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Editor's Ink

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Dear Reader,

Your social calendar will be crowded this month with many wonderful events!

Barrington Hills will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary as an incorporated village on July 5, 2007. There will be a yearlong series of events to celebrate! Among the events not to be missed are a Civil War Re-Enactment, a polo match, a threeday Barrington Concours d'Elegance, "Legends and Legacies" (featuring \$1,000,000 cars), and much more. Barrington Lifestyles will keep you informed

as more information on each of the events becomes available

Hope you've purchased your tickets for Catholic Charities' NW 18th Annual "Hearts for Homeless Families in Transition Benefit." It's not only a great cause, but great fun. This year, the 7th Annual Stephan O'Brien-Combs "Heart of Charity" Award will be given to Romeo and Catherine Mura of Lake Barrington. They are very deserving of this award as well as being wonderful friends.

Mark May 3 down on your calendar for the annual Spring Tea, hosted by the Barrington/Northwest Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago. They plan so many wonderful events throughout the year.

Until next time, may all your thoughts be sunny.

With warm regards, Glenne McMonigal Editor, Lifestyles Magazines



Pumice linen-blend belted shirt jacket and a white linen-blend knit tunic top with embroidery teams with pumice linen-blend "Sloane" shorts with cuffs. Liz Claiborne Spring 2007.



Barrington Hills Celebrates 50th Anniversary with Exciting Events

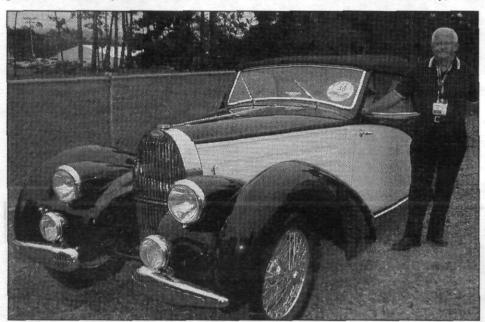
On July 5, Barrington Hills celebrates its the Village Hall grounds and American 50th Anniversary as an incorporated village with a yearlong series of events scheduled. All residents are invited to participate—whether as spectators, participants or volunteers, or all three, as the village celebrates its unique lifestyle in an increasingly developed area.

• May 20, Annual Barrington Hills Open House, Village Hall and Barrington Hills Police Department

• June 9, Barn Tour-Join us for an evening of fun, refreshments, and equestrian demonstrations at the hugely popular Barrington Hills Barn Tour, the first since the Barrington Horse Show 1995 Tour. Visit some of the area's most amazing barns featuring beautiful indoor arenas for dressage and jumping, viewing rooms, and astounding barn facilities.

• June 30, Civil War Re-Enactment Celebration, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Lincoln-Douglas Debate 3 p.m., Barrington Hills Village Hall Grounds-On Saturday, June 30, plans are underway for the dedication of

Flag stand by an encampment of Civil War re-enactors. It may not be readily apparent, but at this time of celebrating the history of Barrington Hills, the important role of the area in the Civil War should be taken note of. To the west of the Village Hall, in the Cemetery of Barrington Center Church, Old Sutton and Dundee roads, rests a red granite boulder brought from the banks of Flint Creek. On it is affixed a bronze tablet stating the names of those who served in the Civil War from Barrington Township. Some 200 individuals dedicated themselves when called upon by President Lincoln to give "the last full measure of devotion." Those serving in the 9th Illinois U.S. Cavalry fought in the Battle of Franklin wherein some 9.500 casualties occurred in what is referred to as "the bloodiest hours of the American Civil War". But their names are not transcribed on that tablet. Throughout Barrington Hills, roads still bear the family names of those who served such as Hawley, Otis,



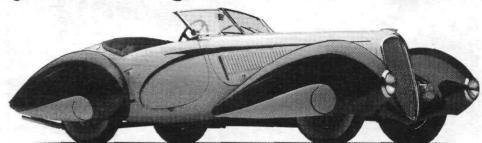
The 1939 Bugatti Type 57C, drop head convertible is owned by local resident Dr. Jim Foght. This car was shown at Pebble Beach Concours in 2003 as well as a number of other major events in the United States. Jim has toured with this car in California, Wisconsin and Australia. He also serves on our car selection committee.

Art Associates Host Spring Tea

rington/Northwest Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago, is always an eagerly awaited event. Held in early May, this social occasion serves to welcome members and guests, to explain the purposes of the organization, to encourage new membership, and, joyfully, to welcome spring. In addition to tea, coffee, and delicious finger foods, those attending enjoy a wonderful lecture on an art-related topic. The subject chosen for this Spring Tea, held on Thursday, May 3, is very unusual and intriguing. Miranda Hofelt, an Art Institute lecturer, will discuss "Corsets and Cameras: American Women and Photography." Even though the medium was only invented in 1839, by the 1890s, the United States boasted over 3,500 women working professionally in photography. Drawing upon the AIC's stellar photography collection, this lecture looks at the photographs and artistic practices of

The annual Spring Tea, hosted by the Bar- Johnston, Alice Austin, Gertrude Kasebier, Anne Brigman, and Imogen Cunningham to explore the social and economic circumstances that encouraged upper-middle-class women's access to and use of the camera. In many ways this relatively youthful medium of photography provided a new means of expression for American women.

Miranda Hofelt adores the Turn-of-the-Century art. As a graduate student at the University of Pittsburgh, Hofelt studied Japonisme or the impact of Japanese art on the 19th century French Impressionists. After completing her master's degree in art history in 1995, Hofelt joined the Art Institute of Chicago and has had the privilege of working with 19th century art both in the permanent collection and in loan exhibitions. When she began working in the Museum Education Department in 1998, Hofelt continued to research, lecture, and write about 19th century art. such photographers as Francis Benjamin Today, she is busy completing her doc-



Malcolm's amazing Delahaye is very special for a number of reasonsthe car itself—a 1939 135M Cabriolet, owned by Malcolm Pray, Jr., is coming to us from Greenwich, Conn. This car won Best in Class this past year (2006) at Hilton Head Concours, it has also shown at Meadowbrook Concours and won First in Class. In 1995, Pray was invited to the famed Concours d'Elegance in the Parc de Bagatelle in Paris where the car was awarded the coveted "People's Choice Award". In 2006, it was featured in Delahaye Styling and Design, as part of Delahaye's presentation as a featured margue at Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Pray, one of this country's renowned auto collectors, owns more than 80 classic automobiles. Pray was taken with the idea of the three hosting charities work and their partnership to host the concours and has very generously committed his car to our show and his expertise as an advisor.

ists across time between those who have a commitment to place and its preservation through the rule of law and so the arrangements are being taken to reaffirm on the grounds of the Village Hall what transpired in the area, still found but now celebrated. Please watch the calendar for

· Aug. 13, Family Day Outing, Barrington Hills Country Club

· Sept. 8, Kalaway Landowners Polo Match, sponsored by the Riding Club of Barrington Hills

· Sept. 14 to 16, Concourse d'Elegance, Makray Memorial Golf Club-The threeday Barrington Concours d' Elegance "Legends and Legacies" will feature 100 of the world's finest and most rare historic, classic, sports, and performance racing cars. Legends and Legacies will be held on the grounds of the spectacular Makray Memorial Golf Club in Barrington. A welcome dinner on Friday evening for exhibitors and honored guests kicks off the festivities. Saturday's events include a morning road rally and a lovely dinner celebration featuring fabulous food, wine and entertainment. The weekend will culminate with a spectacular display of leg-

Helm and Bateman. A link therefore ex- endary automobiles on the golf course grounds.

> Legends and Legacies is a result of the collaborative vision of the event's three hosts and beneficiaries, Barrington Hills Conservation Trust, Hospice of Northeastern Illinois and Cowboy Dreams, who believe in the strength of partnership and who work diligently to preserve and promote some of the most important legacies of the Barrington area: compassion, conservation, and community involvement. All proceeds of the benefit will be divided evenly between these three nonprofit organizations.

> Nov. 17, Barrington Hills Gala Celebration, Sanfilippo Estate—Our tribute to Barrington Hills, its history, founders and the many residents who have strived over the past 50 years to preserve our open space, 5-acre zoning, rural atmosphere and the many other factors that have made Barrington Hills a special place to live, especially as we go into the 21st century.

· Date: TBA, Countryside School Re-

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toral dissertation in art history and her topic is, of course, Turn-of-the-Century photography. Members, guests, and anyone interested in joining the Barrington/ Northwest Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago are invited to attend this free program.

Date: Thursday, May 3

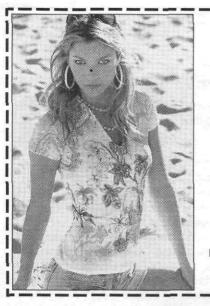
Place: Presbyterian Church of Barrington, 6 S. Brinker Road, Barrington

Time: 1 p.m. tea; 1:30 p.m. lecture Fee: none and reservations are not nec-

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Court ruled that an employer violated the FMLA when it required an employee on FMLA leave to use sick and vacation leave member. Recently, the 7th Circuit Federal while she was using FMLA leave and re-

What to Wear Now...at Assemblé

It's our favorite time of the year! Spring from christenings to cocktails. Break is over, and all of us are geared up to celebrate the season with the hottest, freshest fashion must-haves. Assemblé is at your service to give your wardrobe a jolt and get you in on the trends. Our Spring collections are a feast for your fashion senses and packed with personality. (Our trademark!)

Dresses are hot. It's easy to get excited about this new trend and we're on top of it. Whether you toss on a cotton creation from 3Dot or one of our floaty little halter dresses, just add sandals and you're ready for the day. Wait 'til you see our collection of chiffons and cottons in delicious prints -both knee-length and hanky-hemmed. (A great thing should you wish to show leg or not!) Their versatility can take you details!

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We're here to make it all quick and easy. The trick is to visit often-sizes sell fast and you don't want to miss out!

See ya soon!

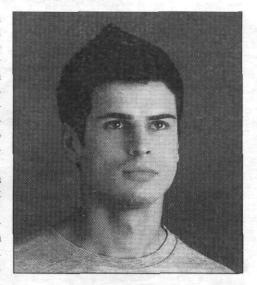
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Friends of Home of the Sparrow (FOHS) invite you to join them for "Breakfast at Tiffany's" on Thursday, April 12, 9:30 a.m. at Wynstone Country Club, 1 S. Wynstone Drive, North Barrington.

This event serves as the annual meeting of the FOHS group which contributes monetary and volunteer support to Home of the Sparrow, founded 20 years ago to assist women and children of the northwest suburbs facing the crisis of possible homelessness.

We feel sure that you will be moved when you hear the personal stories of past clients who have become self-sufficient members of society through the "secondstart" opportunity offered through the Sparrow programs.

Find out more about the work and volunteer opportunities while enjoying a lovely day with neighbors and friends. Everyone is welcome! Tickets are \$50.

To reserve your place at the table, please phone Jan at 1-847-277-0407.

ceiving disability benefits.

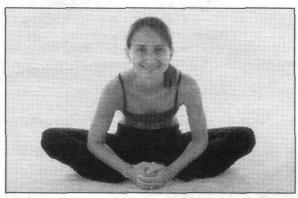
In that case, an employee sustained a non-work related injury that required surgery and a six-week absence from work. The employee was granted disability benefits for six weeks from a disability policy and at the same time, the employee was granted FMLA leave. The employer notified the employee she was required to substitute any accrued paid leave for any unpaid FMLA leave. The employee disagreed and filed suit challenging the employer's requirement that she use paid sick and vacation leave when she was receiving disability benefits during her FMLA leave. The federal court agreed that because she was receiving disability benefits, FMLA provision allowing the substitution of paid leave was inapplicable. As such, this decision directly affects many employer's FMLA policies since employers typically require that an employee substitute all paid leave for FMLA leave to Professional Women.

avoid employee entitlement to more than the 12 weeks leave mandated by the FMLA. However, under the regulation endorsed by the 7th Circuit, if an employee is receiving disability benefits, the employee can extend the 12-week FMLA leave by other paid leave offered by the employer, such as paid vacation, sick and personal days. For further information, please visit our Web site atwww.joettedoran.com.

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Springing Ahead with the **Garden Club of Inverness**



Committee members instrumental in the success of the District IX annual meeting of the Garden Clubs of Illinois are (from left) Lisa Kolodziej, Diane Maxwell and Anita Bierbaum of the South Barrington Garden Club, and Sally Hard and Beth Woldman of the Garden Club of Inverness. Not pictured was Linda Denison.

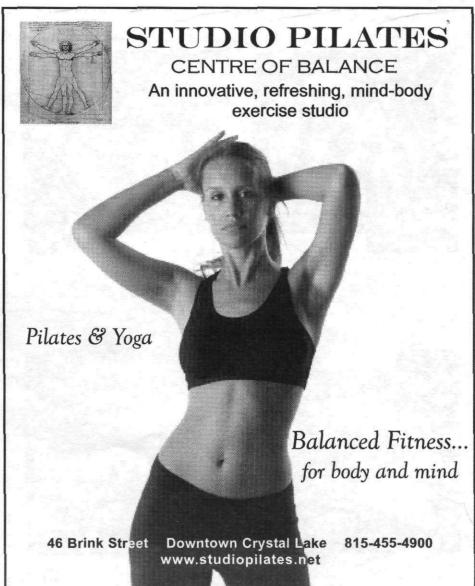
at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 19, at All Saints Lutheran Church, 630 S. Quentin Road, Palatine, for a program on Outdoor Container Gardening by Terry Goebbert, from Goebbert's Garden Center in South Barrington.

Goebbert, an artist in floral design with a specialty in custom arrangements, will demonstrate the ease with which simple containers can be turned into attractive focal points for summer displays.

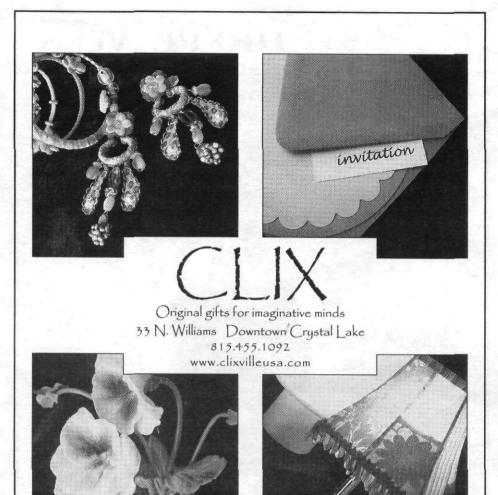
The program will begin after the business meeting and refreshments. Guests are welcome, and memberships are now being accepted for the 2007-2008 club year. The dues are \$30, but the experience is larly successful event.

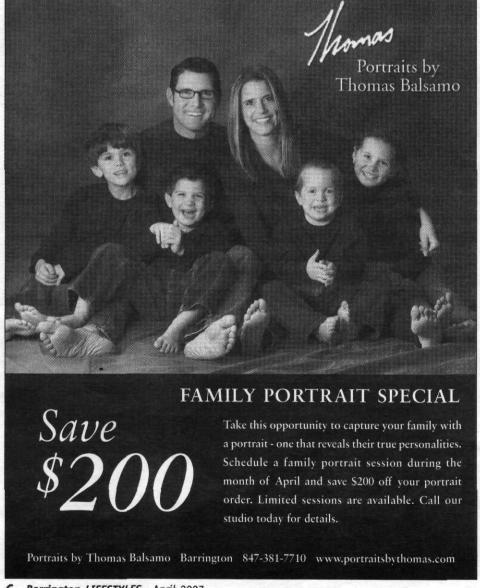
The Garden Club of Inverness will meet priceless. For information, call Judy at 1-847-358-8994 or Camille at 1-847-991-5034.

In other club news, the Garden Club of Inverness, along with the South Barrington Garden Club, hosted the District IX annual meeting of the Garden Clubs of Illinois on March 13 at Concorde Banquets. Two hundred and seventy-seven gardeners and friends attended the annual meeting and luncheon, which featured record attendance. But the day's real feast was one for the senses, provided by the stunning floral designs of Harper's Joyce Grattoni and her students, whose inspiring display of an abundance of flowers and creativity raised spirits at this year's singu-









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Jewelry, you ask? Yes, yes, lots of it, just like the darling set in the adjacent photo. This is from the studio of Ayala, an Israeli artist whose work is so intricate and precise that you need to see it up close to comprehend the details and clever mixture of fabrics and jewels. And wouldn't it lighten your spirits to wear this bright and cheery set?

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"Finding Strength: The Art of Living" Gala Sponsors Step Up

The Wellness Place Auxiliary is receiving an enthusiastic response from community sponsors in support of their festive June 9 gala, "Finding Strength: The Art of Living," to be held at an estate in Barrington Hills.

Sponsors are quickly securing their support in recognition of the unprecedented exposure they will receive-starting this month and long after the June 9 event. All gala sponsors will benefit from presence at the event plus additional exposure at four locations already booked for the traveling "Finding Strength" photography and narrative exhibit including: The Garlands Center for The Performing Arts, May through June; the Arlington Heights Memorial Library in September; the Barrington Area Library in October; and the Palatine Public Library in November.

