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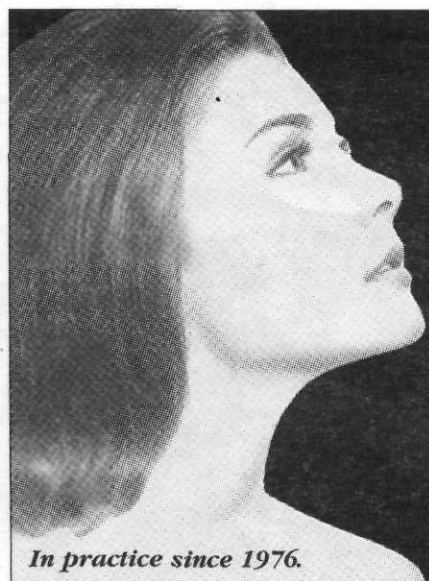


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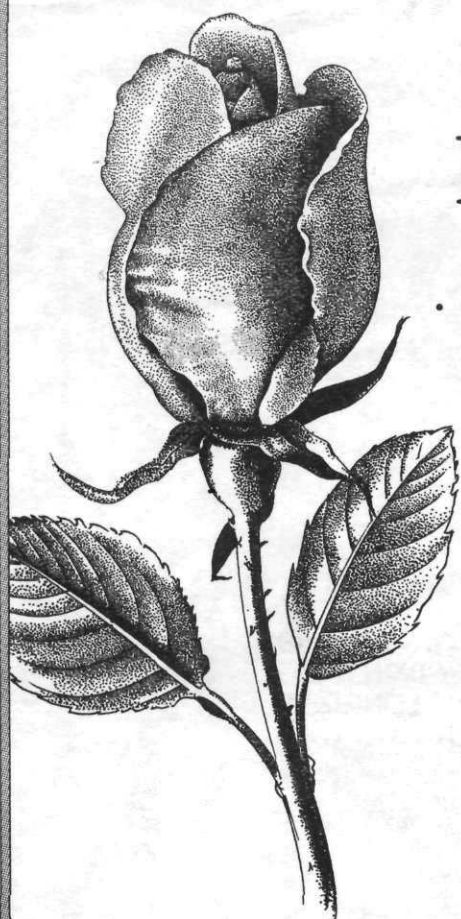
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Editor's Ink

May 2009

Dear Reader,

First of all, I want to wish all mothers, favorite aunts and grandmothers, a very happy Mother's Day. It's a beautiful time of year to be celebrating.

Spring is alive in the Barrington area. So many of the garden clubs are having plant sales early this month. Be sure to support them and the causes the proceeds will go to.

Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 17, when the Barrington residents pound the pavement to help find a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. The event kicks off at Citizen's Park.

The Art Associates (B/NWCA) is planning a wonderful excursion this month. They will be touring Milwaukee churches to admire the beautiful stained glass windows. Call early for reservations because this is sure to be a popular outing.

Get ready for a tropical adventure when Alexian Brothers Foundation hosts Ball de Fleur on Saturday, May 2. This glamorous gala will be held at the Brookfield Zoo. Proceeds will go toward a new Children's Hospital at Alexian Brothers.

Until next time, may all your thoughts be sunny.

With warm regards,

Glenn McMonigal, editor

Barrington Lifestyles News Magazine



About Our Cover

A Fresh Look for Spring Into Summer.

A citrus stretch poplin ¾-sleeved smock-neck belted tunic tops a citrus stretch pencil skirt. Liz Claiborne.



Barrington Takes "Great Strides" Towards a Cure for Cystic Fibrosis

\$80,000 Local Goal for Research!

On Sunday, May 17, Barrington area residents will lace up their walking shoes and pound the pavement towards a cure for cystic fibrosis (CF) at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation's 3rd annual Great Strides Walk-A-Thon, being held at Citizen's Park in Barrington.

Participants are raising money to benefit the more than 1,000 families in the Chicago metropolitan area who are waging a daily battle with CF, the most common life-threatening genetic disease in the United States, affecting 30,000 children and adults. In addition, more than 10 million Americans are genetic carriers.

Great Strides is the CF Foundation's largest national event. This fundraising program, now in its 21st year, raised nearly \$37 million in 2008 to support and carry out its lifesaving programs. Nearly 90 cents of every dollar of revenue raised by the CF Foundation is available for investment in vital CF programs to support research, care and education. The foundation recently achieved a coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management from Charity Navigator, the largest charity evaluator in the U.S.

With the support of the CF Foundation, there has been tremendous progress in cystic fibrosis research and care. The median



age of survival has increased from early childhood in the 1950s to 37 years of age today. However, CF continues to be a critical health matter, as most individuals with cystic fibrosis must battle lung disease for their entire lives. At least one person dies each day from this disease.

The Barrington community is uniting through Great Strides to continue building momentum and generating the funds that allow advances in cutting-edge CF research and care. To get involved with Great Strides, or to form your own fundraising walk team, call Kim Mills of the Greater Illinois Chapter at 1-312-236-4491 ext. 101 or visit www.cff.org/great_strides.

Art Associates to Tour Milwaukee Churches

Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848-1933) was an interior designer who in 1878 opened his own studio and glass foundry to produce the special types of glass he desired to complement his interior decorations. Based on Roman and Syrian glass features he had admired on an earlier trip to England, he sought to create stained glass which would incorporate vibrant colors and textures. Tiffany achieved his goal by experimenting with many different types of glass and eventually created artistic treasures that became the focal point of any room they were designed for.

Louis Tiffany became the most famous stained glass artist in the United States and members of the Barrington/Northwest Community Associates will have the opportunity to admire some of these masterpieces on Thursday, May 21. For the last excursion of the season, Bill Hinchliff will conduct a daylong (8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) tour of magnificent stained glass and architecture examples in Milwaukee, Wis.

The tour will begin with the city's grandest church, the Basilica of St. Josaphat, which has one of the most ornate interiors in the U.S. and has recently been stunningly restored. The fine pictorial German glass is just one of many decorative elements. The next site will be St. Paul's Episcopal Church near downtown Milwaukee, famous for its remarkable collection of Tiffany windows, perhaps the finest in the Midwest. St. Paul's also has examples of Victorian, Neo-medieval and English glass, which offers a fascinating contrast with the Tiffany. After lunch at



the wonderful Lake Park Bistro overlooking Lake Michigan, the tour will continue to a small, country-like church, the Plymouth Congregational, whose windows are all by Tiffany. This unpretentious jewel includes one of the most beautiful stained glass windows the Tiffany studio ever produced, which fills the west wall of the church. Finally, the tour ends at the Church of the Gesu, which serves Marquette University. Inspired by the great Gothic-style church at Chartres, Gesu has an amazing collection of German (Zettler) windows, including two of the largest in the U.S.

Members of the B/NWCA board carefully select the events for each season, focusing on a variety of art-related subjects. This year has once again included unique opportunities for B/NWCA members and for guests on special occasions. Ending the year with the wonderful tour to Milwaukee should satisfy all current

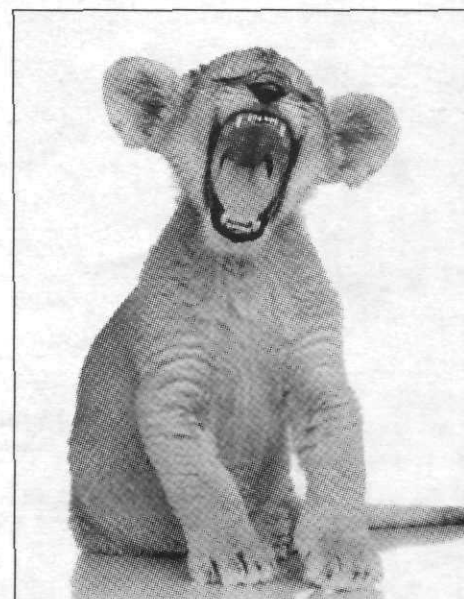
Alexian Brothers Foundation Travels to the "Tropics" to Host Ball de Fleur

Lions, monkeys and hippos, oh my! Guests at the Alexian Brothers Foundation 23rd annual Ball de Fleur on Saturday, May 2, are in for a real adventure as the venue for the glamorous gala will be the Brookfield Zoo, 3300 Golf Road, in Brookfield. For the first time in its 23-year history, the Alexian Brothers Foundation is hosting its premier philanthropic event at an exciting outdoor venue. Featuring private tours of the zoo's "Tropic World" during the two-hour cocktail reception, the Ball de Fleur will allow guests to feel as if they have been transported to South America, Asia and Africa—all in one evening. The black-tie optional gala will begin at 6 p.m. and includes a gourmet five-course meal, live and silent auctions, and dancing until midnight under the exquisite ballroom-style tent set on the Brookfield Zoo main mall pavilion.

