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The main floor of the southside home of Max and Kathy Willman was updated to tie the kitchen and living areas together. **Below:** The original kitchen included dark cabinetry and a bar sectioning off the kitchen. **Left:** Now, a French country look throughout the space incorporates rich wood tones.



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Furnishings face-lift

Redecorating options range from quick color swaps to move-out-of-the-house fixes

BY ANNETTE JONES

Redecorating a home is like refurbishing a wardrobe. Occasionally, it needs to be updated, says interior designer Lois Miller of Meridian Interiors in Greenwood. A new decor can be as simple as changing a color scheme through paint and throw pillows or more in-depth, with new furniture and window treatments.

Many homeowners are ready to spruce up their homes after about a decade of looking at the same colors and styles, Miller said.

"People tend to redecorate more often than they used to," she said.

A big renovation project was what empty-nesters Max and Kathy Willman had in mind to make over their southside home.

An upgrade was due, they recently decided, for the main floor of the house they originally built in 1990.

The couple wanted a complete makeover, Kathy Willman says. They opted for remodeling work to get an updated kitchen floor plan, modern appliances

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Warm brown and golden beige tones replaced a teal and cream color scheme in this southside great room. Everything in the space except the piano was replaced or repainted.

GET PERSONAL

New teens navigate first-dance jitters

With Mom around the corner and boys across the room, girls make due

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It was a once-in-a-lifetime, ever-so-special, never-to-be-forgotten moment.

The first boy-girl dance. But for some of the students — gasp! — their parents would be there, albeit in the background, far in the background, the students hoped.

For some of the girls, though, there would be no dancing. At least no boy-girl dancing.

The boys wouldn't dance! Seventh-grader Michelle Morgan wore a new pair of black gauchos, a special heart necklace, her mother's earrings and pink lip gloss.

Though she was pleased with her outfit, the Clark-Pleasant student wasn't as excited that her mother volunteered to be a chaperone.

"I don't like for my mom to be here," Morgan said in a flawless 13-year-old tone. "I specifically told her not to come. And my dad's coming in a few minutes, too."

"This is my first dance. I wanted it to



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be just me and my friends," she said. Brenda Morgan promised to keep a low profile. She sat behind a makeshift ticket booth near the entrance to Clark Pleasant Middle School, collecting \$4 admission fees from a long line of excited students.

From a distance, Morgan pointed out who her mother was then turned to giggle in the school hallway with a growing group of girlfriends.

She tossed her brown curls, seeming to accept that her mother was at the dance

whether she wanted her to be or not. "I think I'll get over it," Morgan said.

Smiling girls crowded through the entrance. They wore dresses, shiny blouses with skirts or gauchos. They smelled of hairspray and perfume. Some wore their hair in cascading curls on top of their heads. Several wore eye shadow, mascara and rouge.

Boys sported button-down shirts, dress pants and a little too much cologne.

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Learn from celebrity tangles: Keep financial house in order

Where there's a will there's a way to smooth inheritance process

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WASHINGTON

When former Playboy playmate Anna Nicole Smith walks down the Supreme Court aisle on Tuesday, she'll have the Bush administration's backing in her bid to inherit \$474 million from her late husband.

She's also a runner-up to billionaire Warren Buffett in a new Forbes.com poll ranking Americans with financial savvy: She earned her place as the 26-year-old starlet who married Texas oil magnate J. Howard Marshall in 1994, a year before he died at 90.

But Smith hasn't seen a cent of Marshall's \$1.6 billion estate. A California federal appeals court ruled that Texas state courts have the final say in

In "Beyond the Grave," father-son lawyers Gerald and Jeffrey Condon warn that family loyalty can fly out the window when spouses and children squabble over an estate.

deciding that Marshall's son from a previous marriage, Pierce Marshall, is sole heir.

Smith and the Bush administration say the appeals court was wrong to find that federal courts must butt out of state court decisions.

Whichever way the Supreme Court resolves the jurisdiction question, the case of Marshall v. Marshall is further evidence of the need to have proper inheritance, but seven in 10 Americans don't have one.

The toughest step is the first one: planning what happens to your family

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BEYOND THE GRAVE

The Right Way and the Wrong Way of Leaving Money to Your Children (and Others)