In addition to five months of exposure via the "Finding Strength" traveling exhibit, sponsors will be displayed on the www. findingstrength.org and www. wellnessplace.org Web sites, event signage, invitations; and in the exhibit catalogue, the gala program book and publicity for both the gala and exhibit.

Picasso level sponsors at \$15,000, Harris Barrington honored members of the Wellness Place Auxiliary at a wine tasting event March 15 at Kelley Cellars on Station Street. "Harris Barrington is pleased to acknowledge the Wellness Place Auxiliary for its tireless fund-raising since 1999 to benefit Wellness Place," said Harris Regional President Richard Resseguie. "We decided to treat the auxiliary to a fun evening where the ladies were the recipients rather than the providers of the effort," added Harris Barrington Vice President-Private Banking Cathy Schulze. Greg Kelley, owner of Kelley Cellars, donated 10 percent of proceeds from the evening's sales to Wellness Place.

The gala will feature pieces from the 221-2400.



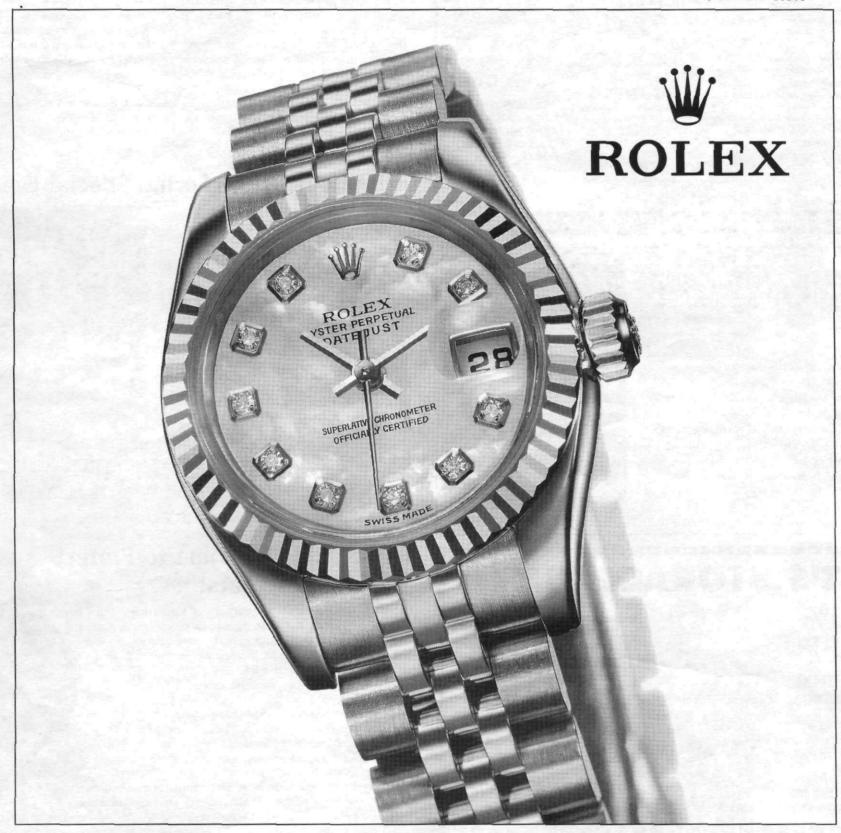
Harris Regional President Richard Resseguie greets Wellness Place Auxiliary Gala Co-Chairs Jenny Welsh (left) and Jennifer Wondrasek at the Kelley Cellars wine tasting hosted by Harris Barrington on March 15.

inspirational "Finding Strength" exhibit which explore the unique experiences of those touched by cancer. Highlights of the evening will include various innovative art forms, exquisite cuisine from area restaurants and an exciting live auction of luxury packages promising experiences of a lifetime.

Restaurants preparing gourmet dishes for the evening include: 160 Blue; Bistro Kirkou; Barn of Barrington; Dave's Specialty Foods; Francesca's Famiglia; Fuego's Mexican Grill; Gaylord Indian; Gianni's Café; La Strada Ristorante; Le Titi De Paris; and Viand Restaurant.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Contact Wellness Place Director of Development Simone Wheeler at simone. wheeler@wellnessplace.org or 1-847-241-5973 for more information.

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Signal Hill Chapter of the Daughters of low at noon. Bring your family stories, photos and heirlooms to share with the membership, notifying coordinator Sally with "A Tea To Remember" at the Bar- Hansen so your memorabilia can become part of the program. Regent Donna Fessel-A meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. and meyer of Lake Zurich and her committee

Seniors Invited to "Lunch on the Prairie"

Prairie Campus will entertain area seniors at "Lunch on the Prairie," Friday, April 13 from 9 to 11:30 a.m., at Prairie's campus, 40 E. Dundee Road, Barrington.

music and home economics departments, Thursday, April 5.

Students from Barrington Middle School have sponsored the event since 1998. The students provide entertainment and brunch for seniors who attend

Seating is limited. For reservations, call Linda Avellon at the Barrington Area Coun-Prairie's Student Council, as well as its cil on Aging, 1-847-852-3892, no later than

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Shari says: "Bring in your coat soon. Both you and your garment will be glad you

BACOA Annual Meeting to Focus on Age-Friendly Communities

(BACOA) will hold its 22nd annual meeting on Wednesday, April 25 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at The Garlands of Barrington, 1000 Garlands Lane, Barrington.

This year's meeting will focus on agefriendly communities. "As the aging population increases, cities and towns across the country are assessing their programs and services for older adults and their caregivers," says BACOA Executive Director Joyce Palmquist. "They're examining areas such as transportation, health care, hous-

The Barrington Area Council on Aging ing and public safety to determine their community's aging-readiness and putting more resources into making a community that's livable for all ages." The meeting will report on how communities-and the Barrington area in particular-are responding to the challenge.

The meeting is open to the public; cost of dinner is \$45 per person. For more information or to make a reservation, please call BACOA at 1-847-381-5030 by Wednesday, April 18.

Barrington Portraiture Artist Thomas Balsamo Reveals SOULS for National Campaign

Barrington resident and renowned portrai- country, benefiting Autism Speaks. Balsature artist Thomas Balsamo has recently mo's compelling black-and-white interpreput his talents to work for a national campaign with Toys "R" Us stores across the with autism and are featured throughout

Not Exactly as Seen on TV by Brooke Voris

Devine Design, Trading Spaces, Designing for the Sexes, Decorating Cents... interiordesign-based shows abound. As a designer, I can honestly tell you that what you see is not always what you get in the real world of interior design. Where does the theatre end and reality begin? My goal as a designer is to ensure that each client absolutely loves what we've accomplished and feels a sense of satisfaction that they had control the entire time. Nevertheless, whether real or imagined, I want to put to rest some of the most common fears I encounter when working with a new client.

Why do people besitate to bring in a designer?

- 1. Reality Design Show Fear. I don't want to be the woman in Seattle who walks into her "new" family room and burst into tears on Trading Spaces. Truth choices. Relationships like these can take is, working with a professional designer couldn't be more different. There will be all about collaboration. no surprises, just elation at the final outcome.
- 2. Designers cost too much. Designers are not just for the über rich. I have clients across all income spectrums that comfortable with. In some cases, they just have one thing in common; they want a custom one-of-a-kind look that they can call their own.
- 3. My neighbor can help me. With no disrespect intended toward your neighbor, countless clients have brought me in to fix neighbor induced problems. Perhaps she has an eye for color and her home is beautiful. It might just be duplication from a design magazine. A designer will bring a refined approach that has been earned through advanced education and experience that will lead you away from costly
- 4. Designers are creative, not planners. Au contraire. To create a distinctive look, you must demand a plan and process from your designer. I offer my clients complete project direction down to the final price tag was under \$2,000! smallest details. This will enable us to project components in the proper per-

Bottom line-I will help you see your home through a discerning set of eyes while offering a new perspective.

How does a designer incorporate you into the design process?

- 1. Thorough interviewing. I want to know everything about you and your family. Your likes and dislikes. Patterns, colors, fabrics. I'm not trying to be nosey, rather, I want to help make your home a celebration and reflection of you and your life. The more you share, the better the end product. My clients hire me to help job and nobody does it better! Brooke dethem with a design dilemma. Just as you wouldn't go to a doctor and expect a diagnosis without sharing the symptoms first, as your designer, I want you to share Brooke's world travels have influenced her with me your most vivid dreams and desires. I can then help make them a reality. Without them, I'm operating blindly.
 - 2. Participation. This should be fun! woods all find their way into her designs.



We can explore together. I don't want a bystander. Over time, some of my clients ask to turn into a bystander because they trust me intrinsically to make the right a few years to develop. Until we do, it's

Will my budget allow for a custom

- 1. Uncertainty. This is usually the most difficult item for my client to share or feel don't know what their budget is or should be. In other cases, they don't want to share it for fear that it will be gobbled up by one or two items.
- 2. Create a benchmark. I will help you establish benchmarks on how much to spend on a room based on what you'd like to accomplish. Whether that includes window treatments, furnishings, faux painting, custom cabinetry or fine rugs. This way, you'll get a quick perspective on what your budget should look like and if this fits with your reality. I had a client who loved the idea of faux finishing their entire home until they saw the \$40,000 price tag. I was able to share a few dollar saving ideas while prioritizing what rooms really needed faux and the
- 3. Designers can stretch your investavoid costly mistakes while placing the ment. If you already know what you want to spend, I can help you stretch that budget to maximize the value of your redesign. We'll prioritize projects and necessities within a room as a starting point.

Placing the drama of "reality" design shows aside, working with a professional designer can be a great experience. No surprises, no prima donnas, no budget busting ideas. I know the design experience is complete when my client is crying tears of joy because they love the final look of the room! The reality of it is... it's

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In conjunction with Autism Awareness Month in April, all Toys "R" Us locations nationwide will conduct an in-store fundraising campaign from Sunday, March 18 through Friday, May 4. For seven weeks, the company will carry out an aggressive marketing program to engage customers and employees in an effort to raise funds to benefit Autism Speaks. Additionally, online shoppers will be able to make cash contributions by visiting www.toysrus. com/autismspeaks. Balsamo's work will be displayed on all in-store signage and all marketing collateral. These portraits are works from Balsamo's co-creation of Souls: Beneath and Beyond Autism which

was awarded The Autism Society of America's Literary Work of the Year Award for

Additionally, Balsamo has worked with other not-for-profit organizations such as Cure Autism Now, Holy Family Lutheran School, Barrington Area Council of Aging, Barrington Area Arts Council and many

Balsamo's studio, Portraits by Thomas, is located at 557 N. Hough St. in Barrington-specializing in fine art, blackand-white portraiture. For more information or to schedule a consultation, visit www.portraitsbythomas.com or call 1-847-381-7710.

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DIVA DISH, Luke Yankee's Hilarious One-Man Show, Comes to The Garlands

Did you ever wonder what it was like to part of showbiz history? You know, Ethel Merman teaching you how to make martinis while Paul Newman gave you acting tips. And then fielding all those annoying telephone calls from reporters the night your Mom won the Oscar? Welcome to the world of Luke Yankee, son of Broadway and Hollywood actress Eileen Heckart. In DIVA DISH, his one-man show playing at The Garlands of Barrington Performing Arts Center on Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m., that's exactly what you'll experience. Tickets are \$15 and can be reserved by calling 1-847-304-1996.

This masterful performer and storyteller invites you into a world you've only dreamed about-full of showbiz gossip and behind-the-scenes tales of all your favorite celebrities. This multimedia theatrical event includes never-before seen photos of stars like Marilyn Monroe, Sophia Loren and Bob Fosse, rare video clips and scores of humorous stories.

Yankee, an actor and director who resided in Los Angeles, Palm Springs and New York, compiled DIVA DISH after his mother, Oscar-, Tony- and Emmy-winner and Theatre Hall of Famer Eileen Heckart, passed away two years ago. "I realized I had this incredibly rich legacy of Broadway and Hollywood memorabilia and I had to do something with it," says Yankee. "The only thing I love more than know-



The late Oscar-, Tony- and **Emmy-winner and Theatre Hall** of Famer Eileen Heckart is the inspiration behind her son, Luke Yankee's hit show, DIVA DISH.



Get your fill of showbiz gossip and behind-the-scenes tales at Luke Yankee's hilarious one-man show, DIVA DISH, playing May 5 at The Garlands of Barrington.

ing all these stories is being able to share

In the first half of the evening, Luke 'dishes" about the major divas in his life and his mother's-Marlene Dietrich, George Cukor, Marilyn Monroe, Ethel Merman, Lyndon B. Johnson, Bette Davis, and Ellen Degeneres-to name a fewaccompanied by video clips, photographs and even a rare audio tape of Joan Crawford. In the second half, the audience shouts out names in the program and he rattles off hilarious anecdotes about Carol Channing, Paul Newman, Martha Stewart, Lucille Ball, Arthur Miller, Debbie Reynolds-and many more.

Yankee has recently performed DIVA DISH at The Supper Club in New York City, the Los Angeles Theatre Center, for Celebrity Cruise Lines, at the William Inge Theatre Festival and at numerous venues on the west coast. He has upcoming bookings around the country next year, and he is currently in negotiations for a book deal. Rex Reed says, "DIVA DISH is touching, hilarious and completely enthralling! Luke Yankee is such a marvelous storyteller that you'll want to hear the stories he tells again and again!'

Tickets are now on sale for the May 5 performance of Luke Yankee's DIVA DISH and are \$15 each. Reserve your tickets today by calling The Garlands of Barrington at 1-847-304-1996

Easter and Mother's Day Brunches Bring **Families Together at The Garlands**

This spring, bring the family together at a lavish brunch, guaranteed to please everyone, in the beautiful Winslow Dining Room at The Garlands of Barrington, 1000 Garlands Lane. Special brunches, complete with champagne toasts, will be held in honor of Easter on Sunday, April 8 and Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13. Choose a 10:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. seating. The cost for a memorable holiday feast is \$34.95 per person, \$12.95 for children under 10, not including tax or service charge. Reservations are a must and can be made by calling 1-847-756-3332.

Sure to delight all ages, a bountiful buffet is just the beginning of a beautiful day. At the Easter Brunch, children are invited to participate in The Garlands' third annual Easter Egg hunt in the arbor-lined



Garlands member Harriett Moore takes a break from her delicious meal to mug with the Easter Bunny at The Garlands of Barrington Easter Brunch.

Galleria Courtyard and top off their experience with a visit with the Easter Bunny. And at the Mother's Day Brunch, you can

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Brunches Bring Families Together at The Garlands

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guitarist, Robert Jennings, make a champagne toast, and present her with a rose. Create lasting family memories by attending one or both of The Garlands spring holiday brunches.

Executive Chef Hans Ladwein carefully prepared the abundant buffet menu. Guest can visit the carving stations and feast on rosemary- and garlic-roasted leg of lamb, smoked and roasted mapleglazed Ham; and sea-salt- and thymecrusted prime rib, or they can delight at the fresh seafood display, smoked salmon, jumbo shelled shrimp and fresh oysters; seasonal greens and salads, lemon herb orzo with tomatoes, olives and feta cheese; and grilled vegetable and Mediterranean couscous with pesto vinaigrette, to name a few. Fresh fruits, domestic and tropical, along with cheeses from around the

serenade mom with the music of classical world, pan-seared chicken breast prepared with tomatoes, olives and button mushrooms and tilapia Florentine, will be on the buffet as well.

> Egg lovers will enjoy the personalized fresh egg station where eggs, including custom omelets, will be prepared to order. A signature Garlands' Sweet Table including crispy apple cobbler with caramel sauce and vanilla bean ice cream, assorted mini pastries, cookies and petite fours, will be available as will a glass of champagne, coffee, tea, milk and fresh juices.

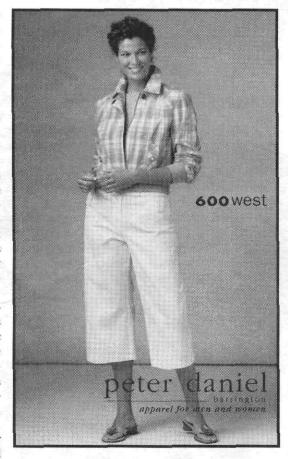
> The Garlands, located near the heart of Barrington, is a unique community for people ages 55 and older that, in addition to offering fine dining to the public, provides residents an uncompromising lifestyle in a resort setting. For more information, please call 1-847-765-3332 or visit our Web site at www.TheGarlands.com.

April at Peter Daniel

Our Ladies Department continues to blossom with new lines for onestop shopping. Fresh Produce has been a big hit with casual, colorful, comfortable, washable clothingthere's something for every age in sizes S-XXL. You'll want one of every style and color. 600 West is another great addition to our mix. A great fit with unique collections arriving every month-stop in often to see what's new. We're also pleased to introduce Karen Kane to our Ladies Department-a wonderful, updated collection of separates and dresses. We've added Verena pajamas, gowns and robes and several brands of fun and flirty shoes-perfect for spring and sum-

We are pleased to welcome Cutter & Buck sportswear to our Men's Department. Try their new Dry-Tec polo shirts. They wick moisture away from the body and dry quickly. The Birdseye polo is available in eight great colors including nectarine, lotus, sea blue, putting green, white, red, black, and tour blue. Comfort combined with technology and only \$48! You'll want several

colors once you feel the comfort of these shirts. Happy Spring!



