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anyone ever more comfortable in shorts? Never wear them on planes.

Each of these rules need not be in place, in motion, at one time. But they need to be in play. Strengthening and sustaining the civil religion of America. Everybody safe and in style. Long before Lisa Birnbach published her treatise on preppies almost 40 years ago, Americans took comfort in natural fabrics less self-consciously. We enjoyed the soft embrace of a Brooks Brothers blazer, confident it could take us anywhere. No one needed to tell us that iced tea was the summer wine of the nation. Or that chowder was a staple of our Yankee cuisine. And that autumnal



Stephanie Leese Emerich and mom.

colors in New England were a gift from God, like cold Chablis and salad with homemade Thousand Island dressing. We knew by smell that tartans brightened life, like the poetry of Emily Dickinson or a walk on a sunny day through a quad at Yale. So stand fast in the miracle of America and our Puritan ideals, the simplicity of leafy roads in Maine, and in the ideals of a republic with room for all, where sweet crab salad and a chocolate milkshake out-trumps them all.

THE 5TH FLOOR: Luis Gutierrez and David Orr have each said 'no.' Should we be keeping track of who has said they won't run for mayor? Let's make a list.

POP! POP! The Drake Hotel's Shaun Rajah has created a wondrous commotion at the hotel choreographing a "champagne parade" of waiters into the dining room with napkin-wrapped bottles lifted high. Hello. Bugsby Berkeley?

POLO STYLE: Congratula-

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tions to **Peter Axelsen** who is marking 15 years at Ralph Lauren Bar & Grill, where he has made a reputation for himself as "waiter to the stars," in addition to his erudition as a Chicago fine arts painter of note. Peter is why so many feel at home there.



Richard Howard Hunt

ESTATE SALES ANTIQUES: Have you been to one of **Sophia du Brul's** estate sales? Treasure troves and jackpots. Best deals in town. Next one is Oct. 13 in Glenview. Details to follow next week.

DON'T MOVE: Who is the ingenue who's been running in the Gold Coast through Old Town, making a stop at an artist's loft where she's supposed to be having her portrait painted?



Olivia De Havilland

HOT AIR BALLOONING: OMG. Chicago's "IT" girl, writer **Sherrill Bodine**, between novels, went ballooning in Turkey. Now, that's a holiday.

HOLLYWOOD IN PARIS: Having just turned 102, **Miss Olivia De Havilland** is the lone survivor of "Gone with the Wind." Imagine.

WHO'S WHERE? **Stephanie Leese Emerich** and mom, Georgia, caught a Northwestern football game in a sea of purple. **Niamh King** checked into Rooms Hotel in Kazbegi, Georgia (that's not Tara's Georgia. This one's near Russia.)...**Cynthia Olson** all



Hector Gustavo Cardenas, Marius Morkvenas, Victor Salinas, Marco Antonio Verde and Kike Leon.

dolled up attending "Diamonds and Denim," a charming end-of-summer bash at a private club....

Jean Ferrone gliding up the waterways of picturesque Alsace.... **Hector Gustavo Cardenas, Marius**

Morkvenas, Victor Salinas, Marco Antonio Verde and **Kike Leon** still celebrating Hector's birthday on day two. **Myra Reilly** checking into the Deerpath Inn, Lake Forest, lunching with **Karen Goodyear, Pam Abbott, Joan Schniedwind** and **Terry Hummel**. Very fun afternoon....

Sean Eshaghy and dear **Mamie Walton** at the Peninsula's ZBAR....

Amy Hawks and **Jody McDonald** listening to the lake waters lap in Graz, Austria....

Happy birthday to Chicago's most evocative sculptor and grand man, **Richard Howard Hunt**.

POLO, ANYONE?: **Ralph Lauren**, the man who taught

Americans how to dress like WASPs, and Europeans how to dress like Americans, just celebrated 50 years as his own boss. Before that it was the Brooks Brothers window. His New York "Gala" during fashion week was what you'd expect, if you ever imagined sipping

Clicquot with **Hillary, Oprah** and **Anna Win-tour** at the same time. Kind of a

Chicago crowd. Congrats Mr. L.

IRENE MICHAELS: She's back. Full Force Five. Just relaunched her website, "I On The Scene." Totally new and reshaped. "I'm extremely excited to share what we've got in the works over the next few months," Irene Michaels tells us. The website will be updated with fresh content on a regular basis. Visitors are able to explore the new site and be part of the scene by signing up to the I On The Scene newsletter at ionthescene.com/.

RAVINIA NEWS: Tony Bennett is still the king of sophistication and dreamy American sentiment. You can't be surprised. He is American music.

MORE RAVINIA NEWS: Sorry, but what well-known society type could not cope with all

the champagne she consumed at the Tony Bennett concert on the lawn? Apparently, the very well dressed hostess tossed her cookies all over herself (in elegant starched cotton) and her espadrilles.



Irene Michaels

ART INSTITUTE OF CHICAGO DAYS — "**GEORG JENSEN:** Scandinavian Design for Living" celebrates the design company that defined mid-century modern. John Singer Sargent closes September 30.

2ND ANNUAL ART FOR LIFE: 6 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 18 at Venue West, 221 N. Paulina St. Join artists and designers. Some 60 works will be priced reasonably and available for sale.

THEATER NEWS: Playwright **Paula Vogel's** "Indecent," opens Friday, Sept. 28, at the Victory Gardens Theater. A must-see.

HHCD SUSTAINABILITY AWARDS: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, at Kasbeer Hall, Corboy Law Center, Loyola U. East Pearson Street. Architects **Laurie Glenn, Doug Farr, Pete Landon** and **Chris Lee** honored for their generosity and genius.

EXPO CHICAGO: The International Exposition of Contemporary & Modern Art Sept. 27 - 30 at Navy Pier's Festival Hall. The seventh annual exposition hosts 135 of the world's leading galleries from 27 countries and 63 cities.

CHICAGO FILM FESTIVAL: It's been announced that acclaimed director and Chicago native **William Friedkin** will be honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award during this year's festival. And "Friedkin Uncut" will premiere at 6 p.m. Monday, Oct. 15 at the AMC River East 21 (322 E. Illinois St.) in Chicago.

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

—Noel Coward

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