meeting, and a presentation or demonstration concerning some aspect of gardening or gardening interest.

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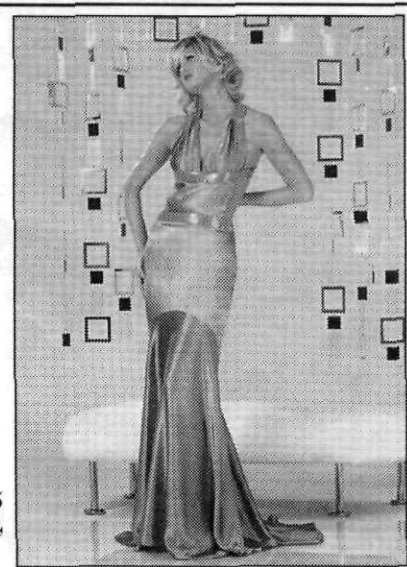
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Hollywood's biggest stars come together once a year to honor outstanding work in cinema, in an event everyone's come to know and love. On Feb. 25, the 79th Annual Academy Awards® is taking place, and that means Barrington Area Arts Council (BAAC) is hosting its 2nd Annual Oscar® Party at Makray's Memorial Golf Club that night at 6 p.m. (doors open at 6 p.m., the telecast starts at 7 p.m.).

Makray is located at 1010 S. Northwest Highway in Barrington. Tickets for the event are \$85 each for the general public; \$75 each for BAAC members. Tables of 10 can be reserved by the general pub-

lic for \$850; \$750 for BAAC members.

In true Hollywood spirit, a red carpet walk will take place before the event. Dress to the nines and show off your glamorous outfits before sitting down to an exquisite dinner prepared by the top-notch chefs of Makray's Memorial Golf Club. Hors d'oeuvres will be served before the telecast begins. A cash bar will be stocked with your favorite liquors and beers.

BAAC's 2nd Annual Oscar® Party is sure to be a blast, so make your reservations today. For more information and reservations, call BAAC at 1-847-382-5626.



Dedicated Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Wing at Hearthstone Manor in Woodstock

How many times have you heard someone joke about having Alzheimer's or "a senior moment?"

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People with Alzheimer's disease are our grandparents, parents, spouses, teachers, doctors, ministers, best friends and next door neighbors. They are the people who have cared for, taught, loved and mentored us. Alzheimer's disease and related dementia affects the entire family. An elderly spouse may try to care for their loved one at the expense of their own health. Adult children agonize over how to make the right decision for a mother or father whose condition is deteriorating.

There comes a time when home care is no longer safe or feasible. When that time comes, **Traditions** provides an ideal alternative to home care. Located within **Hearthstone Manor**, **Traditions** offers a homelike environment devoted to the special needs of persons with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Intimate, peaceful and inviting, each area is home to no more than 10 residents at a time.

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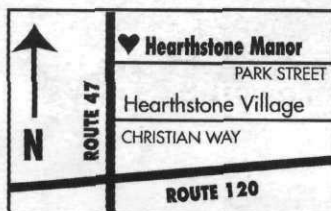
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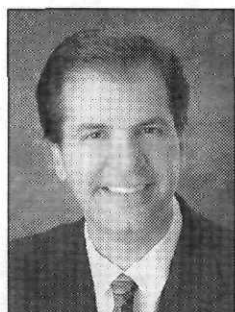
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Are Your Teeth Getting Short?

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



Many adults find that their front teeth are wearing down, getting thin or even chipping away. The cause of these problems is not what you eat, chewing ice or those pencils you hold in your mouth. More likely, it is unconscious, usually nocturnal movements of your lower jaw called bruxism or "night grinding". The cause may be that your back teeth do not fit together properly. It may be caused by brain waves or it may even be associated with R.E.M. sleep patterns. There may be headaches, sore muscles or jaw joint pain associated with the tooth destruction from bruxism.

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Contact Chrissy Raddi at 1-847-385-5302 or craddi@clearbrook.org for more information or to purchase tickets.

Fat Injection

Fat injection is a cosmetic procedure, which uses the patient's own fat cells to fill that same patient's facial lines and creases. Structural fat is harvested or removed from one part of the patient's body (i.e. abdomen, thigh) and reinjected into a facial line or crease. As we all know, softening facial lines and wrinkles helps maintain a more youthful appearance, and fat transfer is a great way to accomplish this look.

Fat injection has been used for many years now, but a new technique for placing the fat (the Coleman technique) gives better, longer lasting results. The old technique involved placing large parcels of fat in an atrophic area. Fat cells are fragile and once ruptured, they would die and be reabsorbed into the body. In addition, the fat cells would need a blood supply to nourish them, and providing enough blood to a large parcel of fat was quite difficult. Using the old technique, the fat would eventually die and the patient would need to return to the office for re-treatment every two to three months.

The new fat transfer technique is a simple office procedure done with local anesthesia. The fat is harvested from the donor site and cleaned, and is then injected into the atrophic area using a very small, blunt-tipped, side-port needle. The needle is advanced into the tissue with multiple planes of injection, using a criss-cross pattern to fill the area with very small parcels of fat. Small parcels of fat have a much better survival rate than larger parcels of fat because the blood

by Gary S. Churchill, MD



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supply can more easily and effectively nourish a small parcel of fat, making the fat more stable. The Coleman technique softens a creased area with countless, tiny parcels of fat.

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Garden Club of Lake Zurich

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

The program will be "Sculpture in the Chicagoland Public Landscape" presented by Bill Eessel (our own!), Flower Show judge for The Garden Club of Illinois.

For information, call 1-847-438-2989 or 1-815-446-6289. 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

- March 6, 7 p.m.—Perennials for the Chicago Region by Carolyn Ulrich
- April 3, 7 p.m.—Dazzling, Delightful, Delicious Daylilies by Greg Bartoshuk
- May 8, 7 p.m.—Flying Flowers by Patricia Armstrong
- May 12, 8:30 a.m. to noon—Plant Sale at Ela Area Public Library in Lake Zurich
- June 5, 7 p.m.—All About Herbs: An Overview by Gabrielle Castrejon
- July 10, 6 p.m.—Work at Ela Area Library Garden

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- After-tax contributions from a 401(k) or other qualified plan can be rolled tax-free into a 403(b), and vice versa. This affects employees who move from a corporate job to a job with a nonprofit organization or school, for example.

- Employees who have reached age 62 and who haven't separated from service by working part-time at reduced compensation ("working retirement") will be permitted to make taxable withdrawals

(in-house distributions) from their employer pension plans.

Be sure to consult with your tax, legal and financial advisors before you make any decision to withdraw financial assets.

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Take Charge of Your Own Personal Safety

Developing your own personal safety plan is part of the free Women's Self Defense Workshop being sponsored by Safe Daughters, a nonprofit organization. The six-session program, which begins on Wednesday, Feb. 7 is designed to reduce the risk of sexual assault and emphasizes

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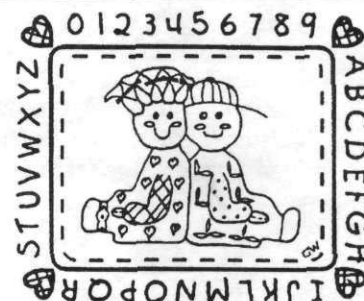
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Hands-on basic street self-defense techniques will be taught by American Women's Self Defense Association certified instructors. Students may participate in a simulated attack situation. The program is open to women and girls age 12 and above. Those under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

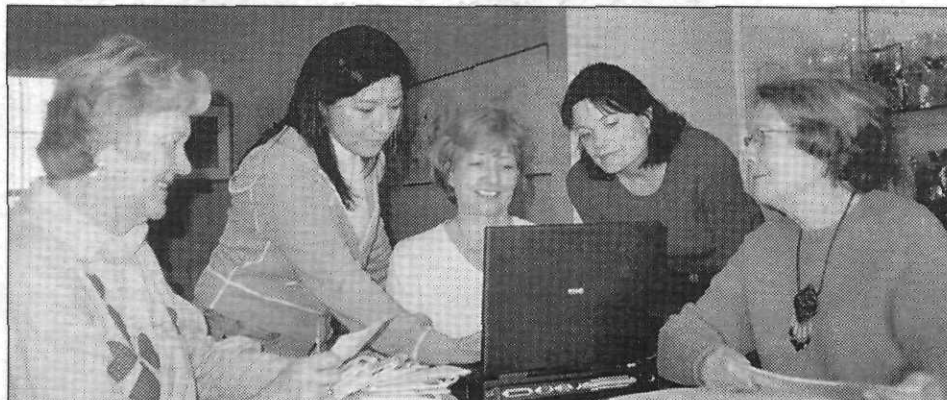
Funding from the Barrington Area Community Foundation and the Barrington Junior Women's Club has enabled the course to be offered free of charge, provided you attend all six sessions. A deposit of \$100 per person is required for registration. Deposits of those not attending all sessions will be donated to the American Women's Self Defense Association, a nonprofit organization.

The workshop will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 7, 14th, 21st, 28th, and March 7 and 14th, at Lake Zurich Family Martial Arts, 215 S. Rand Road, Lake Zurich. Class size is limited. To register for the workshop or for more information, call 1-847-331-2977.

Happenings!

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Spring Showcase of Arts & Crafts Planned



(From left) Mary Herther, Rose Alberts, Kathy Testa, Jane Purcell and Reta Holmgren, members of Alpha Gamma Delta or Parents and Teachers of Handicapped Students, review the first group of applications for the 2007 Spring Showcase of Arts & Crafts.

The 35th Annual Spring Showcase of Arts & Crafts for 2007 will be held on Saturday, March 3 and Sunday, March 4 at the Samuel A. Kirk School, 520 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine. Exhibiting will be 90 artists who will present their handmade and handcrafted works of ceramics, glass, wood and metal works, toys, clothing, jewelry, photography, home decor and fine art.

New exhibitors are welcome and may

contact Kathy Testa at 1-847-259-8749 or d.mazzocchi@comcast.net for a showcase application. The jury committee will accept applications through Feb. 15.