Fabulous Fashions Luncheon

The Northwest Women's Connection invites you and your friends to our "Fabulous Fashions" luncheon on April 12 from noon to 1:30 p.m. at Concorde Banquets, 20922 N. Rand Road in Kildeer. The cost is \$15 inclusive. Free preschool childcare is available (the nursery is located off-pre-

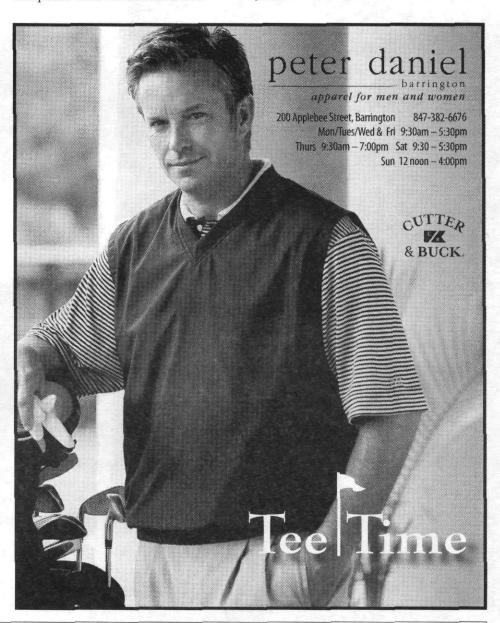
The Dress Barn, Palatine, will be having a fashion show featuring their spectacular spring and summer line.

Arlene Blanchard will speak on "Triumph through Tragedy." Blanchard was in the Murrah Building in Oklahoma City, Okla., when the world exploded around her. She will share how to experience joy and peace amid the storms of life.



Arlene Blanchard will speak on "Triumph through Tragedy" at the April 12 luncheon.

Lunch and childcare reservations are needed by Friday, April 6. Call Micky at 1-847-490-9881 or Karen at 1-847-818-

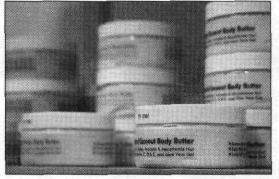


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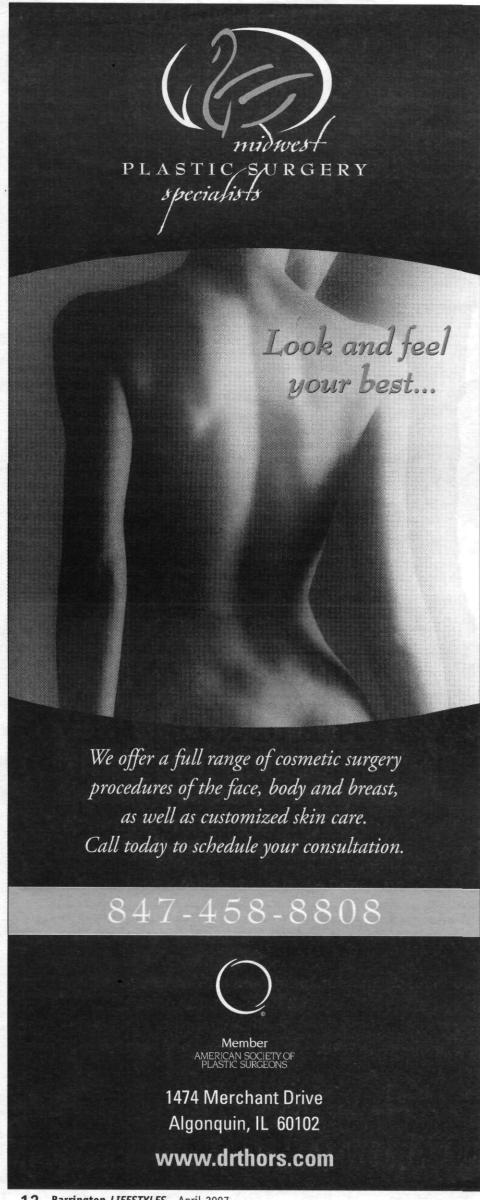
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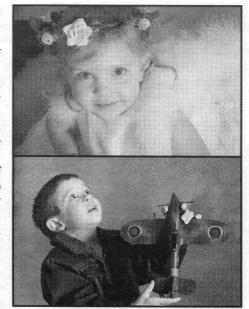


"Beautiful Things with Wings" Calendar Supports Local Women's Shelter

Can you imagine your child gracing the pages of a beautiful calendar? Now you will have your chance. Local award-winning photographer April Graves, owner of Light Drawn Studios, approached WINGS, Women In Need Growing Stronger, with a unique idea on how to raise funds for the agency. Graves will use her unique talents to create angelic photos of children to grace the pages of a calendar for 2008, Beautiful Things with Wings.

Graves will donate the sitting fee of \$150 to WINGS. An online auction is setup on the WINGS Web site for community members and participants to bid on the photos that will go on the front and back covers. Each child will be photographed using an angel, fairy or aviator theme. The auction will determine who is on the covers and a committee will select the photos that will go on each month of the calendar. The remaining photos will be featured throughout as thumbprint photos. Calendars will be sold in the fall of 2007 through local businesses such as Amazing Gracies.

Light Drawn Studios is a portrait photography business created by April Graves whose goal is to create soulful, artistic images of children and their families. By working closely with her clients, Graves captures and creates images that suit each client's style and captures their imagination. Working in multiple mediums including film, digital, oil, pastels and pencil, Graves creates one-of-a kind images as individual and unique as her subjects. Fulfilling on her desire to make a difference in the community, she chose to work with the WINGS organization. Beautiful Things with WINGS 2008 calendar will be a treasury of whimsical angel, fairy and little flyer portraits. This calendar will artfully depict the beauty and innocence of wingsprogram.com.



Pictured is angel Emily Bolek and aviator William Bolek.

childhood.

WINGS currently operates 24 homes and apartments in Cook and Lake Counties including a home in Barrington. A 15,000-square-foot Safe House provides safe refuge for women and children fleeing from domestic violence. In addition to shelter, WINGS provides therapeutic counseling, mentoring, children's activities and career services

The next photo shoots will occur on April 16 and 17th for the little aviator photos. Another date for angels has been added and will take place on April 18. In June, Graves will be completing the shoots with fairy sessions. To schedule a session, call Light Drawn Studios at 1-224-622-2800. For more information, visit www.

Barrington Countryside Garden Class



Pictured (from left) are Daria Sapp, Mariana Barr, Bob Payton, Sharon Kantanen, co-coordinator of the Therapy Work Session, and Joyce Simpson, past president and current co-secretary. Photo by BCGC member Catherine Mura.

Countryside Garden Class (BCGC) gathered for their monthly Garden Therapy Work Session at Payton Floral Company, Lake Barrington. Following the floral prototype created by Bob Payton, who generously donates the fresh flowers, members

On Feb. 22, members of the Barrington arranged flowers and ferns, and tied ribbon bows around the vases which were supplied by BCGC. After inserting a friendly greeting, the bouquets were packed in a full service florist and event company in boxes for delivery to the Hospice Center located at 410 S. Haeger Ave. in Barrington for Hospice nurses to give to their patients



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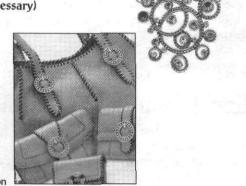
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BACOA Activity and Lunch Program

(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

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-

· Monday, April 2—Games and Easter luncheon. Barrington Park District preschool students will color Easter eggs with the seniors. Attendees are invited to wear spring colors and Easter bonnets.

• Monday, April 9—Games and lunch. Kim Hoffman, director of sales for Mayflower Tours, will present a special travel

The Barrington Area Council on Aging's program on upcoming trips sponsored by BACOA and the Barrington Park District. Trips in 2007 include Washington, D.C. and Williamsburg; Niagara Falls and Toronto, Ontario; New England; and the Tournament of Roses Parade.

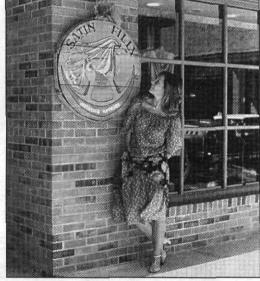
> · Monday, April 16—Games and lunch. April is National Volunteer Month.

> · Monday April 23—Games and lunch. Bonnie Scherkenbach, BACOA social service coordinator, will give a presentation on BACOA's Brain Aerobics program. Brain Aerobics is aimed at all ages and is designed to increase brain activity through logic exercises, imaginative exercises, reminiscence and more.

> Monday, April 30-Games and lunch. April birthdays will be celebrated, and blood pressures will be taken by Diane

atin Filly—I'm sitting here thinking about my past 30 years! It's hard to believe it's been so long and so easy to remember all the great memories I have. Thirty years ago I came to Barrington to buy a horse and stumbled into a vacant storefront in the Barrington Commons. Shortly thereafter, Satin Filly became a reality, then Filly's appeared and stayed for 13 years. So here I sit, reflecting over the 30 years. Here in Barrington, I've raised my girls and enjoyed a wonderful quality of life (and watched so many of you do the same). We've shared our challenges, experiences, heartaches and mostly, laughter.

The question remains, "What does one do to acknowledge this 30-year mark?" I came up with an idea, one my darling husband thinks is "boutique suicide," but as those of you who know me, know I've always admired his business acumen, then I do what's right for Satin Filly. Men don't read this, do they? Anyway, to celebrate, we will be serving refreshments on Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14, and extending a



30% discount for 30 years on absolutely everything in the store (exception = the sale rack).

In closing, I want to say "thank you" for all the years, it's been so fun and truly fulfilling for me and I am grateful to all of you that have been such loyal and special friends. Thank you.

-Karen

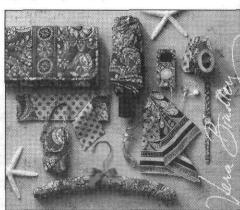
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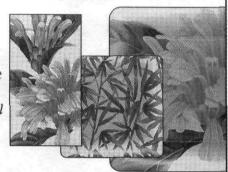
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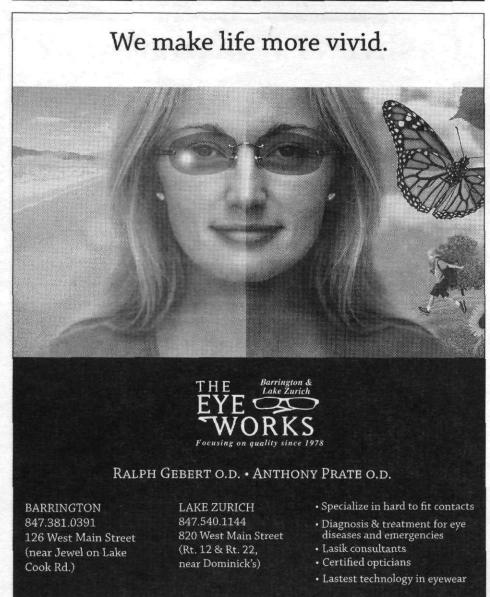


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"Making Sense of Memory Loss" Program

but there are older people who experience frequent forgetfulness. What should family members know-and what can they do to help someone who is beginning to experience memory loss or other cognitive difficulties?

The Barrington Area Council on Aging (BACOA) will present "Making Sense of Memory Loss," a five-part educational program to help family members of persons in the early stages of memory loss. The program was developed by the Mather Institute on Aging and the Greater Illinois Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.

Wednesdays from April 4 to May 2. Each

Some memory loss is normal as we age, class will meet from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Barrington Area Library, 505 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington.

The topics will include: An overview of memory loss and related symptoms (April 4); communication strategies (April 11); dealing with changing roles and relationships (April 18); planning for the future (April 25) and effective ways of coping and caring (May 2).

Cost for the class and materials-including book—is \$20. Registration is required at least a week in advance and participants are encouraged to attend all five sessions.

For registration and further information The program will be presented on on the program, call BACOA at 1-847-381-

Chers Amis...

Finally, spring has arrived! Now that all date you and your guests for your special the snow has melted and nature is taking over... let us celebrate with menus that reflect what this time of the year is all about. Our Specials will feature fresh produce like spring asparagus from Michigan, look for whole artichoke, Lake Superior smelts and more... Our traditional "Gigot d'Agneau Printanier," roasted leg of spring lamb hand rubbed with garlic and herbs de Provence, is simply delightful!

Also, visit us during a weekday for our "Super Prix Fixe" 3-course dinner, \$25.50 or \$31 with a glass of house wine.

As a reminder, our Private Room just had a face-lift and is ready to accommocelebration. We are looking forward to arranging a personalized menu, theme and more to make it vour event.

Sunday, April 8, we will be open for dinner starting at 4 p.m.-just for Easter Celebration

Finally, just wanted to warn you that we will have our 13th Annual Car Rally ...Sunday, June 10. We will have more information later on, but do mark your calendar or tell some friends who own a collectable auto.

> A bientôt, -Stephane General Manager

See Through the Smoke

Many smokers out there already know what smoking does to the health of their bodies. Smokers run the risk of heart disease, cancer and more. It seems only a few know the dangers smoking does to your eyes and vision.

Even if you only smoke a little, smoking can cause loss of vision. Smokers double their chances of developing agerelated macular degeneration (AMD) compared to nonsmokers. AMD is the leading cause of vision impairment among seniors 65 and older. AMD affects the macula, which is located in the retina, by deteriorating the central vision we need to perform tasks like driving and reading. Symptoms can include small blind spots and vision loss, to straight lines appearing crooked. Our older citizens are more like- happy. Be healthy. See clearly.

ly to lose their vision from AMD than from glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy combined. There are certain other factors that contribute to your risk. The best thing you can do for your eye health is be preventive. It's important for smokers to make sure to get regular eye exams to ensure proper eye health.

Make an appointment at The Eye Works with Dr. Gebert or Dr. Prate. They perform comprehensive eye examinations and check internal and external parts of the eye for overall eye health. Our doctors will help ensure your eyes stay healthy whether you smoke or not. We have two locations to serve your vision needs. Call 1-847-381-0391 in Barrington or 1-847-540-1144 in Lake Zurich. Be

St. Paul United Church of Christ Easter Schedule

St. Paul United Church of Christ of Bar- celebrate the joy of Easter morning. rington extends a warm welcome and invitation to all in the community. Come join with us as we reflect upon and celebrate the events of Holy Week.

Beginning on Maundy Thursday, April 5, we will share a Passover potluck meal at 7 p.m. at the Community Church of Barrington, 407 S. Grove Ave.

On April 6, Good Friday, at 7 p.m., we will conduct a Tenebrae service. "Tenebrae" is the Latin word for shadows, and the purpose of the service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the Passion story. It begins with the church in candlelightas many candles as there are readers. The readings serve to show the betrayal, abandonment and agony of the events leading to the crucifixion. As each reading is finished, a candle is extinguished until the church is almost in darkness. The people then leave in silence. By reminding us of St. For information, call 1-847-381-0460 or what came before, we are more ready to visit www.stpauluccbarrington.org.

Saturday, April 7 will be a Prayer Vigil from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. The church will be open all day for you to come in to meditate and pray. At 7 p.m., there will be a closing Taizé service. Taizé began in France as a quiet way of prayer for people of all Christian traditions. Using simple chants, silence and prayers of praise and intercession, this is a wonderful way to be renewed by God and become more peaceful and centered amidst a busy life.

Then, be among the first to celebrate the rising of the SON at the Sunrise Easter Service, April 8 at 7 a.m.

After the service, share fellowship and potluck breakfast at 8:30 a.m. At 9:30 a.m., the Rev. Jeanne Hanson, pastor, will lead the Easter Communion Service, celebrating the Risen Savior.

St. Paul Church is located at 401 E. Main

Improv Comedy Troupe to Perform at Wellness Place

The Barstool Philosophers will present an form improvisation. The current ensemble evening of improvisational comedy at Wellness Place, a cancer resource center pics and the Second City Training Center. at 1619 W. Colonial Parkway, Palatine, on Don't miss this night of guaranteed, side-Thursday, April 12 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. A veteran troupe of Chicago improvisers, the comedy team will perform a series of Anyway and their unique variety of long-

consists of members from Improv Olymsplitting laughter and fun.

