



Lights, camera, surgery!

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Two local cosmetic doctors are making their Hollywood debuts.

Atlanta cosmetic dentist Dr. Debra Gray King has joined the new ABC reality series "Extreme Makeover" where winning participants undergo a metamorphosis with the aid of liposuction, facelifts, breast enlargements, LASIK surgery and teeth whitening and reconstruction.

That's where King comes in. A self-described "smile designer," King will help transform contestants' grins. King, founder of the Atlanta Center for Cosmetic Dentistry, is a fellow in the American Academy of Cosmetic Dentistry and is accredited as a cosmetic dentist.

Meanwhile, Atlanta plastic surgeon Dr. Brian Maloney will be featured on an upcoming Discovery Health Channel edition of "Plastic Surgery, Before and After, The Face," which will air through June.

The show documents the cosmetic surgery experience of one Atlanta patient at the hands of Maloney, who specializes in facial plastic surgery.

Telecom to retail

Tricia and George Breckenridge have gotten into the swing of things at their new store. The couple, who got out of the telecom industry, recently opened Atlanta Antique Gallery in Chamblee.

"We'd decided we'd had enough," Tricia Breckenridge said. "We decided we wanted to work for ourselves. We offer high-quality antiques to collectors. We don't carry junk or reproductions."

So far, one of the most unusual items the gallery has sold has been a 20th-century salesman's sample golf clubs, which included three miniature irons and a fairway wood.

The gallery, a 10,500-square-foot renovated warehouse bay, is at 3550 Broad St., Suite A.

The name game

"We've been working for the past two months to make sure people don't lose the Colony Homes concept," said Ron Peiffer, CEO of KB Home's Atlanta division. "Colony Homes is not going away."

As part of the name change, KB Home is sponsoring a coloring contest for children in the various KB Home communities in metro Atlanta, he said.

"We want to see what children view as homes," Peiffer said of the contest's theme.

Peiffer said he has no remorse at seeing the Colony Homes name disappear in Atlanta. The company was founded in 1975.

"That's just part of the business world and what happens," he said. "This is just another stage of what [Colony Homes founder] Tom [Bradbury] started and what is now KB Home."

What's cooking?

Cooking Light magazine will open the doors to its second FitHouse, a specially designed home to foster healthy living, in Big Canoe.

Opening June 7, the FitHouse is a concept home that includes a pizza oven in the kitchen, air and water purification systems, and a spa and deck outside.

Cooking Light, which will feature the home in its August issue, chose the region "because of the research that our group did into housing markets," said Ellen Carroll, senior editor of the magazine. "Atlanta is one of the top 10 in the country."

Big Canoe's development also offered "so many things that we look for to go with our FitHouse, which focuses on relaxation, play and mental and emotional well-being," she said.

Tours will be Tuesdays through Sundays, June 7 through Sept. 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Just don't plan on making an offer on the FitHouse: It already has been sold, Carroll said.

Calling cause

There's still time to donate your old cellular phone to benefit charity.

From now through May 31, Cingular Wireless will contribute \$5 to Special Olympics Georgia for every old wireless phone that is turned in for recycling at all of its Cingular stores and at the 2003 State Summer Games, which will be held from May 30 and June 1 at Emory University.

This is the fourth year of the Phone Recycle Program to benefit the Special Olympics, with Cingular already having raised more than \$28 million companywide for the nonprofit organization in the program's first three years.

In addition to donating an old phone, customers also can receive a free or discounted handset when they donate \$20 to Special Olympics.

On a mission

Andrew Young and his associates at Atlanta-based GoodWorks International have developed an airlift mission to help provide the medical supplies, water filtration systems and pharmaceuticals that are urgently needed to handle the post-war crises of injured and sick Iraqi people at hospitals and clinics throughout Iraq.

An MD11 freighter aircraft filled with \$3.5 million of emergency medical supplies was scheduled to land in Baghdad May 16 as part of the "Atlanta-Baghdad Airlift." The relief effort was organized by International Medical Corps, a global humanitarian aid organization, and former U.N. Ambassador Young and his consulting firm, GoodWorks International.

World Airways Inc. is providing the cargo plane, Chevron Texaco Corp. is donating fuel for the aircraft, Delta Air Lines Inc. is offering storage and logistics, and the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation is providing cash support. MAP International, a Georgia-based relief and development agency, provided \$1.5 million in medicines and medical supplies for the airlift.