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# My life as Liz Taylor<sup>P. 7</sup>



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**FOR 20 YEARS** I smelled like **Elizabeth Taylor**.

In past lives the gorgeous movie star was known to drench herself in Tuvache's Jungle Gardenia perfume, a heady aphrodisiac scent that promised wicked delights.

"**SMIFF ME,**" I would command male friends. "Close your eyes and smell me," I would gush. "I am wearing the same perfume as Liz Taylor so you can imagine you are with that sex goddess."

**MY PLOY WAS GOOD** for laughs if not conquests. Jungle Gardenia was the only scent I ever wore that caused strangers to stop me and ask the name of my perfume because they loved it... But alas, Jungle Gardenia, like Queen Liz, fell on hard times as new aromas and younger stars took over the spotlight.

**ONLY WALGREEN'S** carried the perfume at about \$9 a bottle and it was never the same alluring scent. Gone was the memorable, magical potency.

**TAYLOR** has brought out several of her own perfumes, "White Diamonds" and "Passion." But they smell more like Chicago Hooker than Intriguing, Passionate Femme. LaLiz must remember that Jungle Gardenia helped her get seven husbands. She has been researching a gardenia scent.

**I HAVE POURED ON** Joy, Opium, Dior, and Essence of Barbecued Ribs and none of these olfactory treats ever caused the sensation that accompanied Jungle Gardenia.

**CAB DRIVERS** turned from surly to subservient, waiters came running, other women's lovers proposed to me. I was married three times.

**TODAY, THE SWEET SMELL** of success is where it's at... What does Oprah wear?.

sion in Jupiter, Fla., their main residence. After the death of Barry, Beverly, who had been active in social events, balls, benefits, told me she lost all interest in them. It is rumored he left her \$40 million. The financial world was her new oyster. "I canceled my subscription to *USA Today*," she told me. "Now I read the *Wall Street Journal*."

**WEDDING BELLS** will ring Dec. 2 for pretty **Maggie Pearl**, daughter of Realtor **Ken and Susan**, and **Brian Winshall**. Ceremony will be in Los Cobos, Mexico.

## Chris and Sheila lead breakfast

**SISTER-TO-SISTER** Executive Women's Breakfast, co-chaired by **Chris and Sheila Kennedy** is Oct. 27 at Luxe Home in the Merchandise Mart at 8 a.m. Heart screenings, cooking demonstration, health news will be featured.

**HAVING AN EDIFICE COMPLEX** is a good thing when it is the woman's board of the Art Institute marking the new modern wing by **Renzo Piano**, Oct. 27. Co-chairs are: **Monika Betts, Anstiss Krueck, Brenda Shapiro**, planning a lavish dinner, Redmoon Theater drama.

**LOVE "DANCING WITH THE STARS"** and **Jerry Springer's** turning his awful footwork into high-stepping fun at his own expense. The audience relates to a person who can ridicule himself, with wit and humility.

"**30 ROCK,**" the new NBC TV comedy series with Second City's **Tina Fey** is a giggler but we think a similar show, "Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip" will outlast it.

## Hot benefits in your future

**ELIZABETH COLE AND JULIE O'CONNOR** are planning the **WINGS** benefit shopping spree at Ralph Lauren Oct. 25 in Northbrook Court. Proceeds fight domestic violence and homelessness.

**LEGENDS, A GLAM GALA** at the Four Seasons will celebrate the 116 years of generosity of the Service Club of Chicago Oct. 27. 34 exceptional women volunteers will be saluted... **THE FAB CEREBRAL PALSY GAM-BOL** is at the Drake Hotel Oct. 27 with dining, dancing, gambling fun.

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