

LITTLE ROCK soirée

Nº2

little rock's premier city magazine

MICA

on REACHING OUT

/BUSINESSWOMAN AND VOLUNTEER
PROMOTES CHILDHOOD LITERACY
/pg.20

dining with THE DEPARTED

Frances Cranford invites us
to the annual Mount Holly
Cemetery picnic

DEDICATED /pg.24

UNDERSTANDING EMBER

/THE ART OF FASHION IN THE HEIGHTS

STYLE ICON /pg.28

↓ sharp dressed man

Meet the man building on
Bauman's stylish reputation

EXECUTIVE PRIVILEGE /pg.30

mica
STROTHER

2010 SPRING FASHION ISSUE

BIGGEST
FASHION ISSUE EVER

pg. **33**

BEST REAL ESTATE AGENTS

A SOIRÉE SPECIAL PROMOTION /pg. 57

SPRING FOR NEW BAGS & SHOES

HUBBUB /pg. 14



GWATNEY AUTOMOTIVE



Try wearing **THIS** down the runway.

Let Jamie Cobb and his team put
you in a new GM car or truck that
is as fashionable as you are.



Jamie Cobb



Antonio Melani "Valor" ruffled dress, "Annabel" leather satchel and "Daphney" wedge sandal. Exclusively at Dillard's. Dillards.com

Looking for a bank that's distinctively different?



At IBERIABANK *fsb*, we recognize that you have certain expectations of your bank. That's why we place value on being a bank you can trust. We pledge to earn that trust every day.

What has set us apart from other financial institutions for 123 years is remaining focused on your needs. Our relationship-based approach, competitive banking products, exceptional service and the instinctive ability to make sound local decisions has served us well.

While other banks are promising safety and soundness, our record speaks for itself. We are real people delivering true strength and stability today to take our clients and shareholders far into the future.

We invite you to experience the IBERIABANK *fsb* difference today. We're confident you will find we ARE distinctively different.

IBERIABANK *fsb*:

- Strong earnings
- Total Assets over \$9.7 billion
- Market Capitalization approximately \$1 billion
- First bank in the country to return TARP
- One of the strongest banks in the Southeast
- 209 offices in 12 states
- 2,000 talented associates
- Well positioned for continued growth

• IBERIABANK *fsb*

Visit us today at one of our 11 locations in Central Arkansas.

www.iberiabankfsb.com

Member **FDIC**

PARK HILL HOME



3131 John F Kennedy Blvd, North Little Rock
501.771.4090, 10-5 Mon – Sat

3001 Kavanaugh Blvd, Little Rock
501.603.5113, 10-5 Mon – Sat

ew Great Passion Play > Turpentine Creek Wildlife Refuge > Eureka

Springs and North Arkansas Rail

Eureka! You've found it.

The Crescent Hotel garden



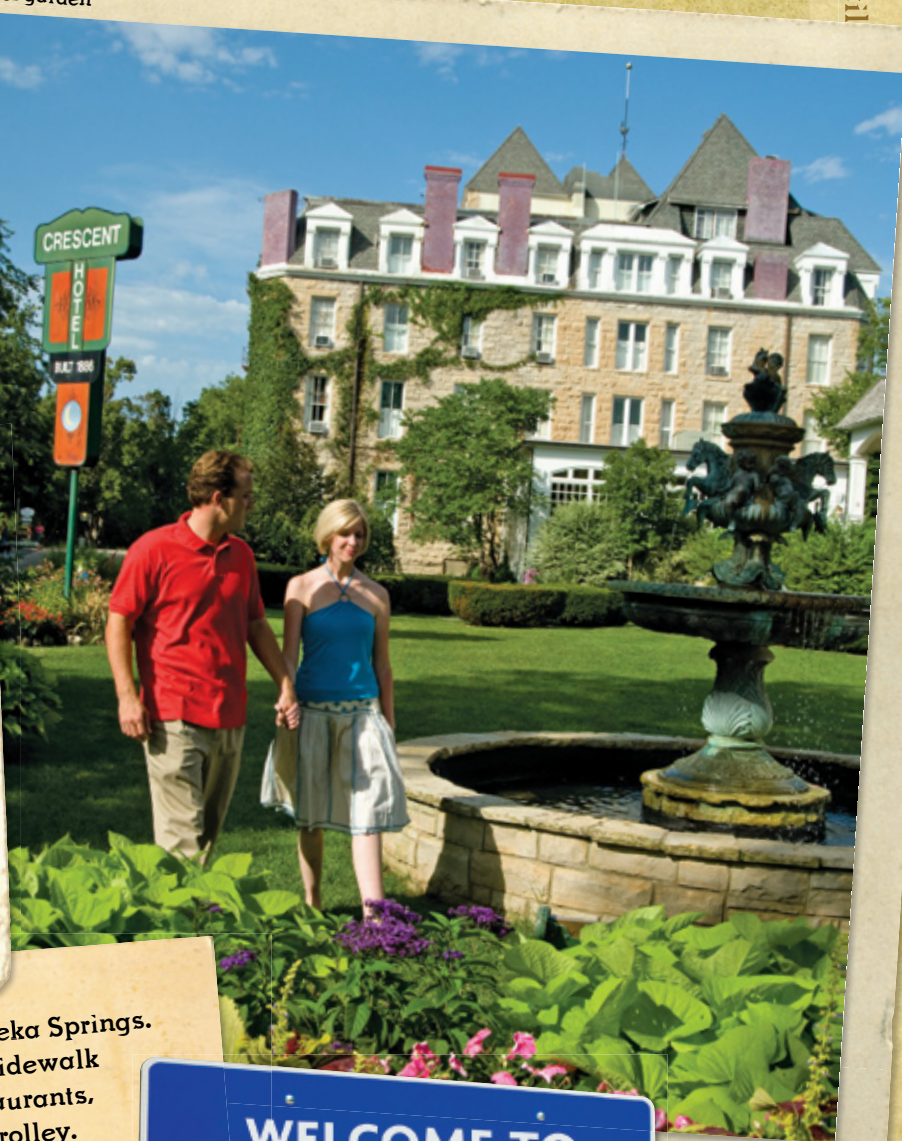
Downtown by moonlight > Relaxing in the spa > Exhilarating nature at Thorncrown Chapel



Historic home in Eureka Springs

Discover the historic town of Eureka Springs.
Hike up the mountainside on a sidewalk
lined with galleries, shops, restaurants,
gardens and spas – or take the trolley.

Visit Arkansas.com to chart your
personal roadtrip and order a FREE
Vacation Planning Kit.



WELCOME TO

Arkansas
THE NATURAL STATE

Arkansas.com • 1-800-NATURAL



Cosmic Cavern > War

ative >

Theater > Christ of

Little Rock's Best...All Around Town



Patrick Sullenger

Susan Reynolds

Debbie Teague

Janet Jones

Shannon Treece

Casey Jones

Katherine Melhorn

Ferris Garrison

Kevin Newcomb

The best investment is – and always will be – Real Estate.
Call us for something you can live with.

THESE PEOPLE ARE GOOD.



The Janet Jones Company / REALTORS®

7915 Cantrell • Little Rock, AR 72227 • 501.224.3201 • janetjones.com

COVER
MICA STROTHER wearing a coral one-shoulder gown by
Carmen Marc Valvo, available at B. BARNETT.

hair and makeup CASSIE FRANCONI

photography JASON MASTERS

LITTLE ROCK soirée



EVERY MONTH

08 editor's LETTER

10 dear SOIRÉE

HUBBUB /necessary accessories

14 day bags & night clutches

17 flat out pretty shoes

18 spring sandals
nature-inspired wedges
and platforms

Spring for new
accessories!
pg. 14



PEOPLE

24 dedicated /CRANFORD
event benefits the living and the dead

28 style icon /RICHARDSON
the art of fashion

30 executive privilege /RATCLIFF
a man of fashion

120 day in little rock /CARTER
introductions all around

PROVISIONS

67 marketplace /GOOD EGGS
five local egg dishes, plus tips, tricks and tools

70 soirée recommends : dining guide

75 insiders /THE B-SIDE
serves up scrumptious breakfast and brunch

CULTURE

50 culture calendar

78 soirée datebook

81 soirée events

featuring
thirty three
events

COVER

MICA STROTHER

This busy mom/wife/cover girl is involved in the PTA at Forest Park Elementary, serves on the board of nonprofit childhood literacy organization Reach Out and Read and is the finance director for the Mike Beebe for Governor campaign. How does she do it all? In style, of course.

/20

soirée

SPRING FASHION

16 pages of fabulousness
a soirée special promotion

pg. 33



best pg. 57
residential real
estate agents

a soirée special promotion

33

The Tradition Grows



Now Open
in Little Rock
and Pine Bluff!

Sissy's Log Cabin

2319 Camden Rd • Pine Bluff • 870-879-3040
1825 N. Grant St • Little Rock • 501-663-0066
Next to Tipton & Hurst in Little Rock!
Toll Free: 1-888-879-3940

Three Day Turnaround on Jewelry Repair! • 60 Month Financing Available!

fashion ISSUES

Our annual Spring Fashion Issue is always an exciting time: a crazy, frenzied, whacky time, but in an organized way. I stay completely away from the process. My favorite time is when it is over and I get to hear the stories.

Amber Brewer, our Addy-award-winning art director, keeps up with everything fashion so it falls on her small shoulders to come up with an idea to show what Little Rock folks will want to wear. To get a feel for the theme, words are kicked about such as: bohemian, urban bohemian, flowing, natural, re-awakening, green, we need to eat. Wait, that last phrase always happens whenever we get together. In the end we'd call it a lone, mysterious gypsy camp.

A call went out via email and Facebook and Twitter and iPhone. We would need Little Rock's most fashion-forward advertisers, a vintage Airstream trailer, deer antlers, a rope swing, firewood, a field, an eight-foot Turkish bird cage, a vintage parasol (thanks to Grace Steuri, our first Soirée style icon), a 1970s wicker chair, Tibetan prayer flags, a hand-tooled leather bird mask, an RV to provide shelter for our model and entourage, and lastly, a pretty day.



Everything was found. Can you believe it? Well almost everything. The weathermen missed the mark. It was cloudy and chilly, with wind up to 20 miles per hour on our only day to shoot. Ah, well, when the going gets tough, you know. Our photographer, Jason Masters, and his assistant Zachariah Reeves, fashion stylist Somer Bunger, hair and makeup stylist Angela Alexander, associate editor Amanda Morgan and sales and marketing assistant Christy Kenady were on location at 7 a.m. with Amber and our sales manager, Ashley James (she tied the rope swing) and assistant sales manager Mandy Richardson.

There were 14 full-page shots to be taken in 10 hours. Oh, yeah! And one was a bikini shot. (Don't start flipping the pages now!)

Our people finished, on time. We thank the good folks of Scott, Ark., for their genuine hospitality. And no one reported sick the next day, which, by the way, was the most gorgeous day ever.

Dear readers, please "really" look at all the inspired details. You will be amazed.

This issue also offers you accessories from bags to clutches and sandals to flats in our hubbub section.

We have our regular features of notable people but with a little fashion twist. And our food section is fully loaded with interesting things.

Finally, we have 33 parties in this issue. That's 33! I know because I counted them. It's the most parties in an issue of Soirée ever. Ball after ball, gala after gala, enjoy them all.

Sincerely,

Becki Moore
Publisher and Editor, Soirée



LITTLE ROCK
soirée

little rock's premier city magazine

APRIL 2010 /VOL.09 NO.2

PUBLISHER AND EDITOR /BECKI MOORE
ART DIRECTOR /AMBER HATCHETT-BREWER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR /AMANDA MORGAN
SOIRÉE EVENTS ART DIRECTOR /IRENE FORBES
EVENT PHOTOGRAPHERS /MARK FRIEDMAN, AMANDA MORGAN

+ SALES & MARKETING

CONSUMER SALES MANAGER /ASHLEY JAMES
ASSISTANT SALES MANAGER /MANDY RICHARDSON
ACCOUNT EXECUTIVES /LUCI DEERE,
KATIE FORTENBERRY, AMY RICE
ADVERTISING COORDINATORS /BEKAH CARAWAY, KRISTEN
HELDENBRAND, ALISSA MATHEWS
SALES & MARKETING ASSISTANT /CHRISTY KENADY

+ DESIGN

PRODUCTION TRAFFIC MANAGER /AUDRA WALLACE
ADVERTISING ART DIRECTORS /RYAN BYRD, PAULA CIGAINERO
DIGITAL OPERATIONS SPECIALIST /REBEKAH EVELAND

+ CIRCULATION & RESEARCH

CIRCULATION MANAGER /DANA MEYER
CIRCULATION COORDINATOR /ERIC REECE
DATABASE ADMINISTRATORS /KELCIE HUFFSTICKLER,
RACHEL GRANT

+ ADMINISTRATION

ACCOUNTING MANAGER /HAL LAMMEY
ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT /KIM CLARK

+ ARKANSAS BUSINESS PUBLISHING GROUP

CHAIRMAN AND CEO /OLIVIA FARRELL
PRESIDENT AND PUBLISHER /JEFF HANKINS
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER /CHUCK BALLARD
CHIEF INFORMATION OFFICER /BRENT BIRCH
DIRECTOR OF MARKETING & CREATIVE SERVICES /JUSTIN MYERS



ARKANSAS BUSINESS  PUBLISHING GROUP

LITTLEROCKSOIREE.COM

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE: \$29.95 PER YEAR IN
PULASKI COUNTY :: \$34.95 PER YEAR OUTSIDE OF PULASKI COUNTY.
POSTMASTER, SEND ADDRESS CHANGE TO ARKANSAS BUSINESS,
P.O. BOX 3686, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72203

SOIRÉE IS PUBLISHED MONTHLY BY ARKANSAS BUSINESS PUBLISHING
GROUP, 122 E. SECOND ST., LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201, P.O. BOX 3686, LITTLE
ROCK, AR 72203, PH: 501.372.1443, FAX: 501.375.7933.

LOOK WHO'S TALKING

FOLLOW US ON TWITTER, AND BECOME OUR FAN ON
FACEBOOK.



TWITTER :: LRsoirée



FACEBOOK :: Facebook.com/LittleRockSoirée

Associates Closing & Title Congratulates Little Rock's Top 45 Real Estate Agents



ASSOCIATES CLOSING & TITLE

STATEWIDE CLOSING THROUGHOUT ARKANSAS

LITTLE ROCK

1521 Merrill Drive, Suite A-150
Little Rock, AR 72211
Phone: (501) 223-0949
Fax: (501) 223-0944

NEWPORT

310 Front Street
Newport, AR 72112
Phone: (870) 523-6696
Fax: (870) 523-6744

FAYETTEVILLE

1882 North Starr Road
Fayetteville, AR 72701
Phone: (501) 223-0949
Fax: (501) 223-0944

Randy Bueter • rbueter@actitle.com • (501) 223-0949

Visit us online at www.actitle.com

/DEAR soirée

Wow! The March Soirée is not only beautiful, it tells the story of SPSF and its upcoming event beautifully! I can't tell you how thrilled our board of directors and I am to get this kind of coverage. Arkansas Business Publishing Group is such a great friend to this organization, and you've done so much to spread the news about Single Parent Scholarship Fund.

Thank you, thank you,
Ellen Ingram,
Executive Director,
Single Parent Scholarship Fund of Pulaski County

Don't know if you made it to the launch the other night at Dillard's, but I sent a shout out to say thanks for reaching out to me before people saw my promise! Muah!
Korto Momolu

Becki, many thanks for featuring me and my firm and our Take Time To Give Program in the February issue of Soirée. This program is an integral part of who we are at Mitchell Williams, and your coverage succinctly and attractively presented it to your readers. And, I feel that featuring it will help other business organizations understand how important it is to take care of and give back to their community. Amanda, thank you for making me look presentable, and Amber and Jason for making me look presentable. Your professionalism made this experience a most enjoyable one and I appreciate all the care you all took in the production of the article. Thanks again to all of you,
John Selig, Mitchell Williams Selig Gates & Woodyard

Happy 8th Birthday Soiree! Congratulations on these stellar years of covering not only the social events of the seasons but in including well-developed and in-depth articles on the many generous philanthropists and volunteers that support our state. Please accept my sincerest thanks for spotlighting Oscar Night America, benefitting The Wolfe Street Foundation. Here's wishing you continued success and best wishes to a spectacular periodical that celebrates the giving spirit of our beloved community.
-Kathy McBryde, Oscar Night America, 2010, Co-chair



It has been such a privilege to be a part of your publication this month.

When Dora Jane Flesher invited me to co-chair this year's "Day in the Life" event for Single Parent Scholarship Fund, our main goal was to introduce this wonderfully effective organization to the masses. Thanks to you, we accomplished that goal and so much more. I cannot say enough about the talented, creative team you have assembled at Soirée. Amber Brewer, Angela Alexander, and Jason Masters created such thought provoking, brilliant images for our article. Amanda Morgan did an amazing job of weaving my personal history into the story of Single Parent Scholarship Fund. They are all artists. I feel so fortunate to have been able to work with them. Thanks to all of you for shining the spotlight on our mission to help mothers and fathers bring their children out of poverty.

All the best,

Joan Early Strauss

1 | SCOTT ROWLAND of Fabulous Finds Antiques, helped us secure tons of great pieces from the store to use as props in our fashion section. Everything except the wicker chair and the bird mask can be found at Fabulous Finds, where Rowland has a booth of his own. He first worked at Fabulous Finds 15 years ago on Merrill Drive, then he moved to Florida for eight years and now he's back to be near family. We're sure glad he is!



2 | MARY M. ROBERTS, Director for the Rockefeller Early Childhood Program in the Little Rock School District, loaned us the wicker chair and Tibetan prayer flags we used in our spring

fashion section, and we can't thank her enough. We were searching for that exact chair and happened to drive by her house and spot it on the front porch. We left a note on her door, and without hesitation, she let us borrow the chair and flags. Talk about southern hospitality!



3 | MALINDA and ZACH FOLKERS of Leslie designed and crafted the leather bird mask featured on our fashion section opener. Second generation Arkansas Craft Guild members, Zach is the artist and Malinda is the craftsman. We

first met them at the Arkansas Craft Guild show and were enamored with their intricately detailed leather pieces. We knew at some point in the near future our paths would cross again. Their email is cherrystreetleather@yahoo.com.



4 | DAVID HOUSER, deputy at Lonoke County Sheriff's Office, gave us permission to use a plot of land in Scott as a location for our fashion shoot when we couldn't track down the owners. A native of Lonoke,

he has been a deputy for five years and loves the gratification he gets from helping at least one person every month. He's an avid hunter and fisherman, and in Lonoke County, he doesn't lack for places to indulge his hobbies.



5 | MARK CARTER, author of this month's Day in Little Rock, is assistant Internet editor for Arkansas Business Publishing Group and a reluctant graduate of the Little Rock Junior Cotillion program. He

hasn't danced since. His Innovate column appears monthly in Arkansas Business, and he writes for the INOV8 blog at InnovateArkansas.org and the Work Blog at InArkansas.com



6 | JASON MASTERS has been photographing Soirée for more than three years now, and he never ceases to amaze us with his talent. In addition to taking photos of our cover subject and all of our inside profiles, this month Masters also shot our entire fashion section

on a blustery day in Scott, Ark. He is solely responsible for recovering the art director's iPhone from said field several times that day.



7 | SOMER BUNGER, A Pittsburgh native and a one-time Soirée account executive, holds a degree in fashion merchandising management from F.I.T. and has worked in fashion merchandising and visual display. Lucky for us, she agreed to help us dress and

style our model for the spring fashion shoot this month. She has a real knack for pairing great accessories with fabulous clothes.



8 | ANGELA ALEXANDER perfected the hair and makeup for our fashion photo shoot this month. The mother of 21-month-old daughter, Violet, Alexander is expecting her second daughter in June. She has been doing hair and makeup for five years

and claims that her favorite part is the diversity. "Every face is different, every photo shoot different."



9 | OREO the rabbit made a guest appearance in our Style Icon photo shoot (pg. 28) with Jamie Richardson. The pet of Mrs. Faulk's fourth grade class at Little Rock Christian Academy, Oreo is a 15-year-old, completely docile, cuddly

bunny, who we wanted desperately to take home. He is fully potty trained and loves to hop around the house. Each summer, students sign up to care for him when school is out. Where do we sign up?

✎ CORRECTIONS:

Whoops! In our March issue on page 6, we mistakenly identified the necklace worn by Joan Early on the cover as a Tia Mia necklace. It is actually a Claudia Lobão necklace, available at Barbara/Jean.

LIFE HAS
ITS MOMENTS...



Happy Mother's Day

...MAKE THEM
UNFORGETTABLE

PANDORA™

UNFORGETTABLE MOMENTS

PANDORA STORE
COMING SOON TO
PARK PLAZA MALL
UPPER LEVEL

U.S. Pat. No. 7,007,507 • Copyright • All rights reserved • PANDORA-JEWELRY.com



Corey Bryant
Private Client Group

*An entire bank now available
in a single employee.*



Centennial Bank offers the comprehensive services you need such as financial planning, mortgages and loans, both business and personal, through one convenient source. At Centennial, we offer private bankers as your gateway to the entire bank. Discover the easiest way to manage your finances when you choose the private banking team at Centennial Bank. Learn more at **my100bank.com** or call **888-372-9788** today.

Ramy Zimmerebner
Private Client Group



Chris Johnson
VP- Commercial Lending



Cissy Teague
Private Client Group



Russ Martin
VP - Commercial Lending



Anthony Fletcher, M.D.
Georgetown University

Fred Meadors, M.D.
Baylor College of Medicine

Carlos Roman, M.D.
Tulane University

Kathleen Sitarik, M.D.
Duke University

Ali Krisht, M.D.
Emory University

Lowry Barnes, M.D.
Harvard



QUALITY PHYSICIANS HELP MAKE A QUALITY HOSPITAL

You can tell a great deal about a hospital by the physicians who choose to practice medicine there. The superior quality, extensive training and outstanding reputation of the physicians who practice *here* is yet another reason you should choose St. Vincent.

 CATHOLIC HEALTH
INITIATIVES

St. Vincent

Inspired.

StVincentHealth.com

D B

DAY BAGS

Trade in your basic black for roomy, versatile
bags in earth tones and shades of white.



FURLA WHITE PYTHON ZIP-TOP SHOULDER BAG

//B. Barnett, 8201 Cantrell Road, 223-2514, BBarnett.com

photography// C. WAYNETTE TRAUB



**BADGLEY MISCHKA TEXTURED CAROLINA BAG
WITH GOLD METAL ACCENTS**
//Dillard's Park Plaza, 6000 W. Markham, 661-0053



MICHAEL KORS VANILLA LEATHER TOTE
//Dillard's Park Plaza



**JIMMY CHOO NUDE PYTHON-TRIM
SUEDE SHOULDER BAG**
//B. Barnett



**PINK STUDIO CANVAS AND LINEN
SATCHEL & SHOULDER BAG**
//Box Turtle, 2616 Kavanaugh Blvd.,
661-1167, ShopBoxTurtle.com



**BIG BUDDHA
WHITE ROSE HANDBAG**
//Warren's Shoes, 11525 Cantrell Road, Pleasant Ridge Town
Center, 225-3515



**BE & D WHITE CROCODILE PRINTED
STITCHED-EDGE HANDBAG**
//Barbara/Jean, 7811 Cantrell Road,
227-0054, BarbaraJean.com



**CREAM-COLORED HANDBAG WITH BRAIDED HANDLE
AND METALLIC STUD ACCENTS**
//Moda, 11525 Cantrell Road, Pleasant Ridge Town Center, 227-8844



**ASHARD RICHLEY BEIGE RUFFLE-FRONT,
STUDDED BAG**
//Faux Pas, 5815 Kavanaugh Blvd., 716-2548, FauxPasJewelry.com



**HIGH FASHION RUFFLE HANDBAG
WITH PATENT TRIM**
//Moda



CLARA KASAVINA HANDMADE
GOLDEN LEATHER, SNAKESKIN
AND JEWEL CLUTCH
//Barbara/Jean

CLUTCHES

FRESH-PICKED

carry these delicately detailed clutches to
all of spring's evening events.



LANVIN SATIN POMPON CLUTCH IN VERT
//B. Barnett



TRE VERO ANACONDA & OSTRICH
CLUTCH IN PLATINO
//Dillard's Park Plaza



CHRISTIAN AUDIGIER CLUTCH
WITH ZIPPER DETAIL IN BLUSH
//Dillard's Park Plaza



HOBO INTERNATIONAL
EXOTIC BRIGHT LAUREN CLUTCH
//Box Turtle



MOYNA YELLOW HAND-EMBROIDERED
FLORAL CLUTCH
//Vesta's, 11525 Cantrell Road, Pleasant Ridge Town Center, 375-7820



COLE HAAN BAILEY FOLDOVER POUCH
WITH RUCHED IVORY LEATHER
//Dillard's Park Plaza

flats

STEP OUT IN THESE FLAT-OUT PRETTY SPRING SHOES. ⇨ *listed clockwise from top*

- 1 | BCBG GENERATION SNAKESKIN BEAUMONT FLATS ⇨ Dillard's Park Plaza
- 2 | SAM EDELMAN NATURAL CORK AND GOLD STUDDED DIVE FLATS
⇨ Companions, 14810 Cantrell Road, 868-8484, CompanionsBoutique.com
- 3 | REPORT PINK RUFFLE FLATS ⇨ DSW Shoe Warehouse,
17721 Chenal Parkway, 821-5368, Dsw.com
- 4 | TORY BURCH BROWN STUDDED COCONUT FLATS ⇨ Barbara/Jean
- 5 | CINDY SAYS BROWN AND BLUE POLKA DOTS CHLOE FLATS ⇨ Solemates,
11525 Cantrell Road, Pleasant Ridge Town Center, 716-2960
- 6 | ROCKET DOG THAI SILK DRIZZLE FLATS IN PEWTER ⇨ DSW
- 7 | TOMS PURPLE TANGIER FLATS ⇨ Warren's Shoes
- 8 | GIANNI BINI YELLOW LEATHER FENIX FLATS ⇨ Dillard's Park Plaza
- 9 | TARVIN ROSE BLACK BABE FLATS ⇨ Dillard's Park Plaza
- 10 | LANVIN SALMON EMBROIDERED BALLERINA ⇨ B. Barnett

H

hubbub :: spring day

april 2010

SANDALS

JUTE, HEMP, CANVAS AND LINEN
natural elements take spring
sandals to new heights

THIS

PHOTOGRAPHY ♦♦ C. Waynette Traub



1



2



3



4



5

NEED A LIFT ?

Turn spring up a notch with well-heeled, nature-inspired sandals.

LEFT: APEPAZZA STITCHED ROPE PYTHON WEDGE
WITH ANKLE STRAP ↔ Warren's Shoes

1. BURBERRY CRISS-CROSS ROPE WEDGE ↔ Barbara/Jean
2. CALVIN KLEIN EMALYNN SANDAL IN IVORY AND SILVER ↔
Dillard's Park Plaza 3. PINK STUDIO BEIGE CANVAS EL DORA
LOW WEDGES ↔ Box Turtle 4. ANN MARINO KHAKI NOBLE
PLATFORM ↔ DSW 5. LUCKY BRAND GUNMETAL BOMARZO
WEDGE ↔ Dillard's Park Plaza 6. OLIVIA ROSE TAL BRONZE
AND OLIVE BURLAP JEWELLED PLATFORM ↔ Solemates
7. TWO LIPS BROWN MONTE CARLO ROPE WEDGE ↔ DSW
8. APEPAZZA YELLOW LEATHER AMBRA WEDGE
WITH STONE DETAIL ↔ B. Barnett



6



7



8

right MICA STROTHER
photography JASON MASTERS
hair & makeup CASSIE FRANCONI

MICA

Busy mom, volunteer and businesswoman makes promoting children's literacy a priority

by Becki Moore



My father always told my sisters and me that we could pursue any educational degree we wanted, the choice was entirely ours, so long as we ended up with a doctorate," Mica Strother said in a recent interview. She was born in Little Rock and raised in Mountain Home.

"I have two wonderful parents, Lane and Judy Strother, both of whom are practicing attorneys in Mountain Home. I have two sisters, Jodi Strother, an attorney in Mountain Home, and Megan Strother, a neuro-radiologist at Vanderbilt Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn.," she said. "I kept my maiden name when I married—my sisters did as well. My parents raised us to be feminists!"

She graduated in 1994 from Ouachita Baptist University with a bachelor's degree in history. In 1999 she graduated from UALR William H. Bowen School of Law with a Juris Doctorate.

Since graduating from college in 1994, she worked in some aspect of politics, law, or government.

"When I got out of college with my history degree and no teaching hours, I found that there weren't a lot of employers looking for history buffs! I started volunteering on Jim Guy Tucker's campaign for Governor and caught the political bug. I worked for him until 1996 when I went to law school," she said.

It was during those years working for Governor Tucker that she got to know Mike Beebe and Morrill Harriman. "Both were state senators at the time and both are now my bosses – Morrill is the chief of staff at the Governor's office."

She is currently the finance director for the Mike Beebe for Governor campaign, where she is directing the fundraising operation for his re-election, on leave of absence from the Governor's office, where she worked for the past three years as Director of Appointments to Boards and Commissions. She has worked for Mike Beebe since 2002 when he ran for Attorney General and she was a consultant on his campaign. From there she went with him to the Attorney General's office, then to his campaign for Governor and to the Governor's Office.

"I love getting to know and work with people all across the state," she said. "Because of my years working with Governor Beebe, there isn't a county in Arkansas where I don't know someone I could call for help if I had a flat on the side of

continued on page 22

m. strother FASHION FILE

› **When and how did you become interested in fashion? I have always loved clothes and fashion!**

I can remember as far back as the third grade being upset because my mom wouldn't buy me a crayon belt – these were belts in all colors that had a buckle that looked like a crayon. They were the fad among my friends! I think they cost around \$5 at the time and my mother told me we couldn't afford it. Not understanding budgeting, I thought we literally didn't have \$5. When I was in the sixth grade, my parents implemented a 'clothing budget' for my sisters and me. It started in August of each year and went for a full year. We were each given a certain amount of money to spend on our wardrobe. Everything we bought – from shoes and socks to coats and dresses – had to come out of that amount and was recorded in a ledger book. If we ran out of money in the first six months we were just out of luck for any more new clothes that year. But if we had money left over at the end of the following July, my parents would write us a check. There wasn't one year that I had money left over! But it taught me to plan carefully and buy the things that I loved.

› **Where's your favorite place in Little Rock to shop for clothes and accessories? I shop everywhere.**

Little Rock has some wonderful boutiques for clothes, shoes, and accessories, but I also love Dillard's, Banana Republic and other chain stores.