"It's not very often that you can combine glamour with a jungle adventure to create an out-of-this-world event," comments Mark Frey, president and CEO, Alexian Brothers Hospital Network. "Just as the Alexian Brothers Hospital Network strives in its mission to be the premier provider of health care services in the northwest suburbs, our Foundation is the pillar in highlighting our philanthropic efforts, especially with the annual Ball de Fleur."

This year's fund- and friend-raising gala on May 2 will focus on the Alexian Brothers Foundation "Centuries of Caring, A Future of Excellence" Capital Campaign. Among other Alexian Brothers important initiatives, the two key recipients of this year's Ball de Fleur are a state-of-the-art Alexian Brothers Children's Hospital in Hoffman Estates and new bed tower in Elk Grove Village that will feature seamless, coordinated access to outpatient services and private hospital rooms.

"It is especially fitting as we work to raise money for a new Children's Hospital at Alexian Brothers that we host such an important event at a venue like the Brookfield Zoo that also reaches out to children in our community," comments Melanie Furlan, vice president, advancement, Alexian Brothers Foundation. "We cherish the health and well-being of our children, and we look forward to opening our new facility after we complete our



fund raising efforts." In addition, the new bed tower on the Alexian Brothers Medical Center campus in Elk Grove Village is scheduled to open this May.

As part of the fundraising efforts, the live auction at the evening's gala will feature spectacular items for bid such as an African safari trip for two, remarkable Breitling for Bentley watch, custom diamond pendant and champion-breed pedigree Shih Tzu puppy. In addition, the Ball de Fleur will still feature its dedication to gardens of flowers as Alexian Brothers designer extraordinaire Brother Valentino Bianco will adorn the exquisite ballroom tent with birds of paradise. The Alexian Ball de Fleur will also feature musical entertainment by the Bill Pollack Orchestra.

The Tropic World at the Brookfield Zoo is among the largest indoor animal exhibits on the globe and is home to many primates including orangutans, gorillas, black-handed spider monkeys, as well as pygmy hippopotamus and African lions.

The Alexian Brothers Foundation is expecting more than 700 guests to attend the 2009 Alexian Ball de Fleur and enjoy the spectacular dining and entertainment experience that has made this a premier philanthropic event in the Chicago area. Alexian Ball de Fleur tickets are \$300 and can be purchased by calling 1-847-385-7304. For more information, please visit www.alexianfoundation.org.

LBS Women's Golf League

Lake Barrington Shores Golf Club is welcoming new members to join the Women's Nine Hole Golf League. The league plays on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. at the Lake Barrington Shores Golf Club. Membership is open to residents of Lake Barrington Shores and to nonresidents.

Membership information is available from Sue Gilder at 1-847-387-3235.

Events for the season include:

- Babe Zaharias on June 25—This charity

event raises money to support breast cancer issues at Good Shepherd Hospital in Lake Barrington.

- Stars & Stripes will be held on July 2.
- The LBS Country Club Exchange with other clubs will be held by invitation only on July 30.

- The league tournament is scheduled for August 13 and 20th.

- The closing Awards Luncheon will be held Sept. 17.



members and encourage new members in the future.

The cost for the excursion is \$75, which includes transportation, tour and lunch. It is for members only. Reservations are re-

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For more information, contact Day Chair Bonnie Murray at 1-847-526-0911.



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New COBRA Regulations Under the Stimulus Plan

by Joette S. Doran, Esq.

On Feb. 17, 2009, President Barack Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, commonly called the Stimulus Plan. Group coverage continuation laws require employers to offer employees who lose group coverage the opportunity to continue their employer-based health insurance. COBRA is the federal law that requires employers with 20+ employees to provide group continuation coverage. State law requires employers of any size to provide group continuation coverage. In general, the Stimulus Plan provides a temporary 65 percent premium subsidy to former employees whose em-



ployment was involuntarily terminated and who elect to continue group health plan coverage under the COBRA. The COBRA premium subsidy is 65 percent

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Citizens for Conservation Restoration Volunteers Begin Spring Schedule

Starting April 9, Citizens for Conservation (CFC) restoration volunteers will begin their spring workday schedule, working every Thursday and Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m. Jobs may include: sowing legume seed, cutting brush, rescuing native plants and planting sedges.

Meet at the CFC headquarters at 459 W. Highway 22 in Lake Barrington. Look for the white farmhouse with a silo across from Good Shepherd Hospital. Bring work gloves and dress for the weather. CFC will provide the tools. For more information, call CFC at 1-847-382-7283.

of the amount that the individual would otherwise pay for COBRA coverage from March 1, 2009 forward. Unemployed workers will be required to pay the remaining 35 percent of the cost of their COBRA coverage. The provisions apply to most unemployed workers who are or have been involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009. The subsidy is not available to workers whose income in the year they receive the subsidy exceeds \$125,000 for individuals and \$250,000 for couples filing joint tax returns. The COBRA premium subsidy will generally be available to individuals for nine months, but not longer than the period of COBRA coverage, which is generally 18 months from the date of the involuntary termination of employment. The subsidy will be cut off sooner if the individual becomes eligible

for coverage under Medicare or another major medical group health plan. An individual is subject to a penalty if he or she fails to notify the group health plan of the new health care coverage.

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

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

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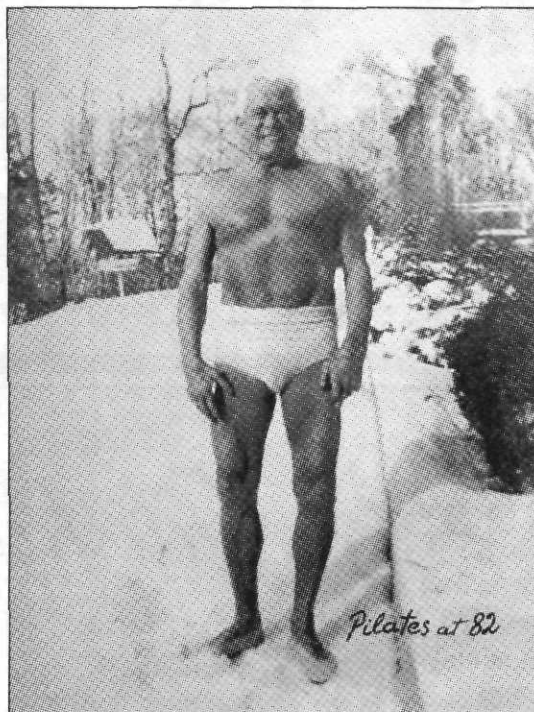
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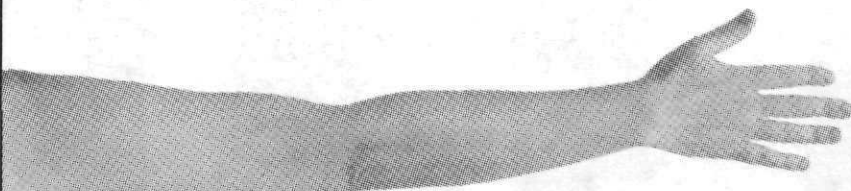
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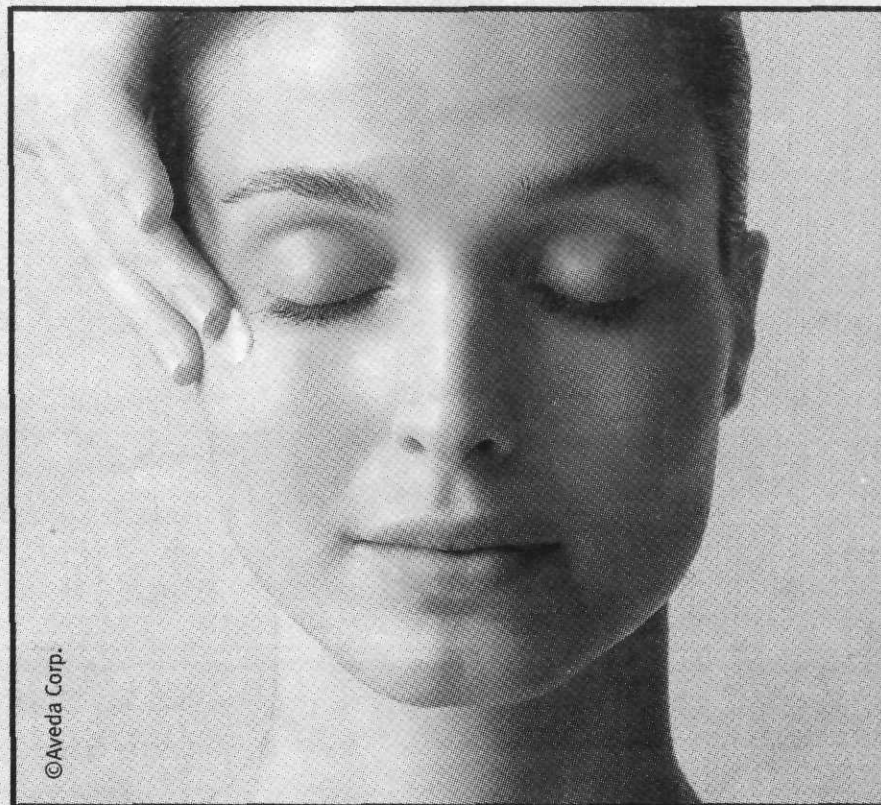


