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DOWNTOWN SANTA HOLIDAY BENEFIT DRIVE

Join the Downtowner in helping those less fortunate this holiday season. We're collecting donations of toys, food, clothes, and more. On page 16, read about our Downtown Santa party and how you can still help make a difference.

ON THE COVER:
Kelly Odom Flowers
Window display on Glenwood Avenue

Christmas Hints for the Downtown Santa, Part 2

Listen up Santa's elves, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, and unless you're one of those super-organized people who have been shopping since last December, you may need a little help finding extraordinary gifts for the deserving ones on your list. We're here to help, and – joy to the world! – the perfect presents are right here in Raleigh!



By Melissa Rich

For the One You Love

Bailey's Fine Jewelry

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Glittering jewels, holiday music, and impeccable service – what more could a girl ask for to get into the Christmas spirit? Bailey's Fine Jewelry, a family-run store in Cameron Village, is certainly the place to go to charm the one you love. Bailey's carries admired brands such as JB Star, Kwiat, Simon G, Mikimoto, Ritani, Alito, Spark, Fana, David Yurman, John Hardy, Baume & Mercier, TAG Huer, and Longines. Bailey's also features a stunning gift gallery and bridal registry and is the official jeweler for the Carolina Hurricanes.

Hint, hint...give your loved one a tip for what you'd like to



The Simon Sebbag (left, \$250), a beautiful silver triple-strand necklace featuring the soft color of fluorite beads. Slane and Slane sterling silver and aquamarine bead necklace featuring a sterling silver diamond clasp, a signature for Slane and Slane (right, \$730)

find in your stocking by filling out a Bailey's Wish List with your favorite gems and jewels. Bailey's will keep it on file for your significant other. And remember, as the saying goes, good things come in small packages, so give the one you love a trinket from Bailey's, and no need to hang the mistletoe, you'll be sure to have a Merry Kissmunch!



The Fana ring (left, \$1,450) showcases a unique spiral of diamonds and eighteen karat white gold. There is .47 carats in diamond weight. These three works of art on the right are from David Yurman's new Cable & Tapestry Collection. Their bold accents feature beautiful pavé diamond in sterling silver. (Ring - \$950, Earrings - \$950, Cuff - \$3,900)

When asked about his top holiday gift picks, Jason Colmerero, Assistant Manager of Bailey's, recommended selections from Simon Sebbag, Slane and Slane, Fana, and David Yurman.

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gant spa in Cameron Village that is committed to providing the most luxurious and beneficial wellness and beauty services available. Christopher Wiley, Spa Manager, recommends the following spa packages to pamper your loved ones:

Revitalize Spa Package - \$125 - An upgraded beauty package with custom manicure, custom pedicure, and custom facial.

Rejuvenate Spa Package - \$200 - An upgraded beauty service package with custom manicure, custom pedicure, custom facial, and 50/60 minute therapeutic massage.



Oasis at the Spa Luxury Spa Package - \$400 - A full day at the spa focusing on deluxe prescriptive treatments designed to offer genuine solutions for specific areas. The package includes a hot lava manicure, hot lava pedicure, signature facial with prescriptive treatment, 80/90 minute therapeutic or stone massage, hair finishing or brow shaping, make-up application, and lunch.

For Your Favorite Elf

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For your sister or your best friend, you need a gift that is as luxurious and lovely as she is. Trust me, she'll be singing "Joy to the World" when she opens a gift from Luxe, an apothecary in The Lassiter at North Hills, which offers shoppers the finest in bath and body products in an upscale, intimate environment. Luxe carries sought-after, top-shelf products such as Creed, Bond no. 9, Darphin, Kiehls, Fresh, Molton Brown, and Mistral, and if you cannot decide on one of their lavish products, Luxe also offers a wide array

of treatments. Luxe owner Fiquet Bailey lists Bond no. 9 parfums as a top gift choice. Bond no. 9 is a fragrance collection launched in homage to New York City and each fragrance represents a specific neighborhood in the city. Fiquet's pick is Bond no. 9 "Chinatown," a spicy, fruity blend of peach blossoms, gardenia tuberose, patchouli, and cardamom.



**Superpower Meets Supercity:
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Fiquet also recommends Mistral shea butter soap and hand cream. Mistral's French soaps contain olive, palm, and coconut oils, skin softening African shea butter, and fragrance from Grasse, the perfume capital of the world.



**Mistral Shea Butter Hand Cream \$14.50
and Soap \$14.50**

For the girl (or guy!) who has everything, Fiquet suggests The A-Lister, the ultimate indulgence for those who know that nothing less than Luxe will do. The A-Lister includes a signature facial customized for skin type, a soothing, smoothing eye treatment, exfoliation and moisture for hands and feet and a massage. This is a perfect gift for anyone who has it all and deserves every bit of it. \$175 (2 hours).



Luxe Apothecary Treatment Room

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Looking for a gift to show your appreciation? Gifts for neighbors, employees, colleagues, hostesses, Secret Santas, teachers, coaches, tutors, babysitters, and bus drivers are getting more creative. Nofo @ the Pig, located in the Five Points neighborhood in the former Piggly Wiggly Grocery store, is the perfect place to shop for a gift for anyone and everyone. Nofo carries an eclectic mix of funky furniture, kids' stuff, lamps, linens, kitchen items, pet accessories, picture frames, candles, gardening tools and more. Jean Martin of Nofo chose the Elf on a Shelf, Caroline's caramel cake, and candy boxes as her favorite gifts to give to Santa's helpers this year.

The Elf on a Shelf is a charming gift for anyone with children. The set includes a storybook and an elf, who "watches" children's behavior during



Elf on a Shelf

the day and "reports" to Santa at night. The elf, with a little assistance from parents, is relocated to a new hiding place every morning, always on the look for good conduct. The Elf on a Shelf is a gift that is sure to become a favorite Christmas tradition.

If only you could smell and taste a photograph; Caroline's caramel cake is simply too-die-for. This Southern specialty has seven moist layers of yellow cake coated with melt-in-your-mouth caramel icing. In addition to the caramel cake, Nofo also offers Caroline's Montana Gold cake, Coconut Cloud cakes, all of which serve 14-20 people and can be frozen and refrozen for up to six months, giving you the luxury of elegant entertaining at your fingertips. Believe me,

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Chocolate-covered Pretzels (8.50), and
Chocolate-covered Maltballs (7.95)

Consider contributing to a good cause while making your holiday purchases. Beleza in Cameron Village is Raleigh's newest fair trade store and the perfect stop if you're looking to find a unique gift and make a difference. Beleza sells handmade jewelry, apparel, and accessories from Brazil and Madagascar. Every purchase serves to eliminate poverty and give hope to people around the world. Amy Williams, manager, recommends giving lambas and brushed aluminum jewelry as gifts this year.