This event is open to the community and offered free of charge. Seating is limshort games as seen on Whose Line Is It ited. Register in advance by calling 1-847-

What's Happening at Starr Couture

This month we are finally opening our new store. It has taken longer than originally planned, but those of you who know me know that I am a perfectionist and quality in everything I do is important to me. All good things take time. We are so excited and look forward to sharing our new space with you. I don't want to give it all away but wait until you see the inside of our store. Yes we will have merchandise on the floor since now we will have the space. We went from 1,500 sq ft to 4,000 sq ft so maybe this gives you an idea of the space. In



Starr Kondos, Owner

terms of merchandise we will offer not only the best selection but also different price points. It all depends on what you the customer wants. We have always been known for our beautiful apparel and accessories but now the new talk of the town is our beautiful shoes. We expanded the shoe selection to 3 times more from last season since the demand keeps increasing. If you haven't seen them you are missing out. I personally hand select every piece of leather, heel, ornamentations and create a very customized shoe. I put every one of them on to test for comfort since that is very important. A shoe should be not only beautiful but comfortable. Since so many of you comment on the unusual hosiery I wear this time while I was in Paris I ordered some so now you can have them too. For those of you who prefer to shop spontaneously you can come and shop anytime with no appointment. However, we are known and built a very successful business on individualized and personal service. We have so many customers that love our personal attention, the difference is now you can have the choice to shop either way. If you enjoy the personal individualized attention we encourage an appointment, or feel free to come in anytime at your convenience. Due to the transition period we may be at both locations at times. Please call us for any information. Our new address is 325 E. Main St; however the main entrance of the store will be on Spring Street. Many of you remember the building with all the flags on the lawn; it's the corner of Main St and Spring St going to the train station. We have private parking in the back of our building which faces the train station. We look forward to seeing you.

Holistic Healthcare for Women

by Marilyn L. Mitchell, M.D., WomanCare

Holistic Healthcare for women is in great demand. Women today are well educated and practical. They expect to be heard, and are willing and capable of taking charge of their own health and wellness. Holistic Healthcare is the answer for these women because it combines the best of traditional and alternative medicine in an individualized manner, and facilitates a partnership.

In health care, when talking about holistic medicine or healing, what I mean is a conscious or intuitive approach to human beings that individualizes their care. I consider any illness, health issue, crisis or transition as an opportunity for healing. Rather than consider these as inconveniences, they provide a critical interruption; an opportunity to listen to our bodies and our inner journey. Imbalance and illness provide a doorway back into balance.

The traditional medical approach is a grand body of knowledge that has a focus on alleviating symptoms and curing disease and relies on linear thinking for its implementation. The holistic approach enlarges upon the medical knowledge base by using intuition to listen to the body and compassion to listen to the spirit. Many believe that to use a holistic model necessitates using only herbs, vitamins and other alternative methods, while shunning anything medical and technological. This is not whole but merely trades in one "cure" for another. Yesterday's medicines (herbs and botanicals) are today's alternatives. Holistic medicine uses the best of both approaches.

At WomanCare, our Integrated Healing Team works to design a program of healing unique for each women and her



situation. We may use herbs, botanicals, vitamins, bioidentical hormones and healing through the human energy field. We also use medical technologies (and medical arts, such as surgery) when necessary. At WomanCare we have been privileged to facilitate tremendous growth and healing for women through surgeries, during menopause, for permanent weight loss, for hormone imbalances and PMS, during pregnancy and birth, for infertility, for sexual function issues, for incontinence and other issues.

Dr. Marilyn Mitchell, director of the Integrated Healing Team at WomanCare, is a physician and energy healer. She received a Doctor of Medicine degree from Rush Medical College 1980, and completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology from the University of Chicago in 1984. She has received certification from Barbara Brennan School and the Energy Touch School for Advanced Healing. Mitchell practices holistic gynecology and bealing, and with her team brings healing and alternative practices together with traditional medicine to best serve the unique and varied needs of women.





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Barrington Lyric's 2007-2008 **Board of Directors Announced**

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The 2007-2008 officers and Executive bership, Schaumburg; Mary Robins, 2nd era (BCLOC) invite new members to share in a year of entertainment, education and unmatched camaraderie including Lyric Opera of Chicago special invitations, concert privileges, and much more. For inquiries on Barrington Chapter membership, please phone George Obermaier at 1-847-985-0837

As presented by 2005-2006 Nominating Chair Fritz Fredrickson of Barrington, the 2007-2008 officers and Executive Board will be: President Toni Savadel, Carpentersville; 1st VP George Obermaier, Mem-

Board of Barrington Chapter of Lyric Op- VP in charge of Programs, Arlington Heights; Treasurer Dave Nelleman, St. Charles and Recording Secretary Norma Carey, Barrington.

Committee chairpersons: Archivist Maureen Brown, Lake Zurich; Community Relations Co-Chairs Catherine Mura of Barrington and Glenne McMonigal of Crystal Lake; Howard Robins, Development, Arlington Heights; Denny Hayes, Education, St. Charles; Hospitality Chair, Mary Green; Kathryn Black, Invitations and Fritz Fredrickson, Nominating Chair, Barrington; Nancy Hozian, Member Services, Kildeer;

Grammy Award-Nominated Singer-Songwriter Duncan Sheik to Perform Benefit Concert at Raue Center



Grammy Award-Nominated Singer-Songwriter Duncan Sheik

Raue Center For The Arts has announced erosity The Lucile Raue Estate has given that Grammy Award-Nominated singersongwriter Duncan Sheik will perform a benefit concert at Raue Center on Thursday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. for the current challenge grant awarded through The Lucile Raue Estate. Tickets, which are \$100 and \$25 for students, are available by calling the box office at 1-815-356-9212.

Sheik is known for pop success with songs like Barely Breathing, She Runs Away and Half Life. Sheik received rave reviews from the New York Times, Variety and the New York Post for his current Broadway smash hit, Spring Awakening.

Hailed as "the most breathtaking American musical since Rent or even Sweeny Todd," by AM New York, Sheik will perform songs from Spring Awakening for the Raue Center benefit concert-truly a rare occurrence for theatergoers. Currently the front-runner for this year's Tony Award, Spring Awakening has reinvigorated Broadway for those who have craved a new musical with attitude, youthful exuberance and a fresh, gusty sound.

Money raised at the Sheik benefit concert will be matched dollar-for-dollar as part of the a \$850,000 challenge grant in recognition of the impact Raue Center has made in the community and the promise region's citizens, children and businesses.

We are grateful for the continued gen-

to the Raue Center For The Arts," said Richard Kuranda, executive director for Raue Center.

"The Duncan Sheik benefit concert will allow Raue Center's board of directors and administrative staff to continue to develop inspirational programming to attract regional audiences, instill the magic of the arts in children through education, provide a home for region's citizens to perform and attract the tourist market to the area" said Bill Dwyer, board president for Raue Center.

The challenge grant moves Raue Center a major step closer toward retiring the current \$1.9 million construction loan for the initial construction of the theatre; and building a significant, long-lasting endowment for the development of new, quality programming initiatives.

Opened in the fall of 2001, Raue Center has enjoyed many successes including visits from more than 275,000 patrons in 350 different zip codes. In addition, Raue Center has introduced the arts to more than 100,000 of McHenry County's school children and has created the theatre into a home for more than 10,000 of the region's citizens who performed on stage.

For additional information on the Sheik it holds for downtown Crystal Lake, the benefit concert or on Raue Center, contact Richard Kuranda at 1-815-356-9010.



Diane Johnson, Operathon Liason, Arlington Heights; Margit Vogel, Reservations, Barrington; Martha Kersey, Volunteers,

Assisting Mary Robins with Chapter Programs will be Immediate Past President Maureen Brown; Walter Ahern, Inverness; Norma Carey, Wanda Hollensteiner; Dr. George and Vally Flint, and Janet Lareau, Barrington; Diane and Alan Johnson, Arlington Heights.

You may visit Lyric Opera of Chicago's Web site, www.lyricopera.org.



BCLOC President Toni Savadel



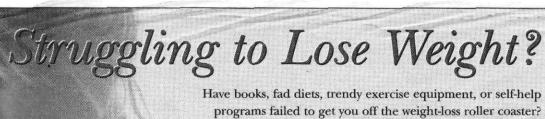


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10th Annual Heritage Trolley Tour of Historic Crystal Lake



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The Crystal Lake Historic Preservation Commission recently held a kickoff planning meeting for its 10th Annual Heritage Tour. In celebration of this milestone year, the commission will be offering a Heritage Trolley Tour of Crystal Lake.

The tour will feature two trolleys running round trip between Downtown Crystal Lake and the Dole Mansion on Sunday, June 10 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The guided tour will feature a narrative about the origins of our community, its early settlers, early industry, as well as highlights

of historic downtown buildings, schools, churches and historic homes. Take a ride on the trolley to discover where Crystal Lake's first school, cabin, hotel and stop light were located.

All proceeds from the Heritage Tour are used to help maintain Crystal Lake's historic landmark structures. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at Heisler's Bootery beginning May 11. For additional information, please contact Diana Kenney at 1-815-479-0835.

Caravaggio Focus for Exploring Art Series

His religious works were an immediate sensation because of their intensity and realism; with his astonishing use of light, he took the chiaroscuro technique to new heights. Arriving in Rome in 1600, he became immediately famous, never lacking for commissions or patrons. Some artists recognized his genius and attempted, without much success, to copy his unique style. Other patrons were so mortified by the realism evoked in his detailed portrayals, he was coerced to repaint areas of a canvas. Often on the run from the law, transcripts of his police records attest to his notorious behavior, and his sudden death in 1610 is shrouded in mystery. These conflicting statements can only describe one artist-Michaelangelo Merisi (1573-1610), called Caravaggio after his native town near Milan, Italy.

On Tuesday, April 10, the Barrington/ Northwest Community Associates of the Art Institute of Chicago will sponsor their second program in the Exploring Art series. Held at the Barrington Area Library, these lectures are free and open to members and to guests. Lanny Ori, a local resident, has led book discussions at the Barrington Area Library for over 15 years. The immensely popular lecturer seeks subjects which are provocative and certain to engender lively discussions. Her topic choice for this Exploring Art program is guaranteed to do both and much more. Although the enigmatic Caravag-



The Calling of Saint Matthew by Caravaggio. 1599-1600. Oil on canvas, 322 x 340 cm. Contarelli Chapel, San Luigi dei Francesi, Rome.

gio's personality and lifestyle provide ample resources for titillating commentary; his artistic innovations have profoundly impacted the art community since his untimely death. Don't miss the opportunity to hear a wonderful discussion leader transport us to the Italian art scene in the early 1600s

Date: Tuesday, April 10

Time: 1 p.m.

Place: Barrington Area Library, 505 N. Northwest Highway, Barrington.

Fee: None and reservations are not necessary.

For more information, contact Mary Wajda at 1-847-991-1207.

What Age is Best for Certain Procedures? by Gary S. Churchill, MD

Patients often ask at what age it is best to get certain procedures done. This will vary from patient to patient, but there are some general guidelines that apply in most cases. Ultimately, only the patient along with their surgeon can determine if a certain procedure is right for them or if the timing is appropriate.

Evelid Rejuvenation

Most people will notice the aging process first around their eyes. Some puffiness beneath the eyelids, especially in the morning, will get more and more noticeable. This can create a tired look even when the person is well rested. Although some people will notice this in their twenties, this usually becomes more apparent in the thirties and forties. Although both upper and lower eyelids may age simultaneously, some people will notice only one or the other aging sooner.

Fine lines will begin to appear around the eyes in the late twenties or early thirties. These can be treated with light chemical peeling or the newer glycolic acid creams at home.

Facial Rejuvenation-Facelifting

Facial rejuvenation involves a number of different procedures. The most common is facelifting. Facelifting improves jowling and looseness of the neck through incisions around the ears. This procedure is rarely done on patients in their thirties. Most patients are in their forties and older. It is common to perform facelifting at the same time as eyelid rejuvenation.

Facial Rejuvenation-Forehead Lifting



Stacie McClane, MD Gary Churchill, MD



A forehead lift allows the brows to be elevated as well as the frown lines smooth-

ed. This is done through an incision behind the hairline. Although some patients may have low lying brows in their thirties, most do not seek forehead lifting until their forties. It is common to perform forehead lifting along with a facelift.

Facial Rejuvenation— **Chemical Peeling**

Chemical peeling is designed to smooth the skin. A number of new light and medium depth chemical peels have become available for younger patients with early, fine lines. Patients in their twenties may undergo light chemical peeling. The more sun damage there has been to the skin, the deeper the lines will be and the deeper the chemical peel needed to affect them.

Rhinoplasty

Rhinoplasty or nasal recontouring is commonly performed on teenagers and young adults though older patients are candidates as well. The younger patients typically seek a smaller, more attractive nose than the one they were born with. Older

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Cannot Tolerate CPAP by James T. Gavrilos, DDS

Sleep apnea and snoring awareness has become a great influence in the evaluation of health and wellness. Fifteen years ago, the subject was seldom addressed. Since then, research has shown the strong connection of apnea to high blood pressure, cardiac disease and stroke.

Millions of patients have been sent to sleep labs to determine if they are suffering from sleep apnea. The lab uses multiple sensors to monitor the patient during sleep. If the patient reaches a threshold of episodes for apnea, a recommendation for a CPAP or Continuous Positive Air Pressure machine is usually prescribed. The machine has a mask that straps onto the patients face. Tubing from this mask connects to an air pressure regulator that maintains a high air pressure inside the mask in order to force the air past the obstructions in the airway. But for many patients, this is not a tolerable situation and they often forego the prescribed treat-

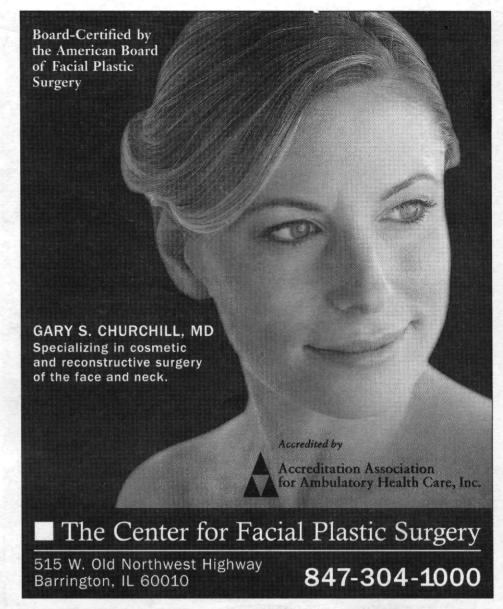
A possible alternative is a dental appliance that can help keep the airway open. The appliance helps hold the patient's jaw forward while they sleep. This is the position that is commonly used in CPR for obtaining an airway. The appliance is similar to mouth guards that are worn in sports. The difference is that the appliance has a titanium fixture that helps hold the lower jaw forward. The fixture is adjustable so that the patient has control of how com.

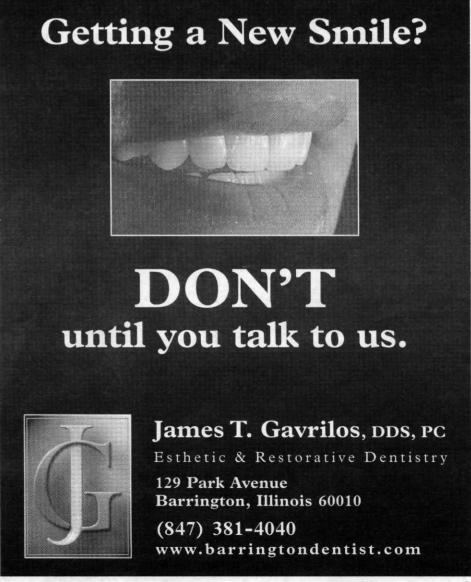
far forward the jaw is held. He can keep adjusting it until the apnea episodes stop.

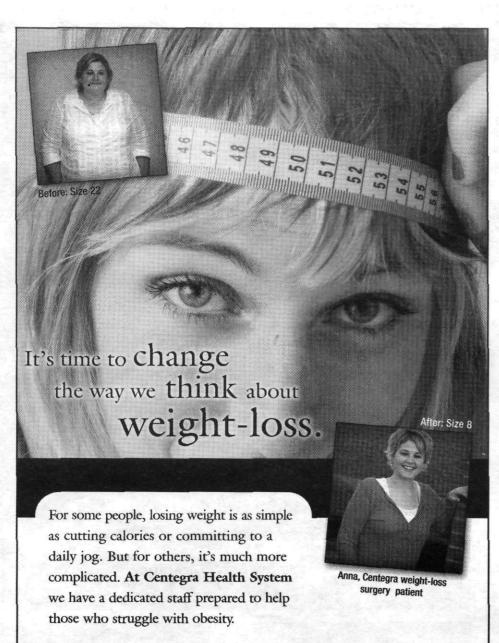
I personally was diagnosed with apnea. When the specialist showed me the CPAP mask and tubing, I felt that getting to sleep with the mask in place would be difficult. This prompted me into investigate the dental apnea appliance. I currently sleep with one every night and it has eliminated the apnea and snoring completely. No more elbows in the middle of the night to get me to stop snoring.

If someone you know is suffering from apnea, have them see a sleep specialist to determine if they require an aid for their airway obstruction. If they cannot tolerate the CPAP machine, have them consult with their dentist and see if they are a candidate for a dental jaw repositioning appliance.