› *...continued on page 23*

WEARING: *Strother is wearing a Prophetik dress from the Elephant Collection, a series of garments made from hemp, silk, organic cotton and other earth-friendly fabrics that have been painted by elephants in Thailand. The dresses have been painted in collaboration with the Asian Elephant Art Conservation Project (AEACP), which helps to raise funds for an elephant sanctuary in Thailand. The dresses are available at Minx Boutique in Hillcrest.*



continued from page 20

the road! Arkansas is full of so many wonderful people.”

Uucky for Strother, her husband, Greg Hale, understands her busy days. He is a political consultant with the Markham Group in Little Rock and runs a cattle farm in Sevier County, where he was raised. He has worked on four presidential campaigns and multiple campaigns in foreign countries, but he enjoys most the time spent on the back of his horse in DeQueen.

Strother has a son, Eli, almost eight-years-old, who attends second grade at Forest Park Elementary.

“My days are busy,” she says. “I work, I hang out with my husband and son, I exercise, I’m involved with my church... and when I run out of something to do, I start a new project around the house. I’m

fortunate to begin and end each day with the ones I love the most in the world – my family!”

It is no surprise that Strother is involved with her son’s school and is also serving on the board of Reach Out and Read, a non-profit that focuses on childhood literacy.

“The unique thing about ROR is that books are distributed to children, from ages six months to five years, at their pediatric check-ups. Parents trust pediatricians, and the gift of a book by their pediatrician allows them an opportunity to talk about the importance of reading with their child!”

“Early exposure to reading for children is critical. Reading provides such a wonderful opportunity to spend time with your child. Every night I put Eli to bed we read together. I have books memorized because we read them over and over again so many times. Now we read chapter books together. Eli is such a great reader now... but still he loves for me to read to him. He and I both love the time we spend together engrossed in books,” she said.

A great way for people to get involved is through hosting Book Bashes in their homes, according to Strother. At Book Bashes people are asked to bring board books and donations to buy books.

“A DONATION OF \$40 CAN PROVIDE A FULL SET OF BOOKS FOR A CHILD FROM BIRTH THROUGH AGE FIVE AT ALL OF THEIR WELL-CHILD CHECK UPS! IT’S A FUN AND EASY WAY TO HELP THE ORGANIZATION,” SHE SAID.



For more information on Reach Out and Read, or to find out how you can get involved, call 226-9444, or visit ReachOutandReadArkansas.org.



Christina Muñoz



Korto Momolu



P. Allen Smith



Mike Huckabee

Who would you like to be?

Join us for one night to bid on

A Day in the Life

And support a lifetime of better days for single parents and their families.

Thursday, April 8, 6:30 pm
Lafayette Building
(6th & Louisiana)

Tickets: \$50
For information call
501.301.7774

Whatever life you've dreamed of living, you can spend time with someone who actually lives that dream everyday. Unique auction items offer time with celebrities, including those pictured above, and fascinating professionals – including flight instruction with a licensed pilot, cooking with top local chefs – and so much more.

Benefiting the



SPONSORED BY:

ARKANSAS BUSINESS

Flesher Family Foundation



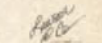
windstream

Mary & Jim Wohlleb

soirée



Carol & Witt Stephens



Joan & Noel Strauss



FABULOUS FOOD & COCKTAILS:

Glazer's

Mimi's Cafe

M. STROTHER FASHION FILE

› CONTINUED FROM PG.20

› What's your favorite thing to wear?

I dress up every day for work, and I really like being dressed up and feeling really pulled together. But I also love wearing jeans, boots, and a great top or jacket. I'm a huge fan of boots!

› How would you describe your style?

Eclectic. I like a lot of different styles and looks.

› What are some of your rules to dress by?

Two rules: 1. "Just because it's stylish doesn't mean you should wear it if it doesn't look good on you." This was my mother's constant advice to us growing up as we dared to wear something we deemed 'stylish' that probably didn't suit us.

2. "If you wore it the first time it was in fashion, chances are you're too old to wear it the next time it becomes fashionable."

I have a story about that second one. One time when my son was four, we were at Target

and I picked up a t-shirt that I thought was fun and stylish. Because Eli was shopping with me I asked him if he thought I should buy it. He flatly said, 'no.' He was only four, so I was curious why he had such a strong opinion. I pressed him a little as to why he said 'no.' He hesitated on his answer and then finally after some pushing, said, 'Mom, I think that t-shirt is probably for a teenager.' I laughed, of course, after realizing he was probably right and I was probably too old to try to wear that shirt! 'Out of the mouths of babes,' they say.

› Do you have a memorable outfit from your childhood, your teenage years?

Honestly, I can remember outfits and accessories from all ages. But I think if I had to pick a couple of true favorites from my teenage years (20+ years ago) I would pinpoint a pink madras plaid dress that had a matching bow (that really dates it doesn't it) and the other was a red and white striped mini skirt and halter top. Both were outfits that my mother made for me. I have to admit they both sound ridiculous now, but I loved them at the time!

› What's one thing every woman should have in her wardrobe?

Every woman needs a pair of jeans they feel really good wearing.

› Heels or flats?

Definitely heels. I've worn flats to the office before and jokingly been asked if I wasn't feeling well.

› What is the one fashion trend you hope to never see again?

Large shoulder pads.

› Complete this sentence. "I will never wear...."

White shoes before Easter or after Labor Day. I've read articles about how it's now completely acceptable to wear white during these times, but I just can't do it. I think it's the southern girl in me.

› If you had to wear one thing for the rest of your life, what would it be?

Jeans, boots, and a great top.

› What products can't you live without?

My Chi – I use it to both to straighten and curl my hair and think it's essential! But also I have to have lipstick in multiple shades. Once I was cleaning out my desk, and in my middle desk drawer I found 17 tubes of lipstick and lip gloss!

› What's in your bag?

Multiple shades of lipstick, gum, my Blackberry, sunglasses, and a credit card or two. ©



LOSE
20-30-40
POUNDS OR MORE

INTRODUCING **ALL NEW**

DIET FAST

WEIGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Lose Weight Like Never Before at Diet Center





CALL NOW!
501.663.9482

HIGH SPIRITS

*Cranford helps raise funds to
"care for and beautify" Mount Holly Cemetery*

Some may think it strange and a bit morbid to picnic in a cemetery, but to Frances Cranford and many other locals, it's anything but weird. The Pine Bluff native, former Miss Arkansas and future resident of Mount Holly, has served on the board of the Mount Holly Cemetery Association for eight years, and is committed to maintaining one of Little Rock's greatest treasures and the final resting place of numerous Arkansas notables.

Built in 1843 from land donated by Roswell Beebe and Senator Chester Ashley, Mount Holly Cemetery is the second oldest in the state and is on the National Register of Historic Places. It spans a four-square-block space between 11th and 13th and from Broadway to Gaines.

According to The Encyclopedia of Arkansas, there are 11 state governors interred there, 13 state Supreme Court justices, four Confederate generals, four United States senators and 21 Little Rock mayors, as well as doctors, attorneys, prominent families and military heroes, like venerated David O. Dodd, a 17-year-old boy executed for being a "Confederate spy," and often referred to as the "Boy Martyr of the Confederacy."

Just like any antiquated structure of its size, Mount Holly Cemetery needs constant care and maintenance. That's where Cranford and the MHCA step in.

Cranford says the ladies' Mount Holly Cemetery Association was incorporated in July 1915 to clean and preserve the grounds of Mount Holly. "They had dead trees removed, driveways cleared, unsightly vines removed from the

fence and markers straightened. Their stated goal—to 'care for and beautify' Mount Holly—has been consistently met."

But Cranford says maintaining the cemetery is a difficult and costly task, especially since it's on the National Register of Historic Places and must follow strict preservation standards. "All of the walls need repair, and now the one on Broadway is crumbling due to the snow and ice," she said. "There's always something that needs attention, from trees being damaged by storms to just the daily maintenance of the grounds. Therefore, one of our jobs is to raise money."

The association's primary fundraiser is its annual picnic, which is now in its sixth year. The theme of the picnic is "Restore in Perpetuity" and will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 25, on the cemetery grounds. Tickets are \$75 per person, and the festivities will include cemetery tours, boxed suppers, musical entertainment and a silent auction. Attendees can sip on wine and Mount Holly spritzer, a refreshing mixture of wine, lemonade and fresh mint.

continued on page 27



From **"Recipes in Perpetuity"** as told by Frances Cranford
Dr. Isaac Folsom

Dr. Folsom was a doctor in Lonoke who was instrumental in starting the medical school and the first public clinic in Little Rock. He and Mrs. Folsom had no children, but he loved kids and equipped his office with a pet monkey, a trick dog and a parrot to entertain his young patients. When he died in 1892, he left \$20,000 to the medical school with the provision that his name appears on all the diplomas. This amount doesn't sound like much now, but it was a fortune in the early 1890s; and his wish was granted. His name still appears on the diplomas in very small letters. Folsom died in 1892 in Lonoke and is buried at Mount Holly in his private mausoleum, made of 'buttered brick.' During prohibition, the mausoleum was used as a drop-off for bootleg whiskey.

right FRANCES CRANFORD
photographed at Mount Holly Cemetery.
photography JASON MASTERS

WEARING:

wearing a Teri Jon
celadon and silk taffeta
shawl-collar dress
with an empire waist,
jeweled buckle and
full skirt, available at
Feinstein's.





11 STATE GOVERNORS

13 state Supreme Court justices

4 CONFEDERATE GENERALS

4 United

21 LITTLE ROCK MAYORS,

as well as doctors, attorneys, military

HEROES and some of Arkansas' most PROMINENT families are

interred AT MOUNT HOLLY.

Notable headstones and monuments at Mount Holly Cemetery

1. David O. Dodd's gravesite
2. Detail of plaque honoring Dodd's heroism
3. The Sexton's house
4. The graves of two sisters, the headstones of which were made in Europe
5. This headless bust, dated before 79 A.D., is a Roman torso from the collection of Moise B. Seligman III, and it tops his marker. According to Cranford, it is the oldest monument in the cemetery.
6. 17-foot granite monument erected by The Masonic Lodge to honor William Gilchrist, the first Grand Master of Masons in Arkansas
7. (pg. 27) The Worthen's plot. "The Worthen name is, of course, well-known in Arkansas because Worthens have been prominent in city, state and national banking circles for three generations," said Cranford.

Cemetery Hours: Spring/Summer: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fall/Winter: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

RESTORE

in perpetuity

Mount Holly Cemetery Picnic

WHEN/ 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 25

WHERE/ Mount Holly Cemetery,
1200 Broadway

TICKETS/ \$75 per person

INFO/ Kay Tatum, 375-5197



continued from page 24

MHCA also plans to unveil their new cookbook, “Recipes in Perpetuity,” a project three years in the making which will include recipes as well as stories of some of the cemetery’s most notable residents (see pg. 24). “We thought about “Recipes to Die For,” said Cranford, “but then one of our board members visited a cemetery in Lynchburg, Va., that had already done that. Because our picnic is ‘Restore in Perpetuity,’ I thought our cookbook should keep the R.I.P. and be ‘Recipes in Perpetuity.’ The subtitle is: ‘Timeless Tastes and Tales of Residents and Future Residents of Mount Holly.’” In addition, DVDs of the documentary “A Guided Tour of Mount Holly Cemetery,” featuring Mary Worthen, the late Peg Smith and Tammie Dillon, and filmed by one of Cranford’s sons, Chris, will be for sale.

For more information about the upcoming picnic or cookbook, contact Kay Tatum, 375-5197.

And for those interested in interment at Mount Holly, Cranford says there are spaces available in the new garden columbarium the association installed by the fountain. ☺

WHEN CAN I FERTILIZE MY AZALEAS? 🐦 HOW MUCH SOIL DO I TREAT FOR GRUBS? 🐦 WHEN CAN I TRANSPLANT MY MOTHERS? 🐦 IT'S GOING TO TAKE THAT MUCH PEA GRAVEL? 🐦 SERIOUSLY? 🐦 HYDRANGEA TO BLOOM MORE? 🐦 WHY DO THE LEAVES OF SOD SHOULD I USE? 🐦 I PLANT THE BULBS EVERY YEAR BUT 🐦 MY IMPATIENS ARE MAKING ME IMPATIENT! 🐦 WHEN DO POND GREEN? 🐦 MY FERNS LOOK LIKE THEY WENT THROUGH SPOT WHERE NOTHING GROWS? 🐦 MY HUSBAND THINKS ...



You have questions.
We have the answers!

THEGOODEARTHGARDEN.COM * 15601 CANTRELL RD. LITTLE ROCK * 501-868-4666

Need to rebuild your retirement?



We Can Help.

Our specialists are ready to work with you to create a custom plan based on your retirement goals. And, it doesn't stop there. At Arvest, we continue to monitor your plan, so when your needs – and the markets – change, you're prepared.

Visit arvest.com/retirement or stop by your local branch and let us help you rebuild your retirement.

ARVEST
Asset Management
Member FINRA/SIPC
Working in your best interest.™

Brokerage services provided by Arvest Asset Management, member FINRA/SIPC and a subsidiary of Arvest Bank. Insurance, mutual funds, annuities and other investment products are:

NOT FDIC INSURED MAY LOSE VALUE NO BANK GUARANTEE

the ART of FASHION

Prolific and talented sisters-in-law pursue their vision

For Jamie Richardson and Kathryn Richardson, owners of Ember Boutique in the Heights, fashion is about more than just wearing and selling what's "in style;" it's about offering unique clothes that are soft and feminine, and oftentimes, handmade by them. "I think personal style should be as intuitive as possible and you should wear things because they make you feel a certain way, or act as a means for self expression," said Jamie. "I think most fashion crimes are the ones that are never attempted."

Their love of fashion isn't the only common thread they share. They're also sisters-in-law; Jamie is married to Adam Richardson, and Kathryn is married to Adam's younger brother, Cullen Richardson.

Each of the women has richly woven histories in fashion. Jamie, an El Dorado native, majored in fashion merchandising at Harding and finished her certification in fashion design with an emphasis in fashion illustration in Santa Fe. Immediately after college she began working in product development for Dillard's and later in boutique sales at Elle Ladies' Apparel and others.

Kathryn, who was born and raised in Pittsburgh, interned with Mimi Maternity in Philadelphia during college. After graduation, she accepted a position as assistant boys designer at Dillard's, Inc., before moving to Hong Kong where she says she was constantly inspired by the culture and shopping.

"The short version of the story is that Kathryn and I wanted to make a living doing what we loved," said Jamie. "We knew we had the ability and opportunity, and together we had the confidence to take a chance. We had both been creating and selling our designs at a local boutique, but wanted to maximize our production and profits."

In late 2008 their dreams came to fruition when Kathryn purchased several suitcase loads of fashion-forward clothes from Hong Kong and Jamie got a deal on an office space in west Little Rock. "We planned on setting up a modest showroom with our styles (which we constructed on-site), selling Kathryn's Hong

Kong pieces, and maybe carrying some affordable and casual styles purchased on the occasional market trip."

"Kathryn and I had several areas of focus when we opened: handmade goods, organic/green wearable products, and affordable prices," said Jamie. "We were blown away with the response towards our prices. Therefore it became our primary focus. Obviously, moving to the Heights was the best decision we've made. An unbeatable location combined with our pricing strategy (nothing over \$75 now) allows us to keep a fresh sales floor with new shipments arriving twice a week and an almost complete inventory turnover occurring monthly."

And Jamie and Kathryn (who has recently moved to Washington, D.C., but is still very much involved with Ember) maintain a section of their store devoted to their handmade items. "Most of the handmade items are very simple silhouettes with a twist, i.e. appliqué, ruffles or hand-painted accents," said Jamie. "We have to walk a fine line of indulging our creative whims and converting an item into a quick sell."





ember
represents the vision of everything that one
hopes for oneself and doing whatever it takes to
nurture that vision and keep it glowing.

Behind the Seams with
sisters-in-law
**Jamie and
Kathryn
Richardson**

WEARING: Jamie Richardson is wearing a handmade charmeuse print skirt with hand-painted wooden bead necklaces, a handmade necklace of vintage brooches and earrings and a handmade and hand-painted hairpiece with grosgrain ribbon and lace roses, all available at Ember.

above JAMIE RICHARDSON
photography JASON MASTERS

› **SÉ: Defining moments?**

JR: I had a portfolio (manila folder stapled around the edges with custom-made paper dolls and dresses) by age 6 or 7. My Aunt Ann is an arts and crafts master and sat beside me in her studio from a very early age and gave me projects. She made me feel very important and talented, and a little of that goes a long way for a small girl.

KR: I first started sewing because my mom is an avid quilter. She taught me how to sew, and I was always making clothes for myself. In high school I wrote a business plan for a boutique in a marketing class and after interviewing the owner of one of my favorite boutiques, found buying and selling really appealing. I really fell in love with fashion design when my academics became hands-on in clothing construction.

› **SÉ: What is the one accessory you must have?**

JR: Boots can cure a world of hurt.

KR: A chunky chain-linked necklace goes with every outfit, dressy or casual

› **SÉ: Complete this sentence. I will never wear....**

JR: A bodysuit. You know, onesies for adults. They're out there again, thanks to American Apparel.

KR: A sheer blouse that shows my bra.

› **SÉ: What's in your bag?**

JR: Hmmm... vitamins, tunes, books, my lunch, lots of lip gloss, various shopping lists on the backs of old receipts, business cards, my planner—Did I mention I like oversized bags?

KR: Day planner, five different lip glosses, headband, two hairclips, at least one pair of earrings—always have backup accessories. ©



› **So tell us a little about yourself...where you're from, how you got here?** **I was born and raised in Starkville, Miss.,** where my father was a college professor, my mother a housewife. I have one brother, Rodney, who lives in Tulsa. In conjunction with my father's work, we moved to Little Rock when I was 17, and I graduated from Central and attended UALR.

› **So you graduated and then?** **Later I joined the Marine Corps Reserves,** and thereafter I went to work for a local clothier called Lou Hoffman's in the Heights where I stayed for seven years. I was subsequently solicited by a fledgling men's store called Bauman's, which at that time was located in downtown Little Rock.

› **From fatigues to fashion? How'd that happen?** **My interest in fashion probably began with my mother,** who was intent on dressing my brother and I in 'starched and pressed' pants and shirts, some of which she made herself. She herself has always loved fashionable clothing, and I suppose it was just in my blood.

› **And it shows – that's a sharp suit. How would you describe your taste?** **The gray flannel suit** – I have several – is my basic go-to attire. As far as my overall taste I would say it could be called classic; basic colors with a splash of color in my accessories.

› **Any accessories that are staples for you?** **I wear a Patek Philippe watch** and carry a wallet in my coat.

› **From who do you take your fashion cues?** **Luciano Barbera.**

› **Hmm...an Italian aristocrat. Do you own any clothes you can relax in?** **Yes, I do dress casually** on weekends – usually golf clothes or a comfortable pair of jeans.

› **What's in for spring in men's fashion?** **Spring fashion** will bring lighter, cooler fabrics and softer colors.

› **Pastels? That's a little something different for men's fashion.** **Men's fashion has changed quite a bit** in the years I have been in the business. Color is more prevalent, and men who dress are more conscious of new styles. The most important piece of apparel every man should have in his closet is a well-fitting dark suit. It will take him anywhere.

› **What's your favorite thing to wear?** **Anything** that is made from high quality, luxurious fabrics.

› **Little Rock's style-conscious men are better off because of you. You won't leave us hanging anytime soon, will you?** **I plan to stay** in this profession as long as I can do my job well and be effective, and hopefully will remain at Bauman's until its 100th year anniversary, in 2019. ©

SHARP DRESSED MAN

How Wayne Ratcliff is building on Bauman's stylish reputation

In the finicky world of fashion, popularity is fleeting. "One day you're in, and the next day you're out," as Heidi Klum, the supermodel host of Project Runway, likes to say. Remember when Jordache was in style? Iconic status is reserved for names that stick around, like Louis Vuitton, which was established in 1854.

Remarkable as Louis Vuitton's staying power has been, it's perhaps more noteworthy when a local retailer enjoys the same kind of duration, like Bauman's Men's Store has. Established by Simon Bauman in 1919, the upscale store has moved a few times throughout the years, but has always carried exclusive merchandise, even in difficult economic times.

Remaining relevant in men's fashion isn't easy though. Over the years, there were several changes in ownership, and in 1973, it was time for a reinvention. Wayne Ratcliff was perfect for the job, and in 1997, he became the sole owner – and a successful one at that. National men's publications, Esquire among them, have called the men's store one of the nation's best. So for our spring fashion issue, we just had to sit down and pick Ratcliff's brain.

WEARING: (foreground): Wayne Ratcliff is wearing a prince of wales plaid suit by Oxxford, a custom-made poplin striped shirt by Hamilton Shirts, a tie by Itllio and Ferretti glasses by Oliver Peoples. (background): Ratcliff is wearing summer poplin slacks by Hiltl, a sweater by Peter Millar, shirt by Robert Talbott and holding an umbrella by Italian company Lippencott, all available at Bauman's.

TACORI



MASTER  JEWELERS™

JONES & SON
Diamond & Bridal
Fine Jewelry

11121 RODNEY PARHAM
MARKET PLACE SHOPPING CENTER
Little Rock, AR 72212 (501) 224-3433
www.JonesandSon.com

18K
925

A woman with long blonde hair, wearing a mask with a long, thin, light-colored beak and dark eye cutouts, stands in a field of tall, dry, golden-brown grass. She is wearing a light-colored, ruffled, long-sleeved dress and tall, brown leather boots. To her right, there is a blue, ornate structure that looks like a small, stylized building or a piece of art with a pointed roof and a small window. The background is a soft, hazy landscape under a pale sky.

Dear Sarah

Do you remember when you fell

out of that window? The birds

are birding, the people are peo-

pling, the grass is grassing. It

is spring. We are awakened.

springTIME TO ROAM

SOIRÉE FASHION
spring 2010

photography, JASON MASTERS | art direction, AMBER BREWER

photography assistant, ZACHARIAH REEVES | hair & makeup, ANGELA ALEXANDER | stylist, SOMER BUNGER

project coordination, CHRISTY CROWLEY KENADY

A SOIRÉE SPECIAL PROMOTION



COMPANIONS

above: 7 FOR ALL MANKIND WHITE JEANS, MICHAEL STARS WHITE AND YELLOW TANK TOPS, PARAMETER ORANGE TUNIC
TOLANI COLLECTION SCARE, TURQUOISE TRINA TURK NECKLACE AND RING, RACHEL LEIGH BRACELET, HOOP EARRINGS, HOBO INTERNATIONAL BAG

right: 7 FOR ALL MANKIND DESTROYED SKINNY JEANS, IVY JANE EMBROIDERED LACE TUNIC
FRYE ANKLE BOOTS | TOLANI COLLECTION SCARE, BIG BUDDHA BAG, STONE AND GOLD-TONED ROSE BRACELETS AND NECKLACE, TURQUOISE EARRINGS





ROBERSON'S

above: GURHAN 24K YELLOW GOLD AND CHALCEDONY NECKLACES, RING AND EARRINGS, GURHAN 24K YELLOW GOLD BANGLES

right: JOHN HARDY SERPENT BRACELET, HOOP EARRINGS, NECKLACE AND RING





B. BARNETT

dress: PHILOSOPHY DI ALBERTA FERRETTI TURQUOISE CHIFFON BEADED-NECK GOWN
shoes: TAPEET BY VICINI ANKLE-WRAP SANDALS | *jewelry:* HEATHER BENJAMIN SILVER CUFF



BARBARA GRAVES

garments: VIX BARDOT RUFFLE BROWN LEOPARD BIKINI, DOWNEAST BASICS WHITE LONG-SLEEVED COVER UP



BARBARA JEAN

dress: CHRISTIAN SIRIANO SHIRTDRESS IN BLUSH | *shoes:* MARTINEZ VALERO CORONA SANDALS IN NUDE NAPPA
jewelry: AZAARA GOLD RING, CATHERINE WEITZMAN JELLYFISH NECKLACE, ALEXIS BITTAR BANGLES



BEYOND COTTON II

dress: TIBI NEW YORK | *sandals:* DOLCE VITA

jewelry: NECKLACE: JO & MATTIE, EARRINGS: DOUBLE HAPPINESS, CUFF: G.S. LILLIAN



BLACKBIRD

garments: YOUNG ESSENCE BEIGE POLKA DOT DRESS, HAZEL LACY DUSTER

jewelry: ROSE GOLD BRACELET AND BRUSHED GOLD FLOWER RING



FLETCHER SMITH'S JEWELERS / THE ROYAL WE

the royal we: PHOEBE CORAL STRAPLESS COCKTAIL DRESS

fletcher smith's jewelers: STEPHEN DWECK PEARL FLOWER RING, CLIP-ON EARRINGS, NECKLACE AND PEARL BRACELETS



JONES & SON FINE JEWELRY

above: FROM THE TACORI 18K 925 COLLECTION: 16,20 CARAT LEMON QUARTZ CUSHION-CUT RING, 18,50 CARAT PRASIOLITE AND SMOKY QUARTZ DROP EARRINGS, AND YELLOW GOLD LINK NECKLACE WITH 12,10 CARAT COGNAC QUARTZ CENTER ENHANCER



KRISTIN CHASE

garments: LUII RED, BELTED 3/4-LENGTH SLEEVED JACKET, CHRISTOPHER BLUE MATCHSTICK URBAN WHITE JEANS

accessories: ELAINE TURNER BAG, GOLD MEDALLION NECKLACE AND BRACELET



VESTA'S

dress: DOUBLE D RANCH DARJAH DRESS | *jewelry:* TURQUOISE BEADED NECKLACE/BRACELET



BOX TURTLE

PUT A LITTLE SPRING IN YOUR WARDROBE WITH THIS RED EMBELLISHED SKIRT, MICHAEL STARS TOP AND VINTAGE NECKLACE, PAIRED WITH FRYE BOOTS.
2616 kavanaugh blvd., 501.661.1167, m-f 10-6 & sat 10-5



CLINTON MUSEUM STORE

ONE OF LITTLE ROCK'S MOST CREATIVE PLACES TO SHOP, THE CLINTON MUSEUM STORE OFFERS A STUNNING SELECTION OF PINS STARTING AT UNDER \$10.
610 president clinton ave., 501.748.0400



FAUX PAS

MARY FRANCES BAGS ARE THE PERFECT ACCESSORY FOR ANY EVENT OR TO CARRY JUST FOR FUN, BE PREPARED TO BE THE CENTER OF ATTENTION!
11525 cantrell rd., ste 309, 501.716.2548, www.fauxpasjewelry.com



THE FULL MOON

BUCKHEAD BETTIES MARKET TOTE AND QUILTED GARMENT BAG, TRAVEL IN STYLE THIS SPRING WITH THIS CUTE TOTE AND HANGING CLOTHING BAG.
3625 kavanaugh blvd., 501.663.4367



NEW TRADITIONS

A SOPHISTICATED FRAGRANCE, JEAN BAPTISTE 1717 EVOKES THE SEDUCTIVE SOUL OF NEW ORLEANS.

1920 n. grant st., 501.663.2388



PK'S

THIS BRIGHT YELLOW CENTRAL PARK WEST JUMPER PAIRED WITH TURQUOISE LEJAE JEWELRY IS A PERFECT WAY TO BRIGHTEN UP YOUR SPRING WARDROBE.

830 front st., conway, 501.329.3722



page 34-35 COMPANIONS | 14810 CANTRELL RD, LITTLE ROCK, 501-868-8484 companionsboutique.com

page 36-37 ROBERSON'S FINE JEWELRY | 11525 CANTRELL RD., STE 703, IN PLEASANT RIDGE TOWN CENTER, LITTLE ROCK, 501-664-9000, robersonfinejewelry.com

page 38 B. BARNETT | 8201 CANTRELL RD., STE 280, AT PAVILION IN THE PARK, LITTLE ROCK, 501-223-2514, bbarnett.com

page 39 BARBARA GRAVES INTIMATE FASHIONS | 10301 RODNEY PARHAM RD, IN BRECKENRIDGE VILLAGE, LITTLE ROCK, 501-227-5537, barbaragraves.com

page 40 BARBARA/JEAN LTD. | 7811 CANTRELL RD., STE 1, LITTLE ROCK, 501-227-0054, barbarajeans.com

page 41 BEYOND COTTON II | 11525 CANTRELL RD., STE 904, IN PLEASANT RIDGE TOWN CENTER, LITTLE ROCK, 501-221-1539

page 42 BLACKBIRD CLOTHING | 1625 EAST BEEBE CAPPS, STE A, SEARCY, 501-268-3111

page 43 FLETCHER SMITH'S JEWELERS | 1115 OAK ST., CONWAY, 501-329-2842, fletcher-smith-jewelers.com

page 43 THE ROYAL WE | 920 LOCUST ST., STE 103, CONWAY, 877-303-1555, royal-we.com

page 44 JONES & SON FINE JEWELRY | 11121 RODNEY PARHAM RD., LITTLE ROCK, 501-224-3433, jonesandson.com

page 45 KRISTIN CHASE | 5008 KAVANAUGH BLVD., LITTLE ROCK, 501-663-1665

page 46 VESTA'S | 11525 CANTRELL RD., STE 610, IN PLEASANT RIDGE TOWN CENTER, LITTLE ROCK, 501-375-7820, vestasboutique.com



Doris Panos

Mother's Day Trunk Show
& Personal Appearance

Fri., April 30

Sat., May 1



Kenneth Edwards

fine jewelers

7811 Cantrell Road

Little Rock, AR

kennethedwards.net

501.312.7477

12/april

SPRING FORWARD

Spring has sprung, and the woodland critters aren't the only ones out and about. Philanthropic and cultural events are popping up everywhere this season, and Little Rockers are scurrying to and fro one event to the next. The Soirée staff is also scurrying about, and we've gathered a basketful of fun springtime to-dos to fill your calendar. In between this month's festivals, walks, auctions and galas, carve out some time to enjoy one of the city's celebrations, exhibitions, sales or luncheons. We've handpicked a dozen of our favorites so you don't have to do the hunting.

+Plus, check out InArkansas.com for even more springtime events.



1 mail call

UNPRIVATE MAIL: ARKANSAS POSTCARDS & CRYPTIC MESSAGES AT HISTORIC ARKANSAS MUSEUM

What/ An exhibition of more than 100 postcards from the first half of the 20th century, showcasing glimpses of familiar and unusual Arkansas sites and the writer's sometimes cryptic and cramped messages.

Why/ Permission to snoop. Need we say more?

