



News@11 Online

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Good Luck to all competing Double Quartets this weekend!

what Happened in Vegas...



...came home to Region 11!



Channelaire sings their way into the finals with 500+ Region 11 "hometown" fans cheering in the audience.

Making the finals for the 2nd time, Channelaire earns 9th place medals in the "Clash of the Titans" — the most competitive chorus contest in recent years.



Shimmer! owns the stage and makes the cut!! By placing 15th, they automatically earn a spot to compete in Calgary in 2007 without having to compete at the regional level.

After placing 9th last year in Detroit, Xtreme wows the Vegas crowd and judges, and moves up to take 6th place medals this year!



Letter from Editor

- A broken water pipe
- Three inches of standing water
- A broken hip
- An emergency trip to Pennsylvania
- Constant congestion and chronic cough
- An episode of "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition"
- TOXIC MOLD

What do all these things have in common? They were the catalyst for this new ONLINE version of New@11 that you're reading today.

Just before Labor Day, a pipe burst in my house and I had 3 inches of standing water. On that same day, my Mom (who lives in Pennsylvania) fell and broke her hip. The next day, I had the pipe fixed and then flew off to PA on a red-eye that night to be with my Mom for 8 days.

On Sunday, October 1, I was watching, "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" — an episode in which the father had died of toxic mold in the house. I freaked out and called a mold testing company the very next day. I found out 2 days before leaving for Vegas that I have a toxic mold problem in my house. The worst area is in my office where my computer is. That area is off limits until I get the mold removed.

So... I had to think of a way to get an issue of News@11 out to the region!

I have been wanting to explore the possibility of doing News@11 as an electronic newsletter for a few years now. Some regions have successfully moved away from printed newsletters and only send it out electronically. Others tried it for a few years, but have gone back to printed copies. Others — like me — have been reluctant to make the leap.

But, due to the saga of my house — which I've been calling "The Mold and the Beautiful! — I have been

forced to make that leap into the electronic age of News@11.

I know this is a big change for Region 11. And believe me, I know change is hard (for me, too!). Considering the circumstances, I really didn't have much of a choice. But... think of the advantages to having News@11 Online:

- All photos are in full color!
- No limit to the number of articles that can be included
- Printing times are eliminated, so article submission deadlines are moved closer to the actual regional events where News@11 is usually distributed
- Send the link to family and friends to read all about you!
- Could potentially save the region over \$1000 a year in printing costs!

News@11 Online isn't necessarily a permanent replacement for the printed version of News@11. But I would like to consider the possibilities. So I would like your feedback. What DO you like about News@11 Online? What DON'T you like about it? Please e-mail me at curtisnotes@aol.com.

Depending on the feedback, we may try this e-Newsletter idea for a few issues, just to see how it goes! –Debbie