The brushed aluminum jewelry is hand-made and is often coupled with shells or semi-precious stones. Extremely lightweight and versatile. For dressing up or down, the brushed aluminum jewelry is one of Beleza's most popular items.

Lambas are made from a native natural silk, which is only grown on the island of Madagascar off the coast of Africa. Madagascar women make lambas by



Brushed Aluminum Necklace, Bracelet

hand; the fabric is hand made, the thread is hand spun, and the process is extremely time-consuming. Not only are lambas beautiful, unique, and classy, they are museum-quality wearable art.

If you're looking for a unique gift made here in Raleigh, Beleza also has a section of its store dedicated to fashions from NC State students. Browse bags, jewelry, and clothing produced by young hopeful fashion designers. You can even have a dress created just for you!

Whether you're looking for a gift for the one you love, Mrs. Clause, your favorite elf, Santa's helpers, or a good Claus, with these gifts, everyone will think you've been making your list and checking it twice since last December! Happy shopping and have yourself a Merry Little Christmas!



Lambas

Melissa attended UNC-CH where she earned a BA in English and a Masters of Arts in Teaching. Melissa taught high school for six years before founding Raleigh Tutoring. www.raleightutoring.com In her spare time, Melissa enjoys running, reading, volunteering, and spending time with her husband, family and friends. ■RD



“Locally Grown” Stocking Stuffers

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Whether you have been good or bad it seems everyone will have an iPod by the end of the holidays. To protect the easy to scratch iPod screen, Gamila Company created Mila. Mila is a durable but fashionable case that provides ultimate protection without sacrificing screen clarity. And the multiple included accessories allow users to carry, wear and accessorize their Mila-encased iPod. \$19.99



Larry's beans

LARRY'S BEANS

Owner Larry Larson looks on coffee in almost sacramental terms, traveling as he does himself throughout the jungles of Latin countries, in search of high-quality beans which he often finds on the smaller coffee growing farms.

The website for Larry's company, larrysbeans.com, is filled with interesting coffee notes and travel journals. However those of us with a more modest coffee palate may be a bit clueless at descriptions of beans that w/o poetic. I just want to buy a pound of beans for a good cup of coffee, you think. Larry to the rescue. As to a

blend, he suggests their brand, El Salvador Dali and for a non-blend, the Ethiopian. Also look for the company's special holiday blend which is always popular. Have questions? Call 828-1234.

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HAVE A HOLLY RALEIGH CHRISTMAS CD

Sir Walter Records and the Greater Raleigh Merchants Association (GRMA) have teamed up to bring Raleigh its first-ever local holiday music CD. "Have A Holly Raleigh Christmas" features 14 local bands performing original holiday songs. The CD is just \$5.00 each at locations throughout the greater Raleigh area.

Proceeds from CD sales will benefit local high school marching band members and high school musicians through the Greater Raleigh Merchants Association Community Fund.

To purchase your copy online or find "Have A Holly Raleigh Christmas" at retail locations, visit their website www.HollyRaleighChristmas.org. You can also find out more about the bands involved in the project.

Extreme Makeover Crew in Raleigh



The big buzz recently in Raleigh centered around the arrival of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition starring Ty Pennington, the popular spiky-haired carpenter turned show host. Teaming up with Triangle Homeworks, a local non-profit committed to restoring homes, hope and pride for families of the Triangle, Extreme Makeover rolled into town on Thursday, November 30th and surprised the Riggins family with plans of a complete reconstruction of their home at 207 Poplar Street.



Extreme Makeover host, Ty Pennington

Ty Pennington and the rest of the crew from television reality hit Extreme Makeover made its first visit in North Carolina, greeting the Riggins family of Raleigh with the shout of "Good Morning, Riggins Family!"

Following the big surprise, the Riggins family was introduced to the Extreme Makeover team, then whisked away to the airport for a seven-day trip to Disney World.

"We feel very fortunate to be a part of this project," said Don Mead, Raleigh Division President of HomeLife Communities, one of the companies who volunteered countless hours of time and effort. "The time constraint will be challenging and perhaps sometimes overwhelming. However, together with the Raleigh community, our build team and the people of Extreme Makeover: Home Edition, I know the rewards will outnumber the challenges. Providing a new home for a deserving family will be one of HomeLife Communities' proudest accomplishments."

The Riggins family has constantly faced challenges. Linda Riggins grew up poor in Raleigh housing projects and was given little support or encouragement to excel beyond her current situation. She was told she'd never graduate high school yet proved everyone wrong when she graduated from college with honors and then went on to a career in social work. Her husband William is legally blind but in spite of his impaired eyesight is very handy and enjoys working with his hands. He worked as a tailor until he lost his eyesight to genetic Retina Peratonitis disease in 1985.

Currently, he works as an Assembler at Lions Club Industries, a national organization that provides career services and training for the visually impaired.

The couple and their three children, William Jr. (six years old), Christa Marie (four years old) and Earlene (three years old), are actively involved in their community.

Both Linda and William have spent the past 15 years working for the non-profit organization Building Together Ministries, a nonprofit organization that helps disadvantaged parents encourage their children to excel in school by providing them with resources and after-school programs. Building Together Ministries unites through outreach activities such as summer camps, mentoring programs and church services.

The original Riggins home did not cater to the special health needs of either parent. It was not outfitted for William's visual impairment nor did it have the necessary structure to help keep Linda mobile with the severe arthritis that plagues her hip. The Riggins family lived in inconceivably horrible conditions with vines growing from structural cracks, small, inadequate living quarters and a bug infestation problem.

"This is a family that has never turned down a plea for help from its community, relatives, church or the Building Together Ministries," said Mead. "Now, it's time for the community to band together and help them. HomeLife Communities will ensure that the Riggins family's extreme makeover surpasses their dreams for a new home."



The surprised Riggins' family in front of their old home

The construction marathon began on Saturday, December 2nd at 8am when hundreds of Triangle Homeworks volunteers, HomeLife Communities employees, and community volunteers gathered to join Extreme Makeover: Home Edition star Ty Pennington and his design team as they charge toward the home in the symbolic gesture of power and unity that has become a hallmark of the TV show.