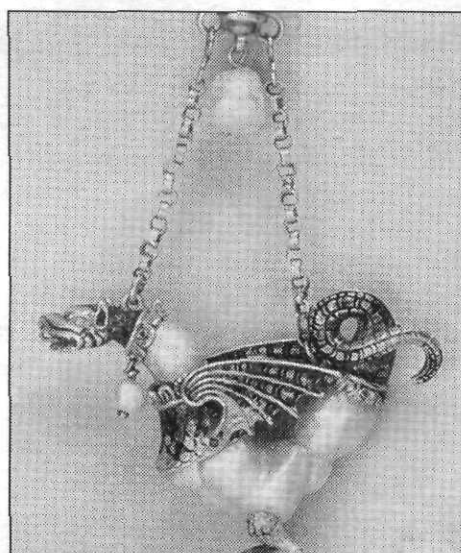
Proceeds will benefit the Kirk School, a public day school for physically and mentally handicapped children, serving many northwest suburbs and school districts; plus, the Alpha Gamma Delta Foundation for diabetic research and scholarships.

Renaissance Jewelry Topic for Art Brunch

When women think of Valentine's Day, many will fantasize on yummy chocolates, fragrant bouquets and most especially on gorgeous jewelry. Jewelry is the very topic selected as a special Valentine treat planned for Barrington/Northwest Community Associates (B/NWCA) members and guests. Thursday, Feb. 15 is an important date to mark on your calendars because the program includes brunch at the Biltmore Country Club, 160 Biltmore Drive, Barrington, and a stimulating lecture on Renaissance jewelry.

The Art Institute of Chicago possesses a superb collection of jewelry from the Renaissance period (1400-1700), thanks to the generosity of collector Marilyn Als-dorf, who donated these works to the museum a few years ago. The collection includes sacred and secular objects, ranging from gem-studded crosses to elaborate pendants made from baroque pearls. Such jewelry displays the technical virtuosity and artistic ingenuity of the artisans who created it, as well as providing a glimpse into the sumptuous lifestyles of the Renaissance elite.

Jeff Nigro is the guest lecturer who will share examples from the Art Institute's outstanding inventory and illuminate our understanding of the pertinent history and craftsmanship associated with the collection. Jeff Nigro is the director of Adult Programs in the Department of Museum Education at the Art Institute of Chicago. Jeff has been lecturing on the Art Institute's collections since 1988 and has acted



"Pendant Shaped as a Dragon," Renaissance period.

as study leader on Art Institute-sponsored trips to Italy, Greece and Germany. He has also served as a guest lecturer for a number of institutions, including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. In 2003, Jeff received the Art Institute Chairman's Award for outstanding service.

The brunch begins at 10:30 a.m. with a noon lecture start. The cost is \$45. Reservations are due by Feb. 7.

For information, call Day Chair Peggy McCotter at 1-847-885-7566. To inquire about membership, contact Carol Merritt at 1-847-991-2889 or Lenore Elsener at 1-847-255-9492.

Barrington Area Historical Society Will Host Photography Exhibition

In Citizen's Garb: Southern Plains Native Americans, 1889-1891, from Feb. 4 through March 10

In Citizen's Garb: Southern Plains Native Americans, 1889-1891, explores the ways dress—and life—changed for the Kiowa, Comanche, and affiliated tribes during the 1880s and 1890s. Indian reservations in Oklahoma and Indian Territories opened during this era, coinciding with large-scale efforts by the United States government to force western Native American tribes to adapt Euro-American ways. These efforts were meant to "civilize" the native peoples.

William J. Lenny and William L. Sawyers were among the many white entrepreneurs quick to capitalize on the romantic lure of the tribes. They set up shop in Purcell, Okla., one of the many towns that sprang up on former Indian lands, to make



photographs of formerly "wild Indians" for eastern U.S. consumption, where there was a great appetite for images of the West. The 53 photographs that comprise this exhibition are modern restrikes made from Lenny and Sawyer's original glass negatives.

Some of the photographs show obvious—yet powerful—details of the acculturation process. Images of Native Americans in both citizen and native dress reflect the transition that occurred between the tribes' past and their radically different future.

In Citizen's Garb is curated by John Hernandez, director of the Museum of the Great Plains in Lawton, Okla. The exhibit is organized by the Great Plains and toured by ExhibitsUSA. ExhibitsUSA is a national program of Mid-America Arts Alliance.

The exhibit hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For special tours, call the society at 1-847-381-1730. This exhibit is brought to the Barrington community through a grant from the Barrington Area Community Foundation of Barrington, Ill.



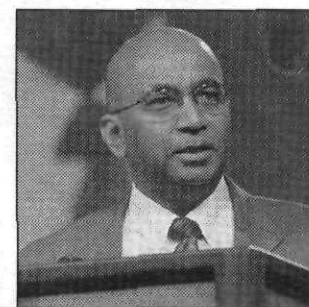
Church Women United of the Barrington Area to Hold World Day of Prayer

World Day of Prayer (WDP) 2007 will be observed by Christians in over 170 countries on Friday, March 2. Beginning with the first sunrise and ending at the last sunset, prayers will be said all around the world.

Church Women United of the Barrington Area will hold this service at St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 337 Ridge Road, Barrington Hills at 1 p.m. Childcare will be provided at no charge and worshipers are invited to stay for refreshments and fellowship.

The WDP theme "United Under God's Tent," written by Christian women of Paraguay, celebrates diversity. The Rev. Fred Rajan, vice president for Mission and Spiritual Care at Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, Barrington, will speak and share his witness to diversity.

Rajan is an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and prior to joining Good Shepherd Hospital he served as executive director of multicultural ministries for the ELCA for 14 years. During that time he chaired the Justice and Inclusiveness Committee for



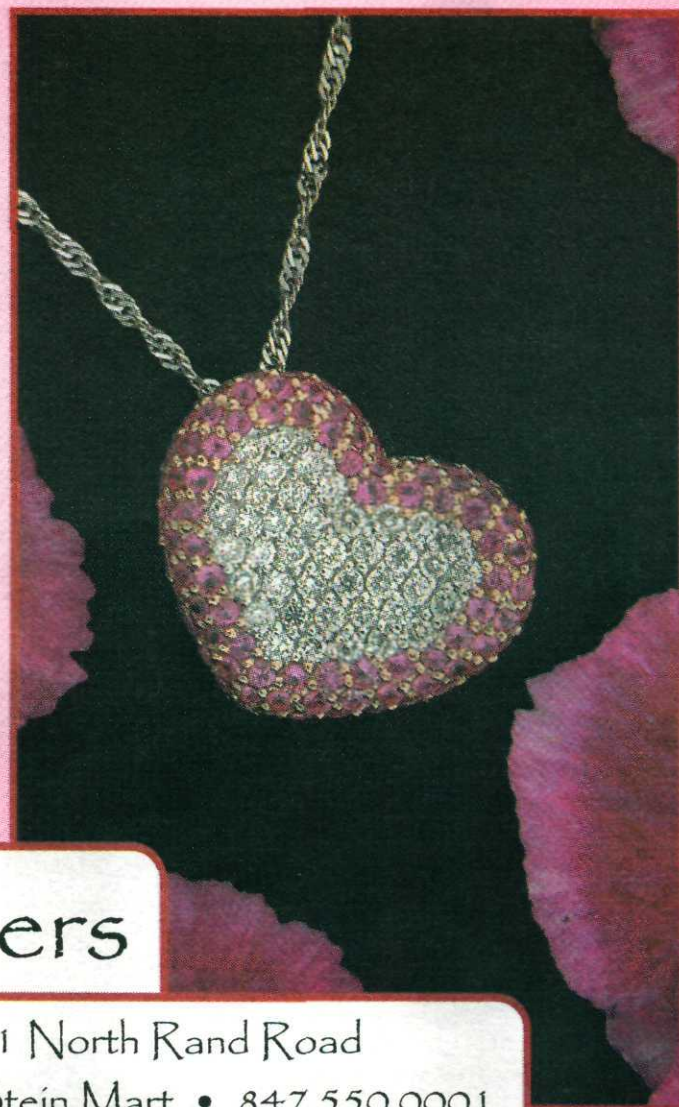
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the National Council of Churches and as chair of the Multicultural Ministries Network for the World Council of Churches. He is a native of India and holds a master's degree in economics and a doctorate in theology. Rajan and his wife Sheila live in Cary.

Representatives of churches from at least seven denominations in Barrington, Cary, Fox River Grove, Lake Zurich, Wauconda and Prairie Grove comprise the planning committee for Church Women United of the Barrington Area. The public is welcome. For information, call 1-847-381-2094.



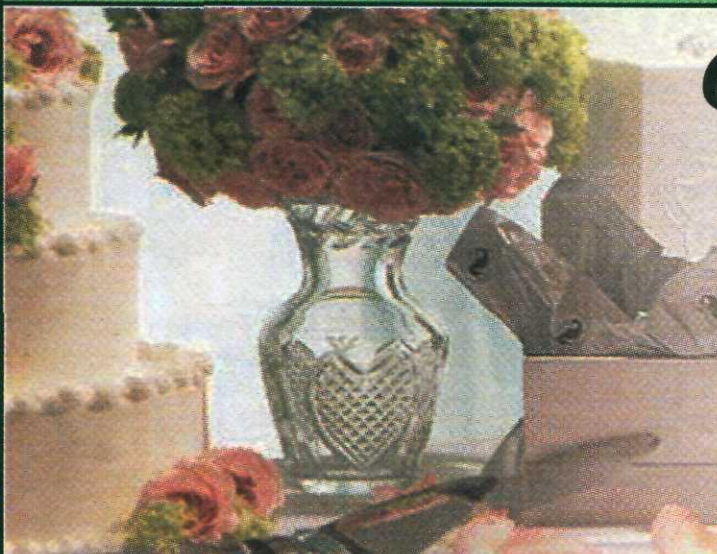
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Thoughts on Reinvention

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It is normal female development that nobody warned us about. It is a call to midlife, to rebalancing, to reinvention. Others may dismiss our unsettledness as menopause or empty nest or chemical imbalance, but, as women, we cannot afford to dismiss it. It is the inner voice letting us know that we have work to do. It is time to refine our sense of self, to re-establish our boundaries regarding what we will and will not accept and do, to revise our expectations of life, to heighten our expectations for satisfaction and to lower our tolerance levels for what is not good for us. After so many years of focusing on others, it is time to focus on ourselves.

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cARToon Exhibit at the Library

The hilarious single-panel cartoons of Charles Boyce are coming to Barrington Area Art Council's (BAAC) Gallery at the Library. The show, entitled *cARToon Exhibit*, runs from through Feb. 28 and features Boyce's single-panel cartoons as well as a few of his original blues paintings. The exhibit is free and runs during regular library hours. BAAC's Gallery at the Library is located at 505 N. Northwest Highway.