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Obesity trends are growing at alarming rates affecting more than 30 percent of adults and children in our country. Over 400,000 people have died as

a result of being obese. It is the second leading cause of preventable death among Americans, preceded only by smoking. Key factors that play into the complexity and severity of the disease include an individual's genetic make-up, behavior and the environment in which they live. Taking the first step to gaining a better

understanding of obesity may help improve one's ability to successfully treat the disease in the long-term.

A host of serious health problems can make living with obesity almost intolerable. Known risk factors associated with being seriously overweight and/or obese include:

- · coronary heart disease
- hypertension
- sleep apnea
- gall bladder disease
- · breathing problems
- osteoarthritis
- · some forms of cancer

In addition, obesity has been found to cause menstrual irregularities, infertility, complications with pregnancy and bladder control problems. Many people who suffer from obesity report increased feelings of depression and other behavioral health issues that make living life emotionally painful.

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According to Dr. Amir Heydari, director of Bariatric Services for Centegra, "Obesity is not just a problem for those struggling with diet and weight. It's a national crisis physically, mentally and socially. Today there are surgical options to help people achieve a healthy weight and a new outlook on life."

Obesity is best defined by the Body Mass Index, a measure that takes into account a person's weight and height to determine when those extra pounds translate into an increased risk of developing significant health conditions. Currently no real "cure" for obesity is available. However, when left untreated, the added feelings of discrimination, depression, and frustration can have a devastating effect on a person's health and most importantly, their life. Surgical treatment options can help change a

"Laparoscopic gastric bypass surgery and laparoscopic band surgery are two new, minimally invasive methods that have worked wonders for those who have lived with the health problems and limitations of obesity," says Dr. Heydari.

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For more information, call the Centegra Bariatric Center for New Hope at 1-

Prayer Service for Peace in the Middle East with Special Guest

On Sunday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m., a prayer (ELCA). Basve is associate director for gloservice for peace in the Middle East will bal resources for ELCA Global Mission. be held at Lutheran Church of the Atonement, 909 Main St. in Barrington. The service includes reading from the Bible, music, and prayers for peace in the Middle

Following the service, Anne Basye will tell about her recent visit to Israel/Palestine as one of a group of leaders from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The service will continue to be held on the 15th of each month until a just and lasting peace is achieved. The prayer service is part of an ecumenical effort in the U.S. and the world to pray daily until peace comes to the region. The people of Illinois are encouraged to join this prayer vigil. Call 1-847-381-0243 or visit www. elca.org/middleeast for more information.

Gary S. Churchill, MD

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patients, however, may notice signs of aging in the appearance of their noses. The tip of the nose tends to droop with age. Simply elevating the tip will give the aging patient a younger look.

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The decision to undergo any surgical procedure is not taken lightly. Only a fully informed patient can make such a deci-

sion. The best time to undergo a particular procedure is when that procedure will result in a noticeable improvement in whatever features are undesirable to the patient. If no change will be apparent, it may be best to wait. These issues are addressed fully during the consultation. This is the best way for a patient to become fully informed.

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include nicotine addiction, eating disorders, nail biting, anxiety and panic attacks, weight loss, depression, anger, pain, and with stopping smoking.

I'm a licensed clinical professional counselor and have been in private practice for over 33 years. I see couples for marriage and relationship counseling, and individuals for a variety of issues. I am certified in the use of clinical hypnosis and have been using it in my practice for the past 32

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

April Showers Bring May Flowers...

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dence and cognitive growth. Barrington Community Child Care focuses on the whole child, with all areas of development

Summer Camp is in the works! Summer Palooza will run from mid-June to mid-August. We will be going on field trips, swimming, and having special visitors! It is going to be a great summer, and we still have a few spaces available!

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Children Volunteering to Make Programs Possible in the Community

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The unusual aspect of the event was the spirit of the volunteers who directed the tournament, registered the players, managed the food counter, set up the tournament hall, managed the children, resolved issues, controlled the crowds. answered questions and enforced the rules. Barrington High School students Rishi Sethi, Eric Ward, Kevin Karande and

Barbara Rose Elementary School in Bar- David Kneisel, and Barrington Middle School student Karl Eiring, were the head tournament directors while several parents served as assistant tournament directors. Jacob Bulandr, a fifth-grader from Countryside School managed the food counter with parents assisting him as well. Eight-year-old Riley Brands was the announcer for the day. Jacob West from Countryside School, who is the leader of the Book Drive for Pablo Casals School in Chicago, informed the audience about the book drive. Teachers Maggie Gruber and Jeff Doles from District 220 were on hand to support their students.

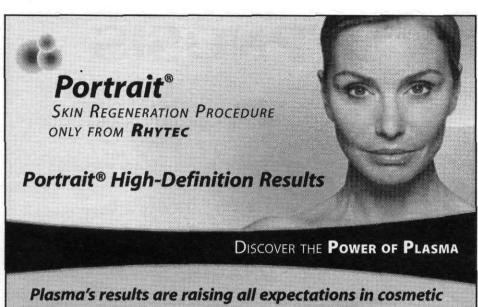
The Yury Shulman Chess School contributed a portion of the profits from the tournament to the District 220 Special Needs Project. Chess students have grown accustomed to volunteering and serving because they are able to see a direct benefit to others as a result of their involvement. Thousands of books have been donated through book drives, chess sets have been donated to schools and libraries, and contributions made directly to nonprofit programs. "This spirit of volunteering and friendship is what drew me to this area," said Grandmaster Shulman of his move from New York to Chicago.

Watch out for our next major event at Shulman's Web site, www.shulman chess.



Sean Ambroz from Barbara Rose School plays his chess match as Barrington High School student David Kniesel, the tournament director, looks on.

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Barrington Area CROP Walk Receives Award



Pictured (from left) are Dennis Rossow, 2007 Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk chair representing Barrington United Methodist Church; Konrad Bald, Lutheran Church of the Atonement; Janet Young, regional director for Church World Service CROP; Barbara Schmidt, 2006 Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk chair representing St. Mark's Episcopal Church; Betty Reed, Barrington United Methodist Church; and Mary Anderson, Lutheran Church of the Atonement.

Members of the Barrington Area CROP Hunger Walk committee recently attended CROP Leadership Day in Elgin and received an award for raising almost \$70,000 at their 2006 Walk. Konrad Bald also reger Walk will be held on Sunday, Oct. 14.

ceived a special award for again being the top fund-raiser in the nation for the Hunger Walk in 2006, with almost \$17,000.

The 2007 Barrington Area CROP Hun-

Tri Delta Sorority Meeting

The Chicago Northwest Alumni Chapter business meeting will precede a program. of the Delta Delta Delta Sorority will meet Refreshments will be served. For further on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. A short details, call 1-847-381-5228.

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Club Plans to Make Your Garden Grow

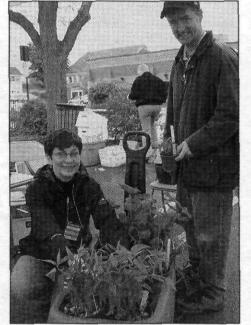
Clumps of spring bulbs are in full bloom! Birds are singing! Perennial borders are waking up and more tender green shoots are appearing daily! April-the month a garden awakes-is the month that Field and Flower Garden Club members put the final plans in place for their annual perennial sale.

The April club meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 4, 7 p.m. at a member's

Mark you calendar now for Saturday, May 12 for the celebrated annual sale of choice perennials, dug from members' gardens and potted with tender care. The sale takes place at the Barrington Jewel's parking lot, 8 a.m. sharp, and continues rain or shine until sold out.

It's a fact that most perennials need to be divided on a regular basis. It's also a fact that gardeners enjoy immensely being able to share their favorite plants and to pass on cultural information and tips. This garden club has been "in the business" of sharing great plants and passing on good garden advice for 46 years. Scholarships, conservation projects, and community philanthropies are funded by proceeds of the sale.

Field and Flower Garden Club has been a part of the greater Barrington area for over 48 years. Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month in



Club member Nancy Mitzen tallies up a sale.

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.

Green Thumbs of Barrington Garden Club

As Mother Nature is flirting with spring, members of the Green Thumbs of Barrington Garden Club will enjoy a timely program on Monday, April 16 at 12:30 p.m. at the Barrington Area Library. The special guest will be Sam Oliver, who is "Mrs. Conservation" around Barrington. She is staff director of Citizens For Conservation, where she has been active for many, many years. In addition, Oliver has managed to work in some time with a multitude of other local organizations such as scouting, hospice and her church.

On this occasion, Oliver will inform the club about gardening with native plants.

The popularity of these plants is expanding in our area as more gardeners learn how to choose and use them in combination with standard annuals and perennial

Visitors, both men and women, are welcome to the meeting, and may learn more about attending by calling Trudy at 1-847-381-6427.

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

Holy Week at Barrington **United Methodist Church**

understanding; following Jesus, and thanking God for His joyous resurrection, at Barrington United Methodist Church, 98 Algonquin Road (at Route 59) in Bar-

shout "Hosanna!" at our 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. services. At 10:30 a.m., our "Men of Praise" will perform, directed by Karen Maxwell with accompaniment by organist Jeffrey Neufeld. The Cherub Choir will also sing, directed by Kimberly Albrecht, accompanied by Sydney Whitley.

• Maundy Thursday, April 5—Imagine Christ's Last Supper at our 7:30 p.m. ser-

• Good Friday, April 6—Children will learn about Easter through story, music and crafts from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Open Holy Communion will be served from noon to 3 p.m. Feel the anguish of Jesus' suffer-

This Easter, take in Holy Week with new ing and death at our 7:30 p.m. Tennebrae Service with music by the Chancel Choir and solo by Zachary Preucil.

• Easter Sunday, April 8-Alleluiah! Rejoice in the new life we are called to through Jesus Christ, at our 6:30 a.m. Sun-• Palm Sunday, April 1—Sing and rise Service, and our 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11 a.m. services. Childcare is always available on Sunday mornings.

> Our musical Celebration of Resurrection will be led by our Chancel Choir. Renowned string musicians, Walter and Stephanie Preucil will perform and accompany a duet by Kathy Ochenrider and Rosalyn Wesley at 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m., and a solo by soprano Kimberly Albrecht at 11 a.m.

We welcome you to Barrington United Methodist Church! Call 1-847-836-5540 or visit www.BarringtonUMC.

Infant Welfare's "Dancing With the Starz"

The Barrington area chapter of Infant Welfare Society of Chicago is having a gala dinner/dance at beautiful Twin Orchards Country Club in Long Grove on Saturday April 21. The evening is titled "Dancing With the Starz," a take on the popular television show of a similar name.

Fred Astaire Dance studio in Buffalo Grove will send its dance instructors to beguile the audience with live performances of many types of ballroom dance. The evening starts off with a silent auction and sit-down gourmet meal followed by thrilling dance performances. The au- 382-3880.

dience can participate in lessons and a dance contest with instructors from Fred Astaire. Music will be provided by Stax O Wax DJ Productions.

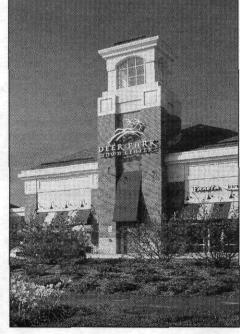
Both couples and singles are encouraged to partake in this fun evening benefitting the Infant Welfare League Clinic in Chicago. You will not need a partner to dance with a professional instructor or enjoy the evening's entertainment! For tickets and information contact Donna McQueen, president, at 1-847-382-9088 or Rene Welsch, event chairman, at 1-847-

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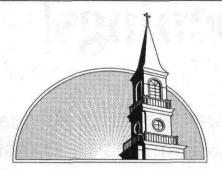
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Catholic Charities' 18th Annual "Hearts of Homeless Families in Transition" Benefit will Honor Local Residents

The Rev. Michael M. Boland, administrator, president and CEO of Catholic Charities, along with Catholic Charities Northwest Suburban Services present "Seeds of Hope... Planting a Future!"

Co-chaired by Beth Grabowski and Judy Kendzior of Arlington Heights with WGN personality Lou Manfredini (aka "Mr. Fix It") as master of ceremonies, the 18th Annual "Hearts for Homeless Families in Transition" Dinner and Auction, a fund-raising event for The Catholic Charities' North/Northwest Suburban Shelter Program based in Des Plaines, will be held at 6 p.m. on Saturday, April 14, at The Stonegate Conference & Banquet Centre, 2401 W. Higgins Road in Hoffman Estates. Valet parking will be available.

The evening will begin with a cocktail reception, passed gourmet hors d'oeuvres and silent auction followed by a fourcourse dinner with wine and a live auction. Tickets are \$100 per person or a table of 10 for \$1,000 (\$40 is tax deductible per ticket). Please respond by April 4 to Hearts for Homeless Families, c/o Catholic Charities Northwest Suburban Services, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines, IL 60016. Phone 1-847-376-2118.

Boland will present "The Frederic Ozanam" Award to Saint Edna's St. Vincent de Paul Society for its continued support of the suppers, food pantry and New Hope Program. John Altmeyer of Buffalo Grove, president of the society, will accept the award. The 7th annual Stephen O'Brien-Combs "Heart of Charity" Award will be given to Romeo and Catherine Mura of Lake Barrington. In 1987, Romeo was one of the first board members of Catholic Charities' Northwest Suburban Services and continues to serve on the board. For 10 years he has been a member of the Board of Advisors for The Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago and is the chairperson for the foundation's Fund Raising Committee.

Since 1992, Catherine has created press releases and photos for submission to the



The co-chairs for the benefit are Beth Grabowski (left) and Judy Kendzior.



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news media to acknowledge the many good works by Catholic Charities NW Suburban Services and its goal to help all peoples in need. She has served on the "Hearts" committee since its inception.

As auction items are reviewed on a PowerPoint presentation, auctioneer Lou Manfredini will gear up his vocal chords to begin the bidding in support Catholic Charities and their many missions. Some of the items and events include: a Bears Game Package; Cubs and Sox tickets; Brian Urlacher memorabilia; Cog Hill and other golf packages; "A Day at the Races in a 5th floor Family Sky Suite" for 16 at Arlington Park Racecourse including lunch, a Named Race & Trophy presentation in Winner's Circle in honor of Catholic Charities; St. Nicholas Ball tickets; twohour cruise for 24 on scenic Geneva Lake aboard the Diamond Lady, a 58' doubledeck Bluewater Yacht with captain to regale colorful stories and history of Lake Geneva; a one-hour world-class Sleight of Hand Magic Show by Dr. Jimmy Nuzzo for up to 15 adults with Toni Savadel's Serendipity Party & Events providing a creative selection of gourmet hors d'oeuvres; and a chef's dinner for 10 at The Chicago Hyatt. Also included are a Weber Grill, lawn and garden items, spa, dinner, theatre, city and country get-a-way and travel packages, more coming in daily.

Now in its 90th year, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago is the largest private, not-for-profit social service agency in the Midwest, annually assisting more than 895,000 families and individuals in Cook and Lake Counties without regard to religious, national, racial, ethnic or economic background.

To receive an invitation or more information on the Hearts for Homeless benefit and The Catholic Charities' Northwest Suburban Services and how they may help you or someone who needs help, please phone 1-847-376-2118.

PHD's Spirit of Life Gala, an Opportunity to Impact the Lives of Women and Children in Our Communities

The Spirit of Life Gala planned for Saturday, May 5 at the lovely Renaissance Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center is a very significant annual event for The Society for the Preservation of Human Dignity, PHD

"The Spirit of Life Gala is vital to funding the programs and services that preserve the dignity of the human spirit and provides our clients with hope for the future," said Cathy Vincus, executive direc-

The gala celebration begins with a cocktail hour and silent auction followed by exquisite dining and dancing to the music of the "Nightshift Orchestra." The evening will also include a live auction. Chairing this year's gala are Meg and Dan Donaghue of Barrington. Meg serves as an instructor for PHD's educational outreach program, Independence Highway™ (IH), providing IH's patented abstinenceonly education curriculum. Meg and her husband Dan also provide financial support to the program because they believe in the vital role it plays in educating youth about choosing abstinence to protect their lives and future goals.

There will also be a presentation of the prestigious "Spirit of Life" Award to PHD volunteer Joan Andersen of Barrington and her husband, the late Arthur E. Andersen, who passed away in July 2006. The Spirit of Life Award was created to honor individuals who have demonstrated selfless dedication to the women and children served by PHD.

"We wish to thank our Gala Chairs and their dedicated committee, our sponsors and donors, Board of Directors, staff and the league of over 200 volunteers who are contributing to the success of our fundraiser," commented Cathy Vincus. The lead \$10,000 sponsorship has been provided by Levin & Perconti, a Chicago plaintiff's personal injury law firm dedicated to providing diligent legal representation and trial advocacy for individuals and their families. Steven Levin and John Perconti deductible online donation.