Following the charge, the home was demolished and readied for the rebuild. In a hectic weeklong period, the existing home was replaced with an extreme makeover and construction was completed Thursday, December 7th. Spectators started lining the sidewalk outside the new home early that day. By mid-morning the crowd had swelled to approximately 1,500 strong

and that number appeared to have doubled by lunchtime. At exactly 1:30 pm, spectators were yelling "Move that bus!" and the bus rolled off to expose the spectacular English cottage-style home. A clearly an-

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Day one, volunteers and workers "charge the home"



Construction under way on Day Four



New front door being installed by volunteers



Finishing touches on the completed house

ious Riggins family exited the stretch limousine to a throng of supporters shouting, "Welcome back Riggins family!" Once the Extreme Makeover bus moved to reveal the new home, Linda Riggins' knees buckled and tears streamed down her cheeks.

Once the ABC production crew filmed the ecstatic family's reaction, Ty escorted the family inside to reveal the interior of their dream home. As the family entered the home, Pennington guided William Riggins, who is legally blind, to the homes exterior so that he could feel the stone façade.

Details about the interior floor plan and design will be disclosed when this episode of the show airs.



Ty helping the Riggins pack for their vacation while their home is redone.

ately while to catch a glimpse of Ty in action. Beyond cracking jokes, though, Ty enjoys designing, building and working with contractors and his fellow designers to help create magical homes for deserving families.

A self-proclaimed "Jack of all Trades, Master of None," Ty can add bestselling author to his vast list of skills. His first book, Ty's Tricks, published by Hyperion in 2003, was a New York Times bestseller.

His career started during his final semester when Ty was approached by a modeling scout, and soon began an exciting and lucrative career. He traveled the world and modeled for various clothing companies and appeared in television commercials. He recently moved to Los Angeles to pursue his acting career, and appeared in the independent film, The Adventures of Occee Nash, playing aviation pioneer Wilbur Wright.

Ty, who sings and plays the guitar in his spare time, still enjoys surfing, skateboarding and playing soccer and currently lives in Los Angeles.

THE VOLUNTEERS

The Raleigh Downtowner had the pleasure of interviewing Alice Ligon, one of the founders of Triangle Homeworks, to learn more about their organization, which played an important role in the Riggins' home makeover.

RD: What is Triangle Homeworks?

ALICE: Triangle Homeworks is committed to restoring hope, homes and pride for families through home repairs and improvements for those in need. The nonprofit organization grew out of a desire to give back to our community homeowners the safety, structural integrity, livability, and pride they may have once had in their homes. Triangle Homeworks usually focuses on repairs or renovations throughout the



Volunteers on Day One: Beth Donner, Delancy Quady, Julie Lovett, Flo Eaton, Anita Blomme, Alice Ligon, Linda Garne, and Barbara Couchon

house. Although they have done one complete new build, they do not typically demolish or do entire house makeovers.

RD: How did it get started?

ALICE: Triangle Homeworks was founded by two friends, myself and Alice Remedios who were inspired by the national show Extreme Makeover: Home Edition. We wanted to help local families in the same way. Work began on establishing Triangle Homeworks in January of 2005. In April 2005, we received our official nonprofit status. And in the fall of 2005, the first Triangle Homeworks project was a started and completed in Fuquay-Varina.

RD: What type of projects does Triangle Homeworks get involved with?

ALICE: Triangle Homeworks accepts applications for homeowners who for some reason have been unable to maintain, renovate or remodel their home to meet the needs of their family. Projects are typically for the elderly, someone with a recent disability or otherwise disadvantaged families.

RD: How can individuals volunteer to help? What kind of help does Triangle Homeworks need?

ALICE: They can complete the volunteer form online at www.trianglehomeworks.org. Everyone from skilled labor to gardeners, donors, fundraisers, community partners, and even some administrative volunteers since Triangle Homeworks is 100% volunteer and board-driven with no paid staff at this time.

RD: How many local volunteers are involved with this project?

ALICE: We've heard over 1,000 and have recruited hundreds of volunteers through Triangle Homeworks' existing volunteers and their network of friends and family. Everyone has been so willing to help both onsite and with coordinating resources needed by the crew.

RD: Any other comments

about Triangle Homeworks?

ALICE: Triangle Homeworks is still a very new nonprofit organization. We've done a lot with very limited resources and greatly appreciate all the help and support we've received in the past year and a half. We hope some of the great, new volunteers who have come out for this big event will continue to volunteer and join us in our efforts as we find ways to raise money and improve more homes for deserving families in the Triangle. We're working on some exciting fundraisers for 2007, including a possible party to celebrate the Extreme Makeover Home Edition show when it airs, January 21st, 8pm EST on ABC11.



Show designer Paul DiMeo, and Alice Ligon, one of the founders of Triangle Homeworks

Want to be part of a local Home Makeover? Triangle Homeworks is a local non-profit organization committed to restoring homes, hope and pride for families in the Triangle by assisting with necessary repairs and renovations. Volunteers and donations of services, supplies and money are needed! To get involved or provide financial support, visit www.trianglehomeworks.org.

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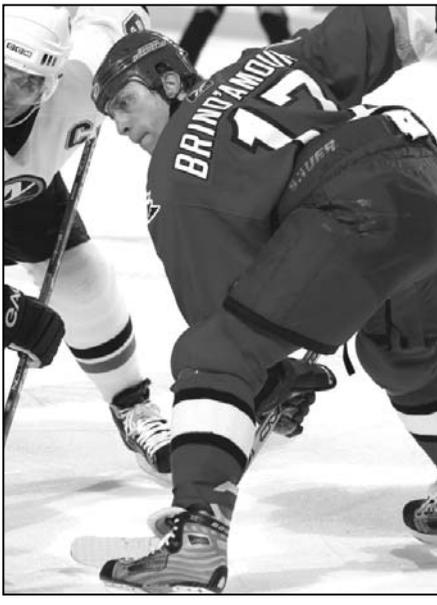


By Ken Preston
CarolineHurricanes.com

Jim Rutherford, President and General Manager of the Carolina Hurricanes, today announced that the team will honor Captain Rod BrindAmour on Dec. 29 when the Hurricanes host the Anaheim Ducks at the RBC Center. BrindAmour earned his 1,000th NHL point on Nov. 4 at Ottawa, making him the 71st player in NHL history to achieve that milestone.

Prior to the game, the team will honor BrindAmour with a special video tribute honoring his 18-year National Hockey League career, and the NHL will present BrindAmour with milestone markers for 1,000 points and 600 assists, each of which BrindAmour accomplished earlier this season. FSN South, the nations largest regional sports network and the Hurricanescable-television rightsholder, has added the Dec. 29 game to its schedule and will carry the pre-game ceremony honoring BrindAmour.

Fans attending Rod BrindAmour Night will receive a commemorative puck, courtesy of Hurricanes corporate partner GlaxoSmithKline. In addition, fans who



donate a toy to the Second Annual Hurricanes WivesToy Drive from Dec. 11-15, will receive a buy-one-get-one-free voucher for tickets to the Dec. 29 game.