Boyce studied art at The Academy of Fine Arts in Memphis and animation at the University of Illinois in Chicago, but didn't get into cartooning until after he finished schooling. In 1988, Boyce wrote a cartoon panel for the Scitex department. Then, in 1994, Boyce launched "Compu-toon" through Tribune Media Services.

"Compu-toon" is a weekly single-panel cartoon that focuses on people's interactions with the electronic world. Boyce says, "The panel pokes fun at funny moments between people and technology." Many of his panels are based on personal experiences. It makes life easier if you know laughter waits for you at the end of those tedious technological moments.

The blues paintings featured in *cARToon Exhibit* are part of Boyce's Blues Arrangement Exhibit, which was first displayed in Memphis, Tenn. in 1979. The original exhibit consisted of 17 pieces which are now being displayed all over the country.

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Corryn Hall-Lee, BAAC's executive director says, "Boyce's credentials are impressive. It is a privilege to be able to display his cartoons in our Gallery at the Library." The Library Gallery allows viewers to get up close and personal with the work being displayed, allowing them to fully appreciate the artistry and humor of Boyce's panels.

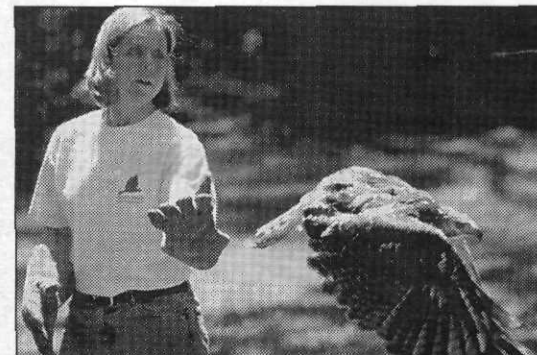
The Barrington Area Library is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. For more information, call BAAC at 1-847-382-5626.

Dawn Keller of Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation to be Featured Speaker

Citizens for Conservation (CFC) will hold its 2007 annual meeting Thursday, Feb. 1 at the Barrington Area Library, 505 N. Northwest Highway.

Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 7 p.m. A highlight of the evening will be a presentation by Dawn Keller, director and founder of Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation, who will speak on Wildlife 911, as featured in the *Chicago Tribune*. The William H. Conservation Award will be presented, along with a number of special awards given annually by CFC.

New this year will be an auction



Dawn Keller to be guest speaker.

of handmade conservation-themed blankets. The public is invited to attend. R.S.V.P. to CFC at 1-847-382-SAVE(7283).

Wellness Place Seeks Outreach Volunteers

Wellness Place, a cancer resource center at 1619 W. Colonial Parkway in Palatine, is looking for volunteers to engage in outreach activities to spread the word about its mission. Those interested in learning more about the Wellness Place Outreach Program are invited to attend an Outreach

Volunteer Orientation on Thursday, Feb. 22 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Wellness Place. Treats and refreshments will be provided.

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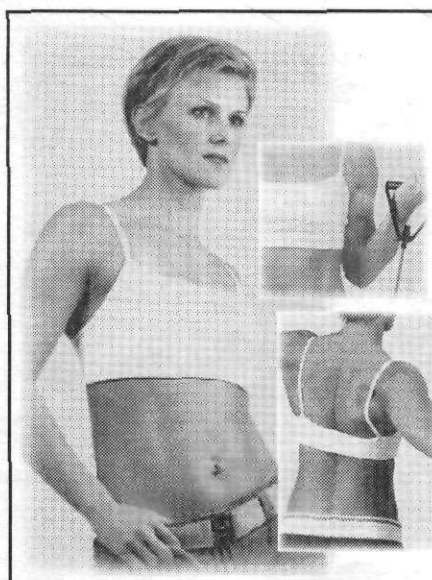
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These principles work the same way in our life regarding what happens to us on

a day-to-day basis. Our words, thoughts, and the pictures we paint in our minds "pull" people, things and events towards us. And then they show up in our lives. A simple example of this is when a person is always complaining about the awful things in their life (out loud or silently) and their life never changes—the same negative things keep happening over and over. The opposite is the person who thinks and speaks in loving, kind, forgiving, and accepting ways. And their life seems to go really well and they are happy. Negative and positive thoughts and words each have their own energetic vibration which then causes more of that energy to show up in the person's life. And it does! Like a circle, what you put out is what you get back, be it positive or negative. ***If you want to lead a happy, prosperous life, then put out happy, prosperous words and thoughts.***

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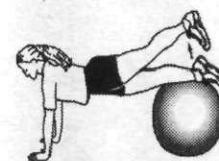


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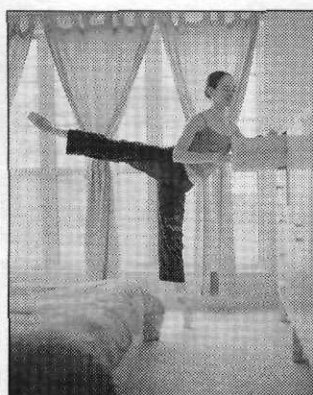
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Kelly Strachura's *The Domestic Series*



Barrington Area Arts Council (BAAC) is proud to present the photography of Barrington resident Kelly Strachura at BAAC's Gallery at the Garlands from now through

Feb. 28. The exhibit, entitled *The Domestic Series*, is a collection of colored photographs capturing female dancers as they dance about in kitchens, laundry rooms, and other areas of the home. BAAC's Gallery at the Garlands is located at 1000 Garlands Lane in Barrington.

Stachura's photographs are crisp and colorful, and very original. How did she come up with the idea? "I was a dancer for many years. One day when I was vacuuming, my leg flipped up in the air [like a dancer's] and it gave me an idea. What other things do dancers do around the home?" Stachura says. *The Domestic Series* captures female dancers as they study on the living room floor, put dishes into a dishwasher, and pull laundry from

a dryer, to name a few of the many activities captured.

"Kelly has a wonderful eye," says Corryn Hall-Lee, BAAC's executive director. "I have never seen pictures like this and I am very happy that BAAC could bring the exhibit to a bigger audience." The photographs in this series blend the passion of artistry (the art of dance) with everyday activities (studying and cleaning). The result is a very interesting look at what happens when the mundane meets the passion. "This exhibit, in a way, shows the duality of women; the juxtapositions of the different roles we play in our lives. It's an amazing concept," Hall-Lee adds.

For more information on the exhibit, call BAAC at 1-847-382-5626.

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Deadline Nears for Entry to *Urban Edge X*

Barrington Area Arts Council's (BAAC) 10th annual show for artists on the cutting edge, *Urban Edge X*, is being held from March 16 to April 30 at BAAC's Main Gallery. Applications for the show are currently available on BAAC's Web site—www.barringtonarts.org. The deadline for entry is Feb. 9. There is a nonrefundable entry fee—\$25 for BAAC members and \$35 for nonmembers.

Urban Edge X is a juried exhibit of two- and three-dimensional art. It is open to artists within a 150 mile radius of the greater Chicago Metro area and there aren't any media or theme restrictions. There will be three cash prizes as well as three honorable mentions.

For more information, call BAAC at 1-847-382-5626 or download the application from www.barringtonarts.org.

Self-Care Expo Luncheon

The Northwest Women's Connection invites you and your friends to our Self-Care Expo luncheon on Feb. 15, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Concorde Banquets in Kildeer, 20922 N. Rand Road, Kildeer. The cost is \$15 inclusive.

Debbie Spedale, owner of Dinner by Design in Lake Zurich, will be with us. Dinner by Design™ is today's fun, convenient, cost-effective way of getting dinner on the table. In just two hours or less, you

can make 12 entrées or more.

Humorous Cheryl Pollack from Gurnee, a former elementary teacher and now compulsive volunteer, will speak on "Putting Poverty & Prosperity in Proper Perspective."

Free preschool childcare is available (the nursery is located off premises).

Lunch and childcare reservations are needed by Friday, Feb. 9. Call Micky at 1-847-490-9881 or Karen at 1-847-818-9016.

Dreams in "Auction"

Clearbrook's PAL (Partners in Adult Learning) Program will host its 10th Annual "Fulfill the Dream" Dinner and Auction on Friday, March 2 at Concorde Banquets, 20922 N. Rand Road, in Kildeer. Enjoy an evening of fine dining, a cash bar, live and silent auctions with over 200 items, and a grand prize featuring a 50" plasma TV. Tickets to the event, which begins at

6:30 p.m., are available for \$75 per person.

Proceeds from the evening will support community-based opportunities for young adults with development disabilities. To learn more about the PAL Program and/or this fund-raiser, please contact PAL parent Paul Jochim at 1-847-310-8876 or pjochim@clearbrook.org, or visit palprogram.org.

BWC Program to Focus on Civil War Spy

No matter what weather February brings, the members of the Barrington Woman's Club plan to enjoy the outstanding panoramic vistas of the Makray Memorial Golf Club along with their monthly program.

On Wednesday, Feb. 21, Annette M. Baldwin of Moments in Time will stage a first-person portrayal of Civil War spy Elizabeth Van Lew at Makray Memorial Golf Club, 1010 S. Northwest Highway, Barrington. Annette Baldwin specializes in bringing history to life and has performed throughout the United States. In this performance she tells the bold story of one of the most effective spies of the Civil War.

Elizabeth Van Lew, the outspoken daughter of a prominent Richmond businessman, devised methods of sending information through the lines from her Southern home to Union forces. She was spurred on by a strong belief in the abolishment of slavery and the preservation of one nation.

Attendees will gather at 11:30 a.m., when Makray's full service cash bar on the first floor will be open. Luncheon will be

served at noon in the second floor corner banquet room. The program will begin at 1 p.m. Lunch will include warm and hearty fare beginning with tomato bisque followed by your choice of (1) chicken piccata or (2) pan-roasted tilapia, both covered with lemon caper beurre blanc and accompanied by grilled seasonal vegetables, lemon jasmine rice and beverages. Dessert will be New York-style cheesecake with strawberry sauce and whipped cream.

Your \$27 check to Barrington Woman's Club will be your reservation. Mail your check to Betsy Marquardt, 726 Old Barn Rd., Lake Barrington, IL 60010, prior to the reservation deadline of Feb. 12, indicating your choice of entrée (1) or (2) in the memo portion of the check.

Each year the Barrington Woman's Club provides support for many local philanthropic, cultural and civic projects. Membership is open to any woman residing in the greater Barrington area. For information, contact Mary Ellen Henehan, membership chairwoman, at 1-847-381-7669.