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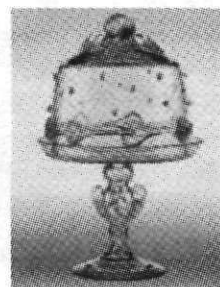
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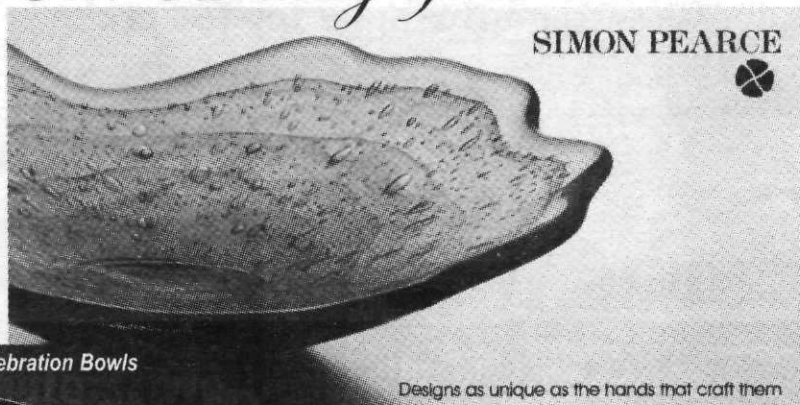
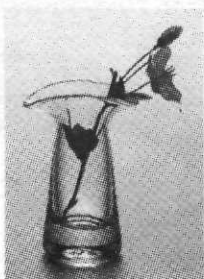
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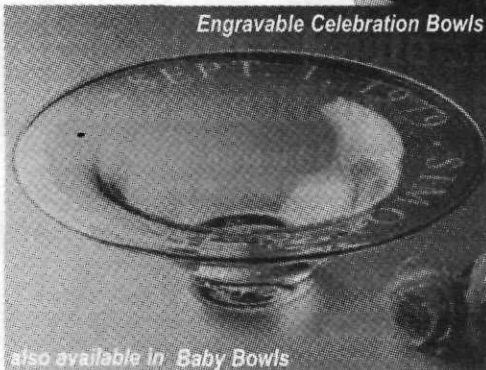
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BACOA, The Garlands of Barrington and Collette Vacations are offering a variety of international tours in the coming year. Among the trips that will be offered:

- "Bays and Railways of New England"—Departure date: Aug. 8. Enjoy a tour of historic Boston, cruise the shorelines of New England, and ride the rails through the scenic White Mountains. This 10-day trip includes stops in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island. The cost is \$2,679 (double) and includes round-trip air from Chicago, hotel transfers, air taxes and surcharges of \$200, and 16 meals.

- "Shades of Ireland"—Departure date: Oct. 13. Spend 10 days in the green hills of Ireland with visits to castles, cliffs and the countryside. The trip also includes stops in Dublin, Waterford and Killarney. The cost is \$3,199 (double) and includes round-trip air from Chicago, hotel transfers, air taxes and surcharges of \$450, and 13 meals.

BACOA, The Garlands of Barrington and Travelex International will offer four WFMT Classical Music Tours in 2009. The trips include:

- Paris Opera—Departure date: May 4. Two operas, one symphony, city tours and springtime in Paris. The eight-day trip will include lectures by WFMT host Carl Grapentine. The cost is \$5,699 (double).

- Santa Fe Opera—Departure date: Aug. 20. Spend four days attending the Santa Fe Opera and the Santa Fe Chamber Music Festival in New Mexico. In your free time, stroll the annual Santa Fe Indian Market. The cost is \$2,995 (double).

- Beethovenfest—Departure date: Sept. 5. Celebrate Beethovenfest in the composer's native city of Bonn, Germany. The seven-day trip will include performance at the annual Beethovenfest as well as four symphony performances in Dusseldorf. WFMT host Peter de Graaff will accompany the tour. The cost is \$5,589 (double).

- New York Met—Departure date: Oct. 8. The four-day tour will include two performances at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City, lectures by Carl Grapentine and even a private tour of the Steinway Piano factory. The cost is \$2,985 (double).

BACOA and Travelex will offer a trip to:

- 2010 Oberammergau Passion Play—Departure date: Aug. 14, 2010. The 10-day tour will begin in Vienna, Austria and include stops in Salzburg, Austria, and Munich, Germany, as well as a performance of the once-in-a-decade Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The cost is \$3,499 (double).

BACOA and the Barrington Park District have partnered with Mayflower Tours to offer a selection of U.S. tours. They include:

- New York City—Departure date: June 14. Kickoff summer in the Big Apple. The

Garden Club of Lake Zurich News

The monthly meeting of the Garden Club of Lake Zurich will be on Tuesday, May 5, 7 p.m., at Saint Matthew's Church, 22480 Old McHenry Road, Hawthorn Woods. Debra Philips, a member of the Geneva Landscape Designers and the Cottage Garden Society of England, will present the program "Native Plants For Clay Soils." Guests are welcome.

The Garden Club of Lake Zurich Spring Plant Sale will be held on Saturday, May 9, 8:30 a.m. to noon, at the Elia Area Public Library, 275 Mohawk Trail, Lake Zurich, corner of Old Rand Road and Route 22. Locally grown perennials, annuals, houseplants, herbs and potted arrangements



will be available.

For more information, call 1-847-819-3490.

Car Wash to Benefit Relief Agencies

St. Paul United Church of Christ, 401 E. Main St., Barrington, will hold a spring car wash on Saturday, May 23, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A rain date will be Sunday, May 24, 11 a.m. The carwash will be held in the church parking lot and you can enjoy a grilled hot dog while you wait.

The Missions Team of St. Paul is sponsoring the carwash to raise funds to help support area hunger relief agencies. All donations are gladly accepted.

For more information, please call the church office at 1-847-381-0460 or visit www.stpauluccbarrington.org.



six-day motor-coach tour will include tours of Manhattan; a New York harbor /Statue of Liberty cruise; and dinner at Rockefeller Center. Stops along the way will include a show at the Carousel Dinner Theatre in Akron, Ohio. The cost is \$2,378 (double) and includes 10 meals, motor-coach transportation and \$30 in

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"I'm fascinated by the idea of taking every day things and turning them into jewels for the home," Strongwater says. "Beauty shouldn't just be tucked in a dresser drawer."

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Catholic Charities' May LOSS Meeting Dates

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

Meeting Dates and Locations

- Sunday, May 10, 7 to 9 p.m. at Catholic Charities Northwest Office, 1717 Rand Road, Des Plaines.
- Wednesday, May 20, 7 to 9 p.m. at

Holy Family Church Counseling Center, 2515 Palatine Road, Inverness.

• Thursday, May 28, 7 to 9 p.m. at Carmel High School, One Carmel Parkway, Mundelein.

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

Sessions Jazz Quartet to Perform Concert at MCC May 3

The Sessions Jazz Quartet will perform at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 3 in the McHenry County College (MCC) Conference Center, 8900 U.S. Highway 14, in Crystal Lake.

The group will perform selections including *Billie's Bounce* by Charlie Parker, *Airmail Special* by Benny Goodman, and *Dolphin Dance* by Herbie Hancock. The group consists of Al Skaronea on key-

boards, Bill Toalson on trumpet, Mike Panayotovich on bass, and Brad Skaronea on drums.

The concert is free and open to the public. A reception follows the concert. For additional information, please contact Thomas Takayama, McHenry County College (MCC) Music Department chair, at 1-815-479-7670.