BrindAmour is in his seventh season with the Hurricanes and his 18th NHL season. The Ottawa, Ont., native leads the Hurricanes this season in points (34) and assists (24) and is just eight goals shy of 400 for his NHL career. The 36-year-old centerman led the Hurricanes in goal-scoring during the teams 25-game postseason run that culminated in Carolina winning the Stanley Cup and bringing North Carolina its first major-league sports championship. BrindAmour played his 1,200th NHL game on Nov. 1 at Atlanta, and now has 392 goals, 623 assists (1,015 points) in 1,214 NHL regular-season games with St. Louis, Philadelphia and Carolina.

The Carolina Hurricanes wrap up their current three-game home stand on Saturday against the Boston Bruins (7 p.m., Hurricanes Radio Network) before heading west for a four-game road trip against Northwest Division opponents. Individual-game tickets all Hurricanes home games in December and January, including Rod BrindAmour Night on Dec. 29 against Anaheim, are available at the RBC Center box office, all TicketMaster locations, by calling 919-834-4000 or via www.CarolinaHurricanes.com <<http://www.carolinahurricanes.com/>> . For information on Hurricanes ticket packages, please call 1-866-NHL-CANES or visit their website at www.CarolinaHurricanes.com.



Claude Monet, *Water Lilies*, 1914-17, Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco

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2006 Jingle Ball at Exploris



On Thursday, December 7th, approximately 700 people came out to kick-off the holiday season at the 13th Annual Jingle Ball. With toys in hand they filled downtown's Exploris Museum ready to party. Rocky Top Hospitality was the Grand Benefactor Sponsor, providing a festive fare, and D.J. Joe Bunn kept everyone dancing. Each year, the Jingle Ball is the largest provider of toys for the Salvation

Army's Christmas Cheers program.

Many local corporations and individuals help offset the costs of the event, enabling the admission price to be the toys that are distributed across Wake County. One of the largest toy drives in the area and always one of the best parties of the year, the Jingle Ball is organized by the Capital City Clauses.

The Capital City Clauses are comprised entirely of volunteers who help with the financing, planning, and executing of the Jingle Ball. Since the first Jingle Ball was held in 1994, the Capital City Clauses have helped to give thousands of toys and articles of clothing to the needy children of Wake County. When asked why guests should attend, Molly Shepherd, President of the Capital City Clauses said, "It's a fantastic way to kick-off the holiday season for a great cause. The most rewarding part is knowing that you made a difference for a child dur-

ing the holiday season."

After the Jingle Ball, guests were invited to attend an after-party hosted by Rocky Top Hospitality at 510 Glenwood which featured Latin Night at Red Room, Hi5 with DJ Romantic and Ladies' Night at Bogarts with DJ Triple B.

For more information on the Jingle Ball and the Capital City Clauses, please visit www.jingleball.org.

MRD



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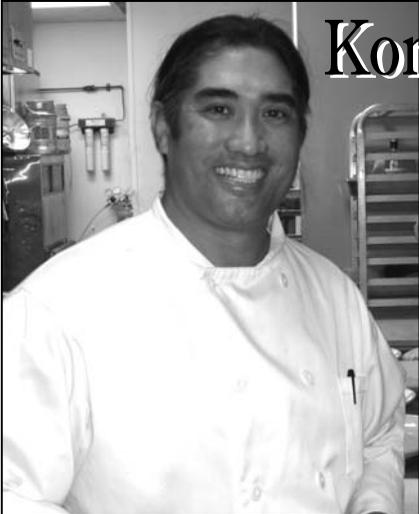
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By Fred Benton
City Style Editor

It's slick, sophisticated and most definitely uptown: this is how I describe Nana's Chophouse, now open for three years, in downtown Raleigh across from The Depot at 338 West Davie Street. If you're familiar with Nana's in Durham, owned and operated by chef Scott Howell, you may assume that Scott is at the helm at Nana's Chophouse. He was originally, but no longer. The man whose talent brings superb food to the table at Nana's Chophouse is chef Konrad Catolos, who's quick to point out that he has an excellent team in the kitchen which includes his wife, Tanya, who's the pastry chef.



Spotlight on Catolos: he's been at Nana's Chophouse for a year and a half. His formal training in the culinary arts was at the California Culinary Academy in San Francisco. In the past you might have tasted the food he creates at Picasso in the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas or Oliver at Union Square in New York City.

It was a treat to meet this young chef who has a

strong, assured voice matched by a friendly smile. I looked forward to a feast at Nana's Chophouse—and feasting I did. Beginning with a fantastic Cosmo, one of the best renditions in the city. My dinner companion's and my meal began with a Roasted Beet and Frisee Salad with goat cheese, candied pumpkin seeds and orange-sage vinaigrette. The salad was

and raddichio salad and cranberry-infused au jus. The chicken, Catolos explained, is first put in a brine, then smoked. The resulting "ham" flavor in the shape of a chicken was delicious to me, particularly as it was partnered with the garnishes which appropriately complemented the flavor of the succulent chicken wonderfully well.

Each dish, here, seems to be the result of much thought and a definite instinct for flavors. And that credit goes to Konrad Catolos and his team. And by the way, the desserts are not to be missed!

Reservations are advised for Nana's Chophouse, open 5 to 10 p.m., Monday through Thursday, extending to 11 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Call 919.829.1212. Visit www.nanaschophouse.com for menus, directions, and online reservations.

and straight-forward with additive hints of earthy freshness given over by the goat cheese and these incredible candied pumpkin seeds. This salad, where simple flavors became, in their union, wholly complex was a favorite of mine. Bravo!

One of the more interesting dishes to me was the Wood Roasted Ashley Farms Chicken served with what turned out to be a delectable butternut squash bread pudding, shaved pear



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Celebrating a Capital Season

By Dianne Davidian, Raleigh City Museum Executive Director

More than just cooler temperatures and a flip of the calendar page, winter often symbolizes holidays, civic celebrations and social gatherings. In North Carolina's capital city, civic celebrations have always played an important role during this special time of year.

There has been a foundation for community celebrations starting with the original State House as the early focal point. The State Capitol continues to this day to be an important center for seasonal activities. Citizens, since the early 1980s, have gathered for the annual tree lighting on the capitol grounds and join the governor for the ceremonial flipping of the switch, bringing the season to light. Since 1940, the holiday shopping season has been launched by the annual Christmas Parade. Each year, children of all ages line the streets of downtown to watch the floats and marching bands.

