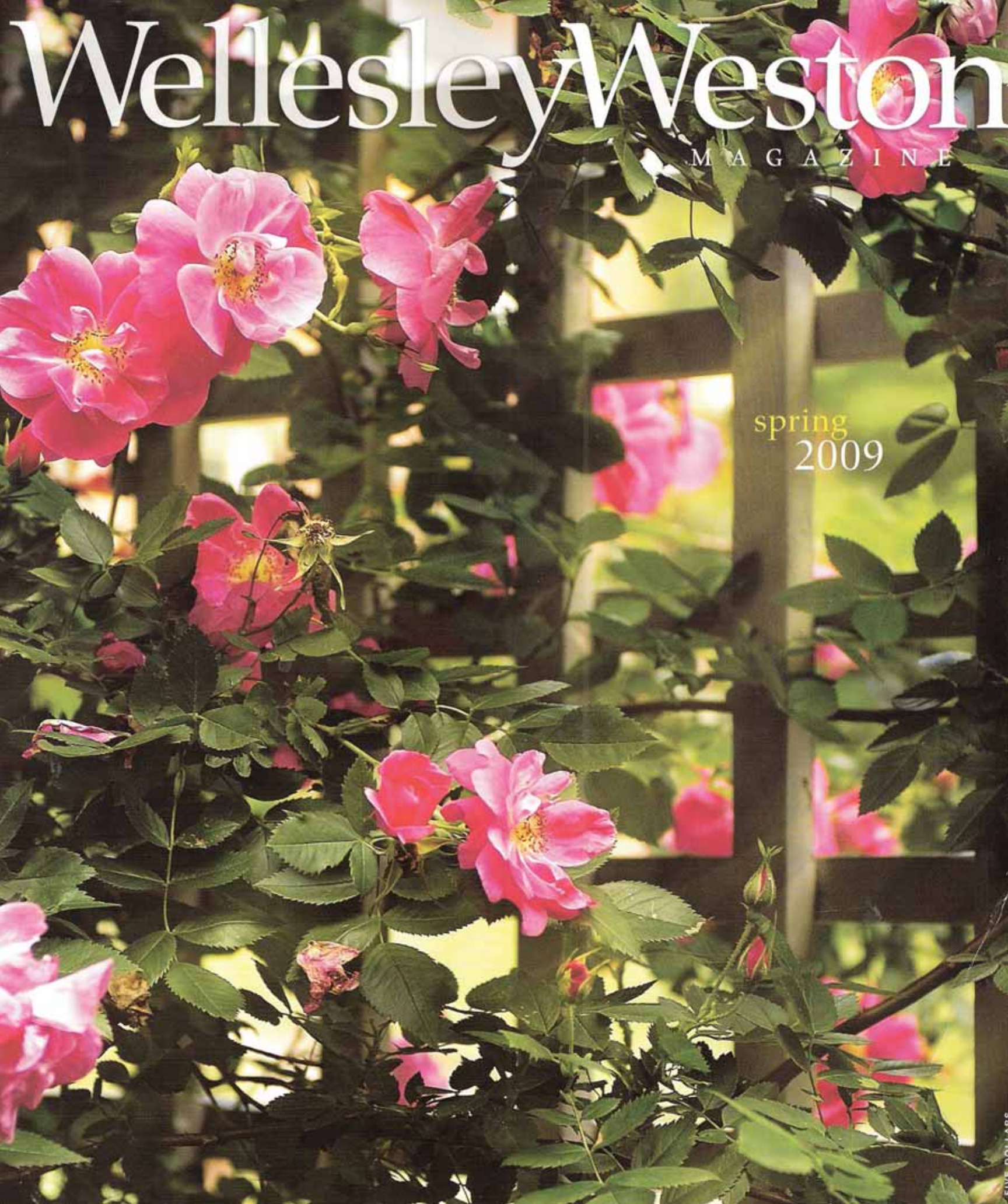


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► **Project Bread**, the state's leading anti-hunger organization, announced the election of Wellesley resident **Timothy J. O'Brien**, senior vice president of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, to its board of directors. O'Brien will join a sixteen-member board whose role is to lead the organization in its mission to alleviate, prevent, and ultimately end hunger in Massachusetts.