Joan and Art Andersen are pictured at PHD's Spirit of Life Gala in 2005. Joan Andersen will be accepting the "Spirit of Life" Award honoring her and her late husband Art, at PHD's upcoming Gala on May 5.

share PHD's philosophy that every person deserves to be treated with the utmost dignity and respect. Additional sponsorship is being provided by Cornerstone National Bank and Trust Company of Palatine, Harris Bank of Palatine, Northwest Community Healthcare of Arlington Heights, Palatine Bank & Trust and Weber Stephen

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For further information about the gala or for an interview with PHD's Executive Director Cathy Vincus, contact Linda Feo at 1-847-359-4967 ext. 30. Visit PHD's Web site at www.sphd.org to learn more about their life-giving work or to make a tax-

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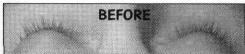
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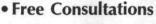


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DAR Geneology Workshop

Signal Hill Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) will hold a Genealogy Workshop on Saturday, April 21 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Barrington Area Library, 505 Northwest Highway, Barrington. Anyone who would like to know more about researching their family history or interested in becoming a prospective member of NSDAR is invited to attend. The Illinois State Organization, NSDAR Membership Task Force, will conduct the workshop.

Following the program, the speaker and volunteers will be available to assist those who attend the meeting. A light lunch will be available. Hostesses for the meeting will be Peggy Scoville and Cindy Seibert,

Barrington; Jeannine Burger, Elgin; Julia Rock, North Barrington; Marion Vowell, Palatine; and Patricia Esposito, Sleepy Hol-

The chapter is eager to help prospective members trace their ancestry. In addition to workshops, private assistance can be arranged. To be eligible a woman must be no less than 18 years of age and able to prove her lineage to an ancestor who aided in the cause of the American Independence through military, civil or patriot service. If you plan to attend or need to know more about the workshop, please contact Margaret Christiansen at 1-847-836-

Hearthstone Senior Living Community Enhances Health and Wellness Program through Senior Services Grant

Hearthstone Village Independent and Assisted Living Community recently received a grant from Mc-Henry County. Referred to as the "McHenry County Senior Services" grant, the funds will be used to enhance the Village exercise area with senior specific fitness equipment, padded flooring, security camera, activity supplies, as well as educa-

tional seminars promoting health and

Hearthstone Village, formerly an independent senior community, is now licensed to provide assisted-living options for residents. "We are pleased to be able to offer personal care assistance for those residents who may need an extra hand," said Suzanne Kinsey, community outreach manager at Hearthstone. "We've increased our recreation department and enhanced the activity calendar to include additional wellness focused programs." Kinsey said.

Hearthstone Village and Hearthstone Manor are part of a Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) that provides



all levels of senior assistance, including independent retirement living, licensed assisted living, Medicare Certification and skilled nursing care with a dedicated Alzheimer's disease and related dementia

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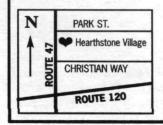


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Barrington Woman's Club Hosts Spring Luncheon

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Concorde Banquets, 20922 N. Rand Road in Kildeer, will be the setting for this fund-raiser. A cash bar will be available at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon and the program at 1 p.m. Guests will have a choice of beef tenderloin brochette. stuffed chicken breast supreme with walnuts, apples, raisins and garden herbs, or broiled whitefish. A vegetarian meal is also available upon request. A notation on your check with the entrée choice would be appreciated.

used as a tax deduction. Checks may be made out to Barrington Woman's Club at 1-847-381-7669.



WGN-TV and WGN radio personality **Dean Richards**

and mailed to Betsy Marquardt, 726 Old Barn Road, Lake Barrington, IL 60010 by April 11.

The proceeds from this fund-raiser help support many local philanthropic, cultural and civic projects. Membership is open to any woman residing in the greater Bar-The cost is \$45, of which \$10 may be rington area. For information, contact Mary Ellen Henehan, membership chairwoman,

Like-New Spring and **Summer Clothing Resale**

Tired of chilly, dreary weather? Can't wait Clothing ReSale" on Friday, April 13 and for shorts-and-sandals season? The Bar- Saturday, April 14 at Barrington United rington United Methodist Women can't Methodist Church, 98 Algonquin Road either! That's why they're planning their (southeast corner of Route 59) in Bar-

very first "Like New Spring and Summer rington. The sale will take place Friday

21st Annual Save-A-Pet Auction "Tuxedo for Tails"

Each and every year millions of animals are euthanized due to losing their homes. Although there are dedicated individuals all over the United States, only so many animals can be saved each year. Of the 30 million puppies and kittens born each year in the United States, about 3 million find a permanent home, according to the National Humane Education Society. It is up to each and everyone of us to help change those horrid statistics. There is hope because of facilities like Save-A-Pet Adoption Center in Grayslake. Save-A-Pet and other organizations are working to reduce the number of unwanted pets in the United States.

Save-A-Pet, a not-for-profit, non-kill animal shelter has been dedicated to finding homes for cats and dogs since 1972. Though Save-A-Pet places nearly 2,000 pets each year, many animals at the shelter are longtime residents. So the next time you are thinking about getting a pet, check out Save-A-Pet or a local shelter in your area. Rescued animals are amazing. It's as if they know that you saved them. Adoption fees at the center range from \$100 to \$250, depending on the type of animal and its age.

If you believe in this cause then join us in making a difference. Save-A-Pet is

holding their 21st Annual "Tuxedos for Tails" Auction and Dinner on Saturday, May 5. This year's auction will be held at The Stonegate in Hoffman Estates. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Upon entering, you will enjoy browsing and bidding on hundreds of silent auction items, which range from collectibles to items for your pampered pet, all while enjoying passed hors d'oeuvres and an open bar.

At 7:30 p.m., we will be offering a fourcourse gourmet meal prepared by Stonegate Executive Chef Charles Baptist. Following dinner there will be a live auction. Live auction items in the past have included tickets to Chicago's most-desired sporting events and memorabilia, excursions on yachts and dinner prepared for you and friends by a personal chef! The event isn't over just yet! Following the live auction you can dance or just enjoy the sounds of DJ Charles Rapin. This will be a night to remember, so don't miss it. Come out and support all of Chicagoland's wonderful cats and dogs-they

If you would like to purchase tickets, please call 1-847-740-7788 ext. 146, or email information@save-a-pet-il.org. Tickets are \$100. Visit www.save-a-pet-il.org.

Artist Randy Kottke Presented at The Garlands

Barrington Area Arts Council (BAAC) is honored to display the paintings of artist Randy Kottke at BAAC's Gallery at the Garlands. His show, "Navigating the Color of Man," will run to April 30. The exhibit is a mixture of portraits and creative im-

Kottke designed landscapes for 20 successful years before turning to a life of painting. A while back, Kottke says, "a painting came into my mind, but I realized I didn't have any idea how to paint [it]." After taking some classes at the Art Institute of Chicago, he realized "painting was something [he] had to do the rest of [his] life." The painting that came into his mind long ago, Man Earth, will be featured in the exhibit.

Kottke uses pallet knives to create multicolored images, capturing an array of feelings swirling through his mind at any one moment. "Most of these portraits are candid," Kottke says. "My recent portraits have been from more familiar sources. Mostly friends and family willing to sit for me." Other portraits include the recently deceased Hunter S. Thompson and various commuters on their way to work.



Hunter S. Thompson by Randy Kottke

Barrington Area Arts Council's Gallery at the Garlands is open seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you know what time your party is planning on viewing the exhibit, the Garlands staff appreciates a call about a half an hour before arrival. A concierge will take your party down to the gallery. You can reach The Garlands at 1-847-756-3000. For more information about the exhibit or Randy Kottke, please call BAAC at 1-847-382-5626.

from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. Plus, on Saturday, shoppers can take advantage of a bargain Bag Sale, with all the goodies you can fit into either a \$3 or a \$5 bag!

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As its name implies, the new "Spring and Summer Clothing ReSale," patterned after our Rummage Sale, will feature all types of spring and summer clothing, jackets, swimwear, accessories, shoes and sandals for adults and children. So come check out the sensational summer buys!

Or, are you looking to donate gently used summer treasures? Donations of clothing will be accepted on Monday and Tuesday, April 9 and 10th, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Wednesday, April 11 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tax donation receipts will be available.

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Come indulge in classic, gourmet and inspired chocolate treats at outdoor food booths and restaurants. Saturday and Sunday will feature a Chocolate/Candy Fashion Show presented by the Long Grove Confectionery and the Jelly Belly Candy Co., and free entertainment. The historic business district, home to over 80 shops and galleries, is a quarter-mile north of the intersection of routes 53 and 83. For more information, phone 1-847-634-0888 or go to www.longgroveonline.com.

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Annie will be presented at Harper Col-

Palatine on Thursday, April 26 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 27 and May 4 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 28 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 5 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. To reserve tickets, please call 1-847-776-7420. Group ticket sales are available. Reservations are recommended.

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Renovating, Not Relocating

by Tamara Tabel

Would you love to lose your outdated kitchen or family room ...yet love to keep your neighborhood? More and more families are choosing to do just that, by remodeling their existing home to gain more space, modern amenities and a brand new

That's what Claudia and Tom Stark of Arlington Heights decided to do with their 1960s-era home. Instead of moving out, they decided to move some walls-expanding out from the back of their home to add 800 square feet of new dining and family room space...while at the same time, totally remodeling their kitchen.

We wanted a larger, more comfortable area for entertaining," says Claudia Starck, "Including a larger kitchen and eating area, and an expanded family room."

The result is an open floor plan where the kitchen, dining area and family room flow effortlessly together, giving a sense of spaciousness and continuity. Yet each room offers its own surprises.

Taking its cue from the arched kitchen island, the dining area is built in the shape of an octagon. And the spacious family room features a graceful barrel ceiling, adding bold architectural drama, yet keeping with the country French style the Starcks had chosen for their new living space.

"When you create an open plan, you want to delineate and define the different areas within that space," said Mark Zurek of Delta Renovations, the general contractor. "The arched ceiling in the family room and the turret in the eating area accomplish that beautifully."

The Starcks chose Delta Renovations and Barrington Kitchen & Baths after admiring the work they'd done on other homes in the area.

The casual, yet sophisticated country French style is also evident in the newly-remodeled kitchen. Claudia Starck chose a unique angled island and maple cabinets finished with a light, three-step glaze, giving them soft coffee-colored accents. And to complement the finish, the cabinets are topped with granite in mottled brown tones.

Throughout the kitchen, designer Ross Gerami of Barrington Kitchen



The unique angled island offers functionality and architectural interest.

& Baths, addressed Claudia's desire to easily keep countertops clean and clutter-free. The microwave is built in above the oven, the island's cook top ventilation system slides down out of sight when not in use, and a small television tucks under one of the kitchen cabinets.

And the addition of a laundry room gives Claudia the convenience of first floor facilities, something she hadn't had in the 17 years she and Tom lived in their home.

So what do the Starcks think of their new space?

"It's great!" says Claudia. "It's where we spend all of our time. It's light and bright, and fits our lifestyle and needs. It's exactly what we wanted."

And the new addition/renovation gives the Starcks something else they wanted—the added benefit of staying right where they wanted to live.

If you're considering updating your current home instead of uprooting to a new one, talk to the experts at Barrington Kitchen & Bath and Delta Renovations. Just call 1-847-381-3084. They'll help give your home new



The octagonal eating area features a turret ceiling with generous windows for lots of light.

The Starck's spacious living room offers a dramatic barrel ceiling.



The new addition is as beautiful outside as in.

Claudia and Tom Starck's home was featured in the Arlington Heights Kitchen Walk to benefit Journeys: From PADS to HOPE.





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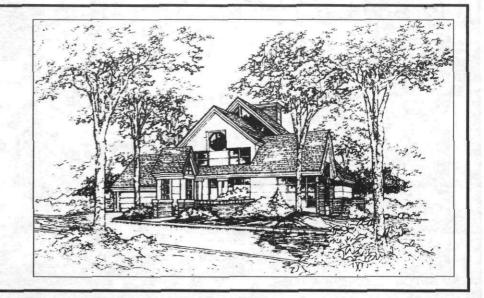
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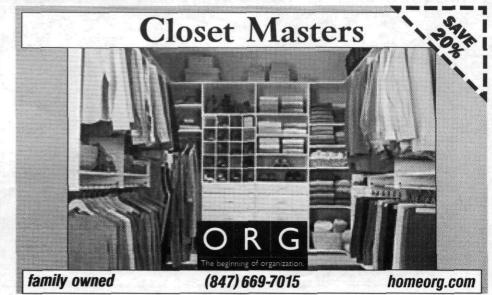
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From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. you will be able to sample the finest offerings of up to 20 restaurants. So far, this year's all-star group of participating restaurants includes 1776, The Barn of Barrington, La Petite Crêperie, The Woodstock Public House, Bonefish Grill, The Green Pea Pod, Port Edward, The Courthouse Grill, Cucina Bella, Martini's on Main, Pirro's Restaurante, Le Petit Marché, Jenapea's, The Grape Vine, Bistro Wasabi, Montarra, Ambrosia Euro-American Patisserie, Bimbo's Restaurante, Starbuck's and, of course, the Boulder Ridge



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Start Your Planning Now!

Now that the holidays are over, most people begin to "Think Spring." And if those thoughts are directed towards improving your home or even building a new one, then, these next few months are an ideal time to get started. Most people think that in March or April, they will call an architect to get some ideas on remodeling or building a new home. Unfortunately, most design firms, at this time, are deluged with these types of requests from homeowners and builders. By the time the plans are finalized, permits pulled and contractors scheduled, construction is pushed back to August.

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Barrington Chapter of Lyric Opera of Chicago enjoyed an afternoon of entertainment and education on Sunday, Jan. 28 at the Barrington Area Arts Council in Barrington. Rick Jarvie of Oak Park, Lyric Opera of Chicago's head wig master and makeup designer, transformed Debra DeNoon of Evanston into Queen Elizabeth wearing a bright red wig dotted with pearls. Jarvie animatedly shared many makeup, wig insights and behind-the-scene stories. The afternoon concluded with everyone enjoying wine, hors d'oeuvres and more stories.

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



(From left) Rick Jarvie holds the prop of a beheaded John the Baptist from this season's opera Salome while Debra DeNoon as Queen Elizabeth and Barrington Lyric's Vice President George Obermeier of Schaumburg (sporting mutton chops) look on.

AAUW Barrington Events

The annual scholarship awarded by the School Honors Convocation on May 22. Barrington Branch of the AAUW to a topranked graduating woman of Barrington High School now includes an essay requirement. The scholarship recipient will

Contact Carolyn, 1-847-382-4249, for more information.

On April 11 at noon, the luncheon book discussion group will meet at The Garbe announced at the Barrington High lands of Barrington to discuss The Good

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Earth by Pearl Buck. Loretta is chair, 1- for more information. 847-381-5012.

The evening book discussion group meet will meet April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in a member's home to discuss The Lighthouse by P.D. James. Call Peg, 1-847-381-4791,

April 27 and 28th, AAUW-IL holds its state convention in Bloomington. Contact Paru at 1-847-842-0456 if you are interested in attending.

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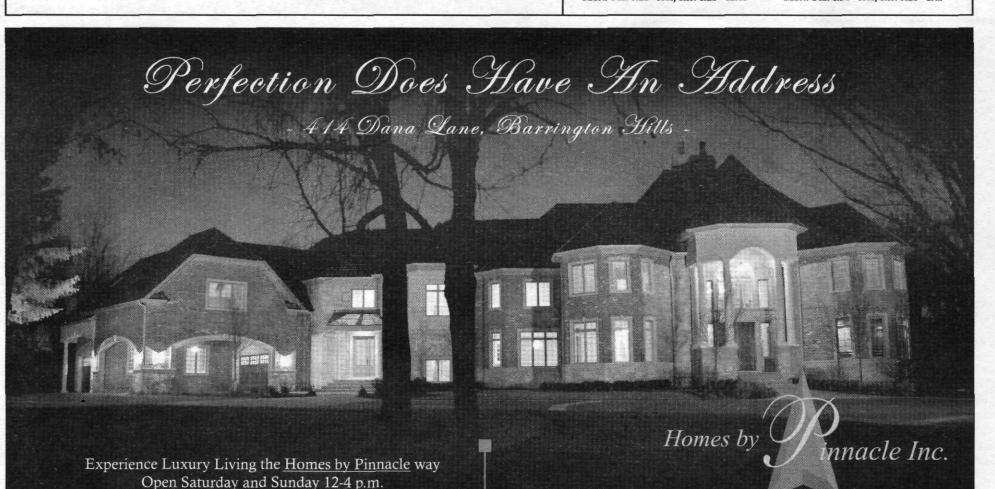
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Citizens for Conservation Gives Awards

Guests entered the recent Citizens for Conservation (CFC) annual meeting greeted by strains of beautiful music from Mary Ellen Heelan's hammered dulcimer. Dawn Keller, founder and director of Flint Creek Wildlife Rehabilitation, enthralled the crowd with a spirited and moving presentation of her rescue and rehabilitation mission

Citizens for Conservation presented awards to community members who are making significant contributions to conservation in this area. Those honored were:

- Ed Vrablik received the William H. Miller Conservation Award in recognition of outstanding contribution toward conservation in the Barrington Area.
- Meredith Tucker received the Great Blue Heron Award in recognition of outstanding contribution toward conservation within CFC activities.
- Mighty Oak Awards went to non-CFC board members volunteering 50 hours or more in the last year (and the number of years on this list since 1996): Joyce Allen (12), Donna Bolzman, Doe Crosh, Donna Ducay (3), Demmy Giannis (9), Katherine Grover (3), Helen Hawthorne (12), Carol Hogan (5), Jerry Masino (12), Judy Sloan, Gail Vanderpoel (10), Jim Vanderpoel (3), Jeanne and Scott Vukovich and Wes Wolf
- Rob Neff and Bill Vanderpoel received the Shooting Star Award, recognizing CFC volunteers active for 10 years or more.
- · Thank You Awards went to Sally and Andy Douglas, Carol Hogan, Wes Wolf, Dawn Keller, Jerry Roman, Jo Seagren,



(From left) Jessica Underwood congratulates Ginger Underwood and Jo Seagren, both of whom received special Thank You Awards at Citizens for Conservation's annual meeting.