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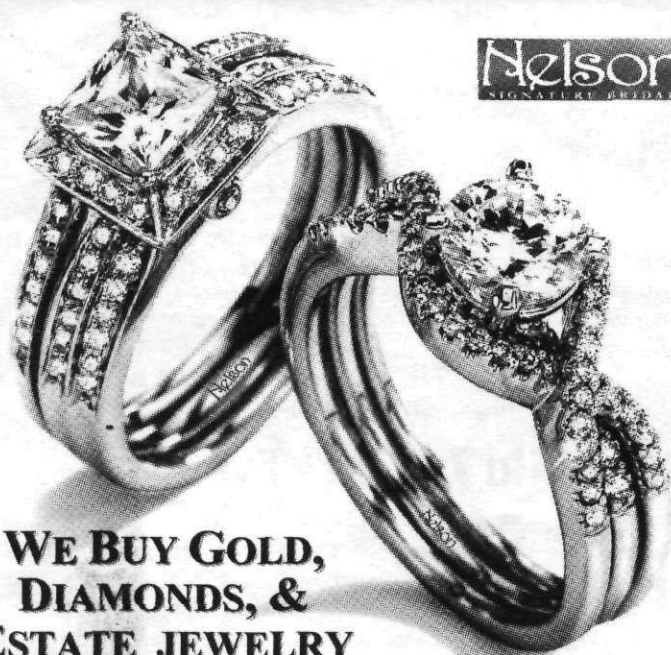
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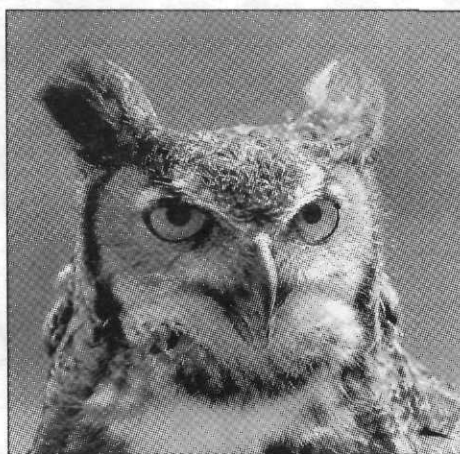
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Don't Miss Raptor Sunday!

Can an owl turn its head all the way around? Why do some hawks soar in circles? On Sunday, May 17, Stillman Nature Center's raptor experts will answer these and other questions about birds of prey.

Speaking of experts, Stillman's director, Mark Spreyer, did his graduate work on great gray owls, the largest owl in North America. He also started Chicago's peregrine falcon release project. In 1988, released falcons nested in Chicago, this was the first nest of peregrines anywhere in Illinois in 37 years!

Sunday, May 17 is your chance to meet great horned, barn, and screech owls plus a peregrine falcon and broad-winged hawk. The birds will be brought out so you can see them up close. Kids will have a chance to dissect owl pellets. Bring a camera and a friend! Stop by anytime between 1 and 3 p.m. The admission fee for



Great Horned Owl

this event is \$5 per car.

Stillman Nature Center is located at 33 W. Penny Road in South Barrington. For more information, call 1-847-428-6957 or visit www.stillmanncc.org.

Northland Area Art League Annual Fine Art Show and Reception

Northland Area Art League invites the public to its annual Members Fine Art Show and Reception. The exhibit and sale of original watercolor and oil paintings, photography and mixed media will be at the Woodstock Opera House, on the Woodstock square. This year, the show will be from May 5 through June 1. The community room of the Opera House is open Monday through Saturday, noon till 5 p.m.

On Saturday, May 9 from noon until 3 p.m., the artists will host a reception with refreshments. Anyone with an appreciation of art is welcome to attend to listen to informative critiques of the artwork and to have an opportunity to meet the artists in person. Membership information will also be available.

For further information, call Joe Bjork, Northland Area Art League president, at 1-815-337-2027.

Alpha Omicron Pi International Fraternity Holds Charity Auction

On March 8, Alpha Omicron Pi Northwest Suburban Alumnae Chapter held their annual auction at the home of Joyce Strout in South Barrington. The auction was attended by 50 women from the local area, all Alpha Omicron Pi (AOII) members and their guests.

The auction consisted of handmade crafts and donated items from the members. Popular items were jewelry, silk flower arrangements, baby blankets, handmade note cards, pool parties, rose glass vases, kitchen baskets, "pamper-me" baskets, Easter items, and wreaths. Four prize baskets—"Take me out to the ball game," "BLING," "Shop 'til you drop," and "Travel the Rhine"—were given to the lucky winners. All donations were given by AOII alumnae members.

A salad luncheon including breads and



The co-chairs of the AOII auction were Terry Palmer (left) and Joyce Strout.

muffins was served along with a variety of cheesecakes for dessert.

Over \$3,600 was earned for the Arthritis Foundation.

"Leave No Child Inside" Event

Raje Yoga and the Vehe Farm Foundation present "Yoga, Children, and Nature."

Come join them on May 16 from noon to 2 p.m. at Vehe Farm to experience nature in a new way. Awaken your senses and become aware of the nature around you while performing yoga outside under the shade of a catalpa tree (if it rains, the event will take place in the Vehe Barn). Children ages 5 and up, along with their parents, will listen to the sounds of nature, such as birds singing and the leaves rustling. Please bring your own yoga mat,

blanket or towel.

There is no charge for this event. Donations are appreciated.

Supported in part by Leave No Child Inside donations from: Harris Bank, Lake Zurich Chamber of Commerce, Raje Yoga, McGinty Brothers, Tallgrass Restoration LLC, and Advocate Good Shepherd Hospital.

Seating is limited so make your free reservation today by calling the Vehe Farm Foundation at 1-847-331-0967 or at info@vehefarmfoundation.org.

Plant & Botanic Art Show and Sale

The American Society of Botanical Artists (ASBA) Reed-Turner Group and the Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club are pleased to announce the 4th Annual Plant & Botanic Art Show and Sale, to be held Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17 at the Reed-Turner Woodland and Nature Preserve, 3849 Old McHenry Road, Long Grove, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The ASBA Reed-Turner Group consists of a dedicated and enthusiastic group of botanical artists, current and former students with provenance at the Chicago Botanic Garden. Derek Norman, its president and mentor, teaches botanical illustration at the Chicago Botanic Garden and is president of the Midwest Center for Botanical Documentation.

The group is guided by the parameters and goals of the American Society of Botanical Artists (www.amsocbotartists.org). The ASBA is one of the premier organizations promoting botanical art around the world. Consistent with the mission of the ASBA, the group works to further the interest in botanical art, conservation science, botany, and horticulture at the local level. The group also strives to emphasize the beauty and importance plants play in our daily lives by increasing public awareness through education, promotion and exhibition of its members' art in collaboration with local institutions.

The group has been in existence for four years and meets at the Reed-Turner



Chrysanthemum and Tiger Swallowtail
by ASBA Reed-Turner Botanical Artist
Barb Klaas will be among works shown
at the Plant & Botanic Art Show and Sale.

Woodland the last Saturday of each month from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Members of the public with an interest in botanical art are most welcome. Many members of the group recently exhibited at the Chicago Botanic Gardens, Ryerson Woods (Deerfield) and at the Elmhurst Area Public Library. Visit www.reedturnerbotanicalartists.net.



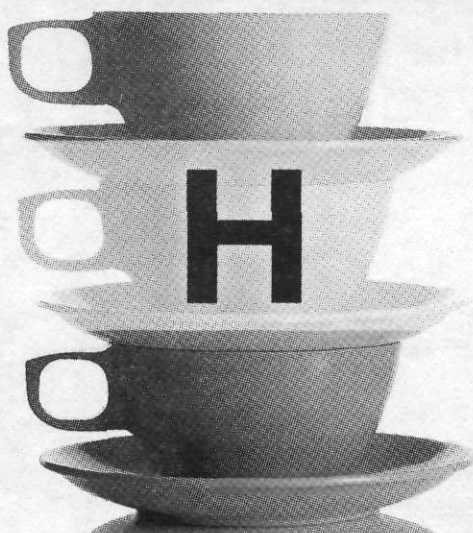
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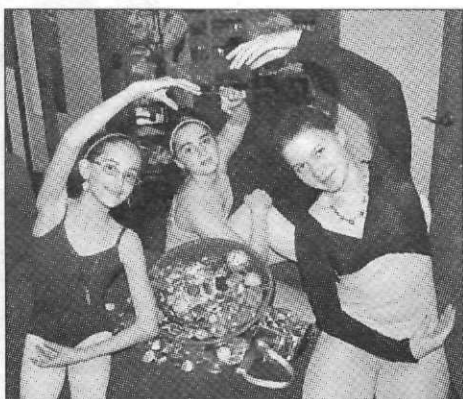
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BYDE to Sponsor its First "Bling for Ballet"

Everyone is welcome as Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble (BYDE) offers a way to make cash, clean house, and support the arts all in one afternoon! BYDE will be sponsoring its first "Bling for Ballet" on Sunday, May 17 from noon until 6 p.m. at Pair Chocolates, 734 W. Northwest Highway (The Foundry), Barrington.

Goldarama, a trusted family owned business, will be available at "Bling for Ballet" to assess and purchase your unwanted gold jewelry, watches, gold coins, silver jewelry, silverware, class rings or even old gold fillings. Unlike other gold-sale companies, Goldarama is not a middle man. They work directly as a refiner's agent and subsequently offer the highest available prices for recycling your unwanted precious metal items (based on the current market price of gold and silver as of May 17, 2009). For items which include stones or pearls, customers can either have a jeweler remove the stones prior to bringing in the gold/silver for assessment, or Goldarama can remove the stones for the customer. Goldarama will provide a quote for items brought for appraisal, and immediately cut a check to the customer if the quote meets their satisfaction. An average customer walks away with \$200 to \$500 from a Goldarama transaction. Additional information about the company may be found at www.goldarama.com.