While Raleigh's retail hub has shifted from downtown to the suburbs, the shopping tradition has remained constant in Raleigh. Children, with noses pressed to the glass, peer into windows to glimpse the toys on their wish lists. Families and friends celebrate the season in an abundance of ways - from buying decorations for their homes to ice skating on a frozen pond. Civic pride and the holidays go hand-in-hand in Raleigh as families, friends and neighbors Celebrate a Capital Season.

Celebrating a Capitol Season is currently on display at the Raleigh City Museum.

The Raleigh City Museum is open Tuesdays-Fridays from 10am to 4pm and Saturdays from 1pm to 4pm at 220 Fayetteville Street in the Historic Briggs Building. For more information, call 832-3775 or www.raleighcitymuseum.org.

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Santa Claus takes requests from eager children outside the Ambassador Theatre on the 100-block of Fayetteville Street, 1939



A colorful float glides past the Ambassador Theatre on the 100 block of Fayetteville Street during the 1953 Raleigh Merchants Bureau Christmas Parade.

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Artspace Celebrates 20 Years of Creative Energy

Inspiring the Future of the Arts in Downtown Raleigh

"If you weren't able to make it to Artspace's Collectors Gala this year, you really missed a great event!" quoted Mike Condrey, managing partner of Northwestern Mutual Financial Network and underwriter of the night's event.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary on Saturday, November 18th, Artspace welcomed over 400 guests to a special Collectors Gala and for the first time partnered up with Zydeco Downtown for an amazing after party with 3 outrageous bands – Marcus Mitchell, Mixed Water, and Chocolate Buttermilk. "We are proud of this multi-faceted jewel in our community," said Rosemary and Smedes York, Honorary Chairs of the event, as they welcomed guests to the Gala.



Artspace Executive Director Mary Poole, Angela Norwood, Jim Castello, Norma Poole, Curtis Fitzgerald, Carolyn Billings, Beverly Murray, Eugene Murray, and Greg Norton

Guests of the event were jumping at the chance to bid on some of North Carolina's finest artwork in a silent and live auction and then savored a private dinner in the artists' studios catered by Mitchell's Catering and Events. The dinner ended with a champagne pour and toast to Artspace for its 20-year legacy in the community.

The evening continued at Zydeco Downtown located behind Artspace where Mayor Charles Meeke and his wife Ann McLaurin lead the way on the dance floor. The fun didn't end until the music stopped at 2:00 AM - and all in honor of Artspace's 20th anniversary.

The evening was a huge success and a great event, which for the first time raised almost \$100,000 for Artspace's educational programming, exhibitions, and community outreach.



James Blocker, Anita Moore (Zydeco Downtown operations manager and Antwan's mother), Antwan Harris (Owner of Zydeco and NFL two time Super Bowl champ), Amitty Emerson



Honorary Chairs Smedes and Rosemary York

Since opening its doors in 1986, Artspace has inspired more than two million people to experience the creative process through a unique open studio environment and has presented more than 600 award-winning exhibitions of local, regional, and international artists' work.

Artspace wishes to thank all of the sponsors of the Gala but in particular Northwestern Mutual Financial Network, Kennedy Covington Lobdell & Hickman LLP, and Cherokee Investment Partners for their leading sponsorship gifts.

Artspace and honorary chairs, Rosemary and Smedes York, and event co-chairs Kathryn and Ruffin Poole and Suzanne and Bud Whitmeyer definitely know how to throw a party that will be talked about for years to come! Congratulations Artspace...well done!

About Artspace

Artspace inspires creative energy! A non-profit visual art center, Artspace presents award-winning exhibitions, educational programs, and artist studios open to the public. Approximately 95 artists are professional members of the Artspace Artists Association with 35 artists maintaining studios at Artspace. Artspace is open to the public Tues.-Sat., from 10 AM - 6:00 PM and on the first Friday of each month for the First Friday Gallery Walk until 10 PM Studio hours vary. Admission is free. Guided tours of exhibitions and artist studios are available for groups of 10 or more. Located in Historic City Market in Raleigh at the corner of Blount and Davie Streets.

Artspace is supported by the North Carolina Arts Council; by the United

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Feature Artspace Artist Susan Farrar Parrish

Parrish's works have recently been featured in shows in New York, California, Kentucky and Iowa. They have been included in a number of publications such as "500 Teapots" and "500 Bowls by Lark Press and periodicals like Ceramics Monthly and Craft Report. SAS Institute and Glaxo Wellcome, among others, have added Parrish's work to their collections.

A lifetime working in clay, making functional wheel-thrown pots, has led Susan Farrar Parrish to another life creating totally different work from the same medium. Parrish has transformed her stoneware from vessels to art. Each work is sculptural, painterly and completely handbuilt. Parrish states that she is as excited and energized by her new work as when she first discovered clay.

Susan's artwork sold quickly at the Gala Auction



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With over 300 wines available, more than 30 by the glass, and offerings from inexpensive house wines to Opus One, it's easy to see how they garnered the Wine Spectator Award of Excellence three years in a row.

Owner Jimmy Soules told the Downtowner, "We strive for only the highest standards possible, from our midwestern grain-fed beef, milk-fed veal chop, to our fresh seafood. Our meats and seafood are cut fresh daily, and all menu items are made from scratch using only the finest and freshest ingredients available."

Jimmy has put together a top-notch staff to manage the new restaurant, all who excel in providing the superior type of customer service you'd expect in a high-end steakhouse: general manager /partner James Iadanza (incidentally, the cousin of Tony Danza), executive chef Adam Jones, and Yarko Thomas, executive sushi chef. Having dined at their sashimi bar (at 10pm on a Sunday night no less), we have to recommend the California Dream fusion roll

as a must-try menu item (California crab roll wrapped with seared salmon and topped with garlic aioli, crushed macadamia nuts, sweet soy, and scalions).

Hats off to Jimmy for the modern, new ideas he's rolled into the beautiful old power plant building and to Yarko for his fusion rolls, some of the best we've had anywhere.

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Toni and the girls from Salon 21 at the Jingle Ball

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Sheri and Tracey celebrating a birthday downtown



Shannon and Sara dish drinks at Amra's



Tara and Jeff out on the town

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Kaki & Kristen at the Revolver Boutique Open House



Sam, Gary and Dan out making trouble

Chris strikes a pose with wife Hilary at the Jingle Ball



Downtown employee Lee out with Michelle



DJ Jeff Glenn (aka Commercial Real Estate VP)



Kevin and lovely ladies at the Jingle Ball

THE RALEIGH DOWNTOWNER SANTA BENEFIT PARTY

The Raleigh Downtowner and TriSports Social Club helped to collect over 200 toys for local area charities at our Downtown Santa Benefit Party. Throughout the month of December, we'll still be collecting toys, clothes, food, and more for those less fortunate. Please read the following page for a list of drop-off locations as well as our heartfelt Thank You to all that helped us make a difference by donating to our Benefit Party.