When/ Thursday, April 1–Sunday, September 26

Where/ Historic Arkansas Museum, 200 East 3rd

Info/ 324-9351, HistoricArkansas.org

← postcard from Unprivate Mail; (right): St. Edward Catholic Church, Little Rock (1905)

2 art school

YOUNG ARKANSAS ARTISTS 49TH ANNUAL EXHIBITION

What/ This annual exhibition features art by Arkansas students from kindergarten through 12th grade, selected by members of the Arkansas Art Educators Association. Admission is free.

Why/ Help foster another generation of artists and art enthusiasts.

When/ Friday, April 9–Sunday, May 23

Where/ Arkansas Arts Center Community Gallery at the Terry House, 411 E. 7th Street

Info/ 372-4000, ArkArts.com

→ right :: 11" x 8.5" stick and ink drawing by Julian James, a third grader at Gibbs Magnet School of International Studies and Foreign Languages



HISTORY DOESN'T CHANGE, *BUT OUR EXHIBITS DO.*

“Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection”

February 15 – June 1, 2010

Features more than 200 pins, many of which became part of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright's personal diplomatic arsenal. The exhibit examines the expressive power of jewelry to communicate through a style and language of its own.



Photos by John Bigelow Taylor
Uncle Sam Top Hat, Triani (USA), circa 1940
Uncle Sam Eagle, Triani (USA), circa 1940

Enhance your visit!

For an in-depth tour of “Read My Pins”, take advantage of our special audio tour narrated by former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. With purchase of an audio tour, you will also receive a narration by President Clinton, who serves as your personal guide through the 20,000 square feet of exhibit space.



Photo by
Diana Walker



Read My Pins: The Madeleine Albright Collection has been organized by the Museum of Arts and Design. Generous support for this exhibition was provided by Bren Simon and for the exhibition book by St. John Knits.

Leadership in a Time of Crisis

March 1 – June 1, 2010



In partnership with the Oklahoma City National Memorial & Museum, the exhibit focuses on President Clinton's ability to lead the country in what was one of its darkest hours and helped rebuild a city that was torn apart by terrorism.



3 literally awesome

ARKANSAS LITERARY FESTIVAL COMES TO (DOWN)TOWN

This year marks the seventh annual Arkansas Literary Festival, and it is guaranteed by festival promoters to be a “stimulating mix of authors, panels, special events, performances, workshops and more.” Slated to begin on Thursday, April 8, and conclude on Sunday, April 11, ALF will be held on the Central Arkansas Library System’s Main campus and in multiple downtown venues, like the Historic Arkansas Museum, Clinton Presidential Center, Clinton School of Public Service, Arkansas Studies Institute and Mosaic Templars Cultural Center. More than 85 authors, presenters, illustrators and more are on board for this year’s event, and a number of special events, panels and workshops are scheduled.

Some of these include: ♦♦

♦♦ **Author! Author!**, an author meet-and-mingle party, sponsored by Little Rock Soirée, 7 p.m. Friday, April 9, Arkansas Studies Institute’s Concordia Hall. Tickets: \$15 per person and includes cocktails and hor d’oeuvres.

♦♦ **A Prized Evening:** The Porter and Worthen Literary Prizes event, 7 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Darragh Center at the Main Library, 100 Rock St. Tickets: Free to the public.

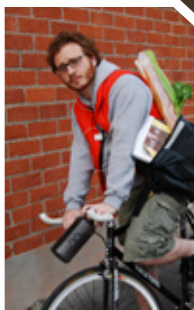
♦♦ **Arkansas and Oklahoma: Parallels in Racial Histories**, a panel mediated by Arkansas natives Hannibal Johnson and Grif Stockley, who delve into the complex and similar histories of Arkansas and Oklahoma. Johnson’s **Black Wall Street** and Stockley’s **Ruled by Race** will be explored. Panel sponsored by Mosaic Templars Cultural Center.

♦♦ **Oxford American Southern Food Issue panel:** New Orleans author Lolis Elie who wrote **Smokestack Lightning: Adventures in the Heart of Barbeque Country**; Brett Anderson, a restaurant writer and features writer at the New Orleans Times Picayune; and freelance writer and Arkansas Business reporter Sam Eifling, chat about the cuisine of the south and their work in the Oxford American’s food issue. Panel sponsored by the Oxford American and Historic Arkansas Museum.



♦♦ **Your First Time:** A panel led by first-time novelists Ben Farmer and Matt Baker, who penned **Evangeline**, inspired by Longfellow’s poem, and **Drag the Darkness Down**, compared to the work of Charles Portis and Donald Harington. Each author’s road to publication will be discussed.

For more information about this year’s festival and special events, panels or workshops, call 918-3098, or visit ArkansasLiteraryFestival.org.



Christian Lander

Lander is the creator of the website (and the book) **Stuff White People Like**. He is a Ph.D. dropout who was the 2006 public speaking instructor of the year at Indiana University. He lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Jess, a photographer who contributed many of the photos in the book. 1 p.m. Saturday, April 10, Main Library’s Darragh Center

Christopher Rice

Rice is the author of four New York Times best-selling novels. His first novel, **A Density of Souls**, was published when the author was 22 years old. A native of California, but a Southerner by blood, Rice lives in West Hollywood. His newest book, **The Moonlit Earth**, will be released this month. 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, Cox Creative Center’s 3rd floor meeting room

Alice Randall

Randall is the author of **Rebel Yell**, **The Wind Done Gone**, and **Pushkin and the Queen of Spades**. She is a Harvard-educated African American novelist who lives in Nashville and writes country songs. 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 9, Mosaic Templars Cultural Center; 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10, Main Library’s Darragh Center

MORE THAN

75

**AUTHORS WILL
ATTEND THIS
YEAR’S LITERARY
FESTIVAL.**

**+ BE SURE TO CHECK
OUT THESE THREE.**

**For more information, call 918-3098, or visit
ArkansasLiteraryFestival.org.**

4 oh deer

JOHN DEERING’S “FACES OF THE FRONTIER” ON
DISPLAY AT CANTRELL GALLERY

What/ An exhibition of Deering’s “Faces of the Frontier” artwork, paintings with an American History theme.

Why/ Get your frontier face on.

When/ Thursday, April 1–Saturday, April 24

Where/ Cantrell Gallery, 8206 Cantrell Road

Info/ 224-1335, CantrellGallery.com

5 make contact

KENDALL STALLINGS: ISOLATED ENCOUNTERS
EXHIBITION ON DISPLAY AT GREG THOMPSON
FINE ART

What/ an exhibition of artwork by Little Rock native Kendall Stallings featuring his arresting solitary figures and objects

Why/ It’s a close encounter.

When/ Thursday, April 1–Saturday, May 15

Where/ Greg Thompson Fine Art, 429 Main Street, North Little Rock

Info/ 664-2787, GregThompsonFineArt.com



6 get pinned

READ MY PINS: THE MADELEINE ALBRIGHT COLLECTION

What/ An exhibition featuring more than 200 of Madeleine Albright's pins, which she wore to communicate different messages during her diplomatic tenure as secretary of state. Admission is \$7 for adults; \$5 for senior citizens and college students; and \$3 for children.

Why/ Find out what the serpent pin symbolized.

When/ Thursday, April 1–Monday, May 31

Where/ Clinton Presidential Center, 1200 Clinton Ave.

Info/ 748-0422, ClintonPresidentialCenter.org

← left/ Serpent, circa 1860, Designer Unknown (USA). Photo by John Bigelow Taylor.



7 heart earth

EARTH DAY FESTIVALS AND CELEBRATIONS IN AND AROUND LITTLE ROCK

What/ Party for the Planet: An Earth Day Celebration will be held at the Little Rock Zoo. General zoo admission is included in the price: \$10 for ages 13–adult; \$8 for children ages 1–12 and senior citizens over age 60; and free for zoo members.

Why/ Be a party animal.

When/ Friday, April 16–Saturday, April 17

Where/ Little Rock Zoo, 1 Jonesboro Drive

Info/ 666-2406, LittleRockZoo.com

8 elephant ears

ACCESS GARDENS SPRING PLANT SALE

What/ A plant sale benefiting ACCESS School's programs and services for infants, children and youths with learning differences. Plants for sale include coneflower, roses, black-eyed Susan, yarrow, gardenia, phlox, hydrangea, ferns, herbs and more.

Why/ Beautify your yard, benefit a school.

When/ 7:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Friday, April 16 and 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Saturday, April 17

Where/ ACCESS School's Stella Boyle Smith Campus, 10618 Breckenridge Drive

Info/ Becca Green, 217-8600, Ext. 224

9 lunch with TOMS

BLAKE MYCOSKIE TO SPEAK AT BAPTIST HEALTH'S BOLO BASH LUNCHEON

What/ Presented by The Stephens Group, Baptist Health's 2010 Bolo Bash Luncheon will feature guest speaker Blake Mycoskie, founder and chief shoe giver of TOMS Shoes.

Why/ Proceeds benefit Baptist Health Medical Center Little Rock's Emergency Department Waiting Room.

When/ 11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Wednesday, April 28

Where/ J.A. Gilbreath Conference Center, Baptist Health Medical Center

Info/ Amanda Smith, 202-1206, amanda.smithe@baptist-health.org

[AND MOST DECORATED!]

THE MOST READ MAGAZINE IN CENTRAL ARKANSAS



DECEMBER 09/ Special Judges Award :: Gold Addy
Best of Show Art Direction/Photography
Publication Cover Design



JULY 09/ Silver Addy
Publication Cover Design

SEPTEMBER 09/ Silver Addy
Entire Publication Design



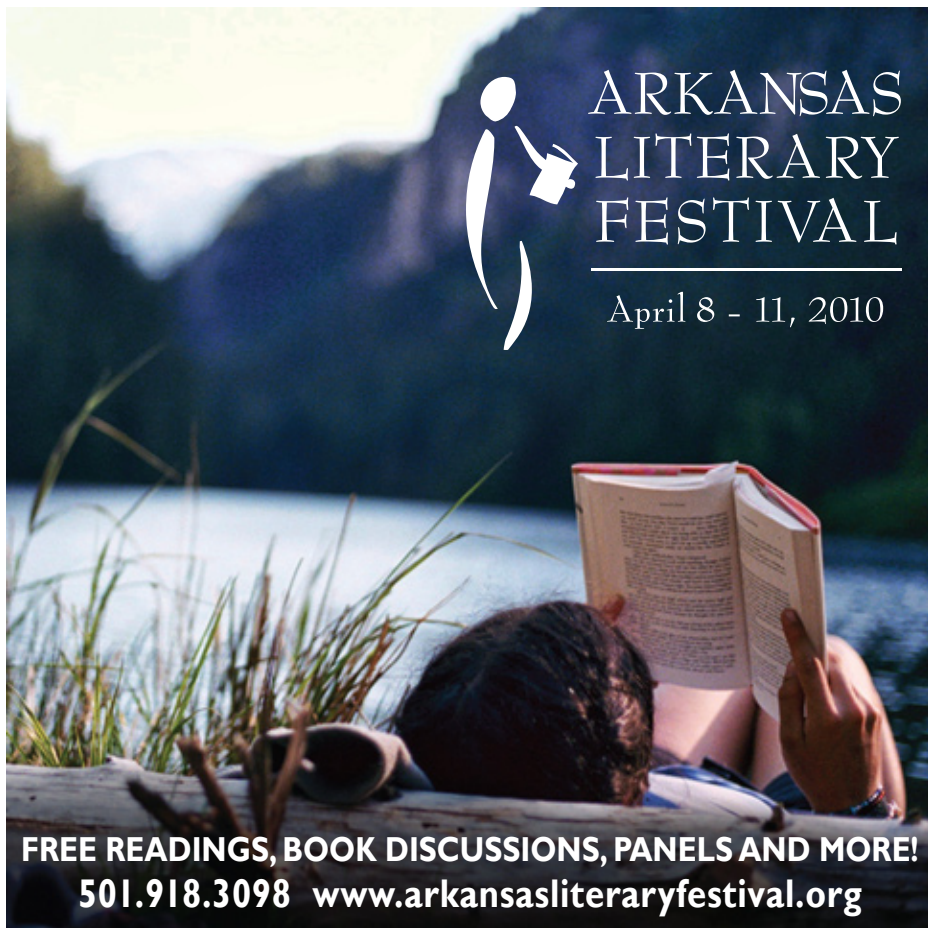
FEBRUARY 09/ Bronze Addy
Entire Publication Design

MARCH 09/ Bronze Addy
Entire Publication Design

NOVEMBER 09/ Bronze Addy
Cover + Entire Publication Design



soirée



ARKANSAS LITERARY FESTIVAL
April 8 - 11, 2010

FREE READINGS, BOOK DISCUSSIONS, PANELS AND MORE!
501.918.3098 www.arkansasliteraryfestival.org



10 26 Turns 15

GALLERY 26 CELEBRATES 15 YEARS AND SHOWCASES ARTWORK FROM SOME OF ITS FIRST ARTISTS

What/ In honor of Gallery 26's 15th birthday, the art gallery will be featuring artwork from some of the first artists shown in the gallery, Steven Wise, Jeff Waddle, Emily Galusha and Kevin Kresse.

Why/ Don't miss the party.

When/ Thursday, April 1-Saturday, May 8

Where/ Gallery 26, 2601 Kavanaugh

Info/ 664-8996, Gallery26.com

↑ above/ "Summertime" and "Pool" by Steven Wise

11 suds sampling

13TH ANNUAL FOAM FEST AT THE RIVER MARKET PAVILIONS

What/ Beer sampling event featuring more than 100 varieties of beer and wine from around the world to benefit the Arkansas chapter of the American Arthritis Foundation. Admission is \$25 in advance; \$30 at the door and includes samples of all the beer and wine.

Why/ Drink up for a good cause.

When/ 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 30

Where/ River Market Pavilions, downtown

Info/ 664-7242, FoamFest.org

12 spring blooms

WILDWOOD PARK FOR THE ARTS HOSTS BLOOMS!

What/ BLOOMS! Festival, a family-fun celebration of springtime in Arkansas, featuring children's activities and crafts; live entertainment; a bake shop and flower market; demonstrations by leading horticulturists; a display of the regions' largest collection of native woodland azaleas; and more. Admission is \$10 for adults; \$5 for children ages 6-12; and free for children 5 and under.

Why/ Who doesn't love flowers?

When/ 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, April 17 and noon-6 p.m. Sunday, April 18

Where/ Wildwood Park for the Arts, 20919 Denny Road

Info/ 821-7275, WildwoodPark.org

+PLUS,

peruse Arkansas Business Publishing Group's new website, InArkansas.com for even more fun April events.

IN ARKANSAS.com

GET ON OUR CALENDAR

SUBMIT YOUR EVENT TO AMANDA MORGAN
AT AMORGAN@ABPG.COM.

Arkansas Made

Start your collection of Arkansas Made with a hand-turned cherry wood bowl by

Arkansas artist

Ed Laster.



HISTORIC ARKANSAS
MUSEUM
STORE

A museum of the
Department of Arkansas Heritage

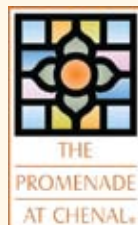
200 E. Third Street
Little Rock, AR 72201

www.HistoricArkansas.org

The MUSEUM STORE is open 7 days a week: 10-4:30 Monday through Saturday, 1-4:30 Sunday

shopping bliss

Discover **THE PROMENADE**, an exciting new destination
for fashion, food and fun.



Shop. Dine. Escape.

SAVE THE DATE: "SHOP FOR A CURE", SATURDAY, MAY 1ST

NOW OPEN: AÉROPOSTALE • AMERICAN EAGLE • ANN TAYLOR LOFT • CHENAL 9 IMAX
CLAIRE'S • COLDWATER CREEK • DESTINATION MATERNITY • DSW • FITNESS TOGETHER
JAMES EYECARE • JUST DOGS! GOURMET • JUSTICE • KAY JEWELERS • LUXURY NAILS
MAGGIE MOO'S • PORTRAIT INNOVATIONS • RK COLLECTIONS • SUNGLASS STATION
YA YA'S EUROBISTRO • **COMING SOON:** BRAVO! CUCINA ITALIANA
BLANC BURGERS AND BOTTLES • WINE LOFT

CHENAL PARKWAY AND RAHLING, LITTLE ROCK • **CHENALSHOPPING.COM**

CONGRATULATIONS



Their commitment to their clients and the industry has been recognized and it is with pleasure that Coldwell Banker RPM

— CONGRATULATES —

SARAH RECTOR

AMANDA ELROD

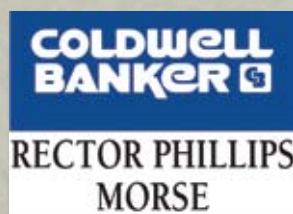
NANCY MOORE

WHITNEY ELMORE

CHUCK WARFORD

MARTY DAVIS

for being nominated as one of *Soirée's*
Top Real Estate Agents in Central Arkansas.



WWW.CBRPM.COM

LITTLE ROCK BEST *soirée* REAL ESTATE AGENTS

Little Rock Soirée polled local title companies, mortgage companies, real estate agencies and new homebuyers to find out who the best real estate agents in Little Rock are based on customer service-related criteria.

Participants were asked to nominate only real estate agents they knew through personal experience and to evaluate them based upon nine criteria: customer service, communication, finding the right home, integrity, negotiation, marketing, market knowledge, closing preparation and overall satisfaction. Participants were not allowed to vote for the same agent more than once.

Nominations were accepted through paper and online ballots. Nominated agents were then scored and screened by the Little Rock Realtors' Association to ensure their licenses were current and that they had no disciplinary action against them.

CONGRATULATIONS
TO LITTLE ROCK SOIRÉE'S INAUGURAL CLASS OF THE
BEST REAL ESTATE AGENTS
IN LITTLE ROCK



LITTLE ROCK SOIRÉE'S INAUGURAL CLASS OF THE BEST REAL ESTATE AGENTS IN LITTLE ROCK

THE AGENTS LISTED HERE SCORED
ABOVE THE CUT-OFF POINT AND ARE IN
ALPHABETICAL ORDER BY LAST NAME.



M.J. Bailey M J Bailey Real Estate
Linda Barry McKay and Company Realtors
Amber Burdett Exit Realty Deaton Group
Claudia Connerly Crye-Leike, Realtors
Pat Cook McKay and Company Realtors
Ellen Cotton McKay and Company Realtors
J.D. Crow Crye-Leike, Realtors
Marty Davis Coldwell Banker RPM
Grace Dixon McKay and Company Realtors
Kerry Ellison Keller-Williams
Whitney Elmore Coldwell Banker RPM
Amanda Elrod Coldwell Banker RPM
Cynthia Eubanks The Charlotte John Company
Pam Falcon McKay and Company Realtors
Ferris Garrison The Janet Jones Company
Linda Green McKay and Company Realtors
Rocky Herman Century 21 Access Realty
Marj Hohnbaum McKay and Company Realtors
Charlotte John The Charlotte John Company

Solita Johnson Davis Pulaski Heights Realty
Janet Jones The Janet Jones Company
Casey Jones The Janet Jones Company
Dona Kinslow McKay and Company Realtors
Aimee Long McKay and Company Realtors
Wally & Edward Loveless Adkins, McNeill, Smith & Company
Jan McDermott McKay and Company Realtors

Katherine Melhorn The Janet Jones Company
Nancy Moore Coldwell Banker RPM
Kevin Newcomb The Janet Jones Company
Joan Osborne Crye-Leike, Realtors
Renee Pierce McKay and Company Realtors
Sarah Rector Coldwell Banker RPM
Susan Reynolds The Janet Jones Company
Georgia Sells McKay and Company Realtors
John Selva Pulaski Heights Realty
Ellen Serven Remax Properties
Missy Solomon McKay and Company Realtors
Patrick Sullenger The Janet Jones Company
June Swink McKay and Company Realtors
Debbie Teague The Janet Jones Company
Shannon Treece The Janet Jones Company
Nancy Vines Lasley Company
Chuck Warford Coldwell Banker RPM
Eric Wilkerson The Charlotte John Company
Dorothy Willoughby McKay and Company Realtors

PROFILES OF SOME OF THE ABOVE AGENTS ARE PROVIDED IN THE NEXT FEW PAGES. THE AGENTS THEMSELVES PROVIDED THE INFORMATION CONTAINED WITHIN THESE PROFILES.
LITTLE ROCK SOIRÉE HAS NOT VERIFIED THEIR PROFILE INFORMATION OTHER THAN TO CONFIRM THEIR LICENSE IS CURRENT.



MARTY DAVIS COLDWELL BANKER RECTOR PHILLIPS MORSE

A 26 year resident of central Arkansas, Marty is a Gold Level Award Winner and a Multi-million dollar producer. Marty regularly attends seminars around the country to ensure he keeps up to date on the latest technology and sales techniques. He has won several local sales awards and enjoys training other realtors how to utilize technology.

Marty is a retired veteran of the US Air Force and a five year veteran of the central Arkansas real estate

market. Marty is a true asset to his clients. He advises sellers on updating and staging the home to maximize sales price. He ensures his buyers get the most for their money in a location to fit their needs. Marty prides himself in keeping up with market trends.

Marty would like to express his deepest gratitude and appreciation to his clients and friends for all their support and referrals.

SPECIALIZATION: Selling homes others cannot • Relocating families
Little Rock • Maumelle • Sherwood

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: Arkansas Realtor Association
Public Relations Committee • North Pulaski Board of Realtors • Cooperative Arkansas Realtors MLS



105 COUNTRY CLUB PARKWAY, SUITE 200, MAUMELLE, AR 72113
C 501.590.6018 :: O 501.916.8134
WWW.CBRPM.COM



SOLITA JOHNSON-DAVIS

PULASKI HEIGHTS REALTY

Solita Davis has made a name for herself on the local real estate scene by selling properties using the knowledge only a life long Little Rock resident would have to offer. With over eight years of experience, Solita has developed a particular knack for selling properties in Hillcrest, Stiff's Station and West Little Rock. Although certainly not limited to finding homes in these areas, this Multi-Million Dollar Producer has filled several requests for rural properties as well. A Realtor for Pulaski Heights Realty, collectively

voted Arkansas Business' Best of Biz in 2008 and 2009, Solita has developed a talent for working with VA homebuyers and investors interested in multi-family properties. Being a young mother and wife, Solita finds it rewarding to work with first time home buyers and young families to ensure they get off to a good start in home ownership. Solita's clients have found her availability, honesty, dependability and diligent work ethic all traits worthy of their friendships and referrals on which her business has grown exponentially.

SPECIALIZATION: Hillcrest • Stiff's Station • West Little Rock • First-Time Homebuyers
VA Homebuyers • Multi-Family Properties

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: Winner of *Arkansas Business* Best Residential Real Estate Company 2008 and 2009 • Multi-Million Dollar Producer • Member of LRRA, ARA, NAR • New Life Church Founder of Gloves with Love (a winter clothing drive to collect gloves and scarves for the homeless of Little Rock)



2917 KAVANAUGH BLVD, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205
C 501.951.1634 :: O 501.663.6000
WWW.ARHOUSEHUNTER.COM



JOHN SELVA

PULASKI HEIGHTS REALTY

After graduating with the charter class of the Arkansas School for Mathematics and Sciences in 1995, I served 4 years in the U.S. Navy. I returned to Arkansas in 1999 to attend school at UALR. While completing an accounting degree and working at Alltel as a financial analyst, I decided that Real Estate was my true calling. I graduated from UALR with a double major in Accounting and Real Estate Finance and immediately began my career as a Realtor. My wife, Jena, and I fell in love with the Hillcrest

neighborhood and decided to setup shop and raise our kids here. We've been quite busy the last few years completely renovating a nearly 100 year old house on Kavanaugh, starting a family and growing a new business. I started Pulaski Heights Realty in 2007 and am very excited to see it grow through your support and our agents' dedication to quality customer service. Without your support and their hard work, Pulaski Heights Realty would not be where it is today! Thank you!

SPECIALIZATION: Midtown • CVSS • Hillcrest • Heights

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: BBA in Real Estate Finance • BS in Accounting UALR 2005 • Vice-President of Hillcrest Residents Association • Member of Hillcrest Merchants Association Winner of *Arkansas Business* Best Residential Real Estate Company 2008 and 2009



2917 KAVANAUGH BLVD, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72205
C 501.993.5442 :: O 501.663.6000
WWW.PULASKIHEIGHTSREALTY.COM





WALLY & EDWARD LOVELESS

ADKINS, MCNEILL, SMITH & ASSOCIATES

The Loveless Team has deep roots in Arkansas – both Wally and Edward were born and raised in Little Rock. With a combined forty years of experience serving real estate clients in Central Arkansas, they are uniquely positioned to help you navigate today's changing real estate market.

Versatility is another benefit The Loveless Team offers. They are always monitoring the various communities throughout Little Rock as well as the surrounding areas.

Local involvement is vitally important to The Loveless Team, and they are active throughout Little Rock as well as the real estate community. Wally has served as president of the state MLS system and Edward serves in the Arkansas Realtors Association's exclusive leadership academy.

Wally and Edward provide results and are consistently awarded the highest level producer honors from the Arkansas Realtors Association.

SPECIALIZATION: Capital View/Stift Station • Hillcrest • Heights • Midtown • Pleasant Valley Chenal • West Little Rock • West Pulaski County • Home restoration and remodeling

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: Arkansas Realtors Association positions – Vice Chairman ARPAC Trustees • Former member state board of directors • Leadership ARA • Current Governors Task Force for Water Protection • Little Rock Realtors Association Legislative Affairs Committee Multiple Diamond Level Award winners for Arkansas Realtors Association

**Adkins, McNeill,
Smith & Associates**



11621 RAINWOOD, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212

C 501.960.8014 :: C 501.952.6622

WWW.WALLYLOVELESS.COM



ELLEN SERVEN

RE/MAX PROPERTIES

Ellen relocated to Little Rock from the Northeast 14 years ago. A graduate of Villanova University, she spent many years as a professional figure skater and working for a non-profit organization. Her desire to spend more time with her children and own her own business led to a career in real estate.

A commitment to excellence in serving her clients has built Ellen's business. She has the unique ability

to take the complicated process of buying and selling real estate and make it as exciting and stress free as possible. She establishes an ongoing relationship with her clients based on trust and support. They, in turn, don't hesitate to refer her to friends and family. As a member of several referral groups, she is always there to help with your real estate needs. Oh, by the way, Ellen is never too busy for your referrals!

SPECIALIZATION: Little Rock • North Little Rock • Maumelle • Sherwood
Other areas surrounding Central Arkansas

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: Member of The National Association of Realtors Arkansas Realtors Association • Little Rock Board of Realtors • RE/MAX International and Buffini and Co Referral networks • RE/MAX 100 Club • BNI and North Little Rock Chamber of Commerce • Awards of Excellence Recipient since 2006



8201 CANTRELL RD., STE. 225, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72227

C 501.247.9882 :: O 501.224.4111

WWW.ELLENSERVENHOMES.COM



LINDA BARRY

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212
C 501.920.7060 :: O 501.225.0010

WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

I STARTED IN REAL ESTATE in 1988 when my twins were leaving for college, afraid I would feel the “empty nest”

syndrome. My plan was to keep myself busy, earn some money, and maybe stay in it for 3 years. Well, I’m in my 22nd year and still trying to decide what to do when I grow up.

My college degree is Business Administration with a minor in Marketing, so I guess I’m using my degree, but I feel like my strength is dealing with people. I’m a Little Rock native, but lived away for 15 years, and met some really “pushy” realtors. I decided I wanted to be the kind of realtor I would want to work with. Buying and selling real estate is a serious, expensive business but I always think we can have a little fun in the process.

SPECIALIZATION: My focus area is West Little Rock and Maumelle, but I’ve been delighted to represent buyers and sellers in Saline County, North Little Rock, Cabot and rural Pulaski County. “Have license will travel!”

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: 1994 member of Who’s Who in Real Estate
Lifetime member of the Million Dollar Club • Consistent Awards Of Excellence recipient



ELLEN COTTON

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212
C 501.580.9919 :: O 501.225.0010

WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

THIS YEAR I’ve been in the Real Estate business for 25 years. All of those many years have been with McKay and Company.

Previously, I was a teacher which I loved, but stopped to raise my two children. I’ve been married to my husband, Jackie Cotton, for 45 years. We’re lucky to have four beautiful grandchildren.

The reason I’ve been successful in this business is due to my friends. They have been good about giving me their business and leads to new customers. I feel real fortunate to call lots of my customers “new” friends. Thanks to you all.

SPECIALIZATION: Residential Real Estate mainly in West Little Rock or the Little Rock area

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS:

Life member of the Million Dollar Club and 2009 Award for Excellence



GRACE DIXON

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212
C 501.350.7009 :: O 501.225.0010

WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

I HAVE BEEN in the Real Estate business since 1977. I have a wonderful husband, 4 children, 7 grandchildren and Sadie, my great-grandchild. The least expensive home I’ve sold is for \$5,000. The most expensive was for \$1,350,000. I am married to my clients – I go the extra mile.

SPECIALIZATION: Heights • Hillcrest • Hall High area
West Little Rock • Chenal and surrounding areas

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS:

- Life member of Million Dollar Club, Bronze and Silver Awards
- Out Front Five at previous Real Estate company



WHITNEY ELMORE

COLDWELL BANKER RECTOR PHILLIPS MORSE

1501 N. UNIVERSITY, SUITE 800, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72207
C 501.519.1000 :: O 501.916.8182

WWW.CBRPM.COM

WHITNEY ELMORE was born to sell real estate! Her commitment to the Real Estate industry has earned her the Little

Rock Realtor Award for Excellence as well as being one of CBRPM’s Top Listing Agents.

With a degree in marketing and advertising, Whitney expertly markets properties to ensure her clients receive the absolute best return on their investment. She realizes that buying and selling real estate is one of the most important decisions you will make therefore her goal is to help you make good real estate decisions that will benefit you and your family. Selling real estate is a job that she truly enjoys! welmore@cbrpm.com

SPECIALIZATION: Residential Sales in Little Rock, Maumelle, Bryant and Benton

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: National Realtors Association Member – Arkansas Realtors Association Member • Little Rock Realtors Association Member – Cartus certified referral agent • 5 years real estate experience • B.A. University of Arkansas – Fayetteville M.A. University of Arkansas – Little Rock



AMANDA ELROD

GOLDWELL BANKER RECTOR PHILLIPS MORSE

612 OFFICE PARK DRIVE, STE 5, BRYANT, AR 72022

C 501.860.4108 :: O 501.316.0955

WWW.AMANDAELROD.COM

I AM IN MY 4TH YEAR of selling Real Estate and I truly love it! I am so blessed to have a career that I look forward to every day and that challenges me on a regular basis. Being a Realtor, wife, and mother keep me on the go, but I get so much joy and fulfillment from each hat that I am privileged to wear. My favorite aspect of being a Realtor is getting to meet so many unique people and helping to make their dreams come true. I believe my success in Real Estate has been a result of being very eager to learn, following through with what I say I am going to, and most importantly, truly caring about my clients. Thanks to all who voted for me! I look forward to many more years in the business.