At the close of "Bling for Ballet," Goldarama will donate 10 percent of its pro-



Pictured (from left) are Barrington Dance Academy students Alexandra Skopek of Barrington, Hannah Harris of Lake Barrington and Kristin Sheyka of Barrington Hills.

ceeds to support BYDE productions, scholarships and outreach programming. Customers go home with 100 percent of their transaction price!

For patrons unable to attend the May 17 event, jewelry may be securely dropped off in a self-addressed envelope at Barrington Youth Dance Ensemble. A quote will be secured on May 17 and returned to the patron(s) who then can decide if they wish to proceed with the transaction.

So, clean out your drawers and bring your unwanted, broken or outdated items to "Bling for Ballet." Go home with cash in your pocket and a smile in your heart as you have supported Barrington's local arts community!

Bunky Cushing's Annual Tea Kicks Off Valentine's Week in Red-Hot Style

No one in Chicago brings together the city's social butterflies, power players and top philanthropists like Bunky Cushing, whose exclusive Valentine's Tea in the Greenhouse at the Ritz-Carlton has been a coveted invitation for 15 years. Thick, cream-colored Tiffany stationery printed in red ink announced this year's tea on Feb. 10 with the traditional dress code discreetly noted in the bottom right-hand corner: "Ladies please wear red."

Wear red they did—all 100 "ladies of the red brigade," as Cushing described his group of sweethearts gathered at the Ritz on an unseasonably warm Chicago afternoon. The above-freezing temperatures led to even higher-than-usual spirits among the guests, whose voices and laughter rang above the splashes of the Ritz's beautiful lobby fountain.

After being individually greeted at the entrance of the Greenhouse by Cushing himself, the women (and a few select men) sipped Champagne garnished with raspberries and nibbled crustless cucumber and smoked salmon sandwiches from



Pictured (from left) are Bunky Cushing and Dusty Stemer.

a lavish table of aphrodisiac-inspired treats. The menu also tempted lovers of sweets with chocolate truffles and pink macaroons.

One of several soirees Cushing hosts throughout the year, the Valentine's Tea is the only noncharity event. "There are so many wonderful women in my life," he explains. "They are talented, giving ladies who contribute their time and resources to Chicago's cultural and charitable endeavors. This tea is my way to express my special affection for them."

"Bunky is an ambassador of goodwill," says Ritz-Carlton Chicago General Manager Michele Gross. "It is a pleasure to work with him, as he supports such important initiatives in Chicago with a style and class that are unmatched."

For more information regarding Bunky Cushing's Feb. 10 Valentine's Tea at The Ritz-Carlton Chicago, call Susan Maier at 1-312-573-5231.



Pictured (from left) are Hazel Barr, Zarada Gowenlock and Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas.

Dynamic Duo, Diane and Bob Haas Inspired by PHD's Spirit

Diane and Bob Haas play significant roles in the lives of the people they serve. As the manager of education for Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital, Diane communicates daily with doctors, nurses, school officials and parents on behalf of children and adolescents served by the hospital. Diane advocates for these patients, making sure educational needs are met without compromising their physical and emotional health and wellness.

As the new Inverness chief of police, Bob is responsible for making Inverness a safer place to live, work and visit. Each advocates for good and, together, they make an unbeatable team.

Diane and Bob's dedication and passion is what made PHD Executive Director Cathy Vincus so excited to have them co-chair PHD's recent Spirit of Life Gala.

"Diane and Bob have witnessed PHD's remarkable work [firsthand]. Diane has volunteered at our counseling center and continues to support PHD," said Cathy. "As a Palatine police officer, Bob has often recommended PHD to women and teens in the community."

Diane noted, "PHD was the inspiration for pursuing my master's in counseling. I see personally how counseling and edu-



cation empower women and teens to make positive life changes."

"My first contact with PHD was in 1983 when as a Palatine police officer I brought a mother with a young child to PHD. They were treated with compassion and referred to shelter, food and clothing," said Bob.

Vincus added, "It's amazing to realize the important role that PHD has played in each of our lives."

Bob added, "Diane and I had our first date at a PHD gala. That is why we were so honored to be part of this year's gala. PHD has a wonderful group of donors and we are privileged to be counted amongst them."

For more information about PHD, call 1-847-359-4919.

Perennials—A Mother's Day Treat

If you have not shopped at the Field and Flower Garden Club's perennial sale held the Saturday before Mother's Day each spring, you have missed one of Barrington's celebrated plant sales. For 48 years, members have shared plants flourishing in their personal gardens with the greater Barrington area.

The date this year is Saturday, May 9 from 8 a.m. until sold out, rain or shine, at the Barrington Jewel Parking Lot, 105 W. Main St. Plants are freshly dug from members' gardens and potted with tender care. They are reasonably priced from \$3 to \$5 each; unusual plants are priced a bit higher. Come early for the best selection!

Many perennials need to be divided on a yearly basis, and these seasoned gardeners enjoy very much sharing plants, along with cultural tips. They can also recommend plants for different spots in your border or garden.

This year, Field and Flower Garden Club is requesting customers to "think green" and bring their unused pots for recycling. Next spring, club members would like to plant 2010 perennials in 2009 pots!

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Arlene Martin's Barrington garden features "Mary Todd" daylilies and "Annabelle" hydrangeas.

years, is a member of Garden Clubs of Illinois Inc. and National Garden Clubs Inc. Proceeds from this annual sale fund internships, conservation projects and community philanthropies.

Club meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month in a private home or at the Barrington Area Library, and include a program, a short business meeting, refreshments and always time to ask gardening questions.

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Inside **Café Bulgari**, you will find a full-service bar stocked with rare and exotic wines, spirits and fine French champagne. Saltwater aquariums, where reef denizens from around the world reside,

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Join Fritzl's for Mother's Day

Looking for someplace special to take Mom for **Mother's Day**? Why not make reservations at **Fritzl's**! They'll be featuring all her favorites and will open at noon. Among the menu items that will be offered on Mother's Day are chicken liver pâté, broiled fillet of grouper and shrimp topped with asparagus and sauce béarnaise, duck breast schnitzel with a sherry-mushroom cream sauce, grilled lamb chops with garlic and rosemary, tournedos of beef tenderloin au poivre, and more. Plus our regular menu at regular prices.

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Front-Door Summer Decorations Focus of Meeting

The May meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. at the Barrington Area Library on Tuesday, May 5.

Joyce Grattoni, past professor and chairwoman of the horticultural department at Harper College will present a program on how to create a beautiful summer decoration for your front door. Grattoni will also lead us in making our own door wreath at a hands-on workshop. There is no cost for the presentation, but there will be a fee of \$25 to attend the workshop.

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

For further information regarding the club or its activities, please contact Alena at 1-847-438-3981.

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The 17th Annual Annie's Attic Garage Sale returns to the campus of St. Anne's Church in Barrington Thursday, June 25, Friday June 26, and Saturday, June 27. The largest event of its kind in the area, Annie's Attic has become a summertime tradition for area bargain hunters looking to get a get a good deal while doing a good deed. All sale proceeds benefit Project Hope, providing emergency assistance to area families in crisis. "For [17] years neighbors have come together to collect an abundance of items that are no longer needed and put the proceeds to work helping families who are struggling," said Sister Lorraine Menheer, director of pastoral care and Project Hope. "It's the ultimate recycling effort—giving gently used items a second life in order to give people in crisis a second chance."

In these difficult times, the need for assistance is greater than ever. In order to meet the increased number of calls for help, Project Hope is working extra hard to make the 17th Annie's Attic the biggest one yet. "The success of Annie's Attic greatly determines the amount of support we can provide in the months ahead," remarked Colleen Dunkel, event chairperson. "We've secured warehouse space and we're starting donation collection early. We're trying to make it as easy and convenient as possible for people to clear their clutter and put their unwanted items to good use." Donations can be made now by calling Project Hope at 1-847-381-5721 to arrange a convenient drop-off time or by bringing items to House of Hope Resale, downtown Barrington Wednesday through Saturday between 10 a.m.

and 4 p.m. Pickup service is also available for larger items. A complete list of items that can be accepted is available online at www.anniesatticinfo.org or by calling Project Hope.

"Annie's Attic depends not only upon the generosity of our donors, but also upon the compassion of hundreds of community volunteers," noted Dunkel. "Schedules are flexible and credit is given for community service hours. Every effort, great or small, makes a difference in the lives of others. This is an excellent opportunity to get involved, have fun and give back to your community." Over 800 people joined in last year, including many teens representing 17 area schools. Volunteer dates run from June 12 to 27th, with some early volunteer opportunities starting May 1. Interested persons should register now to reserve their preferred times. Visit www.anniesatticinfo.org or call 1-847-381-5721 for details.

