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## Stepping into a different world

■ Antique stores offer colorful kitchenware, furniture, clothes, and one even serves high tea

By Lisa Toth  
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Among distressed, rustic-looking armoires, ceramic owls, elegant cranberry-colored goblets and Pez candy dispensers, what one person has forgotten or discarded becomes another person's treasure. Welcome to the world of antiques.

It isn't always easy for newcomers to know where to begin, so experts from local antique shops offered some advice to students who want to find the perfect possession amidst rows of forsaken favorites.

Ginger Moyer of Eugene, who has been in estate sales for the past 20 years, also works at Laveta's Secondhand Treasures in Springfield. Moyer, 65, said during September the store was open seven days a week to meet the demand of students looking to furnish their residences with functional desks and dressers.

"The impulsive buying is primarily left up to the female species, and men usually have a specific item in mind," she said.

But not every piece of merchandise in an antique store is "an antique." Moyer recommended that shoppers look over vintage items carefully to make sure they are not broken, chipped or cracked, and also because she said there are "lots of reproductions out there right now."

"Condition plays a big part in every aspect of antiques," she said.

For rookies, she also proposed that they research older items in reference books available in libraries and antique stores, and ask questions about an object before purchasing it. She



stressed the importance of buying items that suit personal tastes, not trends.

"Collecting has to be up to the ones who live with it," she said. "If it is a pleasure to you, that's how you pick it — not Martha Stewart says so."

She said the looks that are "in" include wrought-iron and 1950s and '60s furniture, which she considers too "retro" for her personal tastes.

"Even those little polyester pants

and the furniture that goes with it is all hot right now," she said.

Porcelain dolls, designer fur coats, out-of-print books, Japanese fans, cookie jars and thousands of salt and pepper shakers are a few of the finds at Glory Day's Antique Mall in Springfield. The store features more than 10,000 square feet of merchandise.

Nettie Paladijczuk, who has owned the store for seven years, said kitchenware and furniture are popular items for the college-age crowd.

"Trunks can work as a night stand, but you can also put things inside of it," she said.

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## Companies join WRC to improve work standards

■ MexMode employees will be allowed to form a union to address workplace complaints

By John Liebhardt  
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The debate about universities and sweatshops took another turn as the Worker Rights Consortium teamed up with Nike and Reebok to give workers greater rights at a Mexican factory.

The 500 workers at MexMode, a Korean owned factory in Atlixco, Mexico, were granted permission from the factory owners to form an independent union after the WRC — and several other international labor rights groups — began a public relations campaign highlighting what they called unfair labor practices at the factory, including low wages, verbal abuse and workers fired for complaining about conditions.

The campaign began in January after the WRC sent monitors to MexMode to confirm the reports. The media campaign caught the attention of Reebok and Nike, both customers of the factory.

"This is an extraordinarily rare, potentially very important issue," said Daniel Goldrich, a professor emeritus of political science and Latin American specialist at the University. "It is almost unheard of for Mexican workers to be able to join an independent union."

The WRC is a coalition of 86 colleges and universities organized to monitor and enforce manufacturing codes of conduct established by those schools. Many colleges and universities have recently developed regulations for their con-

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## Former CIA head sought Iraqi lead

■ Ex-director James Woolsey traveled to Great Britain looking for evidence that Saddam Hussein played a role in Sept. 11 attack

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WASHINGTON (KRT) — Senior Pentagon officials who want to expand the war against terrorism to Iraq authorized a trip to Great Britain last month by former CIA director James Woolsey in search of evidence that Saddam Hussein played a role in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, U.S. officials told Knight Ridder.

The unusual, semi-official trip was at least the second such mission undertaken this year by Woolsey, a leading proponent of the theory that Iraq masterminded both the 1993 World Trade Center bombing and last month's suicide hijackings, said the officials, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The one-time CIA chief acted with the blessing of senior Pentagon officials, including Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz and Under Secretary for Policy Douglas Feith, current and former U.S. officials said. Wolfowitz's office did not respond to inquiries Wednesday about Woolsey's travels.

Woolsey, in two telephone conversations this week, declined to discuss his trips to England last month and in February. "I have nothing to say about my trips to the U.K.," he said Wednesday.

A U.S. official who asked that neither his name nor his agency be identified said Woolsey traveled to Britain on a U.S. government plane in the weeks following the Sept. 11 attacks, accompanied by a team of Justice and Defense Department officials.

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## Campus groups honor Coming Out Day

■ Students and organizations will gather in the EMU Amphitheater to celebrate the annual event

By Beata Mostafavi  
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Senior Kristina Ramenakis admits that at one point in her life, she was homophobic.

Born and raised in South Carolina, the English major was surrounded by conservative friends, teachers and neighbors, and like many of them, she had a hard time accepting people living a non-heterosexual lifestyle.

But in ninth grade, an immediate family member came out to her, and Ramenakis's life changed completely.

At first she was stung with disbelief and tried hiding her family member's identity. But with time, her feelings evolved from shock and shame to a re-

alization — she was gay herself.

"I had an inkling that I might be gay, too," she said. "I spent three years thinking about it, and finally I got so tired of keeping it inside. I thought, this is me. The world is not going to fall apart if I'm gay."

Eventually she came out to family members and friends who were supportive and loving. But she said for many people in the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community, coming out is a whole different experience.

"I had a hard time coming out because I thought people might think I'm a different person," she said. "I didn't lose my friends, but some people did. More and more a lot of people do have positive experiences, but I just consider myself fortunate."

Today marks the 14th annual National Coming Out Day — a day to rec-

ognize the significance of people in the LGBT community accepting themselves, facing the challenges of living in today's society and making the larger LGBT community visible.

Between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. today in the EMU Amphitheater, campus and community members will celebrate. Activist and writer James Green will speak about the importance of visibility and try to demystify differences between people in general.

Green, who graduated from the University in 1970 and hails from San Francisco, will also discuss his personal connection to the movement as transgender, he said. An open speak out will follow, giving LGBT members a chance to tell their coming out stories.

"It's an opportunity to let non-LGBT people remember or know that differ-

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