Ginger Underwood and the Greater North Barrington Area Association.

· Eagle Scouts went to Kirk C. Breneisen, Thomas W. Krettler, Jr., Jeffrey W. Russert and Spenser L. West.

Outgoing board members recognized were Brad Allen (posthumously) and Laura Arndt.

Elected to the board for a three-year term are Bonnie Gordon, Alberto Moriondo, Ted Schweitzer, James Vanderpoel and Jim Voris.

Re-elected to the board are Thomas Crosh, David Kullander, Meredith Tucker, Tom Vanderpoel and John Wagner.

Officers for 2007 are Edith Auchter, president; Meredith Tucker, vice president; David Kullander, treasurer; and Melissa Washow, secretary.

Artists on the Urban Edge X

Barrington Area Arts Council's (BAAC) 10th annual "Artists on the Urban Edge" exhibit will be on display in BAAC's Main Gallery from now until April 30. "Artists on the Urban Edge X" features the works of 20 artists, including Susan Mc-Connell, Carol Richardson-O'Brien, Laura Brown, K.R. Grover, Kim Jennings, Sheldon Beugen, Doug Manley, Miriam Karm, Eileen Mueller Neill, Jan Deswik, Martina Swarbrick, Lisa Swarbrick, Daniel Nolan, Art Dulan, Nadine Saitlin, Monica Stanton, Catie Barron, Gail

Collier, Kris Blum, and Pam Maxwell. BAAC's Main Gallery is located at 121-B Barrington Commons Court in Barrington.

"Artists on the Urban Edge X" is a more avant-garde show than most exhibits displayed at BAAC's Main Gallery. "Because this exhibit is an invitational, we received a vast selection of work from artists throughout the Chicagoland area. This show, since the work is judged and awards are given, has a different energy to it than our other exhibits," says BAAC's Executive Director Corryn N. Hall-Lee. This year, 20



The Gray Lady's Ghost Becomes the Jewel of Barrington by Susan McConnell

different styles will come together on the walls of BAAC's Main Gallery.

"Artists on the Urban Edge X" is juried by Barrington artist Graham Harles. Harles, who has been a professional artist for many years, will choose six out of the 20 pieces for special recognition. Best of Show, Award of Excellence, Award of Merit, and Three Honorable Mentions will be given. BAAC's Main Gallery hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. For questions concerning this exhibit, call



menting CFC's progress in its mission of resources and education."

Always an anticipated component of "Saving Living Space for Living Thingsthe evening was Tom Vanderpoel's "High-through protection, restoration and stewlights of the Year" presentation, docu- ardship of land, conservation of natural



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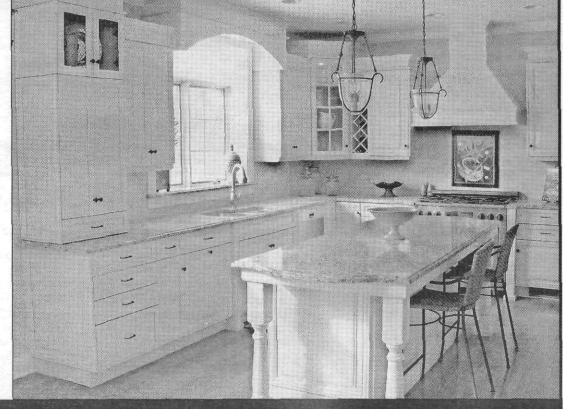
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Moonbeam, Leonardo and Lady suffered in Kansas City. She was so hungry that a lot before they came to us. They are our she could barely walk and had a deep cut on her head from being abused. Brought to Animal House Shelter in Huntley after no shelter in Kansas or Missouri would take her, Lady was fed and nursed back was picked up by the side of a highway to health. She turned out to be a sweet

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and gentle girl, even though she had been mistreated. Now she just needs a family to love.

Leonardo and Moonbeam, our cats of the month, lived with an elderly lady. After she died, they were cared for briefly by several other people before being abandoned with no food or water. A neighbor brought them to Animal House. The two cats are quite devoted to each other. Moonbeam even refuses to eat if separated from Leonardo. We're hoping a kind family will find it in their hearts to adopt these two good friends together. They are bright, intelligent and soft-and they love attention.

To adopt a pet from Animal House, just visit our shelter any day of the week between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. We are located at 13005 Ernesti Road in Huntley, where Ernesti dead ends into Coyne Station Road. No appointment is necessary but you can call us at 1-847-961-5541 if you have questions or need directions. We'll match you up with the perfect pet for you. Visit www.animalhouseshelter.com for a preview.

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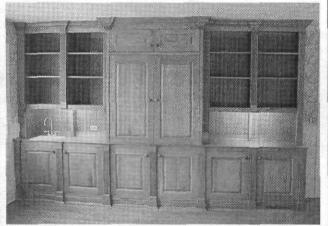


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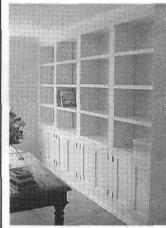
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The workshop will cover personal home safety, such as fall prevention and transferring; it will also deal with health care management in the home, including use of home medical equipment and medication administration. Presenters will include advice on maintaining the caregiver's health, as well as helpful community resources. For more information, or to register, call BACOA at 1-847-381-5030.

Raue Center Presents the Pulitzer Prize Winning Dramatic Comedy, The Gin Game

Hailed as the "Jessica Tandy and Hume Cronyn of Cleveland," Dorothy and Reuben Silver are bringing this bittersweet comedy to Raue Center For The Arts in downtown Crystal Lake on May 4 and 5th. The Gin Game features the pair as Weller Martin, frustrated with his life, and Fonsia Dorsey, a self-righteous lady, battle over numerous hands of gin rummy on the porch of a nursing home. Using the card game as a metaphor for life, the play unfolds over three Sundays and reveal intimate details of both of their lives over what starts as a friendly game of gin rummy. The Gin Game will show at 2 p.m. on Friday, May 4, and 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 5. Tickets are priced at \$33 and \$29 and can be purchased by calling Raue Center Box Office at 1-815-356-9010. Visit Raue Center at www.rauecenter.org.



LZHS Presents Thoroughly Modern Millie

the performance of Urinetown, the musical at the Illinois High School Theatre Festival (their fourth of four eligible plays in a row), the Lake Zurich High School (LZHS) theatre program presents Thoroughly Modern Millie. Ron Culver, recipient of the "2006 Outstanding Educator" award from the Lake Zurich Area Cham-

Come see one of the hottest high school ber of Commerce, directs the cast as they theatre programs in the area. Fresh from sing and dance their way into the "Roaring '20s". The show will run from April 25 to 28th with performances at 7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center.

Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children, students and seniors. Call the ticket hot line at 1-847-540-4740 to avoid the additional \$2 for tickets at the door.

St. Francis de sales PTO Hosts "April in Paris"

"April in Paris" as the theme for this year's fashion show on Sunday, April 15 at the Ivanhoe Country Club in Mundelein.

Co-chairs of this event, Andrea Pabich and Mary Gregg, are getting busy putting together the finishing touches on what will be an absolutely wonderful day of 540-8534.

The St. Francis de Sales PTO will present food and fashion. It will be absolutely an experience you won't want to miss.

The fashion show adventure will begin 11:30 a.m., when the doors open for the event at the Ivanhoe Country Club in

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Wellness Place Presents Ovarian and Endometrial Cancer Specialist

Do you know the hallmark signs and gist on staff at six suburban hospitals, symptoms of ovarian and endometrial cancers? Learn what to look out for plus current diagnostic methods and treatment to 8 p.m. at Wellness Place, a Palatinebased cancer resource center at 1619 W. Colonial Parkway. Gynecological oncolo-

Regis Weiss, M.D., FACOG, will present "Ovarian and Endometrial Cancers: What You Should Know." All in the community options on Wednesday, April 18 from 6:30 are welcome to attend this program offered at no cost to participants. Preregistration is required by calling 1-847-221-



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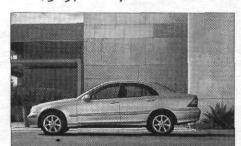
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Bunky Cushing Hosts His Annual Valentine's Tea in The Greenhouse of the Ritz-Carlton Chicago

Chicago's premier party-giver, Bunky Cushing, toasted Chicago's social doyennes, as he celebrated the 13th anniversary of his famous Annual Valentine's Tea, held in the elegant setting of The Greenhouse at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago on Tuesday, Feb. 14.

The invitation-only event, called "one of Chicago's most sought-after invitations" by Harper's Bazaar, brings together the city's most exclusive fashion, financial, and literary personalities, as well as Chicago's high-society circuit. The Chicago Tribune has written that Cushing "knows everybody who's anybody—at least any society lady who's anybody."

The Greenhouse at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago, the sumptuous setting for Cush-



Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas and Hazel Barr enjoyed the lovely Valentine's Tea.



Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley (left) is pictured with host for the occasion Bunky Cushing.

ing's Valentine's Teas for 11 years, was once again awash in a sea of red and white on Feb. 14, as over 65 ladies, dressed in distinctive Valentine's colors, matched the luxurious red and white engraved Tiffany invitations they received to attend

There are so many wonderful women in my life," Cushing says, "Valentine's Day comes at a time of year when an escape from the dreary winter weather is a marvelous tonic. The Greenhouse at the Ritz-Carlton Chicago is a magnificent setting in which to express my special affection for them.'

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A call for artists for the River St. Art Fair applications are also available at www. in East Dundee's historic district to be held on Sunday, Sept. 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All fine art and fine crafts will be considered. The deadline for entry is April 28. Call for more information or to receive an application, 1-847-844-8140, or e-mail artisticbits@sbcglobal.net. Guidelines and

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Ritz-Carlton Chicago Executive Chef Mark Payne created an aphrodisiac-inspired tea menu that complemented the day.

Cushing invited Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley to attend his annual St. Valentine's Day Tea at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago as a campaign gesture and a special surprise for his 67 lady guests, who included Hazel Barr, Nancy Klimley, Megan McKin-

with him, as he supports such important ney, Zarada Gowenlock, Wendy Wood-Prince Sherman, Gretchen Jordan, Bonnie Deutsch, Mary Ann Murphy, Linda Heister, Bernice Pink and Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas. In his short remarks, the mayor thanked the ladies for their tireless dedication and contribution to the city's charitable and cultural institutions. The socialites were thrilled to meet and be photographed with His Honor, who spent 45 minutes at the party and talked with each of the ladies individually.

April Events at the Library

The Salon Series

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· Freewheeling in Ireland, Tuesday, April 3, 7 p.m., adults and young adults -Ireland's lush green valleys, quaint villages and colorful personalities were on display during speaker John Lynn's 1,140mile bicycling adventure in the Emerald Isle. Treasured for its magnificent sights, folklore and warm, hospitable people, Ireland is a jewel waiting to be explored. If you've traveled to Ireland, bring along your own stories, photographs and souvenirs to share. Funding for this program was awarded by the Illinois State Library (ISL), a division of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), under the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

· Modern Grandparenting: Don't Call Me Grandma!, Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m. -These days, being a grandparent has taken on a whole new meaning. How are today's boomer grandparents smashing stereotypes and developing new roles for themselves? What issues, such as boundaries, expectations, and finances might come up as these new relationships evolve? Speakers Joyce Palmquist, executive director of the Barrington Area Council on Aging, and Donna Copeland

Hill, community planner, Family Caregiver Support Program, Northeastern Illinois Area Agency on Aging, will lead an engaging, informative discussion of this thought-provoking topic. Funding for this program was awarded by the Illinois State Library (ISL), a division of the Office of Secretary of State, using funds provided by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), under the federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA).

Second Fridays

· BMR4, Friday, April 13, 8 p.m.-Chicago jazz quartet BMR4 performs upbeat, straight-ahead jazz with soul. Chris Bernhardt (acoustic bass), Jay Moynihan (saxophone), Mike Rodbard (drums) and Neal Alger (guitar), members of the Buddy Guy, Lonnie Brooks, and Patricia Barber bands, are among the best players in the city. Listening to BMR4 is an energetic, vigorous experience, with a repertoire that leaps from '60s modal jazz, standards, modern rhythm and blues, 12-bar blues, to unique interpretations of pop classics. Refreshments will be served.

Drop-in Storytime

No registration is required. Siblings are welcome if they do not cause a distraction.

· Nursery Rhyme Time, Tuesday, April 3, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, April 17, 9:30 and 10:15 a.m., and repeated Saturday, April 21, 9:30 a.m, infants to 23month-olds with an adult, Story Room-Share special moments at this half-hour drop-in session. Hear stories, browse through a selection of library materials, and meet new friends.

• Two- through Five-Year-Olds, Tues- No registration is required. days and Wednesdays in April, 11 a.m. and Saturday, April 21, 10:30 a.m., 2through 5-year-olds, Story Room—Perfect for families that make impromptu visits to the library, this storytime is filled with stories, finger plays and songs.

Book Discussions

New members are always welcome.

· Great Books, Anton Chekhov's Uncle Vanya, Thursday, April 12, 7 p.m.—Read, discuss and grow with outstanding works of literature. Chekhov's masterpiece of a play is the story of two obsessive love affairs that lead nowhere and a flirtation that brings disaster.

· Book Discussions with Lanny Ori, Jonathan Harr's The Lost Painting, Tuesday, April 24, 7:30 p.m. and Thursday, April 26, 2 p.m.—Join professional book discussion leader Lanny Ori for thoughtprovoking discussion of notable titles. In 1992, a young art student uncovered a clue in an obscure Italian archive that led to the discovery of Caravaggio's original The Taking of the Christ, a painting that scholars had presumed lost for over 200

Other Programs

• Model Train Run, Saturday, April 28, drop in any time between 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.-Railroad lovers of all ages are invited to see "Spring in the Midwest," a giant train run designed and built by the North Central O Gaugers Model Railroad Club. Young engineers will have the opportunity to drive a train and earn an honorary junior operating engineer certificate.

· Poetry On the Go, month of April, sixth through eighth grades, Teen Zone-How long does it take to write a poem or just one great line? It's faster than you think! In honor of National Poetry Month, spend a minute or two arranging magnetic words to create poetry to share while you're on the go!

• Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage, Wednesday, April 11, 7 p.m.—Standard & Poor's Dan Sovocool will demonstrate Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage, a premium online resource available to you at home or work with your Barrington Area Library card.

· MarioKart Double Dash!! Tournament, Saturday, April 14, noon to 4:30 p.m.—Gamers, start your engines! Choose your favorite drivers and go head to head with other MarioKart players during this action-packed racing tournament. Challenge your friends to other games while waiting for your race; or bring your own handheld devices to play and share with other gamers. Nintendo DS users can accelerate the fun by using the library's free Wi-Fi. Refreshments will be served and no registration is required.

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The Ms. Fitz sale is one of the largest and oldest of this type in the area. A special feature of this annual sale is the "Countryside Boutique," which in the past has offered such things as designer clothing, gowns, furs, jewelry, antiques, art and collectibles.

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Countryside Elementary School will hold ing, toys, housewares, books, baby items, sporting goods, and electronics will be taken April 23 through the 25th. Especially needed are items of value to be featured in the Countryside Boutique, including designer clothing, gowns, furs, jewelry, antiques, art and collectibles. Please consider donating your no-longer used treasures to the boutique. Funds raised will be used by the PTO for school equipment, programs and building needs.

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The program will be "Dazzling, Delight-

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• 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 Castreion

• July 10, 6 p.m.-Work at Ela Area Library Garden

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A private, winding lane leads to this stunning 3 BR, 3.1 BA brick residence. Renovated to perfection, it offers a gourmet kit w/ custom cabinetry and granite counters, inviting family room, generous room sizes & hardwood floors. Delightful sunroom, luxurious BAs & 2 FPs. Peaceful 6.7 acre setting, 2-stall barn

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BARRINGTON HILLS

Significant estate set on 17 rolling, wooded acres. Designed for a gracious lifestyle, this stone & cedar residence offers the finest custom finishes throughout its substantial comfortable interior. This beautiful estate includes 2 guest houses, pool, tennis court & 4 stall barn. Its location is prime and protected, its appeal, timeless.