The 17th Annual Annie's Attic will be held on the campus of St. Anne Church, Franklin and Ela streets, downtown Barrington, on Thursday, June 25 from 4 to 8 p.m. (\$5 admission for the St. Anne Food Pantry), Friday, June 26 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (free admission) with 50 percent off selected areas starting at 5 p.m. and Saturday, June 27, 9 a.m. to noon (free admission) featuring the \$3 per bag sale and best offers on furniture. Parking is free. Strollers are discouraged due to space constraints and will not be admitted to certain areas of the sale. For directions and more information, call Project Hope at 1-847-381-5721 or visit www.anniesatticinfo.org.

Art In The Park

On Sunday, May 24, the Barrington Park District and the Barrington Art and Cultural Center will hold "Art in the Park" at Citizens Park, Jewel Tea Pavilion, from 2 to 6 p.m. You're invited to an afternoon of art, food and entertainment in beautiful Citizens Park. Numerous artists will be

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Live entertainment can be heard throughout the grounds, where local musical artists are featured hourly. Also, younger artists will enjoy a **children's activity tent** sponsored by the Schaumburg Park District and restaurant vendors will also be on the grounds serving a variety of food and refreshments.

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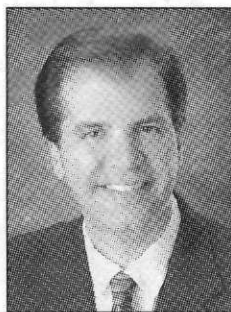
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Because conjunctivitis can be caused by a number of different factors, it is necessary to be seen by an optometrist. Only an optometrist can test for which type of "pinkeye" you suffer from, and ultimately provide proper treatment. Even if someone in your house had "pinkeye" in the past, never use drops or solutions that were not prescribed for you. Just because the symptoms are the same, that doesn't mean the treatment will be. You could be making your condition worse by self-medicating. Also, don't try to grin and bear it. Left untreated, conjunctivitis could lead to keratitis, an infection of the cornea that can result in vision loss.

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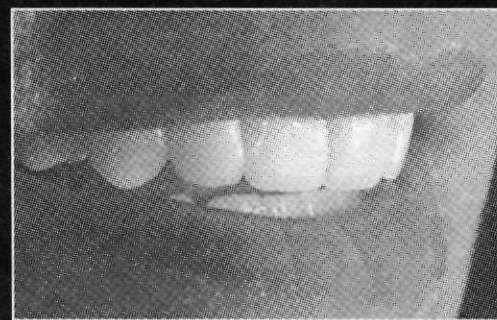
Annual Plant Sale

The ever-popular Long Grove-Kildeer Garden Club Plant Sale will be the weekend of May 16 and 17th at Reed-Turner Woodland Nature Center, 3849 Old McHenry Road, in Long Grove. The sale includes perennial and native plants lovingly contributed from members' gardens. Heir-

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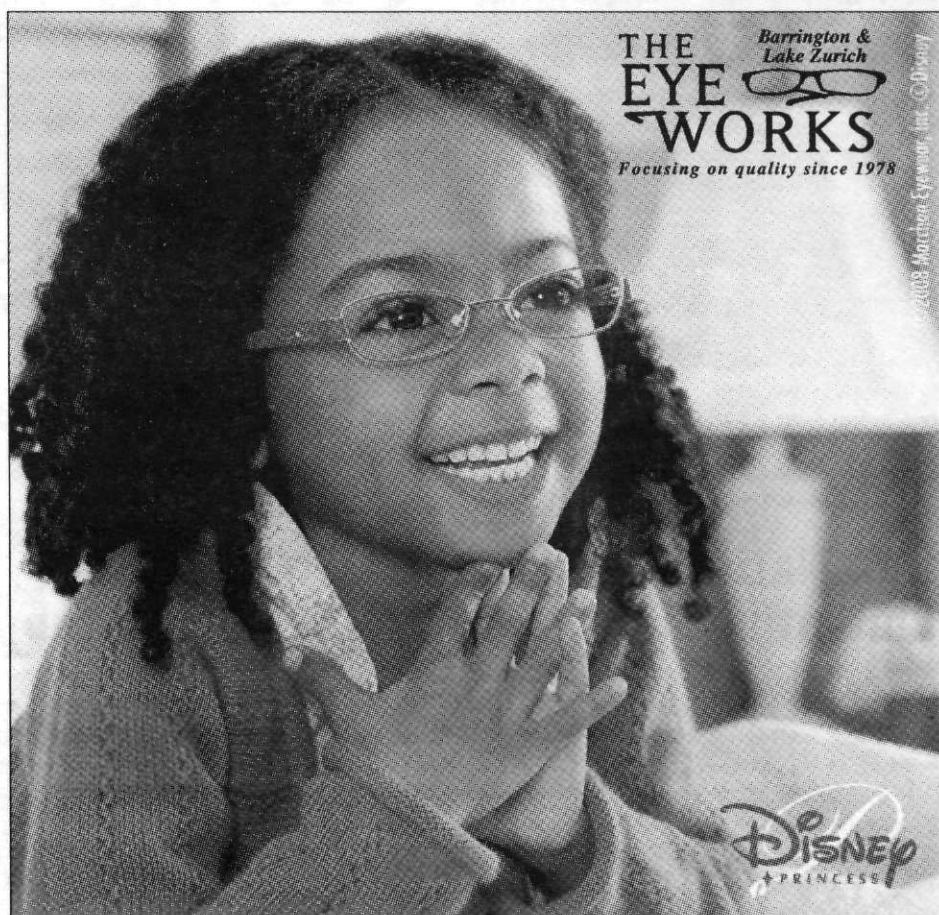
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Ms. Fitz Rummage Sale

Every spring, Barrington area families donate gently used toys, clothes, furniture, books, sporting goods, electronics, collectibles, household items and more for the huge **Ms. Fitz Rummage Sale** on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3 at Countryside School, 205 W. Country Line Road (corner of Brinker and Country Line roads), Barrington Hills. There will also be a bake sale during the sale featuring traditional and healthy snacks. You will not believe how much there is to look at with 400+ families coming together for a common goal!

Countryside School is sharing the pro-

ceeds with two other community schools, Woodland and Sunny Hill schools, to enhance the educational environment of those schools too. Equal shares will be divided between the three schools. This is the second year that Countryside has shared the profits with other schools.

The sale runs Saturday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a \$5 per bag sale from 1 to 3 p.m.

Donations are appreciated and will be accepted April 27 through 30th from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. For donation pickup/drop off or volunteer information, please call Diana Feraco at 1-847-687-8220.

U.S. National British Women's Philanthropic Group to Meet in Houston

2009 marks the 100th anniversary of the Daughters of the British Empire, one of the oldest service organizations of British women in the United States.

It will be celebrated at their anniversary National Convention, which will be held in Houston at the Omni Hotel, May 13 to 17th. Following a series of business meetings, there will be a celebratory banquet honoring the thousands of hours of philanthropic work and community service of this dedicated group of women living in the U.S., who are either British or British Commonwealth by descent or heritage.

Founded in 1909 in New York, the organization quickly spread throughout the U.S. and now has chapters in 30 states.

The organization's founder, Josephine

Langstaff, realized that a group of dedicated, motivated British women living in a foreign country, united in a common cause, could be an enormous power for good, both for themselves and for the country and communities in which they lived.

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Green Thumbs Plant Sale

The month of May is marvelous in Barrington as it is finally consistently warm enough to install beautiful new plants in our gardens. The Green Thumbs Garden Club will help you out by providing perennials from members gardens at attractive prices at their annual sale. It begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 16.

This year the sale will take place at the spacious Citizens Park located at Northwest Highway (Route 14) and Lake Zurich Road, just north of the library property. There will be signs to guide you to the sale location.

Offerings will include ground covers,

specimen plants, shrubs and native plants—a grand mix of colors and sizes. Experienced gardeners will advise on watering, sunlight and other growing needs. If you have a couple of boxes handy, bring them along to protect your car floor mats and trunk.

On Monday, May 18, just two days after the plant sale, the club will have the season's final program at the Barrington Area Library starting at 12:30 p.m. Members Joan Samuels and Jackie Briggs will present a hands-on workshop creating a spring flower decoration. For more information, call Vicki at 1-847-526-5998.

Field and Flower Garden Club Shares Recipes for Growing and Dining

A special evening is planned for Field and Flower Garden Club members on Wednesday, May 6. Visits to various member gardens for plant purchase will take place at 6 p.m., followed by a meeting at a member's home at 6:30 p.m. for recipe sharing and sampling. Last minute details of the club's 48th annual perennial sale will also be discussed.

Field and Flower Garden Club has been a part of the greater Barrington Area for over 50 years. Its membership includes novice gardeners as well as those very

knowledgeable in growing, landscaping and design. Meetings are typically held on the first Wednesday of each month in a private home or at the Barrington Area Library, and include a program, a short business meeting, refreshments and time to ask gardening questions. Guests are always welcome. Field and Flower is a member of the Council of Barrington Garden Clubs, Garden Clubs of Illinois Inc. and National Garden Clubs Inc. For information, please call 1-847-277-7901 or 1-847-382-1869.

