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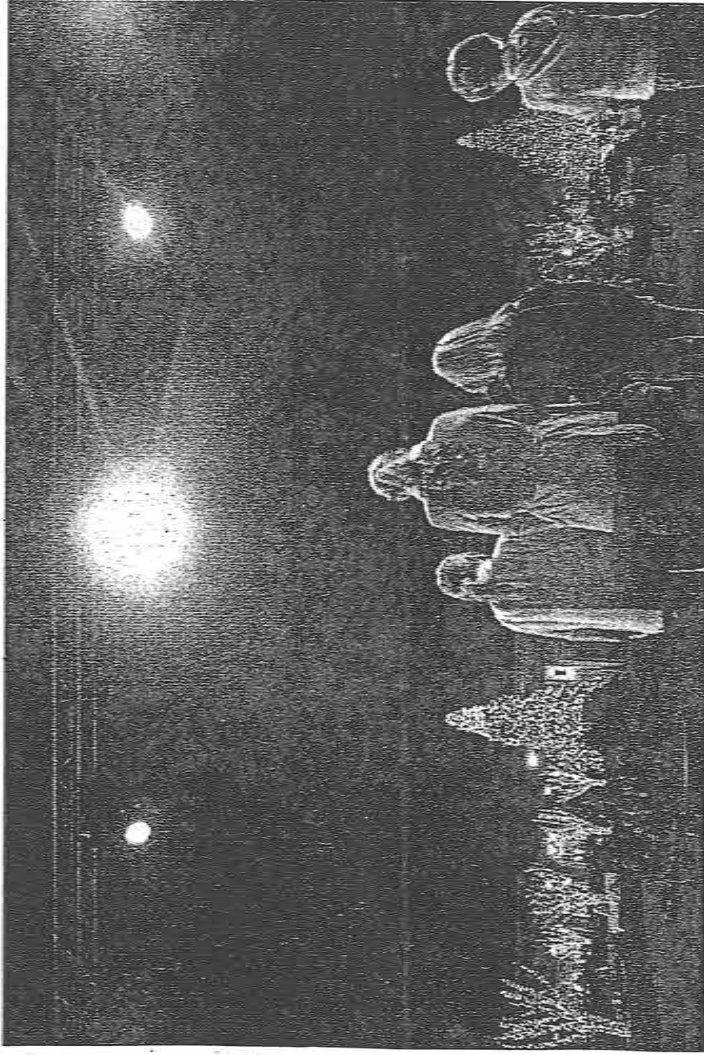
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North Hills reawakens

A WEEKEND OF HOOPLA SIGNALS THAT THE TRANSFORMED MALL IS OPEN FOR HOLIDAYS



From left, Anna Van Venrooy, Allison Bonner, Caffery Gilly and Maddle Taylor fight the chilly air as the crew adjusts lights onstage at North Hills. The girls, part of N.C. Theatre's Conservatory Singers, were rehearsing for a weekend full of music.

STAFF PHOTO BY LISA LAUCK

IF YOU GO

Below are the events at North Hills shop-
ping center this weekend. All events are
free and open to the public.

TODAY: The North Carolina Theatre will
present a Broadway-quality "Musical
Spectacular" at 6:30, 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

SATURDAY: The North Carolina The-
atre will repeat its show at 6:30 and
8:30 p.m. Grant Llewellyn, the North Car-
olina Symphony's music director, opens
the first show and starts the "grand il-
lumination," lighting of the holiday trees.

SUNDAY: The North Carolina Theatre
performs its final show at 6 p.m.

Elaud Gamba hangs lights
on a Christmas tree last week
at North Hills. Workers hung
95,000 lights on 150 trees to
prepare for the shopping
center's big weekend.

STAFF PHOTO BY CHRIS SEWARD

North Hills' \$30,000 holiday
music and light show spectacular
this weekend boasts Broadway
actors, lasers and N.C. Symphony
director Grant Llewellyn.

It's part of the shopping cen-
ter's Christmas tree lighting fes-
tival, which they're calling "Grand
Illumination."

If they had called it a grand open-
ing, they'd only be about half right.

By Saturday about half of the
storefronts in the shopping mall
turned upscale mixed-use develop-
ment will be