"Be Your Own Valentine"

The most important relationship you'll have in your lifetime is the relationship you have with yourself. Inspired by this belief, Wellness Place, a Palatine-based cancer resource center, invites those whose lives have been touched by cancer to attend "Be Your Own Valentine," Thursday, Feb. 15 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Wellness

Place, 1619 W. Colonial Parkway. This evening of comforting self-care will feature healthy hors d'oeuvres, mini massages and live musical entertainment.

Space is limited. Please register in advance for "Be Your Own Valentine" by calling 1-847-221-2400.

Love Your Eyes A Guide for Contact Lens Wearers

Everyday Eye Care

Here are some safety tips you should follow if you wear contact lenses.

Make sure to:

- Get regular eye exams to assure the continued health of your eyes.
- Always have a back-up pair of glasses with a current prescription in the event that you have problems with your contact lenses.
- Always follow the directions of your eye care professional and all labeling instruction for proper use of contact lenses and lens care products.
- Always wash your hands before handling contact lenses to reduce the chance of getting an infection.
- Clean, rinse and air-dry your lens case each time lenses are removed. Contact lens cases can be a source of bacterial growth.
- Remove the lenses immediately and consult your eye care professional if your eyes become red, irritated, or your vision changes.
- Ask your eye care professional about wearing glasses or contact lenses during sports activities to minimize your chance of injury.
- Always ask your eye care professional before using any medicine or using topical eye products, even those you buy without a prescription. Some medicines may affect your vision or irritate your eyes.
- Apply cosmetics after inserting lenses and remove your lenses before removing makeup.
- Apply any aerosol products (hair-spray, cologne, and deodorant) before inserting lenses.
- Replace contacts as recommended by your eye care professional. Throw away disposable lenses after recommended wearing period.

Do Not:

- Sleep in daily wear lenses because it

may increase your chance of infection or irritation.

- Purchase contact lenses from gas stations, video stores, record shops, or any other vendor not authorized by law to dispense contact lenses. Contact lenses are medical devices that require a prescription.
- Swap contact lens with another person. Swapping provides a way to transfer germs between people. Contact lenses are individually fitted. Incorrectly fitted lenses may cause permanent eye injury, infection and may potentially lead to blindness.
- Swim while wearing contact lenses. There is a risk of eye infection from bacteria in swimming pool water.
- Put your lenses in your mouth to wet them. Saliva is not a sterile solution.
- Use tap water, distilled water or any homemade saline solution. Tap and distilled water have been associated with Acanthamoeba keratitis, a corneal infection that is resistant to treatment and cure.
- Rely on contact lenses to protect your eyes from the sun. Make sure to use sunglasses that block ultraviolet light.

The preceding was a partial reprint from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Web site (fda.gov), updated May 16, 2006.

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Hearthstone Senior Living Community Adds Assisted Living

Hearthstone Village Senior Living Community in Woodstock has enhanced their levels of care to include Assisted Living. Additional recreation, activities and increased transportation options have been added as well as a customized wellness program and fitness area designed specifically for seniors.

"We saw a need for personal care services to provide the opportunity for our residents to remain in their homes as long as possible," said Nicole Rich, Director of **Hearthstone Village**. "We have added an on-site Wellness Nurse, personal care assistants, and increased recreation and dining services staff," Rich said.

Hearthstone Village has recently undergone remodeling and redecorating of the common areas. New furniture, artwork, enhanced lighting, carpeting and window treatments were added throughout the building.

Hearthstone Village and **Hearthstone Manor** are part of a **Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC)**, that provides all levels of senior assis-

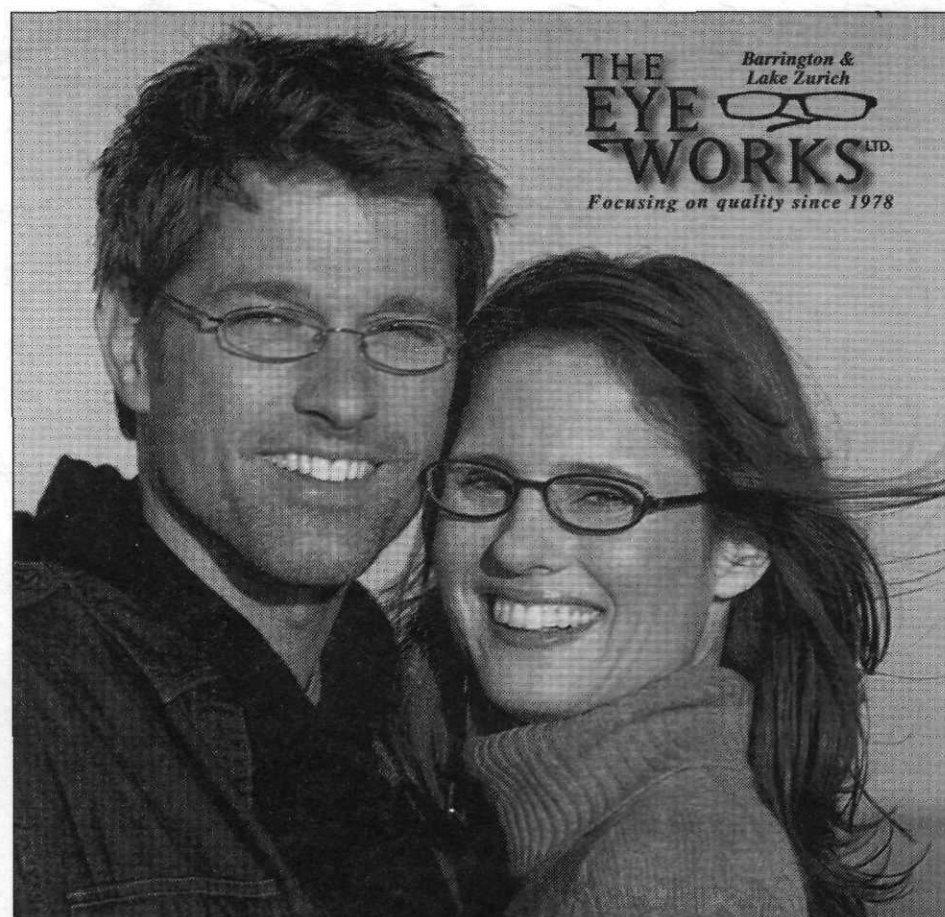
tance, from independent retirement living to skilled nursing care. The **Woodstock Christian Life Services CCRC** includes **Hearthstone Village**, an independent apartment and cottage community that will be offering Assisted Living options and **Hearthstone Manor Rehabilitative and Nursing Care** offering licensed Sheltered Care, a dedicated Alzheimer's disease and dementia program, and Intermediate and Skilled Nursing Care with Medicare Certification.

"Being able to move from one level of care to another within the same campus provides continuous service without the stress of changing surroundings. Opportunities for fellowship, life enrichment programs, and intergenerational activities within faith based surroundings, are what make our senior community unique," said LeeAnn Atwood, Vice President of Development.

For more information about **Hearthstone**, call **815-338-2110** or visit them online at hearthstoneil.org.

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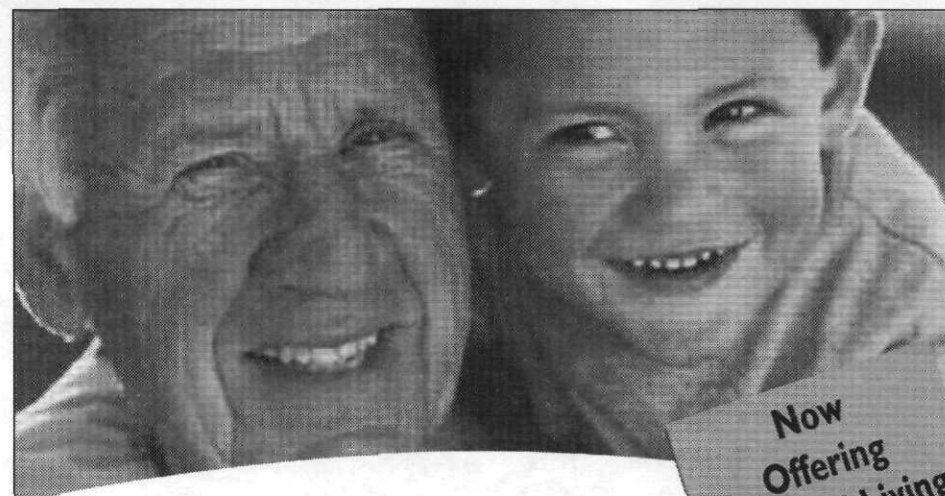
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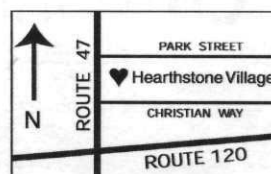
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Belongings Welcomes 2007 with the Support of Harris Barrington

Belongings has been extended a helping hand through the generosity of Harris Barrington. Harris has made a four-year, \$100,000 commitment to Wellness Place, a Palatine-based cancer resource center, with a segment of funds earmarked toward support for **Belongings**.

Belongings has been operating for the past 18 months on Cook Street in the village and has become another successful way that Wellness Place extends its reach into the community. Dick Resseguie, president of Harris Barrington, states, "Our sponsorship of Wellness Place demonstrates our commitment to the community and the many people that are living with

cancer. Supporting Wellness Place programs and **Belongings** donation and consignment store is consistent with the values we embrace as the leading banking resource for the greater Barrington area. We are pleased to be able to support these programs and the dedicated staff who provide them."

Belongings hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Select consignments are taken **by appointment only**. Free pick up for your desirable donated goods. Please call the shop at **1-847-304-0504** for more information.

Chess Students Support Local and International Educational Programs

The Countryside Chess Tournament was held at the Countryside School on Nov. 9, 2006. The tournament was a remarkable success in meeting its education and humanitarian goals. There was a record turnout with almost 150 chess students competing and over 100 parents and grandparents watching. The Fresh Market, an organic foods store, sponsored the event.

Barrington High School students Rishi Sethi, David Kneisel, Mike Hyrczyk and Zach Kasiurak were tournament directors and several parents acted as assistant tournament directors. The generosity of District 220 students and parents make such events possible promoting educational benefits for students and supporting a variety of world wide charitable events. A portion of the proceeds of the chess tournament was donated to families in need both locally and internationally for an educational program, known as ASHA, for



Pictured (from left) are Madison Rossi from Hough School and Austin Vargas from Elgin Academy.

children born in the slums of Delhi, India.