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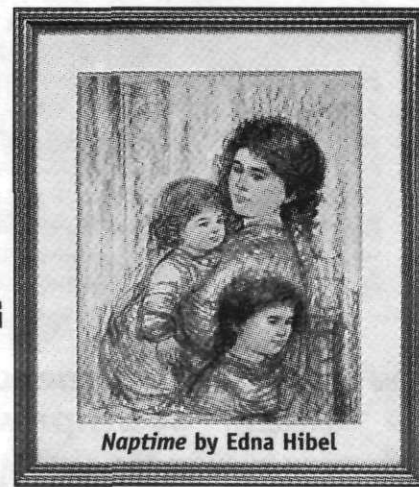
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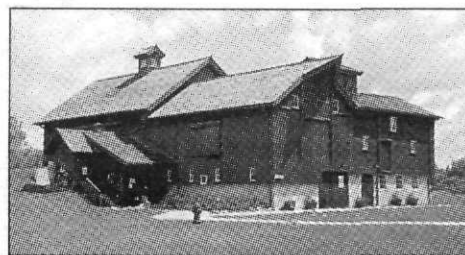


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The performances will take place in the

Kimball Street Theatre in the Rider Center on the campus of Elgin Academy. Performances begin at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday.

Ticket prices are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students and seniors. To make ticket reservations, contact the OPERA office at office@elginopera.org or call 1-847-695-5014.

A dinner/performance package (lunch on Sunday) will be available through Al's Café in Elgin. Cost will be \$25 for adults without alcohol, \$29 for adults with a glass of wine/sangria, \$9.50 for children; all-inclusive service. Space is limited to 50 patrons. Contact the OPERA office for reservations at 1-847-695-5014.

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May is a Busy Month for the Garden Club of Inverness

As we finally welcome the warm spring weather, the members of the Garden club of Inverness will be participating in a variety of service projects. They will be visiting St. Joseph's Home in Palatine to help residents create silk flower arrangements to keep for themselves or to share with friends and family. The club members bring the flowers and dessert, but it is the camaraderie with the wonderful residents at St. Joseph's Home that makes this such a special afternoon.

Club volunteers also gather at the Inverness community parks for a morning of weeding, trimming and replanting the various flower beds. They do a "spring cleaning" at Maggie Rogers Memorial Park and the butterfly garden and native plants bed at North Park as assistance to the Inverness Park District.

The Garden Club Scholarship Committee is reviewing scholarship applications

and will be announcing their awards soon.

The May 15 meeting will be a celebration of the entire year. They will have their spring luncheon at the Inverness Golf Club at 11 a.m. Garden Club members have volunteered to decorate the tables with fresh arrangements from their own gardens, if possible. The arrangements are always creative and lovely and will add a special touch to this special day. Installation of officers for 2009-2010 will precede the luncheon.

Other committee members are already preparing for the holiday luncheon on Thursday, Dec. 3. The money that is raised at the luncheon funds their scholarship awards and other community projects.

Spring is a busy time, and it continues to be a very busy time for the Garden Club of Inverness.

For information, call Beth at 1-847-934-7929.

BHS Presents *Sabrina Fair*

The Barrington High School (BHS) Fine Arts Department will present *Sabrina Fair* on Thursday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 1 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 2 at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., in the Richard C. Johnson Auditorium.

Sabrina Fair is a delightful modern retelling of the Cinderella fable that was made famous in the popular 1954 film version, entitled *Sabrina*, starring Audrey Hepburn, William Holden and Humphrey Bogart. The story follows the return of Sabrina to the wealthy Larrabee family, where she grew up, and where her father has been the family's chauffeur for 30 years. Sabrina's five years spent in France

has changed her greatly, and she has come home to find out if she is still in love with David, the Larrabee's younger son. Surprisingly, it is conflict and conversations with the older brother Linus, a cynical business tycoon that captures her heart and sends Sabrina on a mission to break him down. At the end, it is an amazing revelation by her father that astounds the family and allows Sabrina to get her man. The show is directed by Jon Lynn.

Ticket prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for students, and free for senior citizens. The box office will be open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. through May 1. For more information, call the Fine Arts Office at 1-847-842-3214.

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- Ice-cream-eating contest

- Chocolate Challenge—selected com-

petitors will construct a project from chocolate and other confections

The lineup of great free entertainment includes such crowd pleasers as Spoken Four, Patchouli, Las Guitarras de Espana and the Debe Welch Band to the Kildeer School Children's Choir and local guitarists and songwriters.

At the Chocolate Tent there will be chocolate tastings, demonstrations and cooking tips throughout the day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. No charge for admission.

Other reasons to come for the day—or the weekend—are Long Grove's many distinctive specialty shops and galleries that will be celebrating chocolate in their own unique way, with a wide variety of yummy treats to tempt your taste buds.

You can never get too much chocolate—so even if you've attended this tasty event in the past, there are reasons galore to come back and enjoy it again and again.

Long Grove Historic Village is a picturesque and historic village with buildings that date back to its early beginnings in the 1800s. These charming buildings of yesteryear now house an exceptional variety of contemporary shops, galleries and restaurants for today's lifestyles. Long Grove is located near routes 53 and 83, just north of Lake Cook Road. For more information, visit the Web site at www.LongGroveOnline.com or call the Visitor's Information Center at 1-847-634-0888. The Visitors Information Center is located at 307 Old McHenry Road.

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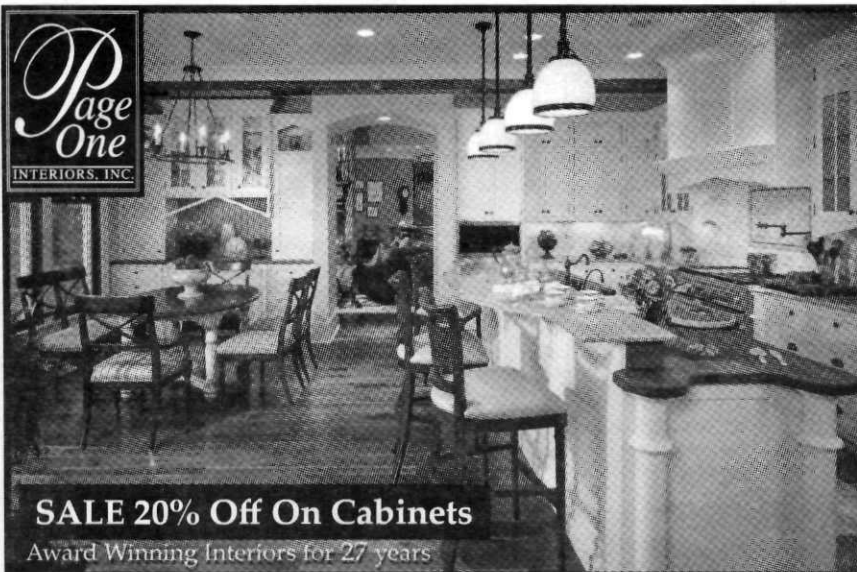
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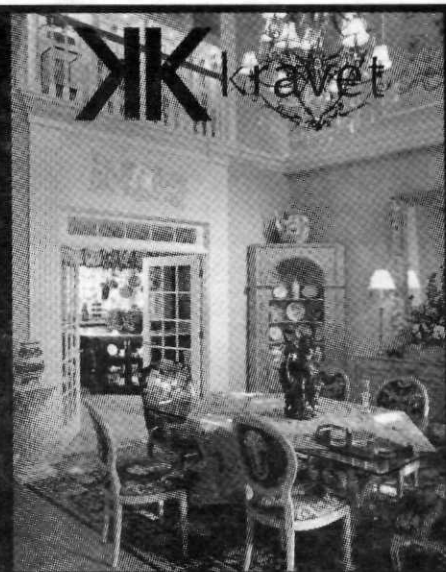
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Women's Club of Inverness May Meeting

The May meeting of the Inverness Women's Club will be held Thursday, May 14 at the Inverness Golf Club. Tea and coffee will be served at 9 a.m. The meeting will commence at 9:30 a.m., followed by the May program.

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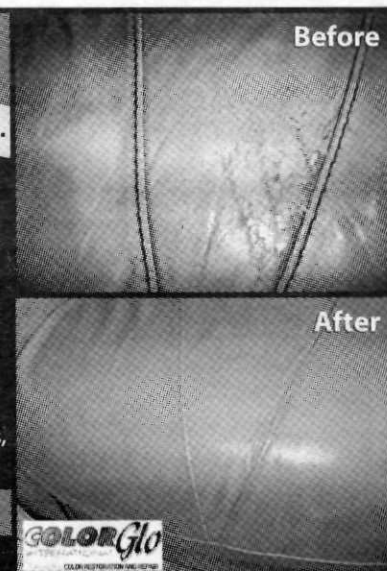
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The Women's Club of Inverness Meets September through May. Most regular meetings are held at 9 a.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Inverness Country Club (with special exceptions in November, February and April). A brief meeting is followed by an informative and interesting program.