SPECIALIZATION: Little Rock • Bryant • Benton

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS:

Received Gold Award for Excellence 2009 • Company-Wide Top Producer October 2009
Cartus Relocation and USAA certified • B.A. Marketing, UALR



PAM FALCON

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212

C 501.590.4642 :: O 501.225.0010

WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

FOR 27 YEARS Pam Falcon has exceeded expectations at McKay and Company. As a result of her move from New Orleans to Little Rock in 1978, Pam can cater to the transferee. And after four moves within the capital city, she easily understands the emotions of buying and selling a home. A lover of movies and books, Pam also enjoys cooking, especially spicy Cajun dishes. She and her husband Jon and have been married for 45 years with three children and six grandchildren, with whom she loves to pile into her car for outings!

SPECIALIZATION: All areas of Little Rock • North Little Rock • Jacksonville • Cabot
Sherwood • Benton • Bryant

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: Lifetime Million Dollar Producer
Distinguished Sales Award • A Chairperson for Central's 1st Chemical-free Graduation Party
VIP in Public Schools • Top Sales Group at McKay and Company • Various community projects
Two-time Dale Carnegie graduate



FERRIS GARRISON

THE JANET JONES COMPANY

7915 CANTRELL ROAD, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72227

C 501.993.3111 :: O 501.224.3201

WWW.FERRISGARRISON.JANETJONES.COM



AS A REALTOR for the past five years, Ferris has had the privilege of helping numerous buyers and sellers fulfill their real estate needs. Whether it is a young couple purchasing their first home, a family moving into Little Rock or folks deciding they just need a change, Ferris loves the challenge of finding just the right home for her buyers. From marketing a home for sale, to moving a contract to closing with the added benefit of creating friendships, selling Real Estate with The Janet Jones Company is always an adventure! To be recognized as one of the Best Real Estate Agents is a great honor.

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS:

- National Association of Realtors
- Little Rock Realtors Association – Awards for Excellence
- General Manager for the Janet Jones Closers softball team



LINDA GREEN

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212

C 501.952.5516 :: O 501.225.0010

WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

LINDA GREEN is consistently one of the Top performing agents at McKay and Company.

With 17 years as a full time Realtor, she is a trusted advisor to her clients in all aspects of buying and selling a home. Linda offers her expertise through in-depth knowledge of the ever changing Real Estate market, sound planning, pricing analysis, knowledge of neighborhoods and schools. Her skills at staging a home help her clients to maximize the marketing exposure she provides through Virtual Tours and Internet Marketing. Listening, understanding and respecting her client's needs is top priority for this trusted agent. She has a true passion for helping people turn their vision into reality.

SPECIALIZATION: Hillcrest • Heights • Mid-Town • St. Charles • Chenal Valley • West Little Rock
Maumelle • NLR • Relocations in and out of the Little Rock area

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: Licensed Realtor for 17 years • BA UALR –
Interpersonal & Organizational Communication • IBM Management Development, Financial Management,
Business Administration, Human Resources/Personnel Management & Marketing Operations



DONAKINSLOW

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212

C 501.258.4829 :: O 501.225.0010

WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

DONA'S 15 years of real estate experience in Little Rock contribute to her success as a valuable resource in her field. She joined McKay and Company in 2002 and is backed by a qualified staff of professionals. Her goal is making the purchase or sale of a home a memorable and enjoyable experience for her clients. Dona is a dedicated and accomplished negotiator, capable of facilitating your real estate transaction. She is sincerely grateful to all who have chosen her as their Realtor.

Dona is a graduate of the University of Richmond, Virginia with a B.A. degree in French and English. She is a member of the Little Rock Association of Realtors, the Arkansas Association of Realtors, and the National Association of Realtors.

SPECIALIZATION: Little Rock • North Little Rock • Maumelle • Benton • Bryant

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS:

GRI • ABR • Recipient of the Silver Level of the 2009 ARA Awards for Excellence



JANMCDERMOTT

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212

C 501.681.4036 :: O 501.225.0010

WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

A BIG THANK YOU to all of my family first, especially my husband of 44 years, Mike, and then to all of my past and present customers and clients for helping me be the person and realtor that I am today.

SPECIALIZATION: I love Maumelle but work anywhere that I can help a buyer or seller. I just love what I am doing and have for the past 25 years.

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: Realtor for 25 years • BOD and Ambassador for Maumelle Chamber of Commerce • AR Past official photographer for AR Homebuilders Association Leg. Committee and Award of Excellence Committee for the LR Realtors Association • Taught classes on Fair Housing and Ethics for New Realtors • Past member of the Community Counsel for the United States Air Force in Jacksonville • Constant recipient of Million and Multi-million dollar club and now recipient of The Award for Excellence • Past recipient of the covenant SMEA award "Sales and Marketing Executives International" • Past President and current member of Maumelle Newcomers Club, where I founded the College Scholarship that Maumelle Newcomers gives out every year to a worthy applicant (currently \$1,000)



NANCYMOORE

GOLDWELL BANKER RECTOR PHILLIPS MORSE

1501 N. UNIVERSITY, SUITE 800, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72207

C 501.350.4826 :: O 501.664.1775

WWW.CBRPM.COM

NANCY MOORE is a Life-Time Multi-Million Dollar Producer and recipient of the Distinguished Sales Award. Nancy has been helping families buy and sell real estate for more than 35 years. Her knowledge, professionalism and integrity earn her the repeat business of her clients, year after year and generation upon generation.

Nancy's goal is ensuring that her clients have a pleasant and enjoyable real estate experience. Nancy's strengths lie in her ability to listen to her clients needs and in managing challenging situations. Nancy is highly successful at marketing properties and her strong negotiation skills ensure she will continue to be a leader in the real estate industry.



RENEEPIERCE

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212

C 501.681.9090 :: O 501.225.0010

WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

THANK YOU to my home buying and selling clients. It is very rewarding to help my clients achieve their home ownership goals. I believe my success has come from listening to my clients and working hard to help them as they make one of the biggest decisions of their lives.

SPECIALIZATION: Little Rock • North Little Rock • Maumelle • Cabot

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS:

- Member of Little Rock Realtors Association
- Member of Arkansas Realtors Association
- Member of National Association of Realtors
- Recipient of Award for Excellence
- Multi-Million Dollar Producer



SARAHRECTOR

GOLDWELL BANKER RECTOR PHILLIPS MORSE

612 OFFICE PARK DRIVE, STE 5, BRYANT, AR 72022

C 501.860.4665 :: O 501.316.0955

WWW.CBRPM.COM

I HAVE BEEN IN REAL ESTATE for 7 years. I have been the broker of our Saline County office since October 2006.

I am a Multi-Million Dollar Producer, as well as a member of the Diamond Award for Excellence, Chamber of Commerce and Home Builders Association.

I have always been a worker. My parents started me young at our family business — doing wireless phone sales when I was 15. I feel that clients choose to work with me because I am honest, experienced and make myself available. I think it is important to keep my clients informed at all times. That way there are no surprises. They trust me and believe that I will get the deal closed!

I would like to say thank you to all of my past clients for giving me the opportunity to serve them. ...Thank you, and here is to another great year of real estate!

SPECIALIZATION: Residential • Commercial • Vacant Land

Central Arkansas: Maumelle, Little Rock, Saline County

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: Executive Broker • Diamond Award for Excellence • GRLA Class of 2010 • Member of LR Board of Realtors • Benton/Bryant Board of Realtors



GEORGIA SELLS

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212

C 501.680.1517 :: O 501.225.0010

WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

GEORGIA started her real estate career in 1976. Her motto, "I never want to hide from anyone at the grocery store!" Thank you to my clients and my repeat customers, you have made my career!

SPECIALIZATION: Central Arkansas

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS:

- Executive Broker
- Life member \$1,000,000 Club
- 19 years Company Top Producer
- 19 years SMEA Sales Award
- Voted "Best Realtor" by *Arkansas Times* in 1996
- CRS (Certified Residential Realtor) – Top 5% in Country
- Who's Who in Real Estate



MISSY SOLOMON

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212

C 501.920.3156 :: O 501.225.0010

WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

THEY SAY HOME is where the heart is. My home and my heart have been in the real estate business for the last 20 years.

Throughout this time, I've helped young couples find their first home, I've helped out-of-towners feel at home in a new city, and I've searched for the perfect home to welcome the grandkids. I like to think that my consistent success is due to my commitment to finding the perfect home for each client. I want to thank them for being loyal to me for all of these years. They truly are the reason that *my* home is in finding the perfect one for you.

SPECIALIZATION: Little Rock • North Little Rock • Maumelle



JUNE SWINK

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212

C 501.350.5560 :: O 501.225.0010

WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

JUNE SWINK has been a licensed real estate agent with McKay and Company for the past 20 years. She has been a very successful agent for both buyers and sellers, and has relocated hundreds of happy clients over a long and productive career. June has achieved the multi-million dollar status almost every year since she has been a realtor. She grew up on a farm in Lee County, AR, and attended college at UCA, where she met her husband, who is a builder in Little Rock. They have five adult children, 8 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. June was a full time wife and mother until entering the real estate field, and she cherishes the memories she has of those times, but also truly loves every minute of her current profession. She wishes to thank all her former and current clients for their trust and friendship throughout the years, and looks forward to meeting and working with many more wonderful people.

SPECIALIZATION: All Areas of Little Rock and Surrounding Counties



DEBBIE TEAGUE

THE JANET JONES COMPANY

7915 CANTRELL ROAD, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72227
C 501.658.1784 :: O 501.224.3201
WWW.DEBBIETEAGUE.COM

DEBBIE TEAGUE loves helping people find the right home or get one sold. She works with new home buyers, growing

families, and empty nesters. She sells homes in all price ranges and loves getting her clients going where they need to go. She is a native of Little Rock with excellent knowledge of its schools, neighborhoods, churches, and businesses. Through her passion for Real Estate she has earned top credentials in Little Rock and in the state. She would like to thank all of her clients and friends for their support, referrals and business. She says there is nothing better than helping people.

SPECIALIZATION: Little Rock & Surrounding Areas

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: CRS • GRI • Little Rock Realtors

Association Award for Excellence Diamond Level • JJCO Top 5 • National Association of Realtors
Arkansas Association of Realtors • Little Rock Realtors Association • National Association of Certified
Residential Specialist • Arkansas Chapter of Certified Residential Specialist



SHANNON TREECE

THE JANET JONES COMPANY

7915 CANTRELL ROAD, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72227
C 501.960.8743 :: O 501.224.3201
WWW.SHANNONTREECE.COM

AS A LITTLE ROCK NATIVE, Shannon is very familiar with all aspects of the city. For over 15 years, she has

been helping families buy and sell homes and is grateful for the referrals of their families and friends. Her goals are professionalism, integrity, and client satisfaction in every transaction.

Believing that ongoing education benefits her clients greatly, she has earned several advanced designations including Certified Residential Specialist, which is held by less than 5% of Realtors nationwide, in hopes that the knowledge gained translates into exemplary service! Shannon is honored that her clients have selected her to be included in this exceptional group!

SPECIALIZATION: Little Rock • North Little Rock • Maumelle

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS: Diamond Level Recipient of the
ARA Awards For Excellence • Accredited Buyer Representative • Graduate of the Realtor Institute
Certified Residential Specialist • Secretary, Little Rock Realtors Association



CHUCK WARFORD

COLDWELL BANKER RECTOR PHILLIPS MORSE

612 OFFICE PARK DRIVE, STE 5, BRYANT, AR 72022
C 501.315.1950 :: O 501.316.0955
WWW.CHUCKWARFORD.COM

MY SUCCESS has been accomplished by many repeat customers over the years. I truly thank them for their support during my career.

SPECIALIZATION: Residential & Commercial
Malvern • Benton • Bryant • Saline and Hot Spring Counties

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS:

Long Time Saline County Award Winning Realtor!

PROFESSIONAL DESIGNATIONS: Bachelor of Science, Henderson State University • Graduate of Realtors
Institute: Designates completion of intensive Real Estate Training • Certified Residential Specialist:
Achievement of highest designations for the real estate professional

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS: 26 years of real estate experience • Lifetime Member Million Dollar
Club • Multi-Million Dollar Producer year after year • Member of Benton/Bryant Board of Realtors •
Member of Arkansas Realtors Association • Member of National Association of Realtors • Past president
of Benton/Bryant Board of Realtors • Former member of Lions, Kiwanis, and Rotary • CARMLS Board
Member and Past President of CARMLS Board • Lifelong resident of Saline County



DOROTHY WILLOUGHBY

MCKAY AND COMPANY REALTORS

2200 HIDDEN VALLEY DRIVE, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212
C 501.240.3900 :: O 501.225.0010
WWW.MCKAYANDCOMPANY.COM

STARTED IN Mortgage Banking (was a review appraiser and a DE Underwriter) fresh out of college in 1979 and have

worked exclusively in Real Estate ever since (except when I stayed home with my children, William and Andrew). The day Andrew started pre-K is the day I started at McKay and Company. I love what I do for a living!

I have a BBA with honors; my major was Economics and I minored in History, Past President of the AR Mortgage Bankers Association, Loan Administration Division, Board of the Florence Crittenton Home, Little Rock Altrusa Club, and Credit Professionals International. Former Treasurer of Arkansas Supportive Housing, past recipient of a Ryan White Compassion Award. I currently serve on the Boards of St. Francis House, West Little Rock Civitan, and the Altrusa Foundation of Little Rock.

Thank you my loyal clients, friends, and business associates for voting for me!

SPECIALIZATION: Residential Real Estate in Pulaski, Saline, and Lonoke Counties

DESIGNATIONS, AFFILIATIONS & AWARDS:

ABR - Accredited Buyer's Representative • Award for Excellence winner

The Riviera Lets You *Live!*

Get the location you desire, the extras you deserve, and the condominium convenience you've dreamed of. All at the Riviera. Where you'll enjoy more living with less worry. Plus, all these advantages right at home in the best location in Little Rock.

- A Private Balcony in Every Residence
- Seven Different Floor Plans on Ten Floors
- Studio, One, Two and Three Bedrooms
- Covered Parking and Total Safety and Security
- Panoramic Views of the City and the River
- Fitness Facility and Swimming Pool
- Choices from 695 to 2,850 Square Feet

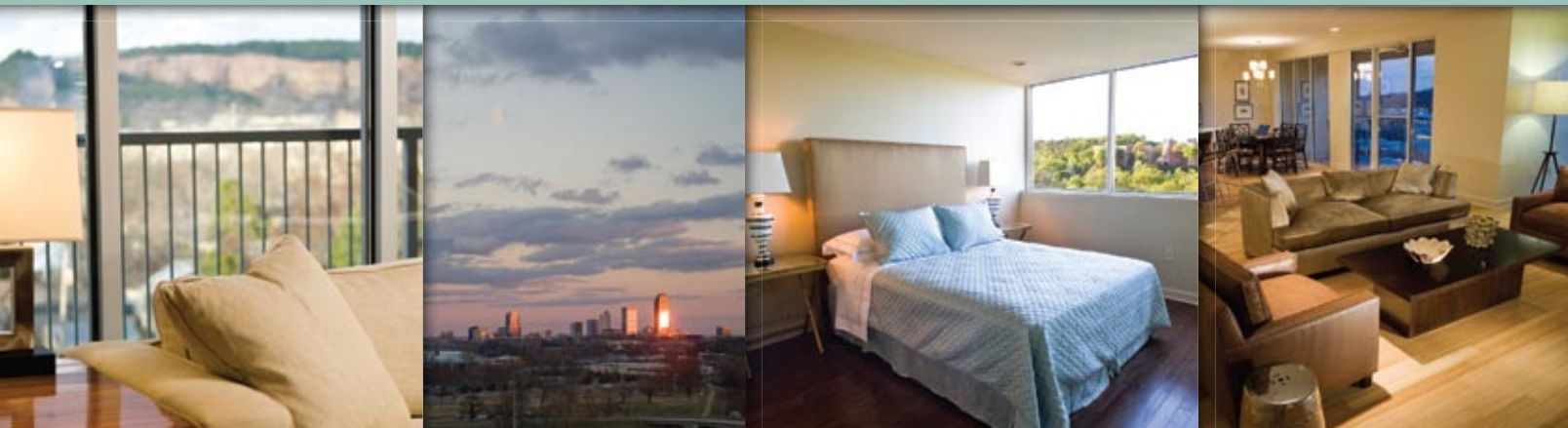
The Riviera. It lets you live!



For more information, visit RivieraLittleRock.com.
Or, contact Melissa Bond at 501-960-0665,
mbond@charlottejohn.com.



3500 Old Cantrell Road • Little Rock, Arkansas 72202 • 501-747-1234





eggs

Aside from eggs being a symbol of new life and spring, they're also delicious and nutritious. Whether they're scrambled, fried, poached, served in a quiche or prepared any number of other ways, we'll have seconds. Read our Insiders review of B-Side, one of the city's newest breakfast and brunch stops. Plus, check out five of our other favorite egg entrées around the city.

➤ **VISIT** InArkansas.com/eat to recommend your favorite place for breakfast or brunch.

fried or SCRAMBLED

FIVE UNIQUE EGG DISHES FOR
BREAKFAST OR ANYTIME

page 68

on the FLIP SIDE

B-SIDE DISHES UP
BREAKFAST AND BRUNCH

page 75

soiree RECOMMENDS

NEW ADDITIONS TO
THE DINING GUIDE

page 70



sunny side

/egg

Delicious and nutrient rich eggs are for so much more than dyeing.

Scrambled, over easy, deviled, poached, fried, pickled, huevos rancheros, and sunny side up, soft-boiled, hard-boiled, in an omelet, frittata or a quiche...we love them no matter how they're prepared. Read on to discover five favorite brunch or anytime egg dishes from around the city.

➤ Plus, check out our list of places to buy fresh, locally raised eggs, with tips and tools for how to prepare them.



B-Side's huevos rancheros
PHOTOGRAPHY Jason Masters



local EGG BUYER'S GUIDE

BUY/ An assortment of fresh, farm-raised eggs from various breeds of chickens:
\$\$\$/ \$3 per dozen (*bring your own carton*)

WHERE/ Dunbar Gardens, 1800 S. Chester,
529-8520, DunbarGarden.org

BUY/ Fresh, farm-raised eggs of all colors from Foodshed Farms, Money Pit Farms, Kornegay Berry Farms and Daley Dairy

\$\$\$/ \$3-\$5.50/dozen, *depending on type of egg*; online ordering is available year-round at Cafm.LocallyGrown.net, and the outdoor market holds the season's soft opening at 7 a.m. Saturday, April 17

WHERE/ Certified Arkansas Farmers' Market, 500 block of Main Street, North Little Rock's Argenta District, 231-0094, Cafm.LocallyGrown.net

More eggs, please!

➤ **TURN** to Provisions Insiders on page 74 to see our review of B-Side for brunch, plus a list of more great brunch spots!

➤ **VISIT** InArkansas.com/eat to find a complete guide to dining in Arkansas.

PREP SCHOOL : TOOLS & TIPS FOR PERFECT EGGS AT HOME

COOKS SEVEN EGGS AT ONCE!



➤ GOOD TOOLS

CUISINART EGG COOKER

//Eggshell's, 5705 Kavanaugh Blvd., 664-6900,
EggshellsKitchenCompany.com

ENDURANCE STAINLESS STEEL EGG TOPPER FOR EATING SOFT-BOILED EGGS

//Eggshell's

FLYING FISH ADJUSTABLE WHISK BY ANIMALHOUSE

//Krebs Brothers Restaurant Supply Co., 4310
Landers Road, North Little Rock,
687-1331, KrebsBrothers.com

DALLA PIAZZA SWISS EGG SEPARATOR

//Kitchen Co., 11525 Cantrell Road,
Ste. 910, 663-3338, KitchenCo.net

➤ GOOD TIMING

soft-boiled ⌚ 1 MIN.

DONE/ WHITES START TO SET,
VOLKS ARE BARELY HEATED

medium-boiled ⌚ 3 - 5 MIN.

DONE/ WHITES AND VOLKS ARE
STARTING TO SET AND CENTER IS
SLIGHTLY CREAMY

hard-boiled ⌚ 10 MIN.

DONE/ WHITES AND VOLKS
ARE SOLID

poached ⌚ SIMMER 3 - 5 MIN.

DONE/ WHITES ARE COAGULATED
AND VOLKS ARE STILL SOFT

➤ TIPS

BETTER BOILING

Place eggs in cold water and begin timing when water starts to boil.

EASIER PEELING

hold under cold running water, crack shell at the large end where the air sack is located, and peel away shell.



FIVE EGGS OUT

/ eat

CARNES HUEVOS FRITTATA

marinated beef tenderloin tips, farm fresh eggs and cheddar cheese topped with house-made salsa and avocado relish and a salt and pepper cream

WHERE/ 1620 THE RESTAURANT, 1620 Market Street, 221-1620, 1620Restaurant.com

⌚ 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sunday brunch

/ eat

PROSCIUTTO & ARTICHOKE OMELET

thin slices of prosciutto with fresh thyme, artichoke bottoms, ricotta and parmesan cheeses

WHERE/ BOSCO'S, 500 President Clinton Ave., 907-1881, BoscosBeer.com

⌚ 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday brunch

/ eat

HUEVOS RANCHEROS

chorizo, pan-fried eggs, pico de gallo, avocado and cilantro on a crispy tortilla

WHERE/ B-SIDE RESTAURANT, 1121 N. Rodney Parham, Ste. 35B, 554-0914

⌚ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday-Friday,

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday breakfast and brunch

/ eat

EGGS SCANDINAVIA

Norwegian smoked salmon, two poached eggs, hollandaise, fresh dill and capers atop a toasted English muffin

WHERE/ CAPI'S, 11525 Cantrell Road, Pleasant Ridge Town Center, 225-9600, CapisRestaurant.com

⌚ 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday brunch

/ eat

EGG & OLIVE SANDWICH

classic egg salad with green olives on toasted sweet egg bread with leaf lettuce

WHERE/ TRIO'S, 8201 Cantrell Road, 221-3330, TriosRestaurant.com

⌚ 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Monday-Saturday

NO SKINNY STEAKS



Sonny Williams'
STEAK ROOM

500 President Clinton Avenue (In the River Market District)

Call for Reservations 501-324-2999

Inquire about our Private Corporate Lunches

Voted Best Steak by the Arkansas Democrat Gazette 2004-2008

Voted Reader's Choice Award by the Arkansas Times 2005-2009

PIANO BAR MON.-SAT. FREE VALET PARKING

www.sonnywilliamssteakroom.com



All-American Food



Full-Service Bar with
Whiskey on Tap!

traditions
starting daily

happy hour
specials (4-7)



River Market District | 501.324.2449

www.bigwhiskey.com

• soirée recommends

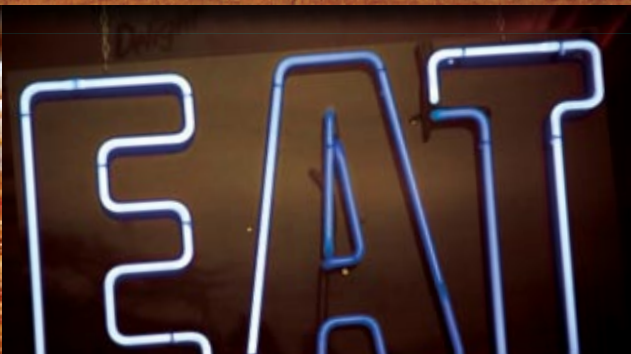
LITTLE ROCK'S OFFICIAL GUIDE TO GREAT CUISINE

DINING LEGEND

-  takeout
-  catering
-  catering on site
-  brunch
-  delivery
-  outdoor dining



Crispy beignets at B-Side



please NOTE

- + All restaurants are handicap accessible.
- + Reservation policies vary, so it's always best to just call ahead.

our favorites



brunch out

In honor of Easter, this month we pay homage to the humble egg. Read our Insiders review of one of the city's newest brunching establishments, B-Side (pg. 75), and check out our list of other noteworthy egg entrées (pg. 68). Plus, look for the  morning star symbol throughout the dining guide to denote restaurants serving delicious brunch.

1620 RESTAURANT /continental

For many years, this upscale restaurant has served inspired food with a continental flair in a contemporary atmosphere. Our favorite entrée is the hot smoked king salmon, which is served with a smoked cheddar grit cake and grilled tomato and cucumber corn relish. Full bar and extensive wine selection. //1620 Market St., 221-1620, 1620Restaurant.com

AMRUTH /indian

Dark and cozy, this Indian eatery nestled in the Market Place shopping center on Rodney Parham serves up scrumptious Indian fare in a quiet and intimate setting. Vegetarians should try the vegetable curry with a side of samosas, potato and green pea-filled pastry pouches. Meat eaters won't want to miss the spicy red tandoori chicken, roasted and marinated in yogurt and tandoori masala. //11121 N. Rodney Parham Road, Ste. 36B, 224-4567, AmruthIndianCuisine.com



California Eggs Benedict from Delicious Temptations... yummo!!! -Rebekah Davis Boone

ASHLEY'S /new american

Don't be intimidated by the Capital Hotel's grandeur. Just walk in, turn left and enjoy the impeccable food, drinks and atmosphere. Choose from a list of more than 700 wines and pair your selection with the lobster cassoulet with white cannelloni beans, pork belly and a Maine lobster tail. //111 W. Markham St., 370-7011, CapitalHotel.com/restaurants

B-SIDE /breakfast

We could seriously eat breakfast for every meal of the day. So you can imagine our excitement when we found out Nancy Tesmer of Lilly's Dim Sum, Then Some was turning their party room into a breakfast room. And in typical Lilly's fashion, it's not your run-of-the-mill fare. Sure, they've got pancakes and waffles, biscuits and gravy. But they also serve entrées like smoked gouda grits, huevos rancheros and our personal favorite, biscuit mountain, buttermilk biscuits topped with sausage, pommes rosti, house-made sausage gravy and two pan-fried eggs. Their brunch menu includes classics like a BLT, and more original items like figgy piggy, fig glazed pork tenderloin with sweet potato hash. It's our new go-to for weekend breakfast and brunch. //11121 N. Rodney Parham Road, 716-2200.

BLUE COAST BURRITO /fresh mexican

Our first visit was on a whim. They had us with the fish tacos, and we never looked back. Burritos, tacos, salads, fresh salsas (the pineapple is our favorite) and wonderful service turned us into regulars. //14810 Cantrell Road, 868-3770; 4613 E. McCain Blvd., North Little Rock, 945-8033, BlueCoastBurrito.com

BOSCOS /american

Brunch doesn't get much better than at Boscós on Sunday with eggs, steak or oyster benedict. The andouille and chicken hash is delicious and filling, and the shrimp and grits put a Southern smile on our faces. If you're craving a good beer, try The Flaming Stone Ale, among other fine craft brews. Full bar. //500 President Clinton Ave., Ste.105, 907-1881, BoscósBeer.com



+VISIT InArkansas.com/eat to recommend your favorite place for breakfast or brunch.



Scrambled with a little cheese and salsa on top.

-Barbara Bowerman

BONEFISH GRILL /seafood 🍷

Bonefish is crowded most nights and reservations are offered, but if you aren't in a hurry, have a cocktail. We think it's a great bar; try the too trendy, very tasty pomegranate martini or the uber-delicious chocolate martini. For dinner, we love the ahi tuna topped with warm mango salsa. //11525 Cantrell Road, 228-0356, BoneFishGrill.com

BOULEVARD BREAD /healthy 🍷☀️🍷

The bread! The pastries! Don't even think of visiting if you can't resist these items. On the other hand, there are great cheeses, side dishes and entrées. We have the caprese sandwich with fruit at least twice a week.

//THREE LOCATIONS: in the Heights, in the River Market and at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Public Health. //1920 N. Grant St., 663-5951; in the River Market, 4301 W. Markham St., 526-6661, BoulevardBread.com



BRAVE NEW RESTAURANT /contemporary 🍷☀️

This is one of Little Rock's finest restaurants and scores points for food and beverages, ambiance and a killer view of the Arkansas River and downtown Little Rock. Brave New is famous for its premium quality farm-raised shrimp. Try the stuffed shrimp, big juicy prawns stuffed with spinach, mushrooms and Parmesan, then baked. Insider tip: The dinner rolls are addictive; consider yourself warned. //2300 Cottdale Lane, Ste. 105, 663-2677, BraveNewRestaurant.com

BUFFALO GRILL /american 🍷☀️

This is one of our favorite burger and fry restaurants. Sometimes we get a little holier-than-thou and request the grilled chicken platter with a salad instead of fries. Good cold beer and wine. Good shopping near both locations as well. //400 N. Bowman Road, 224-0012; 1611 Rebsamen Park Road, 296-9535

BURGE'S HICKORY SMOKED TURKEYS & HAMS /deli 🍷☀️🍷

Known for their whole smoked turkeys, Burge's also serves a variety of other items, including smoked turkey sandwiches and melts, potato salad, catfish, stuffed tomatoes, desserts, and more. We recommend the turkey po' boy, which is, in our opinion, one of the most delicious turkey sandwiches around. The turkey is thick and juicy and the bread perfectly toasted. Don't leave without trying one of the decadent chocolate fried pies. The crust is buttery and flaky, and the filling is smooth and sweet. Burge's also has a case filled with take-away items like their signature creamy smoked turkey salad and sliced deli turkey. Hours: 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. //5620 R Street, 666-1660, SmokedTurkeys.com

Café BOSSA NOVA /brazilian 🍷☀️🍷

Great lunch spot for tasty South American-style dishes. Try the chicken salad, or salpicão, which is served on

UNION

Tapas & Cocktails

Now Open for Lunch Monday through Friday and serving late night 7 days a week

501-661-8311 • 3421 OLD CANTRELL

WWW.UNIONTAPAS.COM

11AM - 2PM 5PM - 2AM MONDAY THRU FRIDAY.
5PM - 1AM SATURDAY. 5PM - 12 AM SUNDAY.

MUST BE 21 TO ENTER • SMOKING ALLOWED AFTER 9PM



Cantina LAREDO®
gourmet mexican food



SIP OUR BEST ON
CINCO DE MAYO

Enjoy the limited time Cinco 'Rita,
made with a blend of five premium tequilas,
fresh lime juice and agave nectar

Join us for the ultimate celebración

Midtowne Little Rock

207 N. University 501.280.0407

follow on Facebook & Twitter cantinalaredo.com



Fresh tossed salads made-to-order at ZAZA



On my range griddle after cooking bacon. Take most of the bacon grease off, add a pat of butter and scramble with some "Slap Ya Mama"...YUM!

