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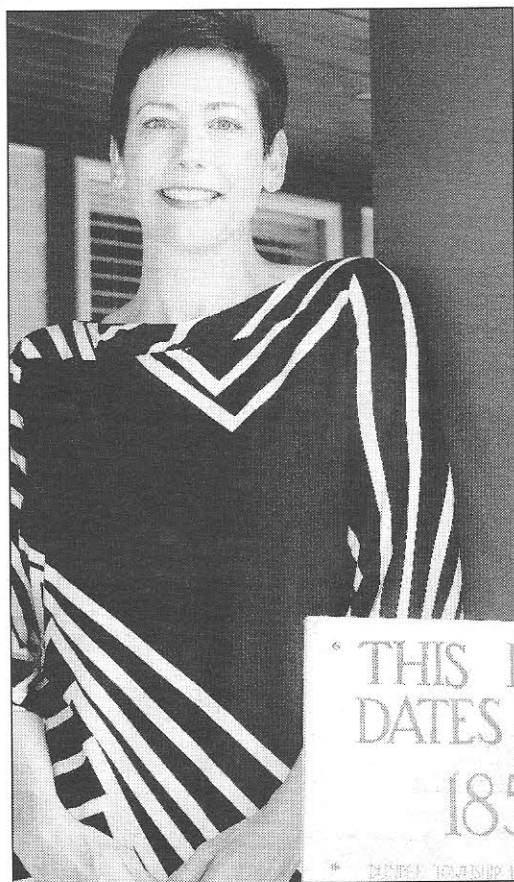
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a slowdown with the

recent recession, Leslie said, "But it was very minimal."

About 72 percent of giving is done by individuals and that's who American City Bureau focuses on.

"It's face to face and it's personal," said Leslie, who grew up in Sleepy Hollow and went to Marquette University.



Leslie Biggins Mollsen, CEO of American City Bureau Inc., runs her business here in West Dundee.

For sale or lease

Lee & Associates Commercial Real Estate Services of Rosemont told us about these recent transactions:

- **Hard Surface Finishers** purchased a 29,410-square-foot warehouse building located at 855 Lively Blvd. in Wood Dale.

- Sergio Chapa, vice president of Lee & Associates, represented **Anatol Equipment Manufacturing** in their lease of a 21,000-square-foot industrial building at 919 Sherwood Drive in Lake Bluff.

- **GRD** purchased a 16,238-square-foot warehouse at 397 Charles Court in

West Chicago.

- **Fastenal Co.** leased 4,500 square feet of warehouse space located at 1437 Payne Avenue in Schaumburg.

Now open

Red Mango, the all-natural frozen yogurt and fresh fruit smoothie chain, opened its newest location in Long Grove. The store is at the Sunset Grove Shopping Center at the corner of Route 83 and Aptakisic Road.

Jerry Coghlan is the owner of the new store that hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony earlier this month.

The shop features all-natural, nonfat and low-fat yogurt in both gluten-free and kosher. Popular flavors include mango, white peach, classic peanut butter and raspberry sorbetto.

Galena connection

The Bricton Group, a well known hotel management group based in Mount Prospect, recently announced that it is now the management company for the **Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa** in Galena.

"This is a classic venue that families, business executives and golfers have been coming to for years, and we're excited to carry on the Eagle Ridge tradition of excellence," said Edward Doherty, president of the Bricton Group. "While we're keeping the best of Eagle Ridge, we also have plans to update the resort so we can continue to delight visitors for the next 30 years. We plan to concentrate heavily in the Chicago area and will cross-market with a number of hotels already in our portfolio."

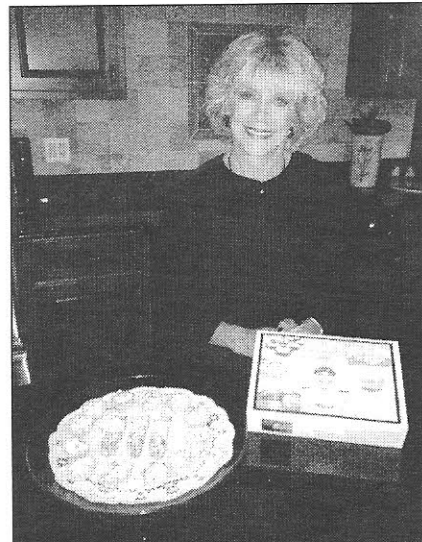
To manage the resort and golf course, Bricton partnered with Touchstone Golf LLC to form a joint venture — Brickstone — which will share in the management of the resort. Brickstone will manage the hotel and spa, while executives from Touchstone will manage the championship golf courses.

Authentic cannoli

Business sometimes comes full circle.

Lou Toste O'Brien grew up watching her mother and father run a bakery in

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Lou Toste O'Brien along with her authentic Italian cannoli filling and dessert kits.

Boston before they came to Forest Park and opened a restaurant.

O'Brien later spent her career running her own business in a different field, La Finesse Inc., a salon and beauty company. Over four decades, she oversaw the brand's seven salons and the creation of her own cosmetic, hair and skin care product lines. She was awarded the Business Ledger's Influential Women in Business Award in 2005.

Her plan to retire a few years ago didn't work out so well.

With a love of cooking, she traveled to Puglia, Italy and developed a plan for her current business, a dessert company she named after her mother. The business, Grandma Toste, sells authentic Italian cannoli filling and dessert kits crafted from family recipes at high-end grocery stores across the suburbs.

O'Brien, an avid entertainer, says she started Grandma Toste's to give party hosts a delicious and simple solution for authentic Italian desserts.

The product line can be found in stores including Casey's Foods in Naperville and Western Springs, Brookhaven Marketplace in the Burr Ridge, Darien and Mokena locations, From Scratch Marketplace in LaGrange and Garden Fresh Market in Naperville and Prisco's Fine Foods in Aurora.

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