Grandmaster Alex Onishuk, the U.S. champion, was at hand to give away the awards after the tournament and he said, "Barrington is the best place in the country to learn chess." Pictures taken during the chess tournament are on display at The Fresh Market, 20771 N. Rand Road in Kildeer.

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As part of its commitment to provide superior products and services and expand its retail distribution network, **Citibank** is pleased to announce the opening of its new full-service **Financial Center** located at 2550 N. Sutton Road, Hoffman Estates, IL 60192.

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Every Friday, **Fritzl's** offers a wonderful fish fry, half-pound Icelandic cod filets (lightly breaded or broiled) for only

\$11.95.

Every Sunday, Bavarian roast pork is offered for only \$11.95.

Didn't I tell you **Fritzl's** is unique, a little different and wonderfully European? Call **1-847-540-8844** for reservations.

For **Valentine's Day**, **Fritzl's** chef has delicious specials including appetizers such as assorted smoked fish, shrimp cocktail, escargots and shrimp bisque soup. Entrees will include veal chops, filet mignon with merlot-poached pear and gorgonzola cheese sauce, venison medallions, lobster and the fresh catch of the day, along with their regular menu at regular prices.

Fritzl's Country Inn will be open at 4 p.m., Feb. 14, to help you celebrate Valentine's Day!

Check it Out!

The Zagat Survey says, "Excellent and always tasty South American and Caribbean cooking awaits adventurers to this Northwest Suburban outpost, where the unusual, upscale offerings and great margaritas are served by lovely people."

We say "Once Discovered, Never Forgotten" and would like to invite you to our cozy and colorful dining room where the food is served with flavor and the margaritas are made with freshly squeezed lime.

But what we really want you to know about is a spectacular event that should not be missed. **Carnaval—A Night in Rio** will take place **Sunday, Feb. 18**. It's a Brazilian Mardi Gras, where we feature

a four-course dinner including appetizer, Feijoada buffet (a traditional Brazilian dish with all the trimmings) and dessert. Live music by Hector and Paulinho Garcia will enhance the evening, and there will be carnival masks and beads for everyone. Dare to come in costume and you could win a prize. The price is \$28; beverage, tax and gratuity will be added. The festival begins at 4:30 p.m., and reservations are a must.

Don't forget Valentine's Day! Bring out the "Latin Lover" in your sweetheart and romance them at **Julio's Cocina Latina** with wine, food and live music. Call **1-847-438-3484**. Located at 95 South Rand Road, Lakeview Plaza, Lake Zurich.

We're Growing!!!

New shop coming in February! After five years of great customers trusting us with our catering and carryout gourmet foods, the light has come on and we are moving to a much larger space. This will accommodate our staff of eight that works so hard crafting 100% homemade foods, sweets and breads—seven days a week! Our new space will have a beautiful new cooking school, an open kitchen, and great seating with ambience to enjoy a chocolate croissant or soup. We are going

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House of Hope Wants to Give You a Kiss

House of Hope Resale Shop, downtown Barrington, is hosting a special customer appreciation event this Valentine's Day to express gratitude for the continued support of Project Hope, now in its 20th year of service to area families. Wednesday, Feb. 14 through Saturday, Feb. 17, all guests are welcomed to shop a vast selection of new and vintage clothing, gifts, accessories, jewelry, art and collectibles. New and like-new sports equipment, toys, house wares, electronics, linens, luggage, books and movies will also be available. After making their selections, guests are invited to choose a chocolate kiss at the register, which will reveal a onetime discount of up to 25% off their entire purchase.

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noted Caryn Habley, House of Hope store manager. "This is an opportunity for us to

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show our appreciation to our customers by giving them even more exceptional values on new and vintage merchandise." A wide assortment of specially-priced furniture will also be available, but is not included in the additional discount offer.

"We have unique and thoughtful gift ideas for Valentine's Day," remarked Janet Daboub, store manager. "From beautiful picture frames to romantic music and movies, red-hot romance novels to antique tea cups and crystal vases, there is something for everyone." The store also features a special section of boutique clothing and

handbags, from well-known designers. A vast network of contributors and volunteers ensures there are always new treasures in store to discover.

The House of Hope Resale Shop is located at 200 N. Hough St., just north of Hough and Main streets, in downtown Barrington. All proceeds benefit Project Hope, providing emergency assistance to area families in crisis. Store hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please call the House of Hope Resale Shop at 1-847-756-4673.

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Women's Club of Inverness' Upcoming Events

Please join us on Thursday, Feb. 8 at the Entourage Restaurant, 1301 American Lane, Schaumburg for our February event. A presentation titled "Become a Tough Target" will be given by television personality J.J. Bittenbinder. A luncheon will be served at the restaurant.

Bittenbinder, a former police officer, is a dynamic, captivating, entertaining and flamboyant speaker on issues of violent crimes and personal safety. He has appeared on numerous TV and radio programs. He currently serves as a consultant for police and fire departments.

A brief business meeting will begin at 10 a.m., followed by the presentation and luncheon.

The cost of the luncheon is \$35. Reservations for the luncheon are required. Please contact Raisa at 1-847-991-3136 or raisa.bratkiv@comcast.net.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Women's Club of Inverness meets September through May (with special exceptions in November, February and April). Most regular meetings are held on

the second Thursday of the month at the Inverness Golf Club at 9 a.m., beginning with a brief meeting followed by an always informative and interesting program.

The Women's Club of Inverness is a philanthropic 501(c)(3) organization. All proceeds from our activities are distributed to local community-based organizations and scholarship grants to graduating seniors, college students and returning adults residing within the boundaries of school districts 211 and 220.

Upcoming Events

- March 8—A presentation on writing and publishing a book and a book signing by Caryn Amster, author of *The Pied Piper of South Shore*, to be held at the Inverness Golf Club.

- April 13—Spring Luncheon and Fashion Show Benefit Luncheon to be held at The Stonegate Conference and Banquet Centre in Hoffman Estates.

- May 10—Inverness Golf Club—Arnold Bonamechi of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps will interpret an opera being presented this season.

DAR Honor Awards on Sunday, Feb. 11

Signal Hill Chapter, National Society Daughters of American Revolution (DAR) will hold its annual Honor Awards at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 11, at the Barrington Area Library, first floor meeting room. The ceremony honors the winner of the Good Citizen Scholarship Contest for high

school seniors and winners of the American History Essay Award open to area public, private, parochial or home schooled students in grades fifth through eighth. Chapter Regent Donna Fesselmeyer will preside over the ceremony.

Area high schools were each invited to

Reservations Now Accepted for the BACC Saluting Excellence Luncheon on Jan. 31

The Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) announced that reservations are now being accepted to celebrate the 38th anniversary of the BACC on Jan. 31 at the Garlands of Barrington Performing Arts Centre, with registration and a lunch presentation at noon. This special luncheon will feature the introduction of new board members, an awards ceremony for the Carol Beese Award of Merit, the Diplomat of the Year, the new Chamber Partnership Award, Chamber Leadership Award and a presentation by Wining Workplaces "The Keys to a Wining Workplace."

"We have finalized all plans now for this special day to honor our many volunteers and active members, introduce our new board of directors, and celebrate the 38 years of the chamber and its services to the Barrington area," said Janet Meyer, president of the BACC. "This annual event acknowledges the chamber and its many years as the voice of local businesses."

The new board of directors for 2007 includes Garo Kholamian, GK Development Inc., 2007 chair; Karen Lambert, Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital, 2006 past chair; Kurt Marquardt, Marquardt of Barrington, vice-chair/membership; Jan Cunningham, G. Whiz, vice-chair/programs; Brad Stetson, Barrington Bank and Trust, vice-chair/treasurer; directors include Greg Dowell, Bass Solomon, Dowell, LLP; Ed McCauley, McCauley Design; Joseph Lucas, Joseph M. Lucas & Associates; Steve Belknap, Belknap Auto Body Inc.; Dr. David Tabak, David J. Tabak, O.D. Ltd.; Brian Jason, The Barn of Barrington; Suzanne Luby, Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage; Joseph Rush, Langdon's of Barrington; Mary Ambrose-Gerak, Mary C. Ambrose-Gerak, Attorney at Law; Christina Adams, National Realty Network; Dick Resseguie, Harris Bank Barrington and Dr. Mary Hermann, School District 220 honorary member.

Although this celebration commemorates the 38th anniversary of the Barrington Area Chamber of Commerce, the BACC might actually be well over 52 years old, as records show that in 1955 a group of businessmen who had been meeting regularly for some time opened an account at the First National Bank as the "Barrington Association of Commerce." By 1960, its membership totaled 43 members. In 1965, the association reorganized

and changed its name to the BACC when official records were started. On Oct. 16, 1969, the BACC was recognized as an organization member of the United States Chamber of Commerce. Today the BACC has grown from a small group of businessmen who met at a local tearoom to one of the largest and most active chambers in Illinois with over 725 business and professional firms as members from the seven surrounding communities. Led by a board of directors of 16 area business representatives and the BACC president, the work of the chamber is carried out by few staff members and the work of dedicated volunteers. The four major divisions are business development, legislative affairs, community affairs, and membership development.

"For 38 years the chamber has provided a supportive network for businesses to develop and succeed," said Meyer. "In an area where over 40,000 people reside and over 15,000 are employed, our chamber has served as the resource for executives and entrepreneurs alike, providing our members with a home to become acquainted and develop relationships and referrals, launch initiatives and serve for the betterment of the communities we serve."

The BACC serves the communities of Barrington Hills, Lake Barrington, Deer Park, Inverness, North Barrington, South Barrington, Tower Lakes and the Village of Barrington. The BACC welcomes businesses and organizations outside this geographic area that have an interest in being part of a vibrant chamber comprised of over 260 classifications of businesses. BACC members range from large corporations to small office/home office entrepreneurs.

The chamber is also the official voice for the BACC communities, helping to coordinate the resources and talents of local business people with issues from economic development to revitalization efforts of the downtown schools, taxes and transportation.

The mission of the BACC is to promote a dynamic business environment for the benefit of a vibrant community.

For more information or to register for the lunch celebration, please contact the BACC at 1-847-381-2525 or visit www.barringtonchamber.com.



nominate one senior student for the Good Citizen Award. The prestigious award is given annually to one senior student in the area based on the candidates' application packets and proctored essays. Qualities of a good citizen at the senior level, which the judges look at, include dependability, community service, leadership and patriotism.

The History Essay Contest theme was "Jamestown Colony is Settled," to help commemorate the 400th anniversary of founding the colony in the New World.

