Some Helpful Tips For Reducing Stress

- 1. Before going to bed, set out breakfast items and lay out everything you'll need for work or school so you simply pick-up-'n-go in the morning.
- 2. Get up 20 minutes earlier so you can have a non-rushed breakfast. (if you need an alarm clock to wake you up in the morning, you aren't going to bed on time, say sleep experts).
- 3. Walk whenever possible (take the stairs instead of the elevator, hand-deliver work papers, etc.)
- 4. Plan grocery shopping, banking, and post office visits so you hit the non-chaotic times (e.g. don't grocery shop on Saturday afternoon, don't go to the bank on Friday afternoon, and don't try to mail a package on Monday morning).
- 5. Go to the bathroom before leaving home or work (simple, but amazing stress reducer.)
- 6. Look for the humor in every situation. Humor allows you to jump out of the picture so you can get a grip on things.
- 7. Get an answering machine so you can accept phone calls on your schedule, not other people's.