The Inverness Women's Club is a philanthropic 501(c)(3) organization. All proceeds from their activities are distributed to local community-based organizations

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From a Woman's Point of View

by Amy Wickstrom, Wickstrom Auto Group

One of our neighborhood's time-honored traditions is the flashlight Easter egg hunt, and this year we were blessed with a dry, if not too warm, evening for it. In years past, our kids couldn't participate because we always left a day early for my parent's

farm, so at our house the excitement leading up to this egg hunt had reached a fever pitch. By the time I found three working flashlights, three baskets with handles (apparently the Easter Bunny doesn't use Jewel bags...), and talked everyone out of wearing flip-flops on a 34° evening, we were finally ready to search for Easter eggs.

As we watched the kids with their flashlights swarm around the field like a kindergarten soccer team swarms after the ball, the moms who did the egg hiding earlier in the day speculated on how many of these candy-filled eggs would be left over for squirrels to find in the morning. Our neighborhood squirrels already have weight issues tied to their consumption of Halloween candy, so we decided that someone needed to invent Easter eggs with built-in solar panels to store up the sunlight during the day, then glow at night until they're found. Since everyone is into resource conservation and fuel efficiency, we thought we could patent the idea. Look for our Solar Eggs next year at fine retailers everywhere...

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This stunning 12,500+ sq ft new construction residence is set on 5 acres on quiet private lane. Exquisite architectural design and detail are evidenced throughout its comfortably elegant interior. It offers 6 BR, 7.1 luxurious baths, 8 FPs, Architectural Digest quality kitchen with soaring 2-story beamed ceiling and 5-car garage.

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BARRINGTON HILLS

Masterpiece on 14.5 acres with spectacular views of Goose Lake. This 7-BR, 8.4-BA home combines elegance with exquisite design and state-of-the-art technology. Beautiful architectural detailing, formal floor plan, home theatre, fin LL w/ wine cellar, rec room with bar, exercise room & billiard room, 8 FPs, 6-car gar & sparkling pool.

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This beautiful home is set on a magnificent 1.4 acre professionally landscaped lot in a prime neighborhood. It offers 4 BR, 2.1 BA, gourmet kit w/ custom cabinetry, sunroom, great room and inviting FR. Surrounded by nature's beauty, the grounds feature a sparkling inground pool and pool house with bath and bar.

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BARRINGTON HILLS

A long curving drive leads to this gracious 5 BR, 4.2 BA country manor, secluded on 20 acres in the heart of horse country. A tranquil pond, sparkling pool, 10 stall barn, garage parking for 5 vehicles and premier Brinker Road location enhance this special offering.

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BARRINGTON HILLS

Incomparable Barrington Hills estate. Classic 1937 brick Colonial. 20 magnificent, rolling, wooded acres with a stocked pond and paths through the woods on a private lane. This enchanted retreat offers a breathtaking setting with newer "Lake House," sparkling pool. Dividable acreage in a most prime location.

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BARRINGTON HILLS

Set on a private, wooded site, this enchanting 5 BR classic is the epitome of refined country living. Abundant in character & charm, and designed for personal comfort and festive gatherings, it features exquisite architectural detail, 5 fireplaces, exceptional gourmet kitchen, a sparkling pool, 4 car garage and magnificent grounds.

OFFERED AT \$1,499,000



BARRINGTON HILLS

Entertainer's dream! Spectacular idyllic sanctuary set on over 5 wooded scenic, prof landscaped acres w/ pond, beach, gazebo, terraced patios & pool. It offers a dramatic 4 BR, 4.1 BA home & awe-inspiring 1 BR guest house w/ gourmet kitchen, great room, loft, office & fabulous screening room. Truly a one-of-a-kind offering.

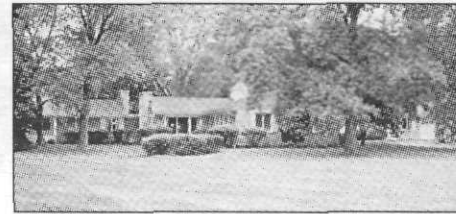
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BARRINGTON HILLS

A grand allée of trees leads to this gracious Barrington Hills estate. Set on 9.8 rolling & wooded acres, it features 5 BR, 5.1 BA, 3 fireplaces, generous public & private areas and lovely views from every window. The magnificent grounds offer a sparkling pool, tennis court, delightful 4-stall barn, dressage arena & caretaker's cottage.

OFFERED AT \$2,500,000



BARRINGTON HILLS

Classic stone & cedar ranch is set on 5 verdant acres offering 4 BR & 5 BA, w/ 2 master suites. Large, eat-in kitchen with Poggenpohl cabinetry & top-of-the-line appliances. Delightful sunroom, cathedral ceiling in family room, 4 fireplaces & 3 car garage. Includes tennis court & direct access to the extensive riding trails.

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This beautiful equestrian property offers 5 bedrooms, 5 baths, a dramatic 2-story family room with stone fireplace, gorgeous gourmet kitchen, finished walk-out lower level with theatre and kitchen, master suite with sitting room, 4-stall barn.

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Protect Your Ash Trees

The **Emerald Ash Borer (EAB)** has arrived in our area. This invasive beetle is responsible for killing approximately 50 million ash trees in neighboring states. Confirmed cases of EAB infestation have been detected in many of our neighboring towns. If you have ash trees, taking a proactive approach to protect them now could save you the high cost of removal and replacement later.

Background—EAB is native to Asia and is believed to have hitchhiked here in wood packing crates. Young EAB's feed inside ash trees disrupting the tree's ability to transport vital water and nutrients, ultimately killing the tree.

Symptoms—Visual signs of EAB infestation usually go unnoticed for 1 to 3 years and once they are apparent it is usually too late to save the tree. Visual signs can be yellowing of foliage, thinning of canopy, shoots sprouting from the trunk, branch dieback and death.

Invasiveness—EAB spread so fast through Michigan that it left 40 million dead ash trees in its path in just six years. On July 1, 2008, a single tree was discovered in Algonquin, Ill., that was infested with EAB. Within one month, 42 trees in three different nearby areas were destroyed, as they were found to be infested as well. Officials believe that the first ash tree was infested for approximately five years before EAB was noticed. Although there have been no confirmed cases in Barrington, experts believe EAB is prob-

ably already here and trees have just not shown any symptoms yet.

Recent Breakthroughs—Luckily for Illinois residents, a chemical control known as **TREEage** was approved for use last April. TREEage has proven to be highly effective at controlling EAB when it is injected into the trunk of the tree. Studies at Michigan State University found that injections of TREEage were 99% to 100% effective on EAB. Single treatments of TREEage were also found to give long-term protection, lasting approximately two years inside the tree.

Take action now—Don't make the mistake of waiting until your ash trees start to show symptoms, as it will probably be too late to save the tree. The Illinois Department of Agriculture and many municipalities have the right to force private homeowners to cut down their ash trees at their own expense if they find EAB or suspect that a tree has EAB.

What can you do—Call **Tree Care by Turf Care** to have your ash trees protected with TREEage. **Tree Care by Turf Care** is a family owned and operated company located right here in Barrington. They were one of the first companies the Village of Barrington approved for TREEage injections. Their team of ISA Certified Arborists have over 50 years of combined experience and are experts in dealing with EAB. For more information on their services, contact them at **1-847-304-4144**.



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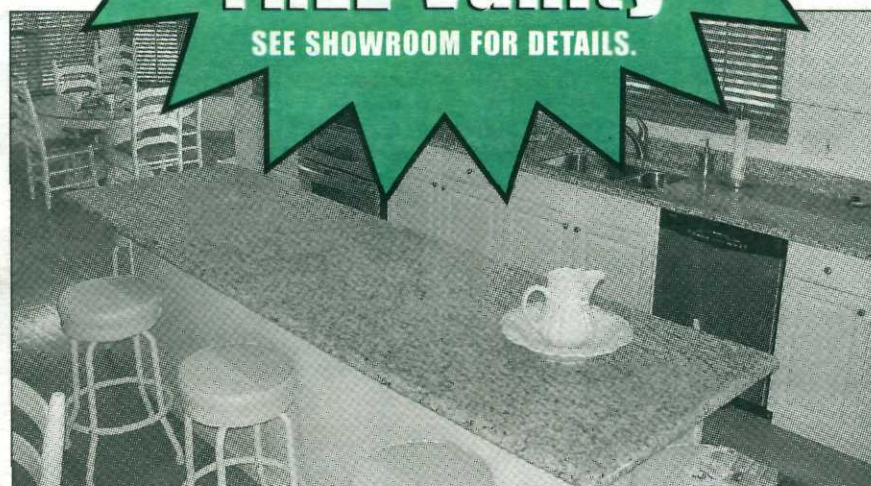
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