-Mikel Shreeve

rice. At night, Bossa Nova is an intimate dining spot with perfect ambiance. Warning! The best cocktail in town is served here. It's called caipirinha. It seems innocent enough, but there is a South American liquor in it that you don't feel until you begin sipping your second. Two of them make your smile wider than your face. Its great, inspired desserts can make that happen, too. Closed Mondays. //2701 Kavanaugh Blvd., Ste. 105, 614-6682, CafeBossaNova.com

CAFÉ @ HEIFER /new american 🍷☀️

We were so pleased with the food and the atmosphere at Café @ Heifer that we've been back for lunch several times and even breakfast a time or two. For lunch, start with their carrot, shallot and apple soup, which is mildly sweet and creamy, or their roasted red pepper hummus, which is freshly-made and perfectly spiced. Our favorite lunchtime entrée is the blackberry BBQ pulled pork sandwich, which is slow braised so it's tender and sweet. For breakfast, order a fresh veggie omelet or one of their house-made muffins. Open for breakfast 8-10 a.m. and lunch 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday. //1 World Ave., 907-8801, Heifer.org

CAJUN'S WHARF /seafood 🍷🍷☀️

Seafood and steaks are the draw at this longtime restaurant five minutes away from downtown. Start out with the shrimp and crawfish cakes, then order a pound of the Alaskan king crab legs. One of Little Rock's most happening nighttime venues, Cajun's often features live music, and it's a great place to unwind and have some fun. Order the Play De Doh, a liquored punchy concoction served in a giant Mason jar, and just watch the Arkansas River roll by. //2400 Cantrell Road, 375-5351, CajunsWharf.com

CANTINA LAREDO /fresh mexican 🍷☀️🍷☀️

This restaurant in Midtowne Shopping Center served us one of the freshest margaritas we've ever sipped. You won't find any syrupy mixes here, just natural, tasty ingredients. Pair your drink with chips and some of the fresh guac. For dinner, try the Camaron Poblano Asada, a medley of

sautéed shrimp, mushrooms, onions and cheese tucked inside a poblano pepper and then wrapped in asada steak. //207 N. University Ave., Ste. 130, 280-0407, CantinaLaredo.com

CAPERS /american 🍷☀️🍷☀️

Run by the same woman who runs Cajun's Wharf, except this place will remind you of a wine country establishment. Dive into a bowl of the confetti dip, a blend of fresh vegetables, creamy cheese and jalapenos, served with pita chips. Follow that with the peach glazed pork tenderloin, which is served with a grilled pear half and a savory wild mushroom bread pudding. //14502 Cantrell Road or Highway 10, 868-7600, CapersRestaurant.com

CAPIS' /mediterranean fusion 🍷☀️☀️

Capi Peck and Brent Peterson, owners of Trio's Restaurant, also own this restaurant in Pleasant Ridge Town Center, which specializes in tapas-style dining. Our favorite is the chicken kebabs stavros with a chopped Greek salad and the gambas al ajillo' gulf shrimp, garlic, lemon, herbs and chile de arbol peppers. But don't leave without sampling the chocolate crème brulee or the raspberry cream pie. //11525 Cantrell Road, 225-9600, CapisRestaurant.com

CAPITAL BAR & GRILL /american 🍷

Great place for lunch with bankers, media types and world travelers. We hear Hunter S. Thompson hung out here the night Bill Clinton won the presidential election for the first time. We love the crisp, perfectly seasoned black-eyed peas served like salted peanuts. And the homemade pimento cheese on homemade crackers is now a need, rather than a want. //The Capital Hotel, Markham and Louisiana streets, 374-7474, CapitalHotel.com

Capital Bar & Grill's house-made pimento cheese and blackberry mint julep



Scrambled with a little cheese and salsa on top.

-Barbara Bowerman

CAPRICCIO GRILL /steaks 🍷🍷

There's something about hotel restaurants that we just love. With so many guests walking through the lobby of The Peabody Little Rock, you just never know what famous person you might be sitting next to in this stylish, upscale restaurant. Known for its world-class steaks, Capriccio also makes a heavenly mushroom risotto. Fifty by-the-glass wine choices should please the wine connoisseurs. //3 Statehouse Plaza, 399-8000

CHEEBURGER, CHEEBURGER /american 🍷☀️

Cheeburger is famous for its 20-ounce pounder burger, but there are plenty of options for daintier appetites, including salads and wraps and the classic burger. Pick from more than eight different cheeses and more than 30 toppings. Then add your fries or onion rings, and choose a shake from the 378,000 flavor combinations available. We love the classic topped with provolone cheese, onions, jalapeños, guacamole and roasted red peppers with onion rings and a cinnamon caramel mocha shake! //11525 Cantrell Road, Ste. 905, 490-2433, Cheeburger.com

COMMUNITY BAKERY /bakery-café 🍷☀️🚗

Wake up with a coffee from any country you can name, and sample dozens of fresh-baked pastries. For lunch and after, try the signature sandwiches on fresh-baked bread, soup in a bread bowl, fruit or a big slice of french silk pie. Cake and cookie offerings are varied and yummy. //1200 Main St., 375-6418, CommunityBakery.com

COPPER GRILL /american 🍷☀️🍷☀️

Located on the bottom floor of downtown's trendy 300 Third Tower, this restaurant is a perfect spot for lunch or dinner on the deck. Prep your palate with the not your mom's homemade mac & cheese balls. They're our guilty pleasure. For a main course, try the roasted turkey sandwich with avocado and bacon. //Third and Cumberland streets, 375-3333, CopperGrillAndGrocery.com

DAMGOODE PIES /pizza 🍷🚗🍷☀️

(☀️☀️ at Cantrell only)

This pizza place, which has several locations, is popular with the soccer-mom-and-kid crowd. Get your pizza with white sauce instead of red if you're feeling frisky, and enjoy lots of toppings, from chicken to artichoke hearts. Heads up: The liquor store next door is a nice place for good beer and wine for the pizza takeout crowd. //2701 Kavanaugh Blvd.; 6706 Cantrell Road, 664-2239, DamgoodePies.com. Wheelchair accessible at Cantrell location only.

DOE'S EAT PLACE /steaks 🍷☀️

We've got two words for you: steak, tamales. Known far and wide as a place Bill Clinton campaign workers hung out to eat steaks larger than their egos, Doe's is known locally as a great place for a steak, and there's no telling who you might see there. The tamales are perfection on a plate. //1023 W. Markham St., 376-1195, DoesEatPlace.net

EJ'S EATS AND DRINKS /deli 🍷🚗

We are just smitten by the great service and fantastic food at this downtown eatery. Diners can choose from a wide variety of "classic" and "top shelf" sandwiches, including our personal fave, the pork loin sandwich. All the sammies are served with a generous portion of homemade chips that are the perfect mix of crunch and flavor. //523 Center St., 666-3700, EjsLittleRock.com.

FADED ROSE /cajun 🍷

Winner of numerous awards for best steaks and best seafood, The Rose has been one of our favorite Little Rock restaurants since its inception in the early 1980s. It can be a bit loud. Folks get that way when they are having a fabulous meal and good conversation with friends. Favorite menu items include red beans and rice, jambalaya, shrimp, burgers — just about everything on the menu. //1619 Rebsamen Park Road, 663-9734; 400 N. Bowman Road, Ste. 28, 224-3377, TheFadedRose.com

FERNEAU /fusion 🍷

You can't go to Hillcrest and not dine at Ferneau. Chef Donnie Ferneau is the mastermind behind delectable dishes like the citrus-garlic prawns and the zinfandel slow-roasted beef short ribs. And if you want to relax with an adult beverage, try the Peaches and Cream; it's our go-to for warm summer evenings, or evenings we just wish were warm. The extensive wine list changes often, but you can bet it is always fabulous. On Tuesdays and Wednesdays, check out the three-course prix fixe menu for \$35. //2601 Kavanaugh Blvd., Hillcrest, 603-9208, FerneauRestaurant.com



Lil' milk, three eggs, two slices of cheese and lots of black pepper! —Robert Decker, Jr.

FLYING FISH /seafood 🍷

This quirky-looking River Market eatery serves up fried, broiled, raw or boiled fish and seafood with all the trimmings. Tell them to "make it snappy," and you'll get your meal extra spicy. You stand in line to order, but don't worry. The line moves fast. //511 President Clinton Ave., 375-3474, FlyinFishInThe.net

FORTY TWO /american 🌞

Formerly Café 42, this re-invented restaurant located in the Clinton Presidential Center has won our hearts. Choose from a variety of fresh salads or entrées. The Sunday brunch, which includes two courses, champagne and a cheese and dessert table, can't be missed. //1200 President Clinton Ave., 537-0042



HANAROO /japanese 🍷

Nestled in a small space on Capitol Avenue, Hanaroo Sushi Bar is one of our favorite places to go for fresh Japanese fare. A lucky maneki neko cat, with both paws raised, greets diners upon entrance, and the service is top-notch. For starters, order hot green teas and share a crunchy tornado cucumber roll, composed of salmon, caviar, crab, avocado, carrots and cream cheese wrapped in fresh cucumber. We also like the tuna tataki and the thick and flavorful yaki udon noodles with shrimp. //205 W. Capitol Ave., 301-7900

THE HOUSE /new american 🌞

Aptly named, The House is located in a quaint old home in Hillcrest that has been remodeled to accommodate a thriving restaurant business and it's throng of patrons. It's a comfortable kind of place with nice art on the walls



STUDIOa

salon & co.

4910 Kavanaugh Boulevard, Suite B
Located in the Heights • 501.558.4910
CALL FOR AN APPOINTMENT TODAY

Bb.
Bumble and bumble.



Aldersgate After Dark: KEEPING THE CAMPFIRES BURNING

Saturday, April 24, 2010
7:00-11:00pm
Tickets: \$75
River Market Pavilions - Downtown
For more information call 501.225.1444
www.campaldersgate.net

event benefiting
CAMPALDERSGATE
CAMPALDERSGATE FOR KIDNEY CANCER RESEARCH



New Exhibit!

OLD STATE HOUSE MUSEUM

300 W. MARKHAM ~ LITTLE ROCK, AR 72201 ~ 501-324-9685
WWW.OLDSTATEHOUSE.COM ~ INFO@OLDSTATEHOUSE.COM

Hours: 9 am-5 pm, Monday-Saturday; 1 pm-5 pm, Sunday
The Old State House Museum is a museum of the Department of Arkansas Heritage.

THE DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS HERITAGE



bored with breakfast at home? BRUNCH OUT

1620 THE RESTAURANT

where/ 1620 MARKET ST., 221-1620, 1620RESTAURANT.COM

hours/ 10 A.M.-2 P.M. SUNDAY

ASHLEY'S

where/ 111 W. MARKHAM ST., 370-7011, CAPITALHOTEL.COM/RESTAURANTS

hours/ 11 A.M.-2 P.M. SUNDAY

BOSCOS

where/ 500 PRESIDENT CLINTON AVE., STE. 105, 907-1881, BOSCOSBEER.COM

hours/ 10:30 A.M.-3 P.M. SUNDAY

B-SIDE

where/ 11121 N. RODNEY PARHAM ROAD, MARKET PLACE SHOPPING CENTER, 716-2200

hours/ 7 A.M.-1 P.M. WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY; 9 A.M.-3 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

CAFE BOSSA NOVA

where/ 2701 KAVANAUGH BLVD. STE. 105, 614-6682, CAFEBOSSANOVA.COM

hours/ 10:30 A.M.-2 P.M. SUNDAY

CANTINA LAREDO

where/ 207 N. UNIVERSITY AVE., STE. 130, 280-0407, CANTINALAREDO.COM

hours/ 11 A.M.-3 P.M. SUNDAY

CAPIS

where/ 11525 CANTRELL ROAD, PLEASANT RIDGE TOWN CENTER, 225-9600, CAPISRESTAURANT.COM

hours/ 11 A.M.-3 P.M. SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

FORTY TWO

where/ 1200 PRESIDENT CLINTON AVE., 537-0042

hours/ 11 A.M.-2 P.M. SUNDAY

LOCA LUNA

where/ 3519 OLD CANTRELL ROAD, 663-4666, LOCALUNA.COM

hours/ 11 A.M.-2:30 P.M. SUNDAY

PURPLE COW

where/ 8026 CANTRELL ROAD, 221-3555; 11602 CHENAL PARKWAY, 224-4433, PURPLECOWLR.COM

hours/ 9 A.M.-2 P.M. SUNDAY

VIEUX CARRÉ

where/ 2721 KAVANAUGH BLVD., 663-1196, AFTERTHOUGHTBAR.COM, VIEUXCARRECAFE.COM

hours/ 11 A.M.-2 P.M. SUNDAY JAZZ BRUNCH

YA YA'S EURO BISTRO

where/ 17711 CHENAL PARKWAY, STE. 1-101, THE PROMENADE, 821-1144, EATPBJ.COM

hours/ 10 A.M.-2 P.M. SUNDAY; 10-11 A.M. EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

and a naturally homey feel, the type of place where you settle in for dinner and laughs with friends or a drink after a long week. For starters, try the steamed whole artichoke with toasted cumin-lemon mayo, drawn butter and lemon for squeezing. It's seriously like nothing we've ever tried before. Delicious! For dinner or lunch, we recommend The House classic burger topped with some of the house-made 5-pepper marmalade. We hear the Diamond Bear beer battered fish and chips is wonderful as well. It's next on our list. //722 North Palm St., 663-4500

IGIBON /sushi 🍣

This west Little Rock sushi establishment has won hearts across the city with friendly smiles and personable service. Located off busy Rodney Parham Road, Igibon is quiet and subdued. For starters, taste the grilled squid and miso soup. Then order your choice of roll or sashimi, or choose from a variety of rice, tempura and teriyaki entrées. Be sure and offer a "domo" to the waving kitty as you leave. //11121 N. Rodney Parham Road, Ste. 13A, 217-8888

IRIANA'S PIZZA /pizza 🍕🚗📞

Stop in for a slice and a salad or an Italian grinder at lunch, or order a "Sweep the Floor" and a beer at dinner. Either way, you're guaranteed to get some delicious eats at a great price. And the homemade ranch dressing is to die for! John and Shirley Iriana are the most congenial hosts. //201 E. Markham St., 374-3656



Scrambled with a bit of cheese and cilantro.

-Rebecca Foard-Irons

IZZY'S /american 🍷☀️🚗

Feeling the need to shake the crowd? Go west, way out west on Highway 10. Izzy's will be on your right. Can't miss it. We love the Izzabella salad, a mix of lettuce, almonds, sesame seeds and mandarin oranges topped with the Izzabella light vinaigrette, or the nutty bird sandwich, sliced turkey breast, cream cheese and sunflower seeds on natural grain bread. Izzy's also serves hand-rolled tamales, pastas, burgers and brick-oven pizzas. Beer and wine, too! //5601 Ranch Drive, 868-4311

JIMMY'S SERIOUS SANDWICHES /deli 🍷📞

Just across from War Memorial, Jimmy's has been a Little Rock favorite for years. With a varying and choice-laden menu, no diner will leave unhappy. Meat-lovers will enjoy Jimmy's take on a hero, stacked with turkey, ham and corned beef. Our favorite is the garden sandwich: a fresh and flavorful combination of cheese, sunflower seeds, sprouts and Jimmy's special spinach spread on pumpnickel. If you're really hungry, ask for your sandwich "serious-sized." //5116 W. Markham, 666-3354, JimmysSeriousSandwiches.com.

KENT'S DOWNTOWN /southern 🍷📞

If you're seeking a delicious soul/southern food lunch, nothing beats Kent's Downtown, located in the River Market. Lured by the scent of barbecue, we first stopped for the meat-falling-off-the-bone smoked pork spare ribs. Sitting in a pool of the house-made barbecue sauce, the ribs were some of the best we have ever tasted. Same goes for Kent's meat loaf, mashed potatoes, and flavorful turnip greens. But Kent's is more than just a lunch stop; they also sell breakfast, as well as a variety of raw meats, including beef brisket, chicken, turkey legs, sausages, ribs, and more. Try a jar of their house-made barbecue sauce or marinade. Hours: 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Saturday. //400 President Clinton Ave., 375-1900

LAYLA'S /greek 🍷

We first went to Layla's with a fellow Greek food-loving friend, and it quickly became one of our favorites. Although the décor is sparse, the food is divine. We like the gyro plate, which comes with an ample portion of halal meat, a pita, a house-made tzatziki sauce

continued on pg. 76

brunch

B-SIDE

Grown-up breakfast and brunch with cool jazz

There was a time when people didn't mind standing in line for a fabulous breakfast. Bard's in the Heights was one of those places, and we miss it still. It was the perfect way to ease into a Saturday or Sunday. You could see people you knew or wanted to know, and waitresses knew your name and what you wanted to order.

by BECKI MOORE photography JAMES GROVES



B-Side's crispy beignets with lemon curd and whipped cream



That was then. This is now. Breakfast and brunch are back, but in style and upscale.

Nancy Tesmer is known for her work at Lilly's Dim Sum, Then Some in the Market Place Shopping Center. She'd been thinking about breakfast for quite awhile. Using the party room from Lilly's as a breakfast room was a fairly easy undertaking. When she made up her mind it was full tilt boogie. If you want eggs, bacon, hash, French toast, pancakes, waffles and biscuits, this is your place. Or if you want something a little different, this is your place.



Nancy Tesmer

We visited the first time around 10 a.m. on a Saturday. There were a few people standing in line, but because Tesmer suggested we share a table with another couple at the back of the room, we did not wait. For us, sexy jazz was perfect for a quiet, lazy day. And we saw people we knew.

I ordered vegetarian hash (\$7.99), and my husband ordered the waffles (\$5.99); a safe bet. Fresh squeezed orange juice in a small glass seemed extravagant at \$3.99, but it tasted so good I didn't care. The hash arrived, and as advertised it included crisp potatoes, onions, peppers, slow cooked tomatoes and cheese. Somehow I ate every bite.

On a second Saturday visit my husband tried French toast kabob, French toast on a stick wrapped with bacon and drizzled with maple syrup (\$7). It's a little different, but it was fine. He also tasted the crispy beignets with lemon curd and whipped cream (\$8.49). No food for me, but I did manage to drink a mimosa made with that delicious, fresh-squeezed orange juice. It's served in a small flute (\$6), so watch yourself.

Jeffrey Moore, B-Side chef, has teamed up with Tesmer to create

a number of breakfast dishes that you probably haven't tasted in your regular coffee shop. I never saw a frittata on Bard's menu, but it sure looks great (\$7.99). Some dishes just have a different name, like biscuit mountain, a concoction of buttermilk biscuits, sausage and Pommes Rosti topped with a house-made sausage gravy and two pan-fried eggs (\$10.99). Figgy piggy is a glazed pork tenderloin with sweet potato hash (\$11.99). Fried chicken and waffle is just what it says, a golden boneless leg of chicken and a waffle (\$11.49). Thankfully Moore added a healthful, gorgeous fruit and yogurt parfait with homemade granola (\$6.99).

Next visit I plan to check out Lil'uns (what they call their "sides"; the main dishes are called "Big'uns"). Smoked gouda grits (\$2.99), oatmeal with brown sugar, butter and cinnamon (\$2.49), fruit plate, and Pommes Rosti (\$2.99) are just a few of the offerings.

Service was flawless. Dishes were brought out by one person, and coffee was added by someone else. Tesmer seemed to visit with everyone. Watching the wait staff was like watching water ballet, smooth and effortless. The décor is peaceful. Art decorates the soft yellow walls of the square room. Ah, just like we wanted.



huevos rancheros

/top/ 1. Chef Jefferey Moore with Walter Redd and Findley Johnson
2. Fruit and yogurt parfait with house-made granola

HOURS 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

INFO 1121 N. Rodney Parham, east side of Market Street Shopping Center, 716-2200, **CREDIT CARDS**: Visa, MasterCard, American Express, Discover, Alcoholic **BEVERAGES**: full bar, **RESERVATIONS**: call ahead for parties of eight or more



Omelet with bacon and cheese. -Nancy Rhodes Harper

Scrambled in butter with cheese, in an omelet or over hard. -Jason Wiest

and marinated onions. Or, try the spanakopita, spinach and feta wrapped in phyllo dough and baked. Whatever you get, make sure you get it with a side of hummus or the creamy, spicy lentil soup. //9501 Rodney Parham Road, 227-7272

LILLY'S DIM SUM, THEN SOME /asian 🍜🍲🚗

Lots of cooked-to-perfection, or steamed-to-perfection, Thai and other Asian foods. Get the ginger chicken noodles and a bowl of hot and sour soup or the Vietnamese rice noodle salad. Great wine list, full bar. //11121 Rodney Parham Road, 716-2700, LillysDimSum.com

LOCA LUNA /american bistro 🍷☀️🌿

We can't remember when restaurateur Mark Abernathy opened Loca Luna. But we can remember the shrimp and brie quesadilla with pineapple-mango salsa, the homemade lobster and blue crab cakes with chipotle cream sauce and the delta pot roast. Located in Riverdale, this award-winning restaurant serves up lunch, dinner and a Sunday brunch. Eclectic cuisine, good wines, beers and spirits, and a killer patio. //3519 Old Cantrell Road, 663-4666, LocaLuna.com

MADDIE'S PLACE /cajun creole bistro 🍷

This New Orleans-style gem is tucked away in Riverdale next door to Faded Rose. We first dined there for lunch and were so enamored by the savory dishes and relaxed atmosphere that we've been back again and again. Chef Brian Deloney, who has worked for NOLA in New Orleans and Delmonico in Las Vegas, stirs up a mean roux and a scrumptious bread pudding. For an entrée, we recommend the pan-fried pork loin with cornbread pudding, smothered green beans and homemade Worcestershire. Don't be ashamed when you lick your plate clean. //1615 Rebsamen Park Road, 660-4040, MaddiesPlaceLR.com

PEI WEI /asian 🍜🍲

Ah, another chain restaurant has won our hearts. This Midtowne Shopping Center location was built with a dining room and a separate entrance for take-out guests. We love the lettuce wraps, the Thai chicken salad wraps and many of the entrées, like the honey-seared chicken. Easy to get in and out for takeout; usually a line for the dining room, but it moves quickly and efficiently. //205 N. University Ave., 280-9423, PeiWei.com

PURPLE COW /american 🍷☀️(at Cantrell) 🌿

Delicious burgers, salads, sandwiches and more; plus great shakes, very good kids' meals and plenty of highchairs. Fun atmosphere, always lively. Purple Cow draws local families. Please, please order a purple shake. You won't regret it. //8026 Cantrell Road, 221-3555; 11602 Chenal Parkway, 224-4433, PurpleCowLR.com

RISTORANTE CAPEO /italian 🍷

We think this is one of the top romantic restaurants anywhere. Located on Main Street in the Argenta District, Capeo has it all. Its Northern Italian menu gets explained so nicely you don't have to ask. We recommend the tomato and Gorgonzola soup with the beef tenderloin, which is grilled with goat cheese and mushrooms. //425 Main St., North Little Rock, 376-3463, Capeo.us

RIVERFRONT STEAKHOUSE /steak 🍷🍴

You wouldn't normally think fine dining and salad bar go together, unless you have been to Riverfront Steakhouse in North Little Rock's Wyndham Hotel. Start out with a hot bowl of the shrimp bisque soup to whet your appetite. Then order a cut of the aged-to-perfection beef, along with a side of the creamed corn. Riverfront also serves a variety of chicken, pork and seafood entrées for lighter appetites. For dessert, we recommend ordering a snow bear, a blend of Blue Bell ice cream, kaluha and amaretto. Hours: 5-9:30 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 5-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. //2 Riverfront Place, North Little Rock, in the Wyndham Riverfront Hotel, 375-7825



Istanbul's feta and Mozzarella cigar pastries



Kent's freshly-butchered meats



Ferneau's BLTini

SONNY WILLIAMS' STEAK ROOM /steaks 🍷

Open for dinner 5-11 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Count on aged Omaha black Angus steaks, great seafood dishes and excellent service. Wine list has gotten some rave reviews among locals in the know. Good place for a delicious cocktail. //500 President Clinton Ave., 324-2999, SonnyWilliamsSteakRoom.com

STAR OF INDIA /indian 🍷🚗

Lunch or dinner, you will not be disappointed with the authentic Indian cuisine at Star of India. Start with the chicken chat, tender chunks of chicken, potatoes and cucumber marinated in Indian herbs and served chilled, followed by the star special mixed grill, which includes a mix of tandoori chicken, prawns, fish tikka, lamb skewers and more cooked to perfection in a mix of Indian spices, yogurt, garlic and ginger. And don't forget the kulfi, Indian ice cream with pistachios and cardamom, for dessert. //301 N. Shackleford Road, Ste. C-4, 227-9900, LRStarOfIndia.com

STICKY FINGERZ ROCK 'N' ROLL CHICKEN SHACK /american 🍷☀️🍷

Affectionately referred to as Sticky's by locals, the menu at this eclectic River Market eatery includes everything from sandwiches and burgers to soups and salads. Our entrée of choice, however, is their 'chicken fingerz,' which come in nine different flavors with homemade dipping sauces on the side. It's also a great place for after-work or weekend drinks, when live music keeps the house thumpin'. //107 S. Commerce St., 372-7707, StickyFingerz.com

TAZIKI'S GREEK FARE /greek 🍷☀️🍷

Our pioneer voyage to Taziki's took place during the lunch rush on a beautiful Friday. The restaurant was slammed, but the service didn't skip a beat and the food was delicious. We recommend the basil-pesto pita, which is loaded with grilled chicken, basil-pesto, tomatoes and feta. Add the fresh tomato-cucumber salad or roasted potatoes to make it a meal. //8200 Cantrell Road, across from Pavilion in the Park, 227-8291, Tazikis.net

TRIO'S /healthy 🍷☀️🍷

Trio's is a local favorite for lunch and dinner, year in and year out. Everything is fresh and appealing, with unique entrées like the voodoo pasta, a mix of chicken, shrimp and andouille sausage in a garlic Alfredo sauce with sundried tomatoes and jalapeno peppers, served over black fettuccine. Reservations accepted. //Pavilion in the Park, 8201 Cantrell Road, 221-3330, TriosRestaurant.com

VANLANG /asian 🍷

If you're craving Asian cuisine that's a bit more original and healthier than a mound of fried rice and egg rolls, VanLang will be right up your alley. The menu features a variety of Vietnamese and Korean dishes, including tasty and light soups like pho, a Vietnamese beef and rice noodle soup, and spring rolls wrapped in lettuce and rice paper. We assure you that all the tastes are fresh and fabulous. //3600 S. University Ave., 570-7700

VESUVIO BISTRO /italian 🍷

For some of the freshest, most delicious Italian food around, drop by Vesuvio Bistro for dinner. Located in west Little Rock's Best Western-Governor's Inn, don't be fooled by the low-key location. This restaurant is a gem. We suggest starting with a bowl of their green lentil soup with a side of king crab cakes and then ordering their signature Spaghetti Chitarra, which features house-made

spaghetti noodles that are poured into a hollowed-out wheel of Parmesan cheese and mixed with olive oil, herbs and shitake mushrooms. And save room for dessert! Try their Tortex di Carote (carrot cake) and their Budino di Panettone (bread pudding). That's amore! //1501 Merrill Drive, 225-0500 Hours: 5-10 p.m. Monday-Saturday

VIEUX CARRÉ /french rustic 🍷🍴🌟

Who needs New Orleans when we've got a taste of the French Quarter right here in Hillcrest? Chef David Bennett, trained in classical French cuisine, whips up delectable masterpieces like the creamy smoked turkey crepes or the Creole classic jambalaya a la jacey on a daily basis. Eat your heart out, New Orleans. //2721 Kavanaugh Blvd., 663-1196, AfterThoughtBar.com, VieuxCarreCafe.com

WHOLE HOG CAFÉ /barbecue 🍷🍴🌟

🚚 delivery with a \$225 minimum order

It may sound trite, but if you go once to this place, you'll be back. Stand in a fast line to order from an array of pork, beef and chicken dishes barbecued to perfection. Our favorite is the pulled pork with volcano sauce. There are tamer sauces for delicate eaters. These guys have won every major barbecue contest in the South, maybe even in the North. 2516 Cantrell Road, 664-5025; 12111 W. Markham, 907-6124; 5107 Warden Road, North Little Rock, 753-9227, WholeHogCafe.com

YA YA'S EURO BISTRO /european bistro 🍷🍴🌟

This upscale bistro provides a relaxed atmosphere and a pleasant wait staff. A wide selection of sandwiches, salads, pastas and entrées with a Mediterranean flair make it tempting to try something different at each visit. We recommend the salad and sandwich combo, which offers generous portions at a great price. Dine alfresco while enjoying live music on Tuesday and Friday evenings. //17711 Chenal Parkway, Ste. 1-101, in The Promenade, 821-1144, EatPBJ.com

ZAZA FINE SALAD + WOOD-OVEN PIZZA CO.

/healthy 🍷🍴🌟

ZAZA is a salad lover's dream come true. Choose from one of 10 designed salads or mix your own creation from a long list of imported cheeses, roasted meats and toppings. Add a Naples-style wood-fired pizza, and you've got a feast. For dessert or just for fun, you must try one of the many flavors of house-made gelato; *we love the limoncello*. //5600 Kavanaugh Blvd., in the old Heights Theater, 661-9292 •



SOIRÉE RECOMMENDS IS ALWAYS EVOLVING.

Restaurateurs, if you have menu changes, a new chef, a new restaurant or new hours, please let us know.

E-mail Amanda Morgan at
amorgan@abpg.com

spring is sweet. cupcakes



on Kavanaugh

life's sweet...
eat a cupcake

501.664.cake(2253)
www.eatacupcake.com



Listed Top 100 Revolutionary Garden Centers... Come See Why!

(501) 868-4666
15601 Cantrell Road
Little Rock, AR 72223
www.thegoodearthgarden.com



NEW!

soirée recommends VIDEOS

Get a sneak peek at the amazing food, atmosphere and behind-the-scenes action of some of Little Rock's most amazing restaurants. **To see the videos, visit InArkansas.com/SoireeRecommends.** *Bon Appetit!*

NOW PLAYING

➡ NEW!