Judging is based on historical accuracy, adherence to topic, organization of material, spelling, grammar, neatness and punctuation.

Special guest speaker will be Lynn Rymarz with her program "Martha Washington, America's Founding Mother." Refreshments will follow the program. Hostesses are Laura Ekstrom, Phyllis Garner, Helen Martin, June Shuldes, Janet Smith, Adele Smycznski, Iva Lea Van Buren, and Joyce Wright. The public is welcome.



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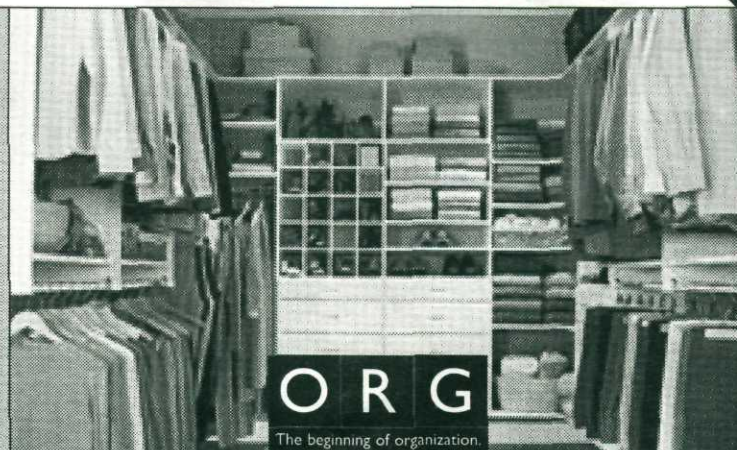
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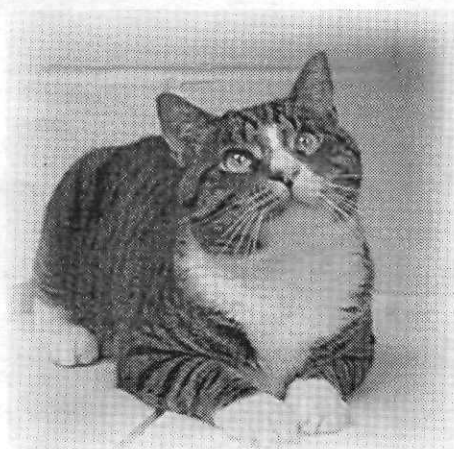
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You can make this Valentine's Day very special for dogs and cats who need love. At Animal House Shelter in Huntley this month, a dog named Avery and a cat named Jack are in particular need of a caring heart. They both love people so much that they are very lonely in our shelter.

Jack, a beautiful tiger cat with a white bib, has to live in a cage at Animal House because he doesn't get along with other cats. But he loves people. He'll jump up on your lap and rub your face to show how much he wants you to like him. And because he's just two years old, Jack plays with toys and pounces on catnip mice just like a kitten.

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Avery

Totally New—From Top to Bottom by Tamara Tabel

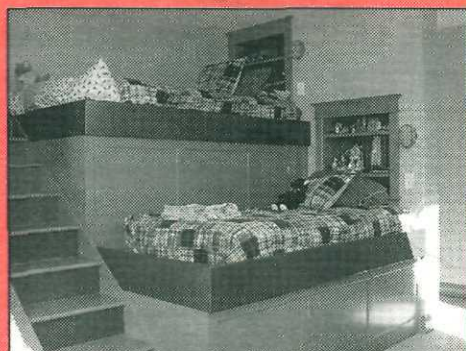
Ann and Brian DeMay wanted to change more than a few things about their Palatine home. They needed significantly more space, and wanted the new floor plan to be more conducive to entertaining and to the needs of their two sons. Their plans included a new great room, a totally remodeled kitchen, an office for Brian, reconfigured upstairs bedrooms, a remodeled master bath, a full basement and a new attached garage. Sound like a pretty tall order? Not for Delta Renovations and **Barrington Kitchen and Bath Studio** of Barrington. They were more than up for the challenge.

Mark Zurek of Delta Renovations took the lead in the extensive renovation of the DeMay's house, which more than doubled the size of the home—from 1700 to 3600 square feet. By expanding up and out into the back yard, the DeMays were able to add an expansive, two-story family room and a unique, octagon-shaped eating area. A new office was also added for Brian. Additional footage was created by adding a full basement underneath.

The upstairs changed considerably, as well. To make better use of space, three smaller bedrooms were converted into a loft and an expanded bedroom for the DeMay's two young boys, while a totally new bedroom was added over the garage.

Ross Gerami of Barrington Kitchen & Bath Studio worked closely with the DeMays and their design team to achieve a kitchen with modern amenities, but with an Old-World influence. The choice was pine cabinets and a slate floor, with special custom details, such as a tin-paneled door, a "hidden" refrigerator and 150-year-old ceiling beams, adding to the charm.

Additional custom details added a personal touch to other areas of the home, as well. Mark Zurek of Delta Renovations designed and built cabinetry in Brian's office, a bookcase in the upstairs closet, and fun and functional details for the boys... including raised, staggered bunk beds, built-in dressers (to capitalize on the truncated space created from the gable roof line), and an entertainment center in the boys' loft.



Custom built-ins, like these bunkbeds in the boys' room, add a personal—and practical—touch.

And, as the final change in the DeMay home, the lower-level master bath was totally remodeled, including the installation of a slate shower stall with glass doors, a marble-topped double sink and lots of new cabinets.

But in spite of the extensive nature of the changes, the underlying character of house stayed the same—rustic and casual. Just the feel the DeMays hoped to achieve.

"I love our house," said Ann DeMay. "Everyone's work was superb. We got everything we wanted—I don't have any regrets."

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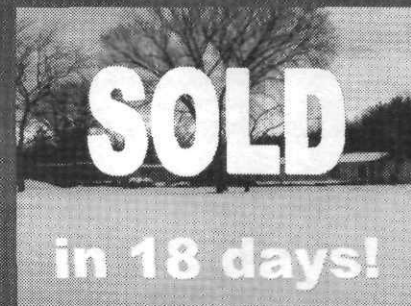


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Nominations Sought for Senior Citizens Hall of Fame

The Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) is seeking nominees for its 12th annual Barrington Area Senior Citizens Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame honors outstanding seniors from the Barrington area for their service to enhance the quality of life in the community. Nominees will be honored at a recognition tea on Wednesday, May 16 at Lake Barrington Woods.

Local service organizations are encouraged to nominate a deserving senior from their organization to be recognized at the Hall of Fame. To be considered, the senior must have celebrated his or her 60th

birthday by Dec. 31, 2006. In addition, selections should take into consideration the senior's contribution and active participation in the organization, outstanding service to the community, the years and nature of service in a specific area, and other past recognition or achievements.

Nomination forms should be returned to the BACOA office at 6000 Garlands Lane, Suite 100, Barrington, IL 60010 by March 16.

For more information or for an application form, please contact BACOA at 1-847-381-5030.

AAUW Events

The American Association of University Women (AAUW), Barrington Area, Illinois Branch will have the following interest group meetings in February.

Cannery Row by John Steinbeck is the book for the Luncheon Book Discussion on Wednesday, Feb. 14, noon, at The Garlands in Barrington. Loretta is chair, 1-847-381-5012.

Thursday, Feb. 15, the Daytime Bridge Group will meet in a member's home. Each player donates \$2 each month to support the AAUW Educational Foundation. Call Bobbie at 1-847-381-3315.

Beach Road by James Patterson will be discussed in a member's home on Tuesday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m. Peg is chair, 1-

847-381-4791.

The Great Decisions study group meets weekly for eight weeks at the Barrington Library on Tuesdays at 1 p.m., to discuss current international issues using materials prepared by the Foreign Policy Association. There is one subject per week. In February, meetings are the 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th. Contact Bobbie Svacha at 1-847-381-3315 for further information.

Membership is open to any graduate of a qualified educational institution. Guests are welcome to attend two meetings or events prior to joining AAUW.

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Association Support Group will attend a presentation on "Helping Families Make Tough Decisions," given by Dan Kuhn,

director of the Professional Training Institute with the Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

The presentation will be given Thursday, Feb. 15 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at The Garlands of Barrington, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington.

BACOA's Caregiver Support Group provides ongoing education and support for caregivers. Meetings are generally held on

the first Wednesday of each month; the group will revert to its regular meeting time in March.

The Alzheimer's Association Support Group provides education, speakers and support for families and caregivers of Alzheimer's patients. The group meets the third Thursday of every month.

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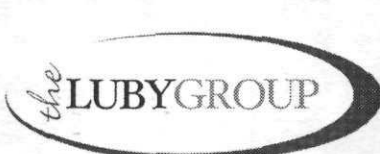

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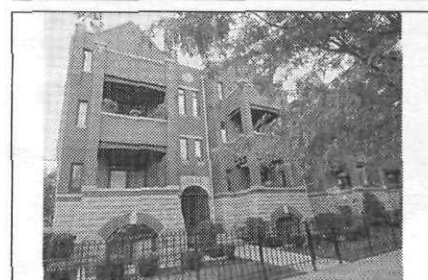
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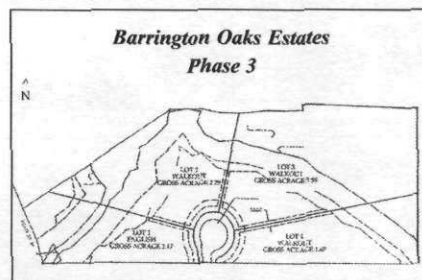
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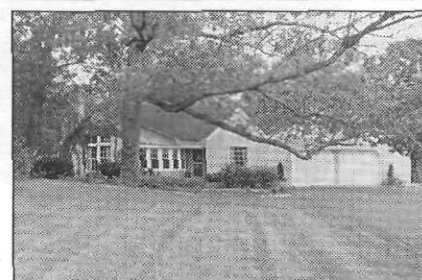
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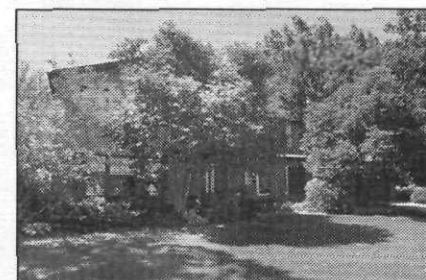
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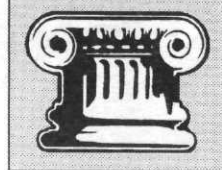


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Catholic Charities' February LOSS Meeting Dates

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago invites those who have experienced the loss of a loved one to suicide to participate in its Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide Program (LOSS).

Meeting Dates and Locations

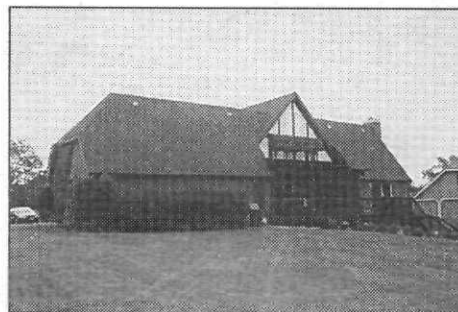
- Sunday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m. at Catholic Charities Northwest Office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines.
- Wednesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. at Holy

Family Church Counseling Center, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness.

• Thursday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m. at Carmel High School, One Carmel Parkway, Mundelein.

To learn more about Des Plaines-based Catholic Charities' Northwest Suburban Services and how they may help you or someone who needs help, please phone 1-847-376-2118.

When to Renovate and When to Vacate



"BEFORE"



"AFTER"

With winter upon us, many homeowners are faced with a long stay in cramped quarters. Should they renovate or just vacate? "In every case the issues are the same, but the solutions are different," says John C. Cazzetta, of the Barrington residential architectural firm, **The Cazzetta Design Group, Ltd.**

The folks who decide to renovate are typically attached to their neighborhood, their schools, or their home... except their home no longer fits their lifestyle. For these people the key question is resale. "We have found that in most cases, people who stay in their home for at least five years easily recover their renovation dollars. For those who could relocate within two years, we recommend updating what is necessary or what may be detrimental to a sale."

Homeowners who decide to move do so for other reasons. "Frankly, the under-

lying desire is freedom... the freedom to live in a home which is tailored precisely to the lifestyle of their family. When their existing home dictates or constrains their lifestyle, with or without renovating, then it is time to move on," adds Cazzetta. "This is a family who should design an affordable custom home. Keep in mind that even new model home plans can confine over time!"

If you are trying to decide on which direction to go, please call for a free consultation. "Chances are, we have resolved situations similar to yours. In either case, we enjoy the challenge of incorporating new space into your present home or the freedom associated with designing custom space for a new home."

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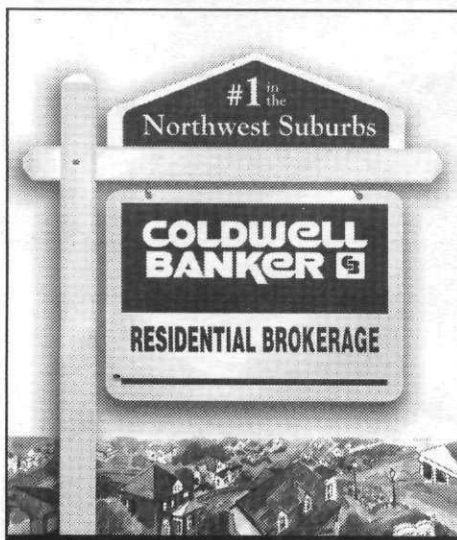
Barrington Hills \$2,195,000
5 BR, 5.5 BA Grand Estate on 5 acres. Kit w/granite & octagon eating area huge study. Full fin LL w/kit, dance flr, rec rm w/fplc, exercise rm, br & bath. 4-car garage.
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VILLAGE Barrington \$989,000
Luxurious new construction! 4 BR, 4.1 BA home w/3,900+ sq. ft. of living space. Front porch, gorgeous kit., huge LR/DR. Brick patio w/ext. frpl, beautiful yd on corner lot.
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Bartlett \$895,000
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Barrington \$849,000
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Gorgeous updated home featuring huge kitchen w/ double granite island. 9' ceilings, 2 story entry & family room, heated garage.
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WATERFRONT Lake Barrington \$497,000
Waterfront views, boat dock in this UPGRADED 3BR Fox River twnhse. W/Maple flrs, 3 Frpls, cherry kit, htd gar, w/out LL w/wetbar & SubZero appls, mstr ste w/whrlpl.
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Lake Barrington \$389,900
lk Barr Shores-3 br, 3.5 ba end unit w/versatile flr plan. White kit w/Corian, hdwd flr. Fin lower level w/fplc, ba, partial kit, deck & patio. 2-car gar. New roof.
Ron & Jeanine VanDeVelde 847/277-2282



Lake Barrington \$345,000
lk Barr Shores-2 br, 2.5 ba cozy TH. Lrg country kit w/ newer appls. X-lrg DR. Sunroom. Fin walkout LL. Pretty courtyard & patio. New roof in 2005. Pond & golf views.
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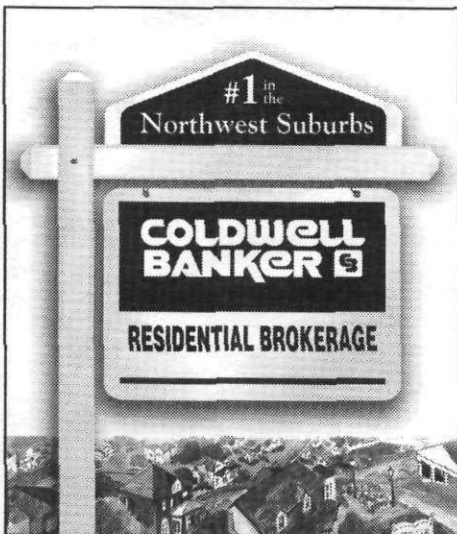


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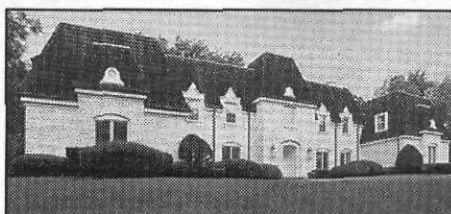
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Waterfront 7 BR, 8+ BA hm. 33x28 entry. 10' clogs on all 3 levels, 40' ceil in FR & foyer. Granite flrs, state-of-art appl. W/O fin. LL. Approx 22,000 sq ft of living space.
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Inverness \$2,200,000
4 BR, 6+ BA French Chateau. By period home, with architectural integrity. Prominently located in choice Macintosh, high on a 2 acre heavily treed site with pond.
Donna Veller 847/826-1530



South Barrington \$1,799,000
New const on 1.25 ac. Brk & stone French Country hm w/ 5 BR, 4.2 BA, 2 sty entry, 9' & 10' clogs on 1st flr. 4 frpl. "Smart House" Fin LL w/9' clogs, wine cellar & home theatre.
Celeste Lockhart 847/525-0411



Woodstock \$1,695,000
Spectacular 4 BR, 3.5 BA home set on 6+ acres w/pond. Great room w/stone fplc. Maple & granite kit w/solarium. Mstr ste w/pvt deck, w/o LL.
Frank & Lynne Caiazza 847/867-3424



Kildeer \$1,650,000
Enchanting 4 br, 3.5 ba, 5,000 sf home. Granite & cherry, mstr ste w/kitchenette & sitting area, 2 fplc, art niches, hwd flrs, walkout LL w/10' ceilings, 3 c gar on 1+ ac.
Robbie Morrison 847/212-0966



Huntley \$1,499,000
Magnificent new 4BR French country by Vintage in gated Ridgefield of Huntley, extraordinary finishes, 3FPs Kit w/stone archways, brick barreled ceilings, fin LL.
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Barrington \$1,385,000
Under construction & gorgeous! Village 4 BR, 5 BA Brick Georgian, every BR w/Bath, 3-c gar. 9' clogs, hwd flrs, granite, cherry, marble.
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Barrington Hills \$1,175,000
Nantucket-style 4 br, 3.5 ba w/ Brazilian cherry flr, granite, stone fplc in FR & master suite. Front porch, brick walkway, driveway & patio. Smartly landscaped.
Barbara Cunningham 847/277-2262



Barrington \$1,175,000
Brick lakefront hme on 1.75 ac offers 4BR, 3.3BA, dramatic entry, kit w/pvt patio off EA. 1st flr mstr bdrm w/lux BA, full fin w/o LL w/sauna. Extensive deck.
Celeste Lockhart 847/525-0411



Barrington \$1,129,000
Beautiful brck 4 BR, 4.5 BA home sits on 1+ ac. 2-sty entry w/marble flrs & curved stairs. Hwd fls t/o. 9' clogs on 1st fl, open flr pl, sunrm. Low Cook County Taxes.
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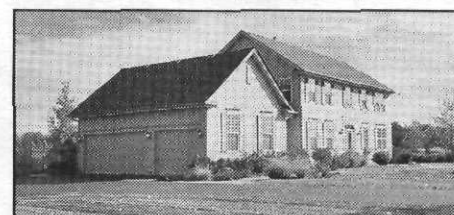
Barrington \$939,900
Gorgeous Braymore 4BR, 3.2BA on 1+ acre w/parklike setting. Frml LR w/cath clng, marble FP. Kit & EA w/skylites & atrium. Spacious DR. Elegant FR w/FP. Deluxe MBR ste.
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North Barrington \$899,000
4 BR, 3 BA built in 1935. Charm of vintage home. Updated country kit & baths. Huge family room & sunrm addition. Fabulous master suite. Finished bsmt. Playhouse.
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Kildeer \$879,000
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Alan Leibovitz 847/277-2275



Barrington Hills \$859,000
Exceptional 4 BR, 3.1 BA customized Colonial. Volume entry, hardwood, cherry kitchen, cozy den plus sunroom & very spacious lower level. Approx 5-acre treed site.
Donna Veller 847/826-1530



North Barrington \$659,900
Like-new Biltmore charmer w/ vol grt rm, granite & knotty pine kit w/stnls. Ultra-mstr bth w/mosaic tile, body spray shwr & cust vanities. Wooded lot. New gar. 4BR, 2.1BA.
Lori Rowe 847/774-7464



Barrington \$685,000
5 BR, 3.5 BA on 5 private acres has full fin walkout lower level w/fplc. 1st floor guest room w/full bath, screened porch & park-like setting. Horses allowed.
Sheri Wheeler 847/370-3808



Deer Park \$677,500
Make an offer! Classic landmark showcase w/hwd flrs t/o, granite kit, new appls, upd mstr ba, fin bsmt, newer roof & hardscape, fluted casings & moldings, 4BR, 2.1BA.
Lori Rowe 847/774-7464



Deer Park \$642,500
Gorgeous tree lined lot. Swansway colonial w/ brkfst rm, hw flr, beamed fam rm, chair rail & crwn mldg, French drs, whirlpl & rainshower in mstr. 3-car gar. 4BR, 2.1BA.
Lori Rowe 847/774-7464



North Barrington \$589,900
Winding driveway leads to Biltmore beauty on priv lot! Vol clogs, w/solid beams, 2 brk fps, pine flrs, skylts, loft study, grt walk out w/fplc & spa ba, 3-car gar. 4BR, 3BA.
Lori Rowe 847/774-7464



Barrington \$579,900
Spacious 6 BR, 3.5 BA Colonial set on acre close to the village with 1st flr bed, study & bath. Home has gleaming hwd flrs. Multiple decks overlook beautiful backyard.
Mary Spinner 847/277-2284



Barrington \$499,000
Updated 4 br, 2 ba w/huge country kit, 2 fplc, sunroom, hwd flr. Marble bath w/ whirlpool. Additional attached storage garage. 1+ wooded acres. Park-like setting.
Donna Veller 847/826-1530



Barrington \$379,500
3 BR, 1.5 BA roomy ranch w/fenced yard. Rec rm in LL could be 4th bedroom. New roof in May 06, newer furnace & a/c. Small roofed porch. Near train & town.
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From a Woman's Point of View

by Amy Wickstrom, Wickstrom Ford Lincoln Mercury

After many years of writing "From A Woman's Point of View," Gail has decided to hand her pen to... me, her daughter-in-law. Being more involved now with raising a 3-, 5- and 6-year-old, my second job out of college in 1992 was selling cars at **Wickstrom Ford**. By 1996, I was managing the fledgling E-commerce (Internet) Department, then moved into Salesperson Training. My biggest move was joining the Wickstrom family when Richard and I married in 1998. Fortunately, I'm able to occasionally help out around the dealerships while focusing the majority of my effort and time on being a mom. Though nothing would make me want to "trade-in" our kids or the experience of parenting them, on some days selling cars sure looks a lot easier!

Coming from large, extended families, Richard and I did quite a bit of driving over the holidays. While most of my husband's side lives in the Chicago area, I grew up on a farm in Indiana, so going to Grandma's means being in the car for at least 2½ hours, depending on traffic... This year we drove Ford's new Expedi-



tion EL, which gave us enough room to take along luggage, presents, snacks, and a cradle for my very pregnant sister to use in January. Coming back to Barrington on Christmas Eve, we traded the cradle for a cat to surprise the kids with in the morning. While they watched a movie and used headphones, Richard and I listened to the radio and Lionel the cat all the way home. With some luck, and the great dual media system in the Expedition EL, the cat was the biggest surprise under our tree this year.

Until next month,
—Amy



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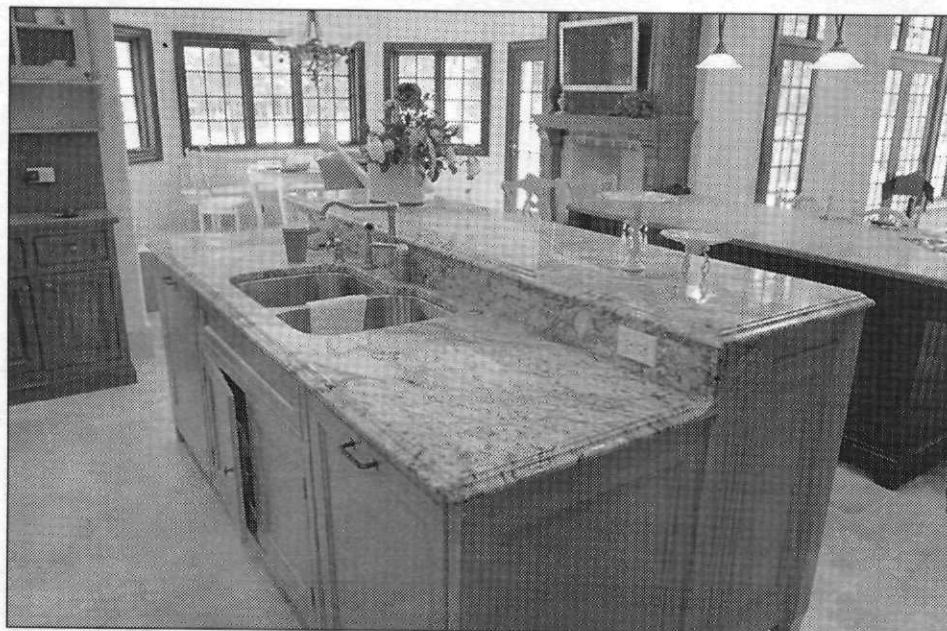
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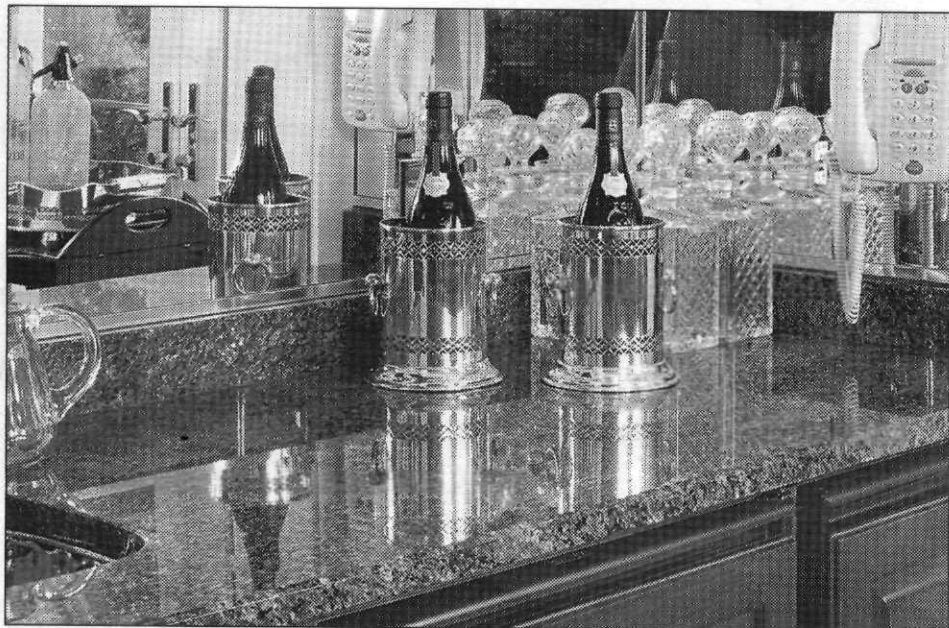
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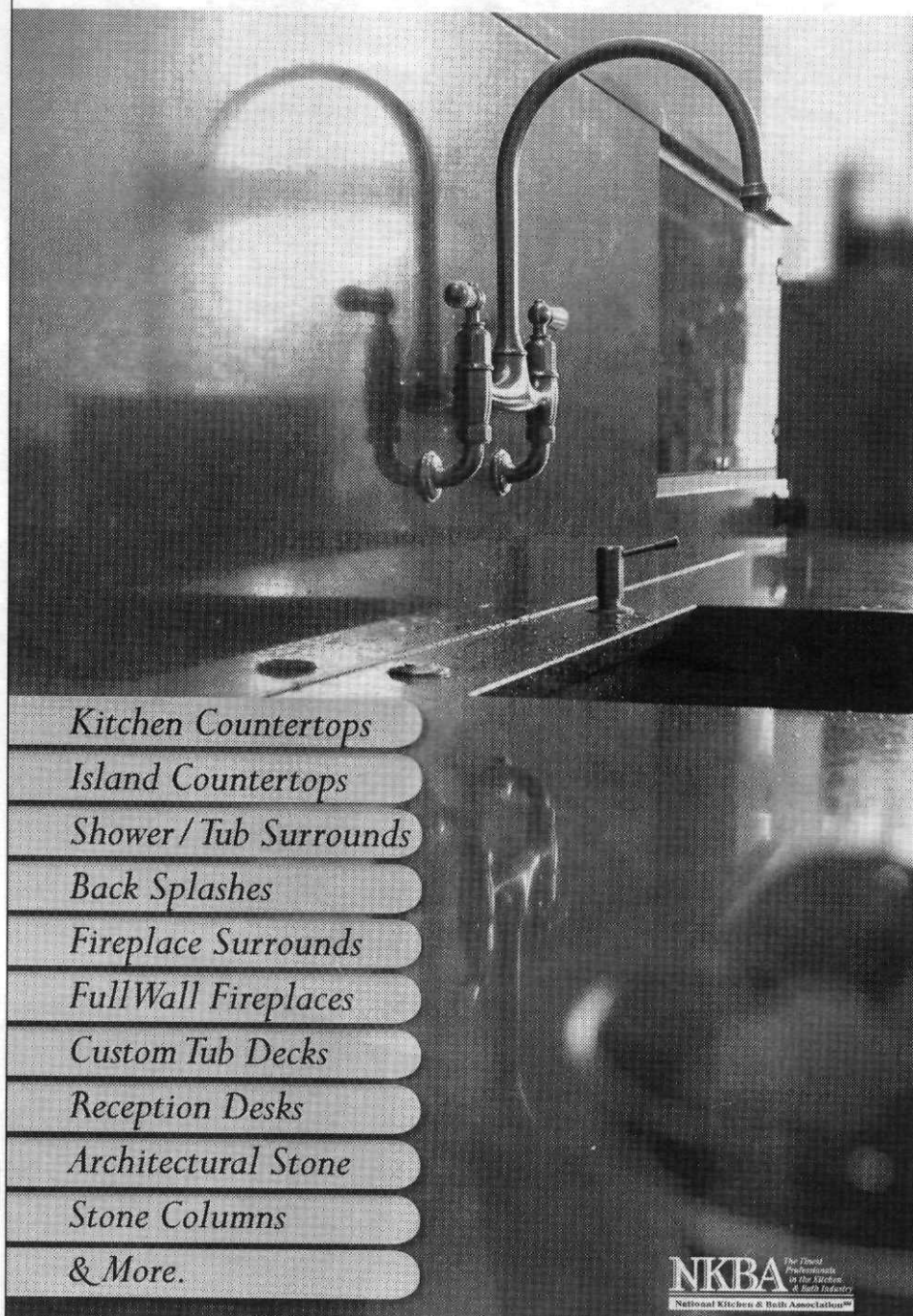
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