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Downtown Santa Benefit Drive



A BIG Thank You to our Downtown Santa Benefit Party guests and sponsors, to the readers of the Raleigh Downowner, and TriSports Social Club members for making our party on December 1st such a great success!

Over 200 toys, clothes and food items were collected and will be distributed to local charities including the Boys & Girls Clubs, Wake County Foster Care, local animal shelters, and others.

Throughout the night, over 200 guests showed their support for local charities at our Benefit Drive hosted at Tir Na Nog in Moore Square.

We will be continuing to collect the following items at our listed drop-off points around Raleigh:

- New children's toys and stuffed animals
- New children's clothes (infant to age 16)
- Blankets
- Jackets (children and adult, both new & used)
- Non-perishable foods

For local animal shelters, we will also be collecting:

- Dog/cat food (cans or bagged)
- Chew toys and treats

If you weren't able to attend the party, please stop in at one of our collection points and help us bring holiday cheer to as many as possible this Christmas season.

We'd like to thank the following sponsors for making our party such a great success:

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The Rat Pack Invades Raleigh

Some of us were unfortunately too young to have seen the original Rat Pack live in their glory days, but the recent Broadway South production THE RAT PACK - Live at the Sands is surely the next best thing. From its beginning in London's West End, The Rat Pack vividly recreates a legendary evening at the Sands Hotel with some of the most famous performers of their time: Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Dean Martin.

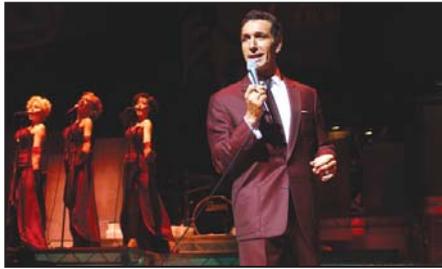
This highly entertaining production transports the audience to the early 1960's, when Frank and his pals were filming the original version of the casino robbery caper Ocean's Eleven in Las Vegas. The Sands Hotel was featured prominently in the film, which included solo performances by Frank, Sammy, and Dean. The Rat Pack legend was born when Frank and Dean spontaneously joined Sammy on stage and, to the surprise and delight of the audience, playfully interrupted his act. For the next few nights, the three of them were on stage together, and as one or two crooned, the others



"Frank" - Stephen Triffitt

played pranks, threw insults at each other, and rolled out the gags right along with their on-stage liquor cart. Performers Chris Mann (Frank), David Hayes (Sammy) and Nigel Casey (Dean) evoke all the glamour of that notorious nightclub gig when the audience was glittered with the likes of Marilyn Monroe, Gregory Peck, Judy Garland, Tony Curtis, and Jack Kennedy.

Watching the show from the front row afforded us the opportunity to see the performers capture the essence of the original trio, up close and personal. While David had the best likeness of his character Sammy Davis, Jr., with regard to looks, mannerisms and singing style (which he nailed), both the other performers did an excellent job of slipping into character, despite their UK heritage and slight English accent. The three together created an extremely memorable



"Dean" - Nigel Casey

and reminiscent glimpse into the era when the Rat Pack ruled the stage in Vegas.

The 1940s stage design, 15-piece band and vivacious backup singers (the Berelli Sisters), provided perfect support and backdrop, as well as entertaining distractions for the three roustabouts. This production had one of the most interaction and response back from the audience that we've seen. As the actors crooned out favorite Rat Pack songs, they cheered and sang along, especially the women who reveled at the antics and obvious attempts at flirting with the audience. Some of the jokes were "off-color" and related to race, religion, alcoholism, sex (and mother-in-laws), all aimed at each other, and all out of mutual fun and respect, truly indicative of their era, and helped to set the time period of the show.



"Sammy" - David Hayes

In an interview with the Downtowner, David tells us "I got my positive attitude from my parents who said I could do anything." Hayes takes his parents' advice and cultivates many talents. He is also a gifted drummer, guitarist, pianist, tap dancer, impressionist and songwriter. After seeing David perform in Atlantic City, Sammy Davis Jr. was quoted as saying, "That was the best singing impersonation of me that I have ever heard." After seeing the show, we couldn't agree more and add a similar accolade to Chris and Nigel's performances of Frank and Dean.



Broadway South December and January Shows

Be sure to catch the two more upcoming Broadway South shows. In late December is Cirque Dreams Jungle Fantasy, a colorful dream in an enchanted forest performed on stage and in the air. An international cast of graceful aerialists, spine bending contortionists, vine swinging characters, strongmen and balancers bring this jungle dream to life in a lush, Broadway setting filled with wildly unpredictable designs, special effects, inventive choreography, puppeteering and dazzling costumes. Imaginative theatrics combined with world-class acrobatics make CIRQUE DREAMS Jungle Fantasy an exhilarating journey the entire family can experience together. The show will run from December 26-31, 2006 at Raleigh Memorial.

The first show of 2007, MOVIN' OUT, opens in Raleigh at Raleigh Memorial Auditorium on January 2-7, 2007. The Tony Award-winning new musical was conceived, choreographed and directed by Twyla Tharp and is based on 24 classic songs by Billy Joel. This engagement of MOVIN' OUT will mark Raleigh's encore of the sold out show that critics say revolutionized musical theatre as we know it. Told through the choreography of Twyla Tharp and more than two dozen of Billy Joel's hit songs, MOVIN' OUT is the story of lifelong friends through two turbulent decades that change them and the world around them forever. Songs like "It's Still Rock and Roll to Me," "We Didn't Start the Fire," and "Pressure" all come together to weave a musical backdrop which beautifully complements Tharp's innovative choreography. The songs and dance take audiences through a poignant narrative comprised of three main elements: post-World War II idealism, the Vietnam War and its subsequent unrest, and finally, survival.