► The Massachusetts Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), an agency of the Department of Defense, announced that **Keyes North Atlantic, Inc.** was honored with an "Above and Beyond" award in recognition of extraordinary support of its employees who serve in the Massachusetts National Guard and Reserve.



KGA Inc., a human resources consulting firm based in Framingham, received the 2008 Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility. The award distinguishes KGA as having the most flexible and effective work practices and policies in Massachusetts and across the USA. A total of 319 honorees were selected in 30 communities nationwide; KGA is the only winner in Massachusetts. President **Kathleen Greer**, a Wellesley resident, accepted the honor on behalf of the firm.

According to Thomas Boyle, ESGR Massachusetts Chair, the award was created to "publicly recognize American employers who provide extraordinary patriotic support and cooperation to their employees."

► The Center for Career & Life Direction of Wellesley and Kennedy Baker Associates of Sudbury have merged to form **CareerTreking LLC**. The new entity is dedicated to coaching college students, recent college graduates, and young professionals to meet the challenges they face entering the workforce. The CareerTreking coaching program incorporates best practices from each firm. Clients will examine their backgrounds, set career targets, and establish a disciplined, comprehensive, job-search marketing plan. For more information, visit www.CareerTreking.com.

► **Woodmeister Master Builders** has been named one of the "Top Places to Work in Massachusetts" in the debut of an employee-based survey project from *The Boston Globe*. The report recognizes the most progressive companies in the state based on employee opinions about company leadership, compensation and training, diversity/inclusion, career development, family-friendly flexibility, and values and ethics. Private companies and nonprofits as well as publicly-held businesses were included in the analysis. Visit www.woodmeister.com for more information.

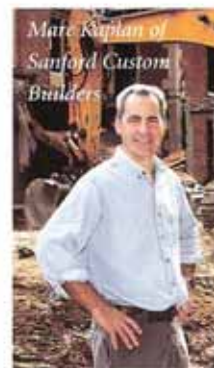
► **Shafer O'Neil Interior Design**, a full-service interior design office, is now open at 544 Washington Street in Wellesley. The firm combines a retail boutique of home furnishings, fine art, and unique accessories with a fully-functioning design studio. Co-owners **Judy O'Neil Labins** and **Sue Shafer** bring a combined 30 years in the home furnishings and design field to create a fusion of classic and transitional design. For more information call 781.235.7505 or visit www.shaferoneil.com.



J. Todd Galleries recently unveiled more than sixty new oil paintings depicting Boston by 21 leading area artists. The "All About Boston" exhibition showcased work by Thomas Dunlay, Robert Douglas Hunter, John Terelak, Peter Rolfe and others. Many area art lovers attended the opening-night gala reception and the exhibit that was held last December. For more information about J. Todd and upcoming exhibits, visit www.jtodd.com.

► Weston Resident **Wendy Veale, B.S., C.P.F.T.**, and owner of **Weston Fitness** is now offering one-on-one, semi-private, or small group personal training, fitness, and boot camp sessions at her new private studio in Weston. IN-HOME PERSONAL TRAINING and fitness sessions with no equipment necessary are available as well. Call Wendy at 781.642.1031 for information and details. Please see advertisement on page 171.

► **Marc Kaplan** of **Sanford Custom Builders** teamed up with Dennis Duffy of Duffy Design Group and D SCALE to create "La Fantasie Japonaise" for the 2008 *Dining by Design* extravaganza held at the Boston Design Center and Black Falcon Pier, Boston. Kaplan and his team felt that in these uncertain times it was important to demonstrate how easily an environment can influence and shape our outlook. Sanford Custom Builders con-



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