BILL FITZGERALD /Boulevard Bread
GARY HEATHCOTT /YaYa's Euro Bistro
ANTHONY LUCAS /Juanita's
SKIP RUTHERFORD /Doe's Eat Place
JEFF HANKINS /Copper Grill
CARLTON & KRISTEN SAFFA /Capital Bar & Grill
MICHELLE ODUM /Cheeburger Cheeburger

Arthur Boutiette /Terrace on the Green
Tony Poe /Ferneau
Beth Ward /Café Bossa Nova
Bill Scholl /1620 Restaurant
Kelley Bass /Capriccio Grill
Andrew + Susan Meadors /Ashley's at the Capital
Keith Caldarera + family /Purple Cow
Bill Fletcher + Mark V. Williamson /Whole Hog Café
Tom Dalton /Sonny Williams' Steak Room
Eric, Rob and Isaac /Flying Fish



events

the april datebook

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

1 /thursday

BUSINESS OF ART with Robin Steves, presented by Pulaski Technical College Foundation and benefiting the naming of the Tom Steves Sr. Multipurpose Room and the Tom Steves Sr. Business and Fine Arts Scholarship Fund, 6:30-9 p.m., Pulaski Technical College Grand Hall. Tickets: \$50 per person. Info: Jamie Higgins, 812-2771, PulaskiTech.edu.

3 /saturday

THE OXFORD AMERICAN BEST OF THE SOUTH GALA honoring actor Morgan Freeman as the first recipient of the Outstanding Contributions to Southern Culture Award, 6:30 p.m. reception, followed by a three-course meal, celebrity entertainment and a film tribute. Tickets: \$500 per person; \$1,000 per person for private reception with Morgan Freeman. Info: 320-5730, <http://gala.OxfordAmerican.org>.

3RD ANNUAL TREASURE THE CHILDREN EVENT to benefit the Children's Protection Center, 7 p.m.-midnight, Crowne Plaza. Tickets: \$50 per person. Info: 324-2572.

8-11 /thursday-sunday

ARKANSAS LITERARY FESTIVAL, River Market area. Info: bmooy@cals.org, ArkansasLiteraryFestival.org.

8 /thursday

8TH ANNUAL EMPTY BOWLS art auction to benefit Arkansas Foodbank Network, 6-9 p.m., Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. Tickets: \$50 per person. Info: pvickers@arkansasfoodbank.org, 565-8121, Ext. 33.

A DAY IN THE LIFE auction event to benefit Single Parent Scholarship Fund of central Arkansas, 6:30-9 p.m., Lafayette Square building, 523 S. Louisiana. Tickets: \$50 per person. Info: 301-7773, PulaskiSingleParents.org.

FASHION FETE, a fashion show featuring local boutiques and benefiting Easter Seals, 6 p.m. VIP reception, 7 p.m. show, Chenal Country Club. Tickets: \$50 for general tickets; \$100 for VIP tickets. Info: 227-3700.

"ROCK OUT FOR RESEARCH!" to benefit Arkansas Children's Hospital and Children's Miracle Network, 7 p.m., Revolution Music Room, LaHarpe and President Clinton, downtown. Tickets: \$15. Info: Jessica Buckler, 364-1074.

9 /friday

AUTHOR! AUTHOR!, a meet and mingle author's party held in conjunction with the Arkansas Literary Festival and sponsored by Little Rock Soirée, 7 p.m., Arkansas Studies Institute's Concordia Hall. Tickets: \$15 per person. Info: bmooy@cals.org, ArkansasLiteraryFestival.org.

10 /saturday

BE WISE IMMUNIZE, the Junior League of Little Rock's annual Saturday health fair for children enrolled in Baseline Elementary School, Chicot Primary School and Early Childhood Center, Geyer Springs Elementary School and Watson Intermediate Elementary School, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Southwest Community Center. Children attending the health fair will receive immunizations, as well as vision, hearing, dental and general medical screening services.

Info: Kim Meyer-Webb, 350-7296.

2ND ANNUAL CELEBRITY DANCE SHOWCASE:

"LET'S DANCE TO HEALTH" hosted by The Stars Come Out, Inc. to benefit Arkansas Children's Hospital, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Camp Aldersgate, L.C. and Daisy Bates Home, Coalition for a Tobacco Free Arkansas and American Cancer Society, 5:30-8:30 p.m., Wildwood Park for the Arts, 20919 Denny Road. Tickets: \$35 person includes a silent auction, designer's competition and a dessert bar. Info: 993-8867.

A PRIZED EVENING to award The Porter and Worthen Literary Prizes, 7 p.m., Darragh Center at the Main Library, 100 Rock St. Free to the public. Info: bmooy@cals.org.

15 /thursday

ARKANSAS A LA CARTE, presented by the Arkansas Children's Hospital Auxiliary to benefit the hospital, featuring tastings from more than 20 central Arkansas restaurants and caterers, a silent auction and live music by Josh Green, 6:30-9 p.m., Chenal Country Club. Tickets: \$100 per person. Info: 364-1476.

16 /friday

GO RED FOR WOMEN LUNCHEON to benefit the American Heart Association, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Statehouse Convention Center's Wally Allen Ballroom. Tickets: \$125 per person. Info: Cathy Hooker, 379-1185.

UALR COLLEGE OF BUSINESS DISTINGUISHED ALUMS LUNCHEON, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., The Peabody Little Rock. Tickets: \$100 per person. Info: Will Elliott, 569-3208.

COOKS TOUR PATRONS' PARTY featuring food from Cheers in the Heights, cocktails by Glazer's and entertainment by The Rodney Block Project, and honoring the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute Auxiliary's Distinguished Honoree, Dr. Robert Fincher, 7-9:30 p.m., home of Mary Kay and Jim East. Tickets: \$100 per person and include tickets to the tour of homes. Info: Leslie Taylor, 686-8998, leslie@uams.edu.

17 /saturday

TOUCH A TRUCK AND BUCKLE UP & BE SAFE, Junior League of Little Rock programs that provide free car seat checks by ACH's Injury Prevention Center and opportunities for children to "touch" and learn about fire trucks, tractors, police cars, etc., 10 a.m.-2 p.m., War Memorial Stadium. Tickets: \$5 per person or a maximum of \$20 per family. Info: Kim Meyer-Webb, 350-7296.

HEART WALK to benefit American Heart Association, North Shore River Walk in North Little Rock. Info: Lloyd Webre, 379-1178.

JUVENILE DIABETES RESEARCH FOUNDATION GALA presented by BKD Foundation and Lisenne Rockefeller, 6 p.m., Statehouse Convention Center. Tickets: \$150 per person. Info: Renay Dean, 217-0321.

18 /sunday

WRCI COOKS TOUR, 1-4 p.m., Orle neighborhood in Chenal Valley. Tickets: \$20 per person in advance; \$25 at the door. Info: Cancer.Uams.edu/CooksTour, 686-8286.

WINE DINE DONATE, a dinner with wine pairings at Ashley's at the Capital to benefit Easter Seals Arkansas, 6 p.m. Tickets: \$150 per person. Info: 227-3700.

20 /tuesday

16TH ANNUAL PREVIEW NIGHT AND AUCTION presented by the UAMS College of Medicine Parent's Club, 6 p.m. wine and hors d'oeuvres, 7:10 p.m. live auction, and preview of the play "Frost Nixon" at Arkansas Repertory Theatre. Tickets: \$35 per person. Info: 952-2547.

22 /thursday

RUTH OLIVE BEALL/BETTY LOWE, M.D.

AWARDS presented by Arkansas Children's Hospital, 6:15 p.m. cocktails, 7 p.m. dinner, Chenal Country Club. **Info:** 364-8005.

9TH ANNUAL BOYS AND THEIR TOYS to benefit Arkansas Prostate Cancer Foundation, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Jack Stephens Center, University of Arkansas at Little Rock. **Tickets:** \$60 per person and includes dinner and an auction. **Info:** Jeana Vaughan, 748-1293.

23 /friday

SYMPHONY ON THE GREEN, an event presented by Arkansas Symphony Orchestra Guild to benefit ASO and music education in schools, 6:30 p.m. cocktails with ASO Jazz Trio, 7:30 p.m. dinner, 9 p.m. dancing with ASO Big Band, Chenal Country Club. **Tickets:** \$150 per person and may be purchased by calling 688-3000, or by visiting ArkansasSymphony.org. **Info:** Kelly Harbert, 370-4547, kharbert@onebanc.com.

YMCA METRO LITTLE ROCK'S 125TH

ANNIVERSARY EVENT, 6:30 p.m., Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church. **Tickets:** \$150 per person. **Info:** 804-5379.

LITTLE ROCK CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

FUNDRAISER featuring a concert by Steve Azar, 7 p.m., Wildwood Performing Arts Center, 20919 Denny Road. **Tickets:** \$35 per person. **Info:** Debbie Lee, 975-3430.

24 /saturday

GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP, Little Rock's inaugural city wide effort to promote litter pickup and celebrate Earth Day. **Info:** Rickie Smith, 376-0321, rickie@manganholcomb.com.

WOO AT THE ZOO to benefit the Arkansas Zoological Foundation and the Little Rock chapter of the American Association of Zoo Keepers, 6-9 p.m., Little Rock Zoo. **Tickets:** \$35 per person. **Info:** Susan Altrui, 661-7208.

FINALE, a fundraising gala benefiting the UALR arts programs and honoring Dr. Jonathan Bates and his wife, Dr. Sally Everson-Bates, 6:30 p.m., Jack Stephens Center. **Tickets:** \$150 per person. **Info:** 569-3296.

ALDERSGATE AFTER DARK to benefit Camp Aldersgate, 7 p.m., River Market Pavilions. **Tickets:** \$75 per person. **Info:** Tisha Gribble, 225-1444, CampAldersgate.net.

CRAWLS FOR A CAUSE to benefit Baptist Health's NICU, 7 p.m.-midnight, Dickey Stephens Park. **Tickets:** \$30 in advance; \$35 day of and may be purchased at CrawlsForACause.com. **Info:** Scotty Adams, 690-6909.

25 /sunday

MT. HOLLY CEMETERY ANNUAL PICNIC, 5 p.m., Mt. Holly Cemetery, 1200 Broadway. **Tickets:** \$75 per person. **Info:** Kay Tatum, 375-5197.

26 /monday

FINE ARTS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING featuring speaker Dr. Salima Ikram, a professor of Egyptology at The American University in Cairo,



ABOVE :: "Harry's Chucks," 24" x 36", acrylic by Haley Hamlin, a senior at North Little Rock High School.

➤ **YOUR EVENT HERE!** To get your event in our May 2010 datebook send submissions to Becki Moore at bmoore@abpg.com by Thursday, April 8th.

on *Discoveries in the Desert: The North Kharga Oasis Survey*, 11 a.m. coffee, 11:30 a.m. lecture, followed by a luncheon with Egyptian table decor in Best Impressions restaurant, Arkansas Arts Center. **Tickets:** \$45 per person. **Reservation deadline is Apr. 22.** **Info:** 396-0322.

27 /tuesday

ART TO REMEMBER, an event to benefit Alzheimer's Arkansas, 6 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. seated dinner, spirits, silent and live auctions, Governor's Mansion. **Tickets:** \$125 per person. **Info:** 224-0021. Art available for preview online the first week of April at Alzark.org.

28 /wednesday

BOLO BASH LUNCHEON presented by The Stephens Group to benefit Baptist Health Little Rock's Emergency Department, with special guest Blake Mycoskie, founder and chief shoe giver of TOMS Shoes, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., J.A. Gilbreath Conference Center, Baptist Health Medical Center. **Tables:** \$2,500 and \$1,500. **Limited amount of individual tickets available.** **Info:** Amanda Smith, 202-1206, amanda.smith@baptisthealth.org.

29 /thursday

STRIKE FOR EDUCATION presented by and benefiting Junior Achievement of Arkansas, 3-5 p.m., Millennium Bowl, 7200 Counts Massie Road, Maumelle. **Info:** Angela Harris, 280-9118.

CARTI RAGIN' CAJUN BASH, a crawfish boil with a silent auction and live music, presented by iBERIA Bank and benefiting CARTI, 6 p.m. River Market

Pavilions, downtown Little Rock. **Tickets:** \$30 per person in advance; \$35 per person at the gate. **Info:** 296-3202, Carti.com.

30 /friday

SOUL NIGHT: OPEN YOUR HEART, a benefit for the Holy Souls Playground, 6 p.m., home of Demp and Paula Dempsey, 55 Scenic Dr., Entertainment by Romona, local jazz musician. **Tickets:** \$50 per person. **Info:** bbneighbors@gmail.com.

MAY

I /saturday

A NIGHT WITH THE STARS, Cathedral School's annual auction and fundraiser featuring live and silent auctions, live music, painting and dance performances and catering by Ristorante Capeo, 6 p.m., The Cathedral School, 1616 S. Spring Street. **Tickets:** \$35 per person. **Info:** Kim Shurley, 944-6037, kimshurley@shurley.com.

CRAWFISH AND COCKTAILS, an event to raise money for the newly-chartered Arkansas Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 5 p.m., River Market West Pavilion. **Tickets:** \$40 per person; \$70 for a pair. **Info:** 251-9932, outofthedarknesswendy@gmail.com, Afsp.org.

IV PARTY to benefit St. Vincent Foundation, 7 p.m.-midnight, location tbd. **Tickets:** \$175 per person; \$500 per person for benefactors. **Info:** 552-2385, mlperson@stvincenthealth.com.

For information about appearing in this section of *Soirée*, call Ashley James at 372-1443, Ext. 314.

/april around&about



PEABODY LITTLE ROCK CONGRATULATES HERNING, WELCOMES HANSEN

reception to congratulate former Peabody Little Rock general manager Gregg Herning on his promotion to the group's vice president of sales and marketing and to welcome Monte Hansen as the new general manager

1. Monte Hansen, Gregg Herning
2. Dean Kumpuris, Carol Dyer
3. Jane Mages, Gretchen Hall



The Art of Plastic Surgery

Dr. Spann hosts an evening discussion on

'The Mommy Makeover', Rejuvenating the breast, belly, and buttocks after pregnancy

- Learn the techniques to safely rejuvenate your body after pregnancy: **Breast augmentation, Breast reduction/lift, Lipoabdominoplasty, and buttock lift.**
- View before and after photos
- Discuss procedures one-on-one with the physician in a relaxing environment

Conway, April 20 • In conjunction with Cosmetic Laser Solutions.
Little Rock, April 27 • 6 to 8 PM

Sign up online at www.michaelspannmd.com. Seating is limited.

events

+29



Carnaval Brings AAC to Life pg. 82

Heart Ball Raises more than \$850,000 pg. 84

UofA Business Hall of Fame Fetes Four pg. 92

Jewish Federation of Arkansas Hosts Annual Dinner .. pg. 112

/above/

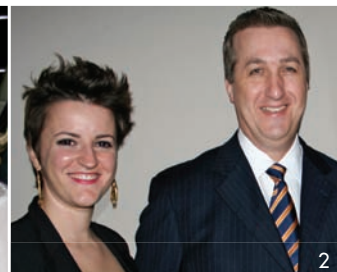
TOMS Shoes founder and chief shoe giver Blake Mycoskie, who will be the guest speaker at this year's Bolo Bash Luncheon: 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 28. Photo courtesy of The Lavin Agency.



CARNAVAL BENEFITS AAC

Museum Comes to Life was the theme for Carnival 2010 benefiting Arkansas Arts Center. The event—which included cocktails, hor d'oeuvres, an auction and dinner—was held throughout the entire center, and guests enjoyed the interactive environment as famous works of art and artifacts came to life.

- I Pamela Meeks, Liz Banko, Sandy Taschetti, Michelle Grawer
- 2 Riley Lipschitz, Peter Banko
- 3 Jon and Jenny Timmis, Nancy and Bill Puddephatt
- 4 Nan Plummer and Jim Spencer
- 5 Eileen and Dr. Ricardo Sotomora
- 6 Lauren and Lee Strother
- 7 Pat and Chris Forgy, Robyn and John Horn
- 8 Lindsay Lampo, Dr. J. Floyd Kyser
- 9 Barbara Nowlin, Josephine Felton with her mother, Barbara Hoover
- 10 Buddy and Rachel Harding
- 11 Caroline Ewing, Dr. Daniel Felton, Catherine Ruth Kelly
- 12 Jim and Flo Deere, Gaye and Bob Anderson
- 13 Nancy and David Bartlett
- 14 Cathy and Steve Owen, Belinda Shults
- 15 Dr. Gail Reede Jones and Jesse Mason
- 16 Eric McDaniel, Chad Rodgers, Wendy and Dr. Ray Parker
- 17 Jennifer Pierce, Jo Beth McElhanon, Julia Strickland, Mary Margaret Marks
- 18 Bobby Tucker, Susan Clark, Jim Alexander, Linda and Butch Boykin

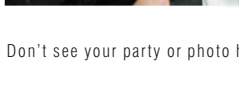
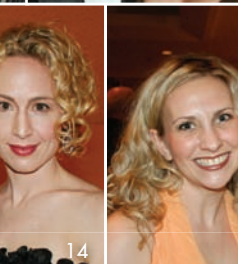
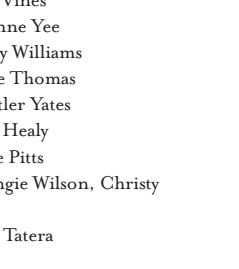
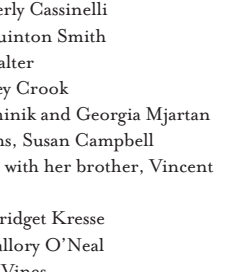
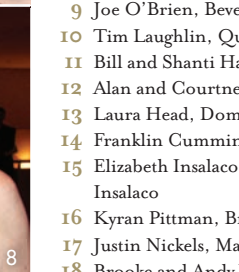
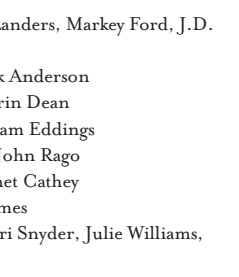
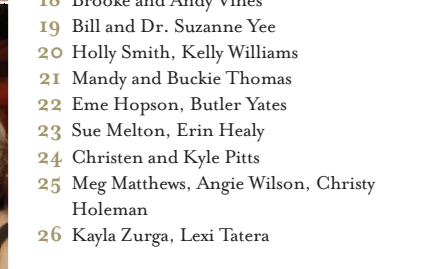
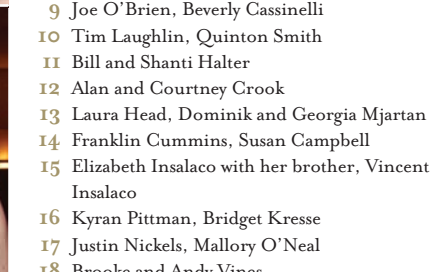
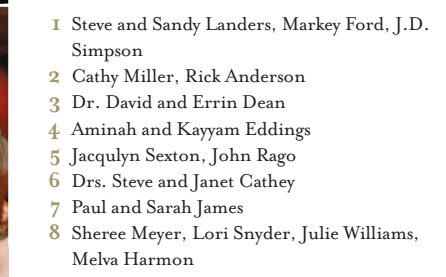




OSCAR NIGHT GALA

Oscar Night America Gala, benefiting the Wolfe Street Foundation, was held at The Peabody Little Rock. Guests walked the red carpet, participated in live and silent auctions, and enjoyed a dinner similar to the cuisine served by Wolfgang Puck to filmmakers in Hollywood.

- 1 Steve and Sandy Landers, Markey Ford, J.D. Simpson
- 2 Cathy Miller, Rick Anderson
- 3 Dr. David and Errin Dean
- 4 Aminah and Kayyam Eddings
- 5 Jacquelyn Sexton, John Rago
- 6 Drs. Steve and Janet Cathey
- 7 Paul and Sarah James
- 8 Sheree Meyer, Lori Snyder, Julie Williams, Melva Harmon
- 9 Joe O'Brien, Beverly Cassinelli
- 10 Tim Laughlin, Quinton Smith
- 11 Bill and Shanti Halter
- 12 Alan and Courtney Crook
- 13 Laura Head, Dominik and Georgia Mjartan
- 14 Franklin Cummins, Susan Campbell
- 15 Elizabeth Insalaco with her brother, Vincent Insalaco
- 16 Kyran Pittman, Bridget Kresse
- 17 Justin Nickels, Mallory O'Neal
- 18 Brooke and Andy Vines
- 19 Bill and Dr. Suzanne Yee
- 20 Holly Smith, Kelly Williams
- 21 Mandy and Buckie Thomas
- 22 Eme Hopson, Butler Yates
- 23 Sue Melton, Erin Healy
- 24 Christen and Kyle Pitts
- 25 Meg Matthews, Angie Wilson, Christy Holeman
- 26 Kayla Zurga, Lexi Tatera

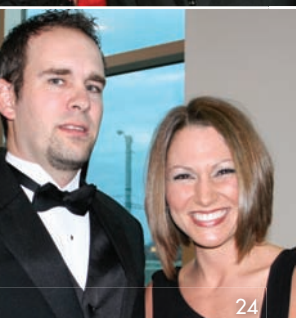
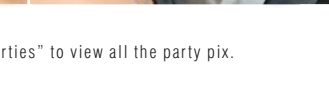
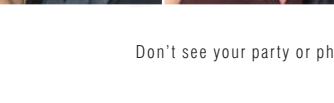
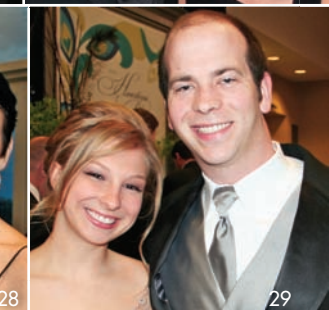
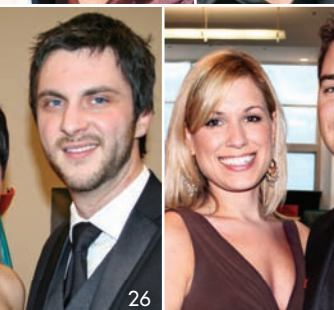
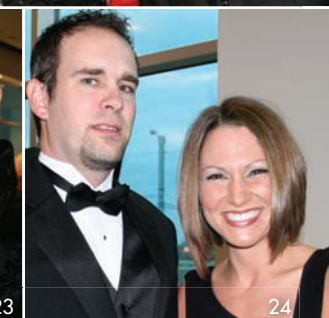




HEART BALL TOPS \$850,000

More than 1,000 guests attended the Central Arkansas Heart Ball 2010, an annual event that benefits the American Heart Association. Held at the Statehouse Convention Center's Wally Allen Ballroom, the ball was co-chaired by Mitzi and Larry Choate and presented by Baptist Health. Dr. Anthony Bennett received the Worthen-Cornett Award; Steve Roberson the Jerry Davis Memorial Award; and Chelsey Copas the Sweetheart Sotomora Service Award.

- 1 Mitzi and Larry Choate
- 2 Amy Sixbey, Carol Dyer, Steve Roberson, Lisa Johnson
- 3 Russ and Donna Harrington
- 4 Layton Dudley with her father, Robert Dudley Jr.
- 5 Erinn and Dr. David Dean
- 6 Tiffany Maxwell, Sarah Clark
- 7 Claire and Dr. Wayne Alley
- 8 Eileen and Dr. Ricardo Sotomora with their daughter, Charli
- 9 Brad and Emily Canada
- 10 Cori and Tim McGrath
- 11 Ashley and Kurt Knickrehm
- 12 Dr. Anthony and Linda Bennett, Chris and Anita Bennett, David and Sarah Bennett
- 13 Jennifer Ronnel, Julie Vascocu
- 14 Sam and Janet Alley
- 15 Fran and Jim Bailey
- 16 Bernice and Lyndell Lay
- 17 Que Askari, Rick and LuAnn Ashley, Julie Askari, Judy and Bill Smith
- 18 Ann Pyle, David and Shannon Aston
- 19 Tom and Elizabeth Small, Mike Sells
- 20 Tracey and Mike Maulden
- 21 Ray and Deborah Dillon
- 22 Susan and Nick Brown
- 23 Margaret Freeman, Sandra Brown
- 24 Chris Turnage, Misty Krug
- 25 Mary Jane Platt, Amanda Charlesworth
- 26 Meredith Hamilton, Scott Copas
- 27 Mindy and Taylor Lyman
- 28 Erin and Dennis McKelvey
- 29 Stephanie Garner, Jon Tyler





Expert Skill for Arkansas. Exceptional Care for Arkansans.

Arkansas Urology continues to bring proven medical technology and surgical skill to Arkansas. With locations throughout the state, we're equipped to provide quality healthcare for our patients. For information or to schedule an appointment, call us toll-free at 877-321-8452.

- Prostate Cancer
- Prostate Disease
- Enlarged Prostate
- Laparoscopic Surgery
- Overactive Bladder
- Bladder Leakage (Male/Female)

- Male Infertility
- Diseases of the Kidney
- Kidney Stones
- Impotence/Sexual Dysfunction
- Vasectomy/Vasectomy Reversal

- No-needle/No-scalpel Vasectomy
- Female Interstitial Cystitis
- da Vinci® Robotic Prostatectomy



Arkansas Urology

Toll-free: 877-321-8452
ArkansasUrology.com

1300 Centerview Drive
Little Rock
501-219-8900

3401 Springhill Drive,
Suite 345
North Little Rock
501-945-2121

5 Medical Park Drive,
Suite GL3
Benton
501-776-3288

Doctors Building,
Suite 205
245 Quality Drive
Clinton
800-255-1762

619 N. Newton Ave.
El Dorado
870-862-5439

BMC Outpatient Clinic
1800 Bypass Road
Heber Springs
800-255-1762

2504 W. Main St.,
Suite A
Russellville
479-968-2600



THE REP HOSTS SAINTS & SINNERS

Anything Goes was the theme for Saints & Sinners benefiting Arkansas Repertory Theatre. The event was held at the Statehouse Convention Center, and Annamary and Greg Thompson were the "cruise directors." Guests sipped on signature cocktails, browsed a silent auction, dined and danced the night away.

- I Greg and Dora Jane Flesher, Penny and John Burkhalter
- 2 Jeane Hamilton, Briant Noland
- 3 Ken Kimberling, Nicole Capri Bauer, Brianne and Brian Bush
- 4 Marcia Lewis-Smith and Earl Smith, Tess and Ty Dooley
- 5 Lindsay and Ty Warren, Tobi and Carter Fairley
- 6 Sheri and Harry Hamlin
- 7 Gov. Mike and Ginger Beebe
- 8 Kelly Ford, Sally and Bill Rector
- 9 Cliff Baker, Lynn Frazier, Kathy and Jim Wilkins
- 10 Chuck and Terri Erwin
- 11 Jim and Fran Bailey
- 12 Nan Selz and Chris Barrier, Molly and Rob Young
- 13 Janell Mason, Susan Altrui
- 14 T.J. and Sarah Fowler, Peggy and Ben Brenner
- 15 Anne-Claire Allen, Conyers Poole
- 16 Carla and Dr. Peter Emanuel
- 17 Jenny Bruno, Stacey Jones, Jay Ruud, Andrea Smalec, Becky Frederick
- 18 Fred and Kathy Perkins
- 19 Nick and Susan Brown
- 20 Anita and Augusta Farver
- 21 Ruth and Steve Shepherd





ecohouse
architecture & construction

"...expresses sustainability as a living aesthetic" -Architectural Digest

Rodney Collins, LEED AP • Licensed Architect & Contractor
501 303 4578 • www.EcohouseConstruction.com

ARKANSAS' #1 MORTGAGE LENDER 9 YEARS IN A ROW!

JANUARY 18, 2010 •BANKING• ARKANSAS BUSINESS 19

Largest Mortgage Lenders

Ranked by total value (in millions) of Arkansas mortgages originated in 2009

Company Address Phone, Fax, Web site	Total 2009 Loans % Change from 2008 No. of Mortgage Localities	Mortgages Originated Total Value Average Value	Mortgages Purchased Total Value Number	Mortgages Serviced Total Value Number	Top Mortgage Executive
1 Arvest Mortgage Co. 106 Parkwood St., Lowell 72745 (800) 252-5534, (479) 770-8527, www.arvestmortgage.com	\$1,204.6 80.4% NA	\$1,204.6 80.4% \$149,345	\$366.9	\$32,105.7 44,093	Bill Roehrenbeck Chairman, President & CEO
2 Bertrams Mortgage Co. 12715 Sunset Road, Little Rock 72203 (501) 537-8431, (501) 537-1180, bertramsmortgage.com	\$507.1 59.2% 16	\$507.1 59.2% \$148,436	\$0.0	\$0.0	Samuel Smith Jr. President and CEO
3 Regions Bank 600 W. Capitol Ave., Little Rock 72201 (501) 271-9242, (501) 271-7320, www.regions.com	\$459.0 35.1% 112	\$459.0 35.1% \$100,187	NA	\$32,545.0 210,000	Randy Smith Regional Manager
4 Elements First National Corp. 531 Main St., Fayetteville 72701 (479) 545-1250, (479) 541-1478, www.elementsfirst.com	\$348.0 NA 74	\$348.0 NA \$122,707	\$0.0	\$0.0	John Chapman Senior Vice President
5 Bank of Little Rock Mortgage Corp. 13204 Central Road, Little Rock 72223 (501) 219-9100, (501) 224-8007, www.bankoflittlerock.com	\$340.2 89.7% 9	\$340.2 89.7% \$117,348	\$0.0	\$0.0	Scott McElhenny President and CEO
6 Wells Fargo Home Mortgage 1500 Capital Blvd., Suite 100, Little Rock 72203 (501) 387-8821, (501) 388-1768, www.wellsfargo.com/bankoflittlerock	\$329.0 4.8% 9	NA 2,300	NA	NA	Frank Lawrence Area Sales Manager
7 First Security Bank 114 N. Main St., Fayetteville 72701 (479) 425-2260, (479) 425-2260, www.firstsecurity.com	\$307.1 71.2% 1	\$307.1 71.2% \$121,523	\$0.0	\$0.0	Kathryn Sims Senior Vice President
8 Bank of America Home Loans 10000 Financial Centre Parkway, Suite 124, Little Rock 72211 (501) 228-2549, (501) 228-2551, www.bankofamerica.com	\$187.9 4.2% 1	\$187.9 4.2% \$134,598	NA	NA	David Rogers Senior Vice President
9 Metropolitan National Bank 425 W. Capitol Ave., Little Rock 72201 (501) 361-9242, (501) 361-8749, www.metrobank.com	\$184.0 38.3% 1	\$184.0 38.3% \$104,491	\$0.0	\$0.0	Mark Anderson General Sales President
10 Bank of the Ozarks Inc. 17001 General Highway, Little Rock 72223 (501) 919-2264, (501) 919-3312, www.bankoftheozarks.com	\$153.6 42.6% 8	\$153.6 42.6% \$181,372	\$0.0	\$0.0	Gary Hootman Mortgage Lending President

Source: Arkansas Business

Bryant: Crystal Nguyen (501) 379-7910
Cabot: Adam Nobles (501) 743-3742
Conway: Kay Satterwhite (501) 513-4550
 Karolyn Ziemer (501) 513-4535
Hot Springs: Glenna Hodge (501) 321-8394
Little Rock: Eric Cullum (501) 379-7242
 Michael Burns (501) 379-7840
 Jonathan Cook (501) 379-7215
 John Curreri (501) 379-7680
 Tricia Fredinburg (501) 379-7594
 Ryan Smith (501) 379-7516
N.Little Rock: Lynn Narkinsky (501) 379-7964

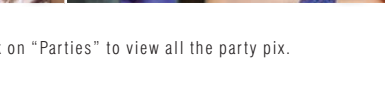
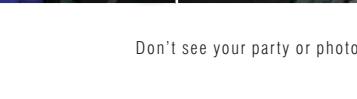
ARVEST
arvest.com

LENDER Member FDIC

CHOCOLATE FANTASY BALL

The seventh annual Chocolate Fantasy Ball, presented by McDonald's of central Arkansas and benefiting Ronald McDonald House Charities of Arkansas, Inc., was held at The Peabody Little Rock and was co-chaired by Shelia Vaught and Tammie Davis. The evening featured dinner, beverages (including chocolate martinis), live and silent auctions, endless desserts and entertainment by "The Rockets."