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Amra's
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Big Rick and the Bombers Blues Band
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am

Blue Martini
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West Street Band
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2 December ~ Saturday

Amra's
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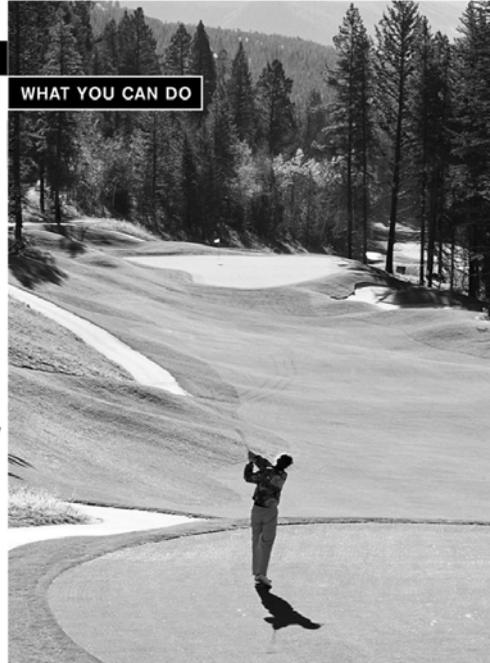


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Lincoln Theatre
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\$24-49, 8:00pm

3 December ~ Sunday

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Skeeter Brandon

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Blue Martini
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Open Blues Jam

No cover \$, 9:30pm-1:30am

Sullivan's Steak House
Eddie Thigpen Duo

No cover \$, 5pm

Lincoln Theatre
Bolweevil (Widespread Panic Tribute)

\$8/10, 9pm

4 December ~ Monday

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Cafe' Mars

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Blue Martini
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Russ Thompson

No cover \$, 9:30pm-1:30am

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Who's Your Daddy Jazz Band

No cover \$, 7:00pm-10:00am

Sullivan's Steak House
Eddie Thigpen Duo

No cover \$, 5pm

Lincoln Theatre
Skid Row w/ Kings X

\$19.50/24, 7:00pm

5 December ~ Tuesday

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Skeeter Brandon Blues Band

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Open Blues Jam

No cover \$, 8pm-12am

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6 December ~ Wednesday

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Chris Miller

No cover \$, 9pm-12am

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Williams Christmas Concert

7 December ~ Thursday

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Jazz Squad

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Blue Martini
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Big Rick and the Bombers

No cover \$, 8pm-12am

Lincoln Theatre
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8 December ~ Friday

Amra's
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Mel Melton & the Wicked Mojo's

No Cover \$, 9pm-1am

Blue Martini
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Chop Shop

No cover \$, 9pm-12am

Sullivan's Steak House
Eddie Thigpen Duo

No cover \$, 5pm

9 December ~ Saturday

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Countdown Quartet

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Mo Jones

No cover \$, 9pm-12am

TirNaNog

Paddy Gibney

Sullivan's Steak House
Eddie Thigpen Duo

No cover \$, 5pm

Lincoln Theatre
Virginia Coalition w/ Seepeoples / Brooks Wood Band

10 December ~ Sunday

Amra's
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Mo Jones

No Cover \$, 9pm-1am

Blue Martini
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Open Blues Jam

No cover \$, 9:30pm-1:30am

11 December ~ Monday

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No cover \$

12 December ~ Tuesday

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13 December ~ Wednesday

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The Red Bus
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am
Blue Martini
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Big Rick
No cover \$, 8pm-12am
Zeli & Ritz
E. Guigal Wine Dinner Menu

14 December ~ Thursday

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Adrian Duke New Orlean's Style Blues
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am
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15 December ~ Friday

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Café Mars
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am
Blue Martini
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The Heaters
No cover \$, 9pm-1am
Carolina Hurricanes vs. Toronto
Maple Leafs
7:30pm
Yancey's
Countdown Quartet
9:30pm-1:30am
Sullivan's Steak House
Eddie Thigpen Duo
No cover \$, 5pm

TirNaNog
Triple Fret
Lincoln Theatre
The Breakfast Club

16 December ~ Saturday

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Skeeter Brandon Blues band
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am
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TirNaNog
Magic Pipers
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The Creamers

17 December ~ Sunday

Amra's
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Skeeter Brandon
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am
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Open Blues Jam
No Cover \$, 8pm-12am

18 December ~ Monday

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19 December ~ Tuesday

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20 December ~ Wednesday

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Big Rick and the Bombers Blues Band
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Blue Martini
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Grant Haze
No Cover \$, 10pm-1am

21 December ~ Thursday

Amra's
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Laura Ridgeway Quartet
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am
Blue Martini
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Prime Rib Blues Band
No Cover \$, 10pm-1am
TirNaNog
Countdown Quartet

22 December ~ Friday

Amra's
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No Cover \$, 9pm-1am
Blue Martini
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The Heaters
No cover \$, 9pm-1am
Carolina Hurricanes vs. New York
Islanders
7:00pm
TirNaNog
The 8th Annual Holiday Bash
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23 December ~ Saturday

Sullivan's Steak House
Eddie Thigpen Duo
No cover \$, 5pm

23 December ~ Saturday

Amra's
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Jazz Squad
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am
Blue Martini
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Voodoo Flute
No cover \$, 9pm-1am

Sullivan's Steak House
Eddie Thigpen Duo
No cover \$, 5pm

24 December ~ Sunday

Christmas Eve!

25 December ~ Monday

Christmas Day!

26 December ~ Tuesday

Carolina Hurricanes vs. Florida
Panthers
7:00pm

27 December ~ Wednesday

Amra's
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Big Rick and the Bombers Blues Band
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am

28 December ~ Thursday

Amra's
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Kathy Gelb Quartet
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am

29 December ~ Friday

Amra's
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Mel Melton & the Wicked Mojo's
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am
Sullivan's Steak House
Eddie Thigpen Duo
No cover \$, 5pm

30 December ~ Saturday

Amra's
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Valentino and the Piedmont Sheiks
No Cover \$, 9pm-1am
Sullivan's Steak House
Eddie Thigpen Duo
No cover \$, 5pm

31 December ~ Sunday

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The Song is Over

A personal letter from long-time WRDU DJ Bob the Blade on the recent death of rock at 106.1 and his reason for leaving

By Bob the Blade

It was so sad when I heard Clear Channel was flipping my rock station of 22 years over to Country music. I guess I can understand the rea-

son. While nobody ever really said why Clear Channel switched the format of WRDU, it's safe to say it was because our ratings weren't high enough.

This station brought in The Who, Pink

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was hired in 1984 until the day we switched to Country in October of this year. I have loved this station so much, I turned down offers to work in Indianapolis, Atlanta (more than once), Pittsburgh (more than once), San Diego and Miami.



I tried to be a country DJ, but I just couldn't do it, I couldn't stand my voice coming after Tim McGraw and before Loretta Lynn. I resigned on the air, for two reasons, because I couldn't take it any more, and because I wanted to give a well deserved sign-off, to one of the best rock stations in the nation, a tribute it never got during the switch. I did that for the people like Brian McFadden, Kitty Kinnin, Phil Zachary, Reynolds and Silva, Tom Guild, Bob Walton and Mary Lou McGregor, the people that also have loved this station so much. "The Song Is Over" from "Who's Next".

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Dressing Up Your Holiday Style

By Alyssa Willard



It's hard to believe that 2006 is already drawing to a close—and if you're anything like me, you've divided your time between 1) trying to figure out where the year went, 2) searching for the perfect gift, 3) making plans to thwart holiday weight gain, 4) attempting to figure out what resolution you'll neglect for 2007 and 5) determining what you're going to wear to all of those holiday parties. Well, I can offer you the following advice:

1. Don't waste your time on this one...time flies whether you're having fun or not.
2. It might be cliché, but the best gift is one from the heart. Spend some time thinking about why a person is special to you or a favorite memory that you shared together, then look for (or make, if you're crafty) a gift that's reflective of it.
3. Don't waste your time on this one either. It's virtually impossible, despite what all those magazines say.
4. Make a resolution that's actually feasible. Last year I resolved to remember people's names better—now, when I'm introduced to someone, I repeat their name back to them (my response goes something like, "[insert name here], it's nice to meet you"). Extremely simple, and it works! It's one resolution I knew I could keep with minimal effort.
5. When in doubt, wear a dress! Martha Parks, owner of SoHo in Cameron Village, says you can't go wrong with a dress this holiday season. She shared her insight on festive fashion that's sure to make all your soirees cheerful and bright.

Holiday Dressing

Dresses are what to wear for the holidays, and their popularity is continuing into the spring. Winter styles feature ornamentation and delicate detail to complement the glitz and glamour of the season. Look for lace accents, beading, ruching, sequins and bows that will decorate your wardrobe and get you noticed.

Deep, rich jewel tones are the colors of the season, so choose dresses in emerald, garnet and amethyst shades. However, you can never go wrong with classics like navy and black (consider



Navy and fuchsia polka dot tulle halter dress with velvet detail – Betsy Johnson

them “sapphire” and “onyx”). Metallics—in colors beyond gold and silver—shimmer with style...and reflect all those glittering lights.

Dresses made of soft, luxurious fabrics like velvet and satin are essential holiday wear. The best pieces feature embellishments and trim that spice up otherwise simple ensembles. Fun patterns, including polka dots and plaid, are also hot for evening attire, and peek-a-boo tulle adds volume underneath.



Gold sequined black stretch tulle dress – Betsy Johnson

Best Bets for the Season

If you're looking for versatility: a black mesh shrug, like the one made exclusively for SoHo, provides just the right amount of coverage to a décolleté dress. Adding this piece to holiday evening-

wear can enhance your look and help take you from event to event with ease.



Black velvet dress with satin bow and tiered lace detail – Betsy Johnson

If you really want to splurge: try Martha's favorite piece, a black stretch microfiber dress with satin trim and hardware by Marithé + François Girbaud. This “little black dress for the 21st century” is made to accentuate curves with a contoured side zipper and bustle. But don't delay—only one is available at SoHo.



Black stretch microfiber dress with satin trim and hardware – Marithé + François Girbaud

Bringing SoHo to Raleigh

Martha opened SoHo 21 years ago in

North Raleigh and moved the store to Cameron Village in 1997. The boutique features clothing from the names you know and love, as well as funky collections from lesser-known designers. Martha has a keen sense of who is up-and-coming—she even carried Marc Jacob's first collection, called Sketchbook.

“SoHo is fashion-forward,” said Martha. “We don't buy into trends that will be



Ruched satin dress with lace tiered drop skirt, paired with black mesh shrug – Betsy Johnson

short-lived, and we definitely don't do basic. There are many places to find basic, and we're not one of them.”

So don't forget to treat yourself this holiday season—stop by SoHo for fabulous attire that will make you feel as good as you look. ■RD

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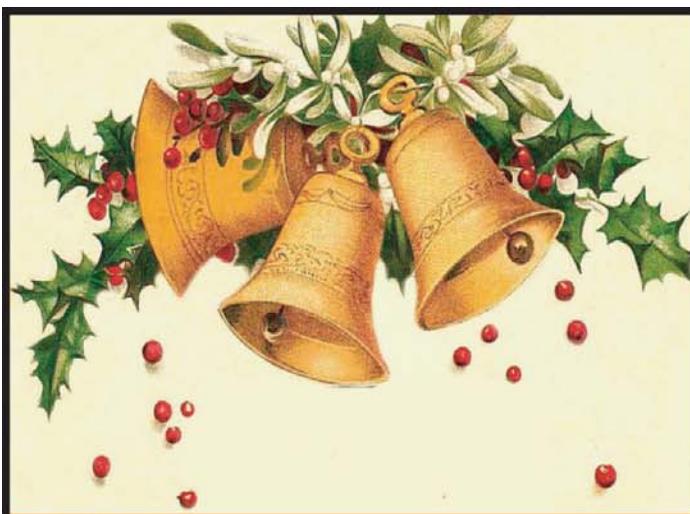
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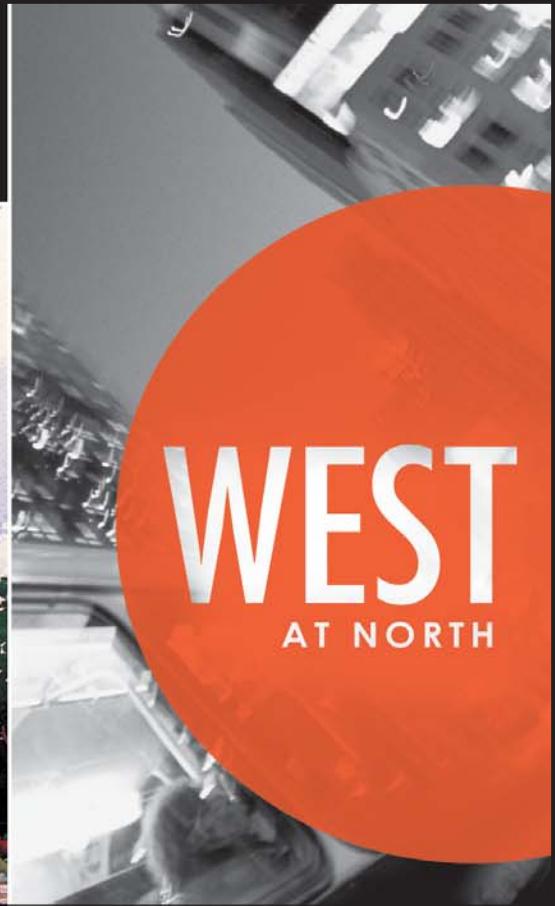
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