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Monthly Spotlight on *Distinctive Teak and Interiors*

Distinctive Teak and Interiors is a full service design studio. Distinctive Teak and Interiors has operated four years in Carteret County located in Brandywine Crossing Shopping Center, Hwy.70W.

As the prime design consultant, Maria's philosophy is that a home should reflect the personality of her client at an affordable price.

Her showroom showing teak outdoor patio and garden furniture has the largest display in Carteret County. Her expertise is in all facets of indoor and outdoor design concepts.

Maria has tackled tough challenges ranging from country charm to the most abstract of projects.

Her detailed consultation not only includes the space for redesign, but also the culture, environment and the personality of the property owners.



Striving to bring unique products, she is also now displaying custom "Closets by Design". These are quality closets for your bedroom, home office, garage or any other space you wish to distinctly customize.

Maria loves challenges in the residential and commercial venues and has a fetish for making beautiful closets.

If you are perplexed with space or arrangement of detail, give Maria a call at 252-808-3250. Mentioning this article will give you a free half-hour consultation.

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Distinctive Interiors by Maria

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NORAD to track Santa in 2006

Christmas Eve, 1955: The commander of the Continental Air Defense, Colonel Harry Shoup, picks up his hotline to hear a child reciting his Christmas list. He is not amused.

That call is followed by another. And another. And Shoup, after speaking with a child's mother, discovers that a Sears ad has inadvertently printed the air defense commands phone number instead of a number for Santa. Shoup instructs staff to tell each child who called Santa's position on their radar. And so was born the precursor of the NORAD Santa Tracking program.

Today volunteers at the U.S.-Canada NORAD, the multi-national aerospace defense system, each year track Santa through his world travels and, since the advent of the Internet, you can watch Santa's progress yourself at noradsanta.org

According to NORAD, the military organization brings its top technology to bear on tracking Santa: radar, satellites, Santa Cams, and even jet fighters.

Families will find the NORAD Web site an all-purpose holiday center with fabulous Christmas songs by U.S. and Canadian Air and Naval bands, maps, coloring books, puzzles, and Santa countdowns.

You can even find out why Santa is such a jolly old elf with a belly like a bowl full of jelly since NORAD tracks exactly the number of cookies Santa eats on Christmas Eve. Santa's reindeer snack, too, eating lots of carrots during their busy Christmas Eve





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NOTABLE QUOTES

"Good manners will often take people where neither money nor education will take them"

Fanny J. Coppin

*"Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, tell 'em 'certainly I can!'"
 Then get busy and find out how to do it"*

Theodore Roosevelt

"Life is 10 percent what happens to you, 90 percent how you respond to it"

Lou Holtz



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All of our Customers, Old and New

Judging by the many decorations, incessant TV ads and the warm holiday greetings we have been getting, it's Christmas time again. It's a time when everyone seems to be more kind to others.

As we gather around our Christmas trees and dinner tables, let us take time to give thanks for the blessings that fill our lives, beginning with the great blessing that came on a holy night in Bethlehem. And may we take time to rejoice in our children and to enjoy the company of family and friends.

We send our warm greetings to all who are celebrating Hanukkah, the festival of lights. The ancient victory of the Jewish people reminds us that freedom must sometimes be fought for, a message that

continues to resonate today.

During this holiday season, as we share in the spirit of giving and enjoy our familiar traditions, we give thanks for the wonder of God's love as we rededicate ourselves to helping those in need.

In the course of our business, we meet people of many faiths as well as people who do not recognize any church. We send them our best wishes for a happy holiday season.

We pray for our brave men and women in uniform, many of whom will spend the holidays far from home.

To all of our friends and people: We wish a Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy Holidays, and a safe and Happy New Year!

Outlet store tag Definitions

Original Price: Suggested retail.

Outlet price: Current price before other markdowns.

Overrun: Goods produced in excess of a wholesale order.

Damaged: Has a serious flaw.

Sample: Used in a display.

Irregular: A small imperfection.

Past season: "Last year's" production but it may just be going on the market, probably a bargain.



"That's mistletoe. We like to give every passenger a chance to kiss their luggage good-bye."

The Prez Says –LEGAL, LEGAL, LEGAL

We have noticed a surge in the number of computers coming into the shop that are running on pirated or illegal software. Many people assume that if they buy a computer from a computer store that everything that comes loaded on it is legal and belongs to them (that is the way it should be!). But the truth is that there are some computer stores that think it is OK to make more money on their systems by putting on the same copy of Windows on many systems.

There are a few things to check to ensure that your copy of Windows is legal. The first is the fastest and easiest. Every copy of Windows loaded on a computer since the release of Windows 98, Second Edition, has a corresponding sticker that is required to be put onto the computer that the software is loaded on. These stickers are green or yellow in color and have the version of Windows along with a specific product ID code that is needed to reload the software should the computer ever crash.

Do not let anybody tell you they have purchased licensing to allow them to load Windows on many computers. That licensing is usually only purchased by large businesses for use with only their own computers. If you don't believe that, next time you are near a Dell computer look for the product ID sticker. It will be there. If any Corporation would purchase a mass license for loading on



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 President of ACS Computers

new computers it would be Dell. They have to put a sticker on each new computer sold just like everybody else.

The second method for checking the legality of your Windows can only be used if you are running Windows XP. Navigate to the following web address:

<http://www.microsoft.com/resources/howtotell/ww/windows/default.mspix>

and follow the prompts to validate your version of Windows. If the product ID used to load your copy of Windows has been used to many times, or is reported as being a pirated number, the validation process will tell you that

Top Ten + Threats of the Month

The following listing highlights some of the major threats to computer systems during the month of November 2006. If your anti-Virus program advises you that it cannot remove any of these threats, you should contact your IT department or ACS Computer Systems for help in removal as serious damage can be done to your system and some threats can e-mail themselves to others in your address book.

- W32.Stration.CX@mm
- W32.Annunci.A@mm
- W32.Stration.DB@mm
- W32.Stration.DD@mm
- W32.Mytob.QU@mm
- W32.Stration.DE@mm
- W32.Stration.DH@mm
- W32.Stration.DL@mm
- W32.Mixor.C@mm
- W32.Eboscro
- W32.Stration.DW@mm
- W32.Pintee.A@mm

*Source symantec.com/enterprise/security/response/

ACS Welcomes New Havelock Chamber Members for Nov.

- Employment Security Commission/Joblink
- First Command Financial Planning
- Keller Williams
- New Bern River Rats
- Sen. Pete Bland

your copy of Windows is not valid and you will be given options on how to make your copy legal. The Microsoft police will not come and get you, and if your copy of Windows does not come up valid it will continue to run, but realize that all new updates to Windows require a validity check, and Microsoft will not allow downloads of the current product updates without a valid version of Windows.

There are many people that do not mind running pirated or stolen software. The mindset seems to be that Microsoft has enough money and will not be affected by a few pirated copies of their software. If that is your mindset, there is not much we can do about it.

However, if you believe that you paid for the software that is on your computer, or would like to be sure that your software is legal, perform the checks above or bring the computer in to us and we will do a complimentary check of your software and advise you of your options.

If you would like more information please visit <http://www.microsoft.com/piracy/default.mspix>

If you believe you are a victim of piracy below are 3 methods to report that to Microsoft.

- Method 1:** Email piracy@microsoft.com
- Method 2:** Call the Microsoft Anti-Piracy Hotline at (800) RU-LEGIT.
- Method 3:** Go to the following web page to fill out an online reporting form: <http://www.microsoft.com/piracy/ReportingUs.mspix>