- 1 Tammie Davis, Shelia Vaught
- 2 Marty and Julia Sunde
- 3 Katie Kirkpatrick, Jennifer Pierce
- 4 Karen Erren, Tim Carney, Janell Mason
- 5 Peter and Elizabeth Banko
- 6 Pat and Larry Crane
- 7 Sarah and Stephen Lane
- 8 Jim and Pamela Phillips
- 9 Charlie and Lauren Kreps
- 10 Jerome and Kim Templeton
- 11 Courtney and Brian Talbert
- 12 Rodney and Cheryl Schluterman
- 13 Carole Isom, Elizabeth Small, Mitzi Choate
- 14 Courey and Ruth Bryant
- 15 Dustin Choate, Ashley Bergh
- 16 Kelly and John Carnahan
- 17 Kellye and Scott Simmons
- 18 Jeff Berry, Misty Hollis
- 19 Ralph Bradbury, Lauren Thompson
- 20 James and Susan Alger
- 21 Mike and Beth Coulson
- 22 Dawne Vandiver, Anne Stefanova, Natalie Darnell
- 23 Bethany Pickering, Katie Vandiver, Whitney Wellborn
- 24 Courtney Backus, Phillip Brick
- 25 Elizabeth and Lee Jones
- 26 Jay and Ashley Finton
- 27 Dr. John and Melissa Baker
- 28 Paul Devries, Nicole DiMichele
- 29 Jacqueline Taylor, Mike Retzer, Nancy Retzer





ORDER FRAMED REPRINTS OF *LITTLE ROCK SOIRÉE* ARTICLES AND COVERS.

Each reprint is printed on high quality gloss paper and is double-matted and professionally framed.



For more information contact Audra Wallace
(501)372-1443 + awallace@abpg.com

great

Gifts for Graduations,
Administrative Professionals
Day and more!



Leather Business Card Holders
by Raika and Pens by Retro 51
\$25 - \$34

museum shop

arkansas arts center
9th & commerce · little rock
9 - 5 tuesday - friday
10 - 5 saturday
11 - 5 sunday
501.396.0356 · www.arkarts.com

Get Financial Peace of Mind

*Fee-only Wealth Management
Customized to Your Financial Needs*

Cindy Conger's fee-only wealth management firm protects the things that matter to you and optimize risk and return, freeing up cash for spending and investments. She helps you articulate financial expectations to reduce stress and stay focused on your goals. With her help, you can make more objective decisions, act more decisively and have more time to do the things you want to do.

Cindy has been recognized by Worth Magazine for a decade as one of the top practitioners in the nation and she recently was named to Wealth Manager Magazine's "50 Distinguished Women in Wealth Management."

Clients choose Cindy Conger, CPA/PFS, CFP®, for her competence and the confidence she inspires. They stay with Cindy because she gets to know them, their families, their businesses and their preferences.

Call Cindy or visit her web site today.



cindyconger.com



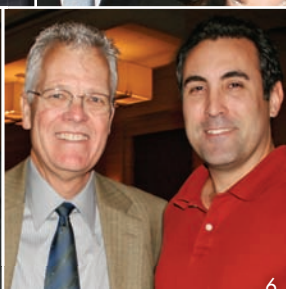
Pavilion Woods Building
2300 Andover Court, Suite 560
Little Rock, AR 72227
501-374-1174



IVY BALL

The Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority's Beta Pi Omega chapter hosted the annual Ivy Ball, consisting of a silent auction, followed by dinner and dancing, at Embassy Suites. Musical entertainment was provided by Nikki Parrish and Kemistri. Annually, the Beta Pi Omega chapter awards \$10,000 in scholarships to high school students in the greater Little Rock area. The ball benefited these initiatives.

- 1 Kim and Judge Mark Leverett
- 2 Shey Anderson, Marie Boone
- 3 Paul and Cassandra Woods
- 4 Garbo and Dr. Archie Hearne
- 5 Freda and Ron Woods
- 6 Natalie Rhodes-Warren, Derrick Warren
- 7 Sammie Tollette, Janet Davis Tate, Wilhelmina Lewellen
- 8 Maybelline and Elston Strong
- 9 Porsche Loring, Octavia Fuller
- 10 Mary Louise Williams, Carmelita Smith
- 11 Paul Isbell, Vekissa Wilson
- 12 Jonitha Willis, Yolanda Burdette-Newan
- 13 Darlene and Joe Black
- 14 Brandi Wiley, Patricia Wiley
- 15 James and Tonya Nichols
- 16 Tonya and Michael Williams
- 17 Marie Boone, Tonya Hooks, Kristi Smith





RED CROSS HONORS HEROES

The 2009 Arkansas Heroes Awards luncheon was held at the Doubletree Hotel and was presented by Verizon and the American Red Cross of Greater Arkansas. The employees of Entergy Arkansas were honored with the 2009 Clara Barton Distinguished Humanitarian Award.

- 1 Jim Dailey, Hugh McDonald
- 2 Jackson Rogers and Jenny Beck, with their father, Rog Rogers
- 3 Shawn Tyler, Candy Carey, Greg Cockmon, Steve Ulmschneider
- 4 Larry Choate, Cam Deacon
- 5 Charley Penix, Scott Grummer
- 6 Donna Hardcastle, Laurie Taylor
- 7 Karen Thompson, Roger Woziwodzki, Cathy Jarrett, Ric Crane

BLISS

A Springtime Festival at Wildwood Park
April 17 and 18, 2010

Saturday 10:00am - 6:00pm • Sunday Noon - 6:00pm

\$10 Adults

\$5 Children 6-12

Free for Children under 5

Order tickets online at www.wildwoodpark.org
or call 821-7275.



little rock
family

WILDWOOD PARK
for the arts

Wild Wines of the World & More

Saturday, May 15, 7:00 p.m. • Little Rock Zoo • \$50 per person, \$40 per person for zoo members • Take an international journey of food, wine, beer, vodka, and more during this elegant event! Featuring live **African drummers, jazz music entertainers, **fine wines** from around the world, themed continental **food** and beverage areas, a **Russian vodka** bar, and a **German beer** garden!**
Call 501-661-7208 or log on to LittleRockZoo.com to purchase tickets.



SPONSORED BY

WRIGHT, LINDSEY & JENNINGS LLP
ATTORNEYS AT LAW

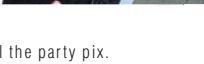
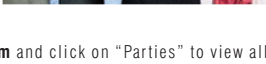
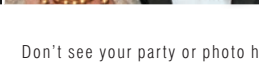
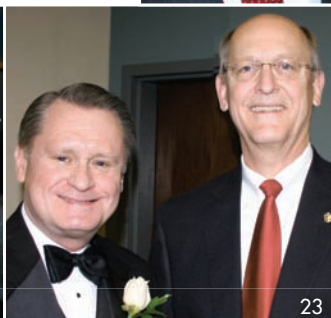
Glazer's



BUSINESS HALL OF FAME FETES FOUR

The Sam M. Walton College of Business at the University of Arkansas presented the 12th annual Arkansas Business Hall of Fame at the Statehouse Convention Center. The honorees were: Bill Clark, posthumously; Jerry Jones; Jim Lindsey; and Tommy May.

- 1 Jerry Jones, Tommy May
- 2 Dan Worrell, William Clark, Alan Sugg
- 3 Jim Lindsey, Larry Wilson
- 4 Helen and John Selig (Hot Springs)
- 5 Christy Clark, Mary Catherine Conner
- 6 Gene Jones, Margaret Clark
- 7 Corinne and Mark Power, Laura Lindsey
- 8 David and Kim Bridgforth, Gail Bellingrath
- 9 Kathryn May, Bill Bridgforth
- 10 Chad and Joye May
- 11 Samuel Morrison, Carolyn Allen
- 12 Jeff Hankins, Michelle and Hugh McDonald
- 13 Ed and Cinde Drilling
- 14 Julie Bridgforth (Pine Bluff), Pat McClelland
- 15 Eugene and Mary Hunt (Pine Bluff)
- 16 Barbara Hoover, Gloria Lopez, John and Susie Smith
- 17 Mark and Courtney Henry
- 18 Stephanie and Ford Overton, Jay Dickey
- 19 Rex and Becky Horne
- 20 Joe and Margie Hiatt, Frank Broyles
- 21 Arthur Matthews, Payne Brewer, Jaleel Mosquera
- 22 Amy Johnson, Becky Hunt
- 23 Dave Gearhart, Don Pederson
- 24 C.D. and Leslie Williams
- 25 David and Leslie Mann
- 26 Elizabeth Small, Mitzi Choate
- 27 Michael and Lindsay Irvin
- 28 Stan and Cathy Payne
- 29 Gina and Philip Tappan
- 30 Peggy and Jim Jones
- 32 Jerry Lamb, Ray Tucker, Billy Moore
- 33 Anita P. Norcross, Tommy Jarrett, Linda Moreland





Helping build Arkansas businesses for over 107 years.

Whether you're dreaming of starting a new business, expanding the one you've got or simply trying to run yours more efficiently, Simmons First has all the business services to do it.

So stop by any one of our 84 financial centers in 47 communities throughout the state, and see the full array of business service products we have at your disposal.



SIMMONS FIRST
Serving Arkansas for 107 Years
 SIMMONSFIRST.COM / MEMBER FDIC

**JLLR ORGANIZES
INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

The Junior League of Little Rock hosted a three-day convention for the Association of Junior Leagues International Organizational and Development Institute, which provided mission-based training to women from junior leagues across the country. They kicked the event off with a cocktail reception at the Clinton Presidential Center.

- 1 Diane Carroll, Kathy Perkins, Penny Wilbourn
- 2 Kim Webb, Jennifer Ronnel
- 3 Kimberly Bowman, Courtney McLarty, JoBeth McElhanon
- 4 Marjorie Dudley, Shelia Vaught
- 5 Lisa Nichols, Aminah Eddings, Tisha Gribble, Tammie Davis
- 6 Tonya Hooks, Becka Webb, Mimi Hurst
- 7 Julie Strickland, Karen Fetzer
- 8 Kim Evans, Dee Brinkley (New York)
- 9 Tara Davis, Nikki Hite
- 10 Ellen Hill, Mary Margaret Marks, Beth McAlpine





IWF HOSTS WINTER BOARD MEETING

The International Women's Forum and its Leadership Foundation hosted their three-day winter board meeting in Little Rock. IWF members were welcomed at a reception hosted by the Clinton Foundation and held at the Clinton Presidential Center, where IWF members were allowed to tour the Clinton Library's Executive Suite. A dinner in the Great Hall followed.

The women were also entertained at the home of Kaki Hockersmith and Max Mehlburger.

- 1 Sen. Allyson Gibson (Bahamas), Linus Raines
- 2 Janet Roderick, Jo Luck, Jim Guy and Betty Tucker
- 3 Susie Smith, Margaret Bogle
- 4 Liane Levetan (Atlanta), Millie Ward, Sandy Stash (Canada)
- 5 Stephanie Streett, Sen. Dale and Betty Bumpers
- 6 Ludmila Shvetsova (Russia), Mayor Mark Stodola
- 7 Barbara Fergus (Ohio), Deedee Corradini (Park City, Utah), Pam Garside (London), Diane Bray
- 8 Maria Haley, Janis F. Kearney
- 9 Mary Ann Campbell, Diane Alderson (El Dorado)



personal banking
business banking
investment services
insurance
home mortgages
asset management & trust

Local Lenders for Local Businesses



Shown left to right are Chris Locke, Susan Dunn and Lloyd Walker.

Whether your business is a small operation just getting started or a sophisticated commercial enterprise, BancorpSouth has relationship managers with the resources that can be right where you are and grow with your business.

Let us assist you with all your business needs. Call on us with your questions or stop by any of our convenient locations.



Contact the Little Rock
main office at 501-614-5000.

bancorpsouth.com

Bank deposits are FDIC insured. BancorpSouth Investment Services, Inc., and BancorpSouth Insurance Services, Inc., are wholly owned subsidiaries of BancorpSouth Bank. Insurance products are offered by BancorpSouth Insurance Services, Inc. Investment products are offered by BancorpSouth Investment Services, Inc. Member SIPC. Insurance and investment products are • Not a deposit • Not FDIC insured • Not insured by any federal government agency • Not guaranteed by the bank • May go down in value



100 MEN

100 Black Men of America, Inc., an organization dedicated to enhancing educational and economic opportunities for all African Americans, held an event to raise funds for their community programs and scholarship initiatives. The event was held at the Peabody Little Rock.

- I Wanda and Al Ashley, Terri Hollingsworth, Tramon Arnold
- 2 Corbin Cobbs, Sherman Tate
- 3 Jay Barth, Virgil Miller
- 4 Sanford Tollette IV (center), with his parents, Sammie and Sanford Tollette III
- 5 Pamela Smith, Roger Ball
- 6 Janet Davis Tate, Dennis Tracy, Monica Robinson
- 7 Ernie Ford, Linda Hill
- 8 Deron Hamilton, Kelsey Bailey, Dr. John Miller
- 9 Gus Swain Jr., Michele Mazique
- 10 Frank Scott, Charla Bailey
- 11 Phyllis Dickerson, James McKinney, Joshua McKinney, Tony Washington
- 12 Reevedia and Brent Mitchell
- 13 Samantha Porter, Annie Pelt
- 14 Dr. Wilda and Arzo Knox
- 15 Paulette and Ivory Lyles
- 16 Erica Harris, Ronisha Jones
- 17 Roxiann Carter, Frenchelle White
- 18 Jannette and Roderick Torrence
- 19 Darrell Stephens, Cherie Grotewold



LAS MUJERES NEGRAS CELEBRATE 40 YEARS

The 40th Anniversary Celebration of Las Mujeres Negras—a club organized in 1968 to support community-based endeavors—was held at The Peabody Little Rock's Pinnacle Room and featured music by Dell Smith.

- 1 Lottie Shackelford, Toni Shead, Gwen Zeigler
- 2 Rosalyn Zeigler, Betty Dickson, Wilhelmina Lewellen
- 3 Sandra Brown, Brigitte Williams, Lana Nayles
- 4 Beverly and Dr. Billy Thomas
- 5 Dr. Willa Black Sanders and Troy Sanders



Summer Daze 2010 SUMMER SESSION



Play



Work



Learn

There are many exciting things happening at Episcopal Collegiate School during the summer! At Summer Daze, students in grades Pre-K through 12 can enjoy sports camps, fine arts workshops, academic reviews and much more. Visit our web site for more information and to reserve your spot today!



EPISCOPAL
COLLEGIATE SCHOOL
Enlightening

Episcopal Collegiate School welcomes students of any race, color, religion and national or ethnic origin.

Jackson T. Stephens Campus
1701 Cantrell Road
Little Rock, Arkansas
501.372.1194
EpiscopalCollegiate.org

THE BEST STEAKS IN THE CITY.
ANY CITY.



CAPRICCIO GRILL
ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE™



LOCATED AT THE PEABODY LITTLE ROCK • THREE STATEHOUSE PLAZA • 501-399-8000

© 2006 Capriccio Grill is a trademark of Peabody Hotel Group.

soirée

77,418* READERS

GET YOUR MESSAGE IN FRONT OF THEM ALL

{ Contact Ashley James
at 501.372.1443, ext. 314
or ajames@abpg.com }

*Source: Scarborough Research, Release 2, 2009 (October 2008 - September 2009).
Little Rock DMA, 4 issue cumulative audience





FRAT-TASTIC EVENT BENEFITS CFYF

Friday Night Frat-Tastic was held at Big Whiskey's and presented by Argenta United Methodist Church, Chuck Hamilton Construction, Minx Boutique, Royal Family of Companies and Arkansas Business Publishing Group. Guests were encouraged to dress in their fraternity/sorority best; Minx and Mr. Wick's sponsored a costume contest. Select 55 provided beverages and Chris Pritchard of CWP Productions was DJ. Proceeds benefited Centers for Youth and Families' therapeutic foster care program.

- 1 Effie Edwards, Nikki Hastings, Anna Blagg, Anna Smith
- 2 Jenny Brown, Bob Strahan
- 3 Ryan Calloway, Nathan Porbeck, Lee Hastings
- 4 Laura Bullock, Rachel Bradbury, Katie Fortenberry, Heather Owens
- 5 Lauren Thompson, Ralph Bradbury
- 6 Ren Bressinck, Nikki Hastings
- 7 Brooke and Win Wilson
- 8 Zach and Emily Stendman



ENVOYS THROW KICKOFF PARTY

The Envoys—a new group of young advocates for cancer research for the Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at UAMS—recently held a kickoff party at the penthouse of the 300 Third Tower. Win Rockefeller Jr. and Cindy Murphy hosted the event, and Hatim Smouni was the chairman.

- 1 Win Rockefeller, Dr. Ronda S. Henry-Tillman
- 2 Emily Young, Cindy Murphy, Ross Cranford
- 3 Dr. Larry Suva and Dr. Dana Gaddy
- 4 Dr. Kent Westbrook, Jay and Pam Gaddy
- 5 Cam Deacon, Elizabeth Meyer, Tricia Fredinburg, Danielle Richard
- 6 Carla and Dr. Peter Emanuel, Cory Leigh Taylor
- 7 Kelly and Dr. Matthew Steliga
- 8 Cara and Chance Tharp

WHICH ONE IS A SIGN OF A HEART ATTACK?

- a. Chest pain.
- b. Arm, jaw or neck pain.
- c. A cold sweat.
- d. Nausea.

Answer: All can be signs of a heart attack.

Do you really know what a heart attack feels like? For some, it feels like indigestion. For others, it's virtually painless. The truth is, you may not know if you have a heart emergency. But we do. What's more, we're an accredited chest pain center which means we're specialists at treating hearts. So don't wait. It doesn't matter if you know what it is. Just know where to go.



Heart emergency?

Our heart ER knows what to **do** about it.

ARKANSAS HEART HOSPITAL®
THE HEART HOSPITAL

1701 South Shackleford Road
Little Rock, Arkansas 72211
501-219-7000
www.arheart.com



Carl Cate of Walnut Ridge
the day after surgery with grandson Jerrold.

I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT FELT LIKE NOT TO WEAR GLASSES.

I wore glasses for 52 years. And they always seemed to get in the way when I played with my grandson. It was finally time for cataract surgery. I had the choice of any doctor in Arkansas and I chose Dr. Mike McFarland. My vision was better than 20/20 the very next day. Now I'm back to doing what I love to do – being a Papaw.



Pine Bluff
800.451.6686
870.536.4100

Hot Springs
800.934.3837
501.318.1111

Little Rock
866.830.1720
501.830.2020

www.mcfarlandeye.com



STARTIN' EARLY... STAYIN' LATE

Presented by Little Rock Soirée, The Rep's Startin' Early...Stayin' Late 2010 was held at the Governor's Mansion from 6-8 p.m. and then at Capital Bar & Grill from 8 p.m.-'til. Partiers noshed on heavy hors d'oeuvres, sipped cocktails and were entertained by Bob Boyd Sounds while browsing a silent auction. Co-chairs were Adam Melton and Jody Veit-Edrington.

- I Katie and Mark Melton, Leslie and Jeff Smith
- 2 Robin Brown, Mary Cherepski, Jennifer Ronnel
- 3 Shannon Williams, Mary Browne, Misha Boyne, Amy Hester
- 4 Kevin and Melissa Hopkins
- 5 Vivian and David Norman
- 6 Lindsay Crane, Brooke Wallace, Tobi and Carter Fairley
- 7 Geoff and Katie Lanin Niebaum
- 8 Derek and Heather Owens
- 9 Casie Williams, Megan Brown, Audrey Russell
- 10 Karen Cobb with her daughter, Susan Harbour
- 11 Greg and Annamary Thompson
- 12 Gabe and Ellen Mallard
- 13 Ashley Phelps, Angie Johnson





3



7



8



12



13

HOME RUN FOR JUNIOR DEPUTY BASEBALL

Holiday Home Run Happy Hour raised money for Junior Deputy Baseball and its initiatives to sustain and improve the facilities and support the baseball program which serves more than 900 children. The event was held at Courtyard Marriott in the River Market and was sponsored by Flex360, Courtyard Marriott and Little Rock Family. Food was provided by Amber and Johnny Tollett.

- 1 Rob Tiffée, Tony Green, Will Allison
- 2 Mitzi Tiffée, Stephanie Monroe, Gabriel Bond
- 3 Jeff Hankins, Michael Cupples
- 4 Cynthia and Matt Bennett
- 5 Howard and Leigh Ann Wiechern
- 6 Neal Wimberley, Jay Van Dover, Cole Plafcan, Chris Monroe
- 7 Kate Dalton, Debbie Teague
- 8 LuAnne and Rob Seay
- 9 Dana and Michael Poindexter
- 10 Johnny Tollett, Michael Teague
- 11 David and Belinda Stilwell
- 12 Melissa Bond, Alice Rogers
- 13 Amber Tollett, Melissa Plafcan
- 14 Rob Pearson, Michal Vadney

Party Time Rental and Events

Featuring the most extensive inventory of fine linens

60

different colors & patterns

50

different fabrics

28

years of serving Arkansas

Your premiere party rental and event company
Come visit our showroom in Breckenridge Village

Voted 2010 Best Party Rental Company and 2010 Best Event Planner

10301 Rodney Parham, Little Rock | PartyTimeRentalAndEvents.com | 501.224.3133

Everything to rent for your special event

Official Party Provider and Rental Company to Symphony Designer House XX

2010

windstream

YOUTH SPORTS EXPO

little rock family

SATURDAY, MAY 8 • 9 A.M. - 5 P.M.

War Memorial Stadium in Little Rock

JOIN US for a day of family fun where youth ages 4-12 can compete in individual sports competitions and win trophies in four age divisions.

FEATURING:

- » Boys & Girls Clubs Basketball Hot Shot
- » Junior Deputy Home Run Derby
- » LifeCHAMPS Pass & Punt Challenge
- » The First Tee Closest to the Pin & Hole-in-One (adults too!)
- » Westside YMCA Soccer Shootout
- » YMCA Cheerleading Skills Sessions & Performance
- » PLUS! Little Rock Family Ultimate Touchdown Dance Competition

ADMISSION

- » \$5 per person plus competition entry fees to benefit youth sports organizations.
- » Buy MVP pass for \$25 for admission and ALL competitions.

Buy MVP Family pass for \$50 for admission and ALL competitions for the entire family.

GET MORE DETAILS & REGISTER TODAY AT
WWW.ARKANSASSPORTSEXPO.COM





TIE ONE ON

Our House held the third annual Tie One On, a live and silent auction of aprons designed by artists, at the Clinton Presidential Library. The event was presented by Vestcom and featured live music, food and beverages. Our House provides shelter, job training and free children's programs to homeless families and individuals.

- 1 Bill and Dr. Suzanne Yee
- 2 Georgia and Dominik Mjartan
- 3 Charleen Francis and Michael Johnson, Ravyn Wilson
- 4 Heath and Brooke Harper
- 5 Annie Abrams, Sharl Hill
- 6 Sarah McMath, Kelsey Coleman
- 7 Lois Ann Holthoff, Laura Holthoff
- 8 Karen Flake, Tom Navin, Dianne Brady
- 9 Archie and Somer Bungler
- 10 Lauren Ellis, John Wyatt
- 11 Steve and Christie Bardwell
- 12 Andrea Hopkins, Patrick Wright, Michelle Carney
- 13 Amanda Hughes, Lee Ann Overall
- 14 Laura Phelan, Mindy Shelby, Jessica Swatzel





CFYF GETS MESSY

Splatters: Another Fine Mess! was presented by IQ Financial Services and sponsored by Dover Dixon Horne, PLLC and NetGain Technologies. The event, which benefited Centers for Youth and Families, was held at Pleasant Valley Country Club, and guests bid on artwork by the children of CFYF's Elizabeth Mitchell Children's Center.

- 1 Tiffany and Brian Reddick
- 2 Rick Beard, Dick Halsell, Sam Bird
- 3 Joellen Beard, LeAnne Bird
- 4 Ellon Cockrill, Ginny Deuschle
- 5 Julie and Aaron Young
- 6 Ivory Lyles, Jacquell and Richard Moss
- 7 Annamary Thompson, George Worthen, Greg Thompson
- 8 Steve and Janinne Riggs
- 9 Joyce Wood, Lewis May
- 10 Dr. Mike and Shelly Calhoun
- 11 Merri Chandler, Jeannie Billingsley
- 12 Doug Stadter, Nickole Ellis, Don Smith
- 13 Jerry Fetzer, Susan and Charlie Johnson



PULASKI

Technical College

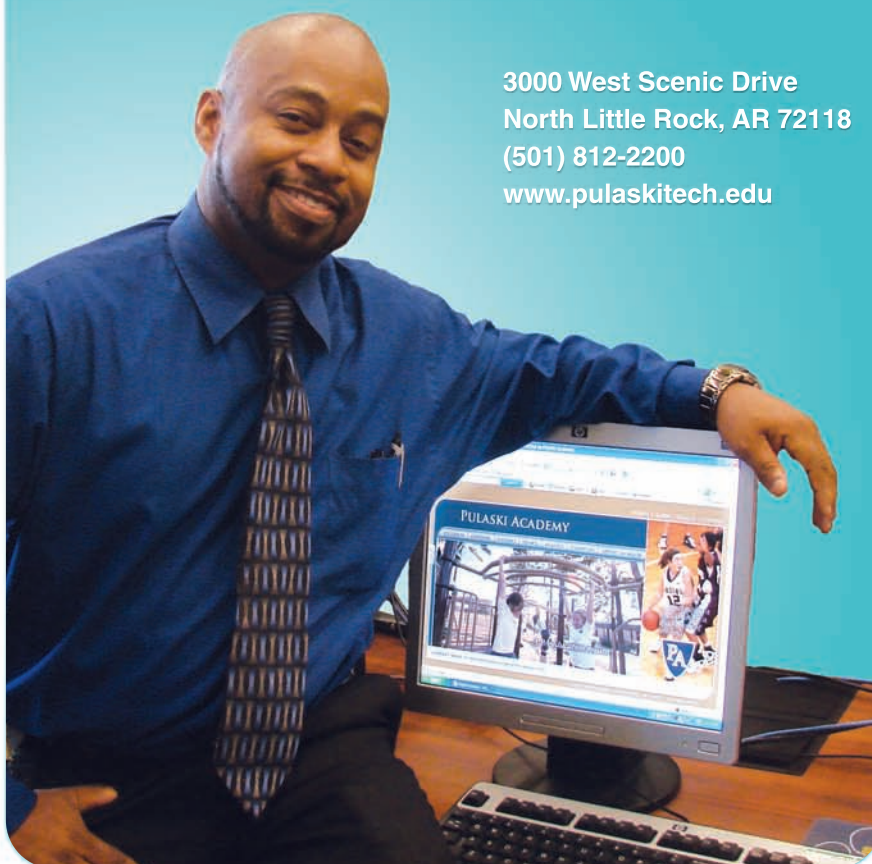
What's in your future?

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Share

"I had been repairing computers for years, but I knew that I needed to further my education to get the skills and knowledge I needed. Pulaski Tech was just the right place for me."

**Jerry Boons • Help Desk Support Technician
Pulaski Academy • Little Rock
2008 Pulaski Technical College graduate**



3000 West Scenic Drive
North Little Rock, AR 72118
(501) 812-2200
www.pulaskitech.edu

PULASKI ACADEMY PUTS ON GROOVY EVENT

The Disco Ball 2010, Pulaski Academy's annual Technology Support Auction was held at Chenal Country Club and presented by Onebanc, Complete Computing and Windstream.

- 1 Dr. Scott and Shannon Davis
- 2 Doug Seelicke, Jermain and Erica Taylor, Jennifer Seelicke
- 3 Theresa and Larry Middleton
- 4 Jerry Boons, Jason and Leslie Harper
- 5 Melissa Cherry, Andy Sandel
- 6 Scott and Mary Carole Polk
- 7 Bryan and Julie Watkins
- 8 Bryan and Mary Faulkner Turriff
- 9 Jamie and Stephanie Golleher
- 10 Stacy and James Jeffery
- 11 Cole and Diane Bierbaum
- 12 Steve and Lila Niswanger
- 13 Jennifer Cumming, Lacey Caldwell
- 14 Bill and Courtney Mott
- 15 Joan Ferranti, Brandy Tarini
- 16 Elizabeth Clogston, Denise Rowlan, Melodie Griffin
- 17 Mary Ellen Thompson, Leah McCarver
- 18 Lisa and Reza Shahim
- 19 Jay Gadberry, Dr. David Kolb



*your home is your
most important investment.
you are ours.*

service. stability. strength.

At ENG Lending we've been investing in our customers for over 110 years. We'll provide you with the outstanding service you expect from an Arkansas-based bank and the resources of a proven mortgage leader. Whether you're looking for a starter home, one you can retire in or need to make improvements to your current home, we're the only mortgage company you need. If you'd like to hear how we can help you make a smart investment in your future, call us.



687.BANK

5 Statehouse Plaza, Suite 500

Little Rock, AR 72211

501.687.2265

www.englending.com



LET'S EAT! BUT WHERE?

SEARCH HUNDREDS OF THE BEST RESTAURANTS IN ARKANSAS BY LOCATION, CUISINE, POPULARITY AND MORE AT INARKANSAS.COM.

Little Rock Arkansas Restaurants, Shopping, Entertainment, Jobs, Neighborhoods & More!

http://www.inarkansas.com/ Q Google

INARKANSAS.com

WE RECOMMEND
Today Stump Opens Tonight, Continues through Thursday...
Yesterday Free Admission to Clinton Presidential Center...