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BARRINGTON HILLS

Outstanding 6 br, 8.1 ba custom brick Georgian set on 10 rolling acres overlooking picturesque Goose Lake. Awe-inspiring architectural design and detail. It offers a grand gourmet kitchen, sumptuous master suite, 6 fplcs, finished walkout LL, stone terraces and 4 car garage. It is elegant, warm & very livable

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Do they have insurance?

Do they have insurance with a reputable company, not an off brand company that you've never heard of and don't pay claims when filed?

Does the contractor have general liability insurance?

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· Do they have workman's compensation? This will protect you in case a worker is hurt on your job. Ask for a Certificate of Insurance from the contractor's insurance agent before starting any work.

LICENSE & BONDING

Are they licensed?

Do they carry the proper licenses that are required by the state and local cities/villages/ towns? Many contractors do not carry the proper licenses required to legally perform the work on your home. Call your local building department and ask.

Are they bonded?

In most towns there is a bond requirement to perform home improvement work. If they don't have a bond, don't hire them.

BUSINESS STANDING

Do they have a place of business?

Do not hire them if their address is just a P.O. box. We recommend that they have an actual office that you can visit.

Is the company a member of the Better Business Bureau?

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Are they associated with any National

Examples are: NARI (Natl. Assn. of Remodeling Institute) or the NAHB (Natl. Assn. of Home Building). Belonging to these organizations shows a commitment to their

· Do they have current references? They should be able to provide you with at

least three current references that apply to your type of project. They are not worth hiring f you can't check on projects they've done previously

TYPE OF WORK

Can they perform the type of job you want done?

A lot of contractors take on work they are not qualified to do. Be sure the company you hire can and has done the type of work you want

PROTECT MY HOME

How will my home be protected on a

daily basis? Construction is a messy business. It is very important that floor protection, temporary barriers, and protective coverings are used.

· What happens to the debris? Jobsite cleanup and hauling away of the debris should be done on a daily basis for homes that are being lived in during

What's my warranty?

construction.

By Illinois law the contractor has to offer a one year warranty. However, exceptional contractors will warranty their work for 5-10

PRICE OF THE PROJECT

 Will they supply detailed proposals?
 Require that detailed written specifications showing you what's included in your project

· Do they have high pressure sale people?

Often times high pressure sales tactics are used to "sell the job." Most times they really don't have your best interests at heart. If their tactics are too "high pressure" show them the

· Is the cheapest price the best? Usually not. If the price looks too good to be true, it probably is. As in most things in life, "you get what you pay for" and home improvement is no exception. Stay happy and buy on VALUE, NOT LOWEST PRICE.

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So often, we read about "purpose" and laxing by a pool or enjoying the birds? how when we know the "why" or reason for something, we will be happy and fulfilled and able to deal with life's stresses. Question is, how do we do this?

Our purpose as a 27-year-old landscape design/build firm is to help you discover your landscaping "why" and then take that "why" and turn it into a reality.

So my first question to you is: "Why are you choosing to change your present landscape? What is your dream?" Because only when you know your "why" will you ever be happy with the change.

The Four Steps

Our approach in designing a successful landscaping project is no different than how you have created other accomplishments in your life. All successes in lifeand that includes a successful landscape —are composed of four steps:

- · Determine what you want
- · Decide what you're willing to trade for what you want · Associate with people who can help
- you reach your goal · Have a plan that works, then work the

Determine What You Want

Always be clear on what you expect. Ask yourself questions. Is your outdoor environment grass to cut and trees to trim or is it a life lesson, always challenging because it offers constant change? Are you concerned about privacy? What's important to your family, throwing a ball, re- ippo a call at 1-847-426-9190.

Whatever your answers to these and other questions, the only right answer is yours. The Trade-Off

Don't fool yourself into thinking you can get something for nothing. Everything costs either time or money. Know what you're willing to spend, both now and in the future. Quality landscaping takes money now to begin and time to allow it to flourish. Your gain will be commensurate with how you spend these two precious commodities.

Your Associations

When hiring a contractor, make sure their vision and abilities can fulfill your dreams and goals. Do your due diligence. Read books, get recommendations and meet with the contractor. Ask yourself if this is someone who is capable of doing what you want and will you be able to work with them.

The Plan

Once you've addressed the first three elements, now it's time for action and decision. Create your plan while always keeping the end in mind-your purpose. If you can't make up your mind, maybe it's because it doesn't feel right and you've veered off course away from your "why." Life and landscaping should be a wonderful adventure to be enjoyed. Surround yourself in beauty, and success will be

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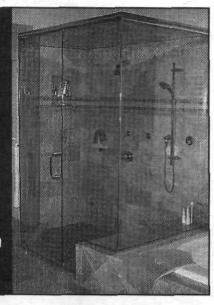
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Join the Barrington Area Professional gresswoman's presentation, BAPW mem-Women (BAPW) on Thursday, April 5, when they welcome Rep. Melissa Bean, who will address the growing importance of women as leaders and mentors in politics. The April dinner meeting will be held at Francesca's, 100 E. Station St., Barrington, starting at 6 p.m. Following the con-

bers will hold their annual election of officers

Membership is only \$65 for 2007 with an early bird special of \$50 for all dues paid by the April meeting. New members and guests are always welcome. For reservations, call 1-847-207-8403.

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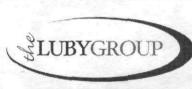
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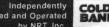


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Saturday, May 5th and Sunday, May 6th

10am-5pm

For more information on the Tour or to purchase tickets online, please go to insigniakifchenandbath.com and click on the Remodel Chicagoland logo.





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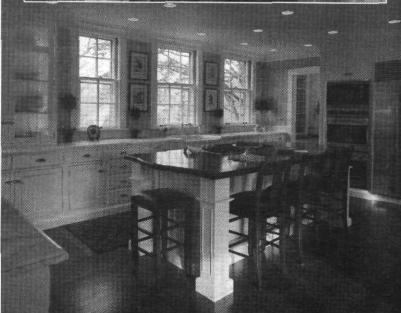


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A Floral Series by Catie Barron

The beautiful floral paintings of Catie Area Arts Council's (BAAC) Gallery at the Library from now until April 30. The exby Catie Barron," focuses on the sensual beauty that radiates through flowers. BAAC's Gallery at the Library is open during regular library hours: 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. The Barrington Library is located at 505 N. Northwest Highway.

Flowers are nature's beauties, and Bar-Barron will be on display at Barrington ron's paintings capture their blossomed elegance. "I feel as though the flowers I have painted are things that are so beauhibit, entitled "Catarzina—A Floral Series tiful, so sensual, and most often overlooked," Barron says. "A flower's lifetime is so short, yet they provide so much to our

> Barron studied the many facets of flowers while attending horticulture school. Through this, she learned not only about flowers but also more about herself. "[Flowers] fill our most memorable mo-

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ments... ranging from happy occasions to sad ones. I have not yet met a flower I didn't want to paint," Barron says.

"Catarzina-A Floral Series by Catie Barron" features an assortment of alluring flowers, ranging from orchids to lilies, dahlias to spring pansies. Barron adds, "I compose my flower paintings confrontationally so you will stop, take notice or them, and recognize all they offer us." For more information on the exhibit, call BAAC at 1-847-382-5626.



Daylily #906 by Catie Barron

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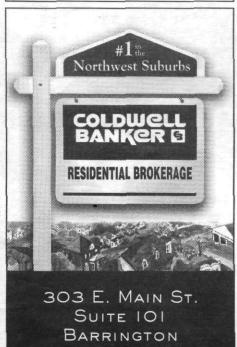


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Deer Park

\$637,500

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. 847/774-7464

Lori Rowe



Barrington

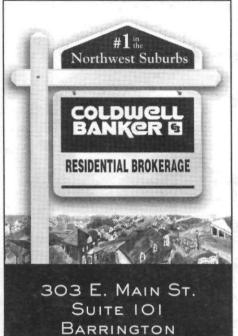
BR, 1.5 BA unit. Kit w/42-inc cab, ss appl, granite & brkft bar. Wood flr in foyer, liv rm & kit. In-unit laundry. Spacious mstr ste w/ceramic tile bath. Deeded prka. 847/277-2280

Bridget & Bob Hill



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\$3,997,000 **Barrington Hills** Dramatic stone 4 BR, 5.3 BA w/4 FP, 10' ceil, gourmet kit. Master suite w/all amenities + 3 suites w/private baths.

4-car gar on 5 wd acres. 14-car carriage house **Jack Sanderson** 847/903-9688



\$2,195,000 **Barrington Hills**

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 garag

847/370-3808 Sherl Wheeler



Huntley

\$1,899,000

Exquisite new English Tudor w/2-story great rm, beamed trusses, 50" plasma+surround sound, 10' clgs, frnch limestone, vlted Mstr BR, w/o LL w/ theater & wine cellar.

Frank & Lynne Caiazza 847/867-3424



\$1,779,000 Magnificent new 4BR French country by Vintage in

gated Ridgefield of Huntley, extraordinary finishes, 3FPs Kit w/stone archways, brick barreled ceilings, fin LL. Frank & Lynne Caiazza 847/867-3424



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.

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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, ndwd firs, walkout LL w/10' ceil

847/212-0966 **Robbie Morrison**



\$1,574,999 **Prairie Grove**

4 BR, 6.2 BA on breathtaking property for horse/car nature lovers. 18-stall barn, 10,000 sq ft total living oace. Potential barn rental in

Wendy Fern

847/277-2758



Barrington

\$1,299,000 Under construction & gorgeous! Village 4 BR, 5 BA Brick Georgian, every BR w/BA, 3-c gar. 9' clgs, hdwd flrs,

granite, cherry, marble. Sherl Wheeler/Jane Pohlman 847/370-3808



Barrington Hills

Nantucket-style 4 br, 3.5 ba w/ Brazilian cherry flr, granite, stone fplc in FR & master suite. Front porch, brick valkway, driveway & patio. Smartly landscap

Barbara Cunningham 847/277-2262



Barrington

Village-4 BR, 4+ BA luxury new construction. 3900+ sq ft. Huge 2-story living rm. Large family rm on LL w/full bath that walks out to brick paver patio. Lrg corner lot.

847/815-9171 **Jessica Paxton**



North Barrington

\$874,000 Built in 1935, this vintage home is totally updated-4 BR, 3 BA, sunny family room, sun room & study. Great master suite. Finished basement. Even includes a playhouse.

Sherl Wheeler

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Barrington

\$849,000 Totally updated 4BR, 2.5BA Fox Point hme. 2-stry 29x21 addtn, study w/fplc, high-end kit w/granite, SS, Hdwd. Roof, carpet, paint, front drs in 2006. Cook County taxes.

847/370-3808 **Sherl Wheeler**



Barrington

\$799,000

Choice "Glen Acres" Cape Cod. Highlights include 4 BR, 4 BA, w/hardwood, 2 fireplaces, den plus sunroom, gourmet kitchen & 3 car gar. Highly desirable location

847/826-1530 **Donna Veller**



North Barrington

\$765,000

Pristine all brick 4 BR home updated thru-out. Stunning kit, hrdwd, finished lower level & designer interior. 1+ AC wooded site w/ remarkable garder

Donna Veller

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Barrington

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\$699,900

5 BR, 3.5 BA 1 vr new construction w/great rm, 2 fplc. hdwd fir. Huge kit w/maple cabinets, granite counters stainless steel appl. 3-car garage. Finished lower level Holly & Wayne Wyckoff 847/277-2291



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

Sherl Wheeler 847/370-3808



Barrington

\$568,000

Prime Location! Eastwood Colonial 4BR, 2.1BA, Hrdwd firs. Bright kit. opens to fam. rm. Mstr BA w/whrlpl tub, 1st flr Indry, fin bsmnt w/rec rm. 2car gar

Ron & Jeanine VanDeVelde 847/277-2282



Barrington

\$565,000

Historic Village Farmhouse w/wraparound porch, 3BR, 2BA custom kit/BA/mud rm. sub zero, viking, bosch frnt load w & d, granite & hrdwd to fin. MBR is huge & priv.

Ty Barton

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2 BR, 2 BA 3rd flr end unit condo at Cook Street Plaza. Approx 1688 sq ft. Granite kit, all ss appls incl. Luxury

granite master bath. Elevator & heated garage spac

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Lake Barrington \$410,000 Lovely 3 BR, 2+ BA charming 3-level unit w/vaulted ceilings, hrdwd flrs, 2 fireplaces. Finished English lower level. Private courtyard. 2-car garage. Home warran

Ron & Jeanine VanDeVelde 847/277-2282



Lake Barrington

\$389,900 Lk Barr Shores-3 br, 3.1 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



Barrington

\$309,900

3 BR, 2 BA Old world charm abound in this 1930's Sears catalog home. Incred, rehab/invest. Opportunity.

Wendy Fern

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May 2 to 26: Pops at the Puppet Opera, Fourth Edition, scenes from Man of La Mancha, Carousel and Kismet; Faust,

Porgy & Bess, Gershwin, Summertime, I Got Plenty of Nuttin', Strawberries, Bess, You Is My Woman Now and Lord I'm On My Way.

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From a Woman's Point of View

by Amy Wickstrom, Wickstrom Ford Lincoln Mercury

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Since joining the dealership in 1994, Michelle has sold over 2,600 vehicles and been Salesperson of the Year five times. Most of her sales now are to previous customers who love her professionalism and positive attitude. On a personal level, Michelle is one of my best friends. We shared an apartment in Palatine for a year and a half, and she was a bridesmaid in our wedding. Actually, there must be something in the water at 600 W. Northwest Highway, because Michelle also met her husband, Andy McCormick, while



they were Wickstrom salespeople. Andy is currently managing Wickstrom Lincoln/ Mercury, and they have two beautiful daughters, Shannon and Katie. One of my favorite things is an evening in with the McCormick family. Our kids have these marathon dance parties-Shannon has pretty good rhythm, but Ella's got better

On that note, Michelle has decided to stay home with her girls for the next few years. I'm sure that all of you who know Michelle and have bought a car from her will miss seeing her around the dealership—I know that everyone at Wickstrom Ford Lincoln/Mercury will too.

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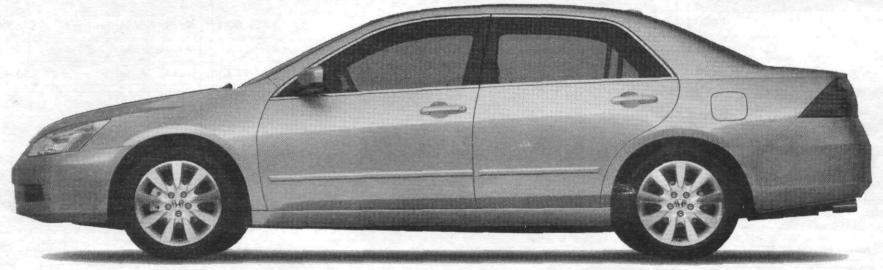
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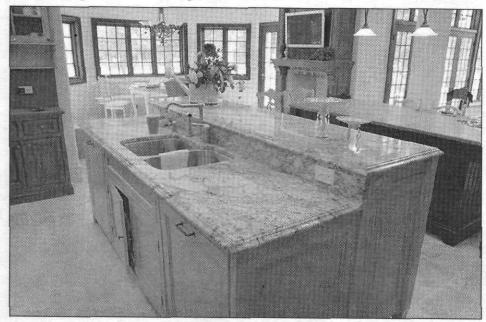
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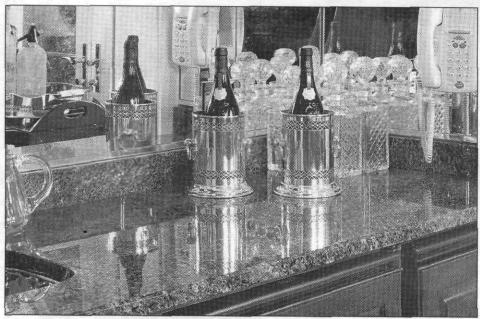
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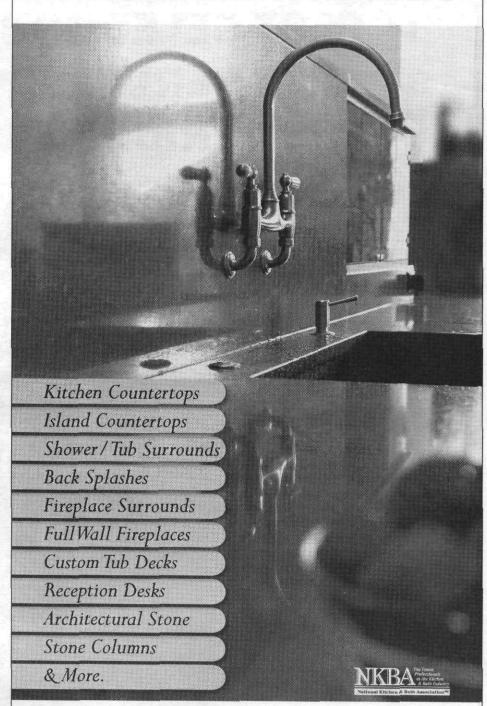
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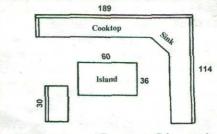
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