EAT. PLAY. SHOP. LIVE. VISIT. WORK. BLOGS

DINING GUIDE THE EAT BLOG REVIEWS ARTICLES CATERERS GUIDE RSS



Decadent & Exotic: Exploring the Power of the Pomegranate

soirée arkansasBRIDE GUEST GUIDE next warkansas business.com

THE EAT BLOG

[InArkansas.com Cooks: Lighten Up Without Losing Flavor](#)
Lots of food professionals think that fat equals flavor. Can't something taste sublime without a burdensome amount of fat and calories? Food & Wine editor-in-chief Dana Cowin asked some of her favorite chefs, many of them known for super-indulgent dishes, to come up with recipes that would cause food lust without containing untoward quantities of fat and calories. Here are some of their ideas: From Linton

THE FEED

Blog post InArkansas.com Cooks: Lighten Up Without Losing Flavor
Blog post When You Have to Choose: Work or Eat?
Blog post T&Mand Chef Arkansas Preliminary
Blog post InArkansas.com Cooks: Lighten Up Without Losing Flavor
Blog post Bigger, Badder, Better: Five Recipes
Blog post Biggest Selling Upscale Restaurants

Advertisements

FIND RESTAURANTS

SEARCH BY

Capital Bar & Grill

cuisine type

price

city, zip or street

See Latest Reviews >
Soiree Recommends >
Little Rock Family Favorites >

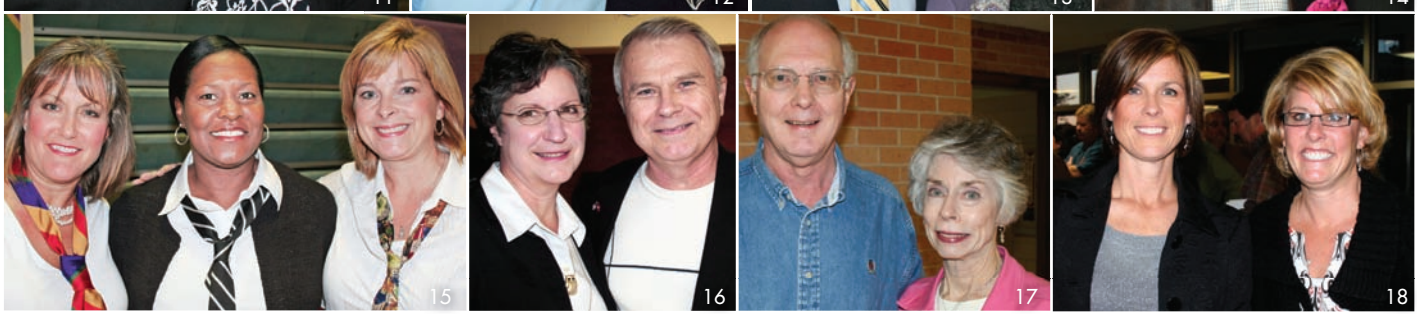
MOST RECOMMENDED



Our Readers Love:
ZAZA Fine Salad + Wood Oven Pizza Co.
Capital Bar & Grill

FIND ENTERTAINMENT

FIND SHOPPING



THE TIES THAT BIND

Catholic High's annual dinner and auction, *The Ties that Bind*, was held at the school and was presented by Arkansas Select Tax Services, Dr. Brad Baltz, Custom XM, Riverside Marine and St. Vincent Health System.

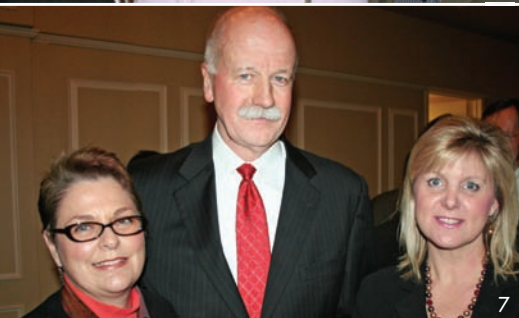
- 1 Bridgitte Newson, Steve Straessle, Lynann Papan
- 2 Jason and Rosemary Prather
- 3 Bruce Schratz, Father Jason Tyler
- 4 Erin Robinson, Dana Lawrence, Hannah Vogler
- 5 Allison and Keith Calderera
- 6 Missy Morse, April Findlay, Lesley Harris, Wendy Parker
- 7 Kaye and Rick Kreth
- 8 Greg Phelan, Christine Bailey
- 9 Mavis and Joe Lansden
- 10 Cheri and Tony Rogers
- 11 Dave and Mary Ann Eusano
- 12 Jim and Kendra Williams
- 13 Danny and Linda Broadrick
- 14 Bill and Cathy Wright
- 15 Bonnie Griffin, Leisa Myles, Kelly Wewers
- 16 Rosemary and David Kraft
- 17 Eugene and Christy Simon
- 18 Aralea Searchris, Leslie Maginn

**PRESERVATION
AWARDS HONORS
LINCOLN**

The 2009 Arkansas Preservation Awards Banquet, held at the Little Rock Club, honored United States Senator Blanche Lincoln. The keynote speaker was Tom W. Dillard, head of special collections at the University of Arkansas Library; and the master of ceremonies was Stephen Koch, host of Arkansongs.

- I Kathy Roberts, Tom Dillard
- 2 Sen. Blanche Lincoln, John Gill, Wally and Dana Nixon
- 3 Ed Sergeant, Kami and Reese Rowland
- 4 Christy and Tommy Jameson
- 5 Laura Sergeant, Sharon Mosley
- 6 Emily Pennel, John Yarbrough
- 7 Claudia Shannon, Mike Johnson, Karen Van Horn
- 8 Beverly and Robert S. Moore Jr. (Arkansas City)
- 9 Courtney and Amber Crouch
- 10 Veronica Lilly, Aaron Ruby
- 11 Al Porter, Allan Ward
- 12 Betty Ann and Bill Sample

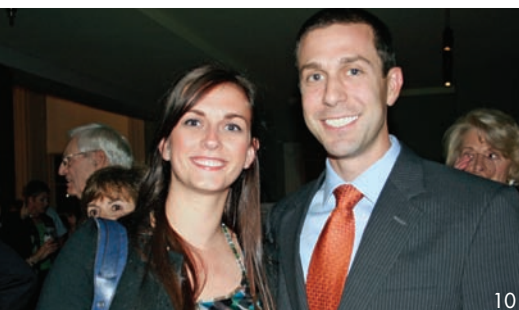




OSHM ASSOCIATES SERVE SUPPER

The Old State House Museum Associate's Annual Supper, "From Searcy to the Governor's Mansion," was held at OSHM and featured Gov. Mike Beebe, First Lady Ginger Beebe and Chief of Staff Morril Harriman. Underwriters included U.S. Health Records, Walmart, Landers Toyota and Simmons First National Bank. Beverages were provided by Glazer's; wines by Chateau Aux Arc; and catering by Simply the Best.

- 1 Sharon Ursery, Jane Holt, Larry and Nikki Lawson
- 2 Larry and Joyce Whitley (Benton), John Selig, Cathie Matthews, Shane Broadway
- 3 Sammie Johnston, Cathleen Moore, Bess Sanders (both of Hot Springs)
- 4 Sandra Brown, Margaret Freeman
- 5 Audrey House (Altus), Lee Bodenhamer and Beverly Brown
- 6 Marvin and Charisse Childers
- 7 Debbie Shea (Dumas), Helen Wolfe (Gillett)
- 8 Gene and Debbie Jines, Chrystine and John Kelly
- 9 Dr. Rick Roblee, Virginia Atkinson, Jim Cypert
- 10 Sarah and T.J. Fowler



j. duke & co. 
11610 PLEASANT RIDGE RD
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72223
MONDAY - FRIDAY 10-6
SATURDAY 10-5
501.219.2040

jdukeandco.com



BUYING *OR* BUILDING? HOME MORTGAGES MADE FOR YOU

Your home is one of the biggest financial investments you'll ever make.

Whether you're buying, building, or refinancing,
Arkansas Federal Mortgage has a solution to fit your individual need.

- Competitive Rates and Low Fees
- In-House Loan Servicing
- Simple Application Process
- Flexible Program Options

Apply online at **AFCU.org** or call Arkansas Federal
Mortgage at **501-533-2155** or toll free **800-456-3000**
ext. 2155 to learn more about our entire line of
home financing options.

Become
a fan



Follow
us on



Arkansas Federal
MORTGAGE



AFCU.org

NCUA

Your savings federally insured by at least \$250,000
and backed by the full faith and credit of the
United States Government. National Credit Union
Administration, an agency of the federal government.

ESI EXCESS
INSURANCE

In addition to Federal Insurance,
member savings in the credit
union are insured with an additional
\$250,000 of coverage.

LENDERS

We do business in accordance
with the Federal Fair
Housing Law and Equal
Opportunity Act.

COELHO SPEAKS AT FLOWER & GARDEN SHOW

"An Evening with Susie Coelho," a special event of the Arkansas Flower & Garden Show, was held at the Governor's Mansion. Coelho is a best-selling author and host of HGTV's "Outer Spaces" and "Surprise Gardener."

- 1 Susie Coelho, Scott Smith
- 2 Ellen Kreth, Henrik Thstrup, Janet Carson, Clark Trim
- 3 Cydney Smith, Dr. Jim Hazlewood, Jane Proffitt, Jim Morse
- 4 Ginger Beebe (center) with Melissa and Rex Ennis (Conway)
- 5 Michelle Smith, Kevin and Laura Grisham, Drew and Jill Steed
- 6 Robbie Schuchard, Sonya Mendelsohn, Patti Womble
- 7 Mark and Wendy Fleeman



OXFORD AMERICAN CELEBRATES RELEASE OF MUSIC ISSUE

A Release Party for the Oxford American magazine's 11th annual Southern Music edition, 192 pages with two CDs containing 52 songs, was held at Cajun's in Riverdale.

- 1 Jane Embry Nisbet, Amy Frazier, Richard Davies, Karen Mullikin
- 2 Lorrie Darr, Graham Gurdy
- 3 Jay Cranford, Sarah Beth Turner, Tyler Denton
- 4 Warwick Sabin, Rex Nelson, Marc Smirnoff
- 5 Sam Eifling, Katherine Whitworth
- 6 Julie West, Julie Robbins, Olivia Wilmot, Elizabeth Wiedower
- 7 Richie Graham, Matthew Raglan, Drew Lott



DR. JOHN SHOCK COMMEMORATES 30 YEARS

The Harvey & Bernice Jones Eye Institute hosted a dinner reception to honor Dr. John P. Shock for his 30 years of service to University of Arkansas at Medical Sciences and the Jones Eye Institute. The event was held at The Little Rock Club.

- 1 Dr. John and Nancy Shock, Penni and Dr. Richard Jacobs
- 2 Jay and Jane Rogers, Dr. Debra and Marty Fiser
- 3 Rick and Maureen Adkins
- 4 Shelley McKay, Brad Shock, Jeff Shock
- 5 Dr. Linda Hodges, Dick Pierson
- 6 Wafa and Sami Harik
- 7 Dr. Nicky Kim, Chad and Ashley Hooten
- 8 Beth and Dr. Richard Wheeler



FASHION FETE

A RUNWAY FASHION SHOW

Chenal Country Club
Grand Ballroom
April 8th, 2010
6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Featuring Live Music By:

TRAGIKLY WHITE

Fashionista Presenting Sponsors:

Lynn and George
O'Connor



Cindy and Chip
Murphy

Win
Rockefeller Jr.

Table Sponsors:

Kristy and Hardin Bale
Liz & Peter Banko
Linda and Rush Harding

DeAnn and James Hunt
Cassie & Jason LaFrance
Onebanc

Parker Automotive Group
Vesta's

Media Sponsors:



LITTLE ROCK
soirée

Inviting



PARTICIPATING STORES

BARBARA JEAN
BARBARA GRAVES
BEYOND COTTON
B. BARNETT
COMPANIONS
FAUX PAS
FEINSTEIN'S
FORSYTHES - KRISTIN TODD
JEANTE
PUNKIE MONKEE
ROBERSON'S FINE JEWELRY
SCARLET
THREAD
THE TOGGERY
VESTA'S

For tickets or
additional information:

Call: 501-227-3711

Email: cwood@ar.easterseals.com

General Admission: \$50
1 drink ticket

VIP Tickets: \$100
2 drink tickets &
VIP Champagne Reception

Table for 10: \$1000
20 drink tickets, VIP Champagne Reception
& Reserved prominent seating

JFA FETES
DR. SUZANNE
KLIMBERG AT
DINNER

The Jewish Federation of Arkansas held their annual dinner at Congregation B'Nai Israel's Tenebaum Center and honored Dr. Suzanne Klimberg with the 2009 Jane B. Mendel Tikkun Olam Award. Catering was provided by Jerry Barakat.

- 1 Larry and Anne Miller
- 2 Sam and Bonnie Nickol
- 3 Warwick Sabin, Jessica DeLoach, Lance Levi
- 4 Dr. Suzanne Klimberg and Sam Storthz III
- 5 Ruthe and Phil Kaplan
- 6 Noel and Joan Strauss
- 7 Shelly Baron, Ran and Adva Friedman
- 8 Bruce Greenberg, Chen and Eran Reingold
- 9 Lori Shemper, Lori McGrath with her mother, Judy Tenenbaum, Kathy Grundfest
- 10 Chris Barrier, Nan Selz
- 11 Rabbi Gene and Bobby Levy
- 12 Dr. Dan and Lana Rahn
- 13 Darly and Eugene Krupitsky
- 14 Sarah and Len Johnson
- 15 Aleza and Jay Greene
- 16 Emily and Richard Lewis
- 17 Steve and Sherry Weinberg
- 18 Judy Greenbaum, Jeff Baskin, Dora Levin
- 19 Roberta Clark, Selma Chandler
- 20 Sharon Kiel, Samantha Friedman
- 21 Jerry Tanenbaum (Hot Springs), Pete Slager
- 22 Drs. Sheri and Michael Simon
- 23 Ira Kleinman, Bridget Cabibi-Wilkin
- 24 Rickey and Bob Costrell (Fayetteville)





4



8



11

12



18



23

24

Congratulations to Eric, Cynthia and Charlotte!

the
**Charlotte
John
co.**
REAL ESTATE

(501) 664-5646
5811-B Kavanaugh Blvd.

www.charlottejohn.com

Hart&Coco
PROSTHODONTICS
DENTAL RECONSTRUCTION • IMPLANTS • TMJ THERAPY

Jonathan M. Hart, DDS, MDS | Suzanne K. Coco, DDS, MDS
PROSTHODONTIC SPECIALISTS

PRIVATE CONSULTATION: 501.319.7520
2300 Andover Court | Suite 400 | Little Rock | www.hartandcoco.com

MOSQUITOX TAKE THE BITE
OUT OF SUMMER

MOSQUITOES / GNATS / MUD DAUBERS / ROACHES
TICKS / HOUSE FLIES / CHIGGERS / WASPS / MANY OTHERS!

**PRO-MISTING SYSTEMS
NOW YOU'RE REALLY PROTECTED!**

THEGOODEARTHGARDEN.COM | 501-716-BUGS | 15601 CANTRELL ROAD, LITTLE ROCK



We Eliminate the Hassle of
Holiday Lighting and Decorating

CHRISTMAS DECOR
By
CARRINGTON ELECTRIC
Pine Bluff, AR

Hurry, Santa Will be here soon.

870-534-6993

Spring/Summer 10 arkansasBRIDE

On newsstands now!

Visit any of our featured wedding professionals and pick up your copy today:

Alfred Angelo

207 N. University, Little Rock
501.664.1200
Alfredangelostores.com

Arkansas Department of Parks & Tourism

1 Capitol Mall, Little Rock
501.682.2535
Arkansas.com

Bridal Cottage

3305 JFK Blvd., North Little Rock
501.753.4138
Bridalcottageonline.com

Catering Creations

701 Scott St., Little Rock
501.372.0700
Wecateryou.com

Central Arkansas Entertainment

501.772.0067
Centralarkansasentertainment.com

Chenal Country Club

10 Chenal Club Blvd., Little Rock
501.821.4141
Chenalcc.com

Classic Party Rentals

3347 Pearson Rd., Memphis, TN
901-366-0670
Classicpartyrentals.com

Distinctive Designs by Tanarah

14201 Todd Road, Maumelle
501.803.4630
Designsbytannah.com

Dr. Jeff Garner

10809 Executive Center Dr., Little Rock
501-227-0112
Smile.doc.net

Fairy Tale Florals

3321 JFK Blvd, North Little Rock
501-753-8393
Fairytaleflorals.com

Ferneau

2601 Kavanaugh Blvd., Little Rock
501.603.9208
Ferneaurestaurant.com

First Impressions

500 Madden Road, Jacksonville
501-985-0820
Formalsuperstores.com

Gala Productions

4124 Forest Dale Drive, Little Rock
501-255-2070
Imaginegala.com

Inn at Carnall Hall

465 N. Arkansas Ave., Fayetteville
479.582.0400
Innatcarnallhall.com

Jones & Son

1121 Rodney Parham, Little Rock
501.224.3433
Jonesandson.com

Junior League of Little Rock

401 S. Scott St.
501.375.5557
Jllr.org

Lauren Harris Photography

1127 Oxford Ave, Benton
Laurenharrisphotography.com

Low's Bridal

127 W. Cedar, Brinkley
800.338.9054
Lowsbridal.com

Paul Morrell Formalwear

120 S. Victory, Little Rock
501.374.8256
Paulmorrell.com

Peabody

3 Statehouse Plaza, Little Rock
501.906.4000
Peabodylittlerock.com

Rejuvenation Clinic

11125 Arcade Dr., Little Rock
501.228.4545
Rejuvenationclinic.com

Romance Diamond Company

248 W. Dickson St., Fayetteville
479.443.9289
Romancediamond.com

Sissy's Log Cabin

2319 Camden Road, Pine Bluff
888.879.3940
Sissyllogcabin.com

Timber Lodge Ranch

966 Lodge Road, Amity
870.223.6830
Timberlodgeranch.com

Wilkerson Jewelers

222 South Main, Stuttgart
800.631.1999
Wilkersons.com



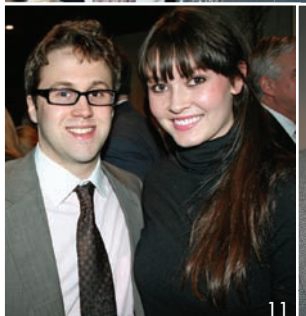
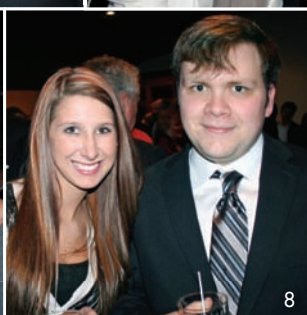
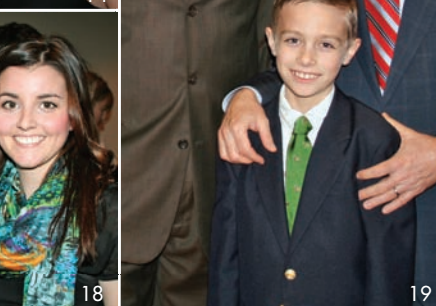
Visit ArkansasBride.com to view the free digital edition!



NELSON NAMED ARKANSAN OF THE YEAR

Easter Seals Arkansas honored Sheffield Nelson at their annual awards dinner and auction for his commitment to serving children and families in Arkansas. The dinner was held at the Statehouse Convention Center and was presented by Judy and Frank Fletcher, Lexicon Steel and The McLarty Companies. Gus Vratsinas was the dinner chairman, Jerry Jones the honorary chairman. Dallas Cowboys Felix Jones, Kenny Hamlin and cheerleaders attended a pre-event VIP reception and signed autographs.

- 1 Mary Lynn and Sheffield Nelson, Sharon Moore-Jachums
- 2 Jerry Jones, Stephanie Stephens, Seth Stephens
- 3 Gus Vratsinas, Deborah and Ray Dillon
- 4 Lawrence Hamilton, Gary Dean
- 5 Kevin Huchingson, Ted Dickey
- 6 Emily Heim, Jacquelyn and Ryan Hall, Katy Mendelsohn
- 7 Pete Vratsinas, Debbie Abdo
- 8 Tawnie Boyd, Ryan Lazenby
- 9 Kenny Hamlin, Heather Baber, Felix Jones
- 10 George and Livia Dunklin
- 11 Harrison Clark, Emily Majors
- 12 Leon and Julie Sanderson
- 13 Lynn Corley, Jim Bell
- 14 Thomas Pownall, Ambré Huff
- 15 James and DeAnn Hunt
- 16 Sejal and Brad Parker
- 17 Walt and Brett Todd
- 18 Paula Hibbs, Candi Wood
- 19 Virgil Miller, Doug Weeks with his son, Steven Hicks





GAINES HOUSE AWARDS JANET JONES

Gaines House presented the Sandra Wilson Cherry Award to Janet Jones for being a role model for the women the organization serves. The event, which featured cocktails and dinner, was held at the Governor's Mansion.

- 1 Janet Jones (center) with her son-in-law and daughter, Mark and Susan Reynolds, and Toni and Clarke Tucker
- 2 Jane Cherry, Rebecca Smith
- 3 Julie Fulgham (center) with Walter and Ben Hussman
- 4 Cathy Hooker, Judy Knod, Barbara Graves
- 5 John Mobbs, Dudley Moll
- 6 Theresa Ketcher, Becky Tucker
- 7 John Hurst, Barry Jackson, Lunsford Bridges
- 8 Vic Nixon, Virgil Miler



SOUP'S ON

29th annual Soup Sunday, benefiting Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families, was held at Embassy Suites and featured soups, breads and desserts, as well as a silent auction. Entertainment was provided by The Carl Mouton Ensemble featuring Ramona Smith.

- 1 Rich Huddleston, Jennifer and Todd Ferguson with their daughter, Helen
- 2 Mary Flowers (Pine Bluff), Willa Black Sanders
- 3 Mark Abernathy, Mary Twedt
- 4 Missy Duke, Eric McDaniel, Julie Greathouse
- 5 David Johnson, Warwick Sabin
- 6 Cindy and Jim Shenep
- 7 Lila Niswanger, Dr. Chad Rodgers
- 8 Beth Brewer, Danna Young



MURPHYS HOST INFORMATIVE COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Cocktail reception hosted by Chip and Cindy Murphy to share more information about The Cord Blood Bank of Arkansas and its mission. The event was held at 14 Edgehill Road and featured UAMS Chancellor Dr. Daniel Rahn and his wife, Lana.



- 1 Wayne Cranford, Ginnie Crow, Bob Wilson
- 2 Robyn Horn, John Blohm, Jane Wilson
- 3 Cindy Murphy, Dr. Dan and Lana Rahn
- 4 Dick and Ann Williams
- 5 William and Christy Clark
- 6 Scott and Shayla Copas
- 7 Robert Wolfe, Jennifer and Brian Odle
- 8 Butch Stone, Dr. Jon Wolfe
- 9 Tim Clark, Gloria Redman



SEWANE CLUB HONORS CUNNINGHAMS

The Sewanee Club of Arkansas hosted a Celebration Reception honoring Joel and Trudy Cunningham for Joel's last year of service as Sewanee's vice chancellor. The event was held at the Clinton Presidential Center.

- 1 Joel Pugh, Jerry Adams
- 2 Beth and Drew Jones, Caroline Pugh
- 3 Michelle Kaemmerling, Joel Cunningham
- 4 Jo and Marc McCain with their daughter, Eva McCain
- 5 Carol Allin, Mick Terry, Trudy Cunningham
- 6 Brendon Bailey, Jane Anne Blakney-Bailey
- 7 Nicky Hamilton, Susan Askew
- 8 Madelyn Adams, Fred and Kathy Church





WELCOME TO THE DELTA, PHARAOHS

The Mummies, Martinis and Music/Delta Exhibition member receptions were hosted at the Arkansas Arts Center on the same evening. The original Delta members' reception was cancelled due to inclement weather. Revelers enjoyed hors d'oeuvres, ankh-tinis and other cocktails.

- 1 Latoya Hobbs, Marjorie Williams-Smith
- 2 Anne Haley, Cait Conn
- 3 Vicki Matthews, Callie Matthews
- 4 Justin Bank, Matt Cleveland, Rebecca Krukowski, Ross Cranford
- 5 Carla Davis, Kyle Boswell
- 6 Susan Barham, Wesley Fiser with his mom, Dr. Debra Fiser
- 7 Larry Underwood, Kimberly Underwood, Hal Matthews
- 8 Ed Barham, Buddy Lackey, Lesa Lackey Doan
- 9 Barbara Buzbee, Lucie Wetzel, Claire Wetzel
- 10 Dianne and Bobby Tucker
- 11 Kay Bank, Kathy Bay
- 12 Candace Erwin, Autumn Jacob
- 13 Josh and Mary Johnson
- 14 Dennis McCann, Jason McCann
- 15 Kevin and Stephanie Wilcox
- 16 Lisa Parker, Allan Lumm
- 17 David and Susan Smith (Newport)
- 18 Marilyn Carrico, Gary Kecter





PLAYING GAMES

Episcopal Collegiate School's Parent's Auxiliary hosted their annual Treasures and Traditions auction event to benefit the school. The theme for the evening was "Games People Play," and included live and silent auctions, student art, entertainment, drinks and hors d'oeuvres. Co-chairs for the event were Tiffany Reddick and Judith Goodson.

- 1 Lynne and Hayden Franks, Bill and Sharri Jones
- 2 Regina and Scotty Thurman
- 3 Kevin and Vicki Scanlon
- 4 John and Stephanie Wade, Brian Reddick
- 5 Tiffany Reddick, Chuck and Terri Erwin
- 6 Jill Lawrence, Steve Hickman, Judith Goodson
- 7 Tina and Dr. Haitham Alley, Dr. Tim Goodson



SOLEMATES



Exclusive Shoes for Girly Girls

Betsy Johnson Peep-Toe \$155
Beverly Feldman Flat \$209

PLEASANT RIDGE TOWN CENTER | LITTLE ROCK, AR 72212 | 716.2960

BROWN SUGAR BAKESHOP



Old fashioned baking with a gourmet flair. Brown Sugar Bakeshop's cupcakes, cookies, pies, cakes and dessert bars are the perfect finishing touch to your special event.

Catering and Special Orders of any size are welcome. Our specialty desserts make exceptional corporate gifts and are adored by all at fundraising events, showers and parties.

400 PRESIDENT CLINTON AVE | 372.4009 | TUES - SAT 10-6
BROWNSUGARBAKESHOP.COM



A DAY IN LITTLE ROCK

SOCIAL GRACES

{ Mark Carter }

Mrs. Butts was either Cool Hand Luke or as stone deaf as advertised. I had just introduced myself and my dance partner as Donald Duck and Minnie Mouse, and she didn't miss a beat.

It was the winter of 1978 or '79, and Little Rock Junior Cotillion still reigned supreme from the ballroom of the venerable old Grady Manning Hotel, soon to be razed with the Hotel Marion to make way for the Excelsior.

The equally venerable and perhaps equally old Mrs. Roger G. Butts — I'm not convinced Mrs. Roger G. wasn't actually her first name — founded the Junior Cotillion in 1948 and was, by then, a legend among the "established" families of Little Rock who wished to bestow upon their offspring the social graces that were, frankly, lacking at Star Systems and Godfather's. (As eighth-graders, we hadn't yet graduated to the big leagues of Murray Park. For those familiar with the movie "Dazed and Confused," Murray of the late '70s and early '80s was Little Rock's Moon Tower.)

Junior Cotillion was what the "in" crowd from the Heights and Pleasant Valley did (Chenal! didn't exist yet; back then it was simply lonely, old Shinall Mountain).

Not that my family was "established," nor I an "in" kid, by any means. But my mom went through Cotillion back in the day, and therefore, I had no choice.

Mostly though, whatever sliver of social legitimacy I hoped to attain — and therefore avoid banishment to the realm of boys who loved "Dungeons & Dragons" and girls who loved horses, and I was teetering as it was — rested on my participation in Cotillion.

By my eighth-grade year — year three in Cotillion regimen

WHATEVER SLIVER OF
SOCIAL LEGITIMACY
I HOPED TO ATTAIN
RESTED ON MY
PARTICIPATION IN
COTILLION.

— Mrs. Butts (Roger G.) had been directing the show for a while, and was, well, showing her age. But she was doing so with much grace. Mrs. Butts didn't lead the dance instruction anymore; she simply presided.

And presiding she was that fateful night. Waiting in line to pay respects to Mrs. Butts at the end of the night, arm-in-arm with the poor girl to whom I'd been partnered for the last dance, my

job was to formally introduce us and say good night.

Afterward it would be time to gather friends with whom I'd carpooled, get dropped off at Shakey's, and adorned in church clothes that didn't quite fit, engage in classic prepubescent ritualism — eat pizza (and at Shakey's, watch 'em make it), play what video games were around in the late '70s, and mostly, pretend like you belonged.

But first, the reception line featuring Mrs. Butts (Roger G.) awaited. On this particular night, one of my friends (I think it was Tom Brenner) suggested while we stood in line that since Mrs. Butts was functionally deaf (not his words), you could say anything to her and all she'd do is nod and smile. His source for this information remains unknown to me. But, as I came to find out, it was good intel.

For some reason, echoes of "Tell her you're Mickey Mouse, tell her you're Mickey Mouse" remain etched in the memory of my approach to ground zero.

And tell her I did. Although it came out, "Good evening. I'm Donald Duck, and this is my escort, Minnie Mouse." Or something very close to that. But nod and smile, she did. And we moved on.

I don't remember the reaction of the hapless girl who got pulled into this silliness, but I do seem to recall she disappeared fairly quickly once we got through the line. ©

LAFAYETTE 148 NEW
YORK

DESIGNED BY EDWARD WILKERSON

BARBARA/JEAN

7811 Cantrell Rd. • Little Rock, AR 72227 • 501.227.0054 • www.barbarajeans.com

I AM A UAMS SUPPORTER



DEAH CHISENHALL

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

OWNER, IDEAH AGENCY LLC

MEMBER, UAMS WINTHROP P. ROCKEFELLER

CANCER INSTITUTE AUXILIARY

CHAIR, COOKS TOUR

"I've been moved throughout my life by the triumphs and struggles of friends and family with cancer. Because this disease touches so many, it's vital that we have strong private support for the UAMS Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute and the UAMS Family Home for cancer patients and parents of children in the UAMS neonatal intensive care unit. That's why I jumped at the chance to help with Cooks Tour three years ago and am chairing this year's event. To learn more about this tasty, charming fundraiser, visit cancer.uams.edu/cookstour."

UAMS

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS
FOR MEDICAL SCIENCES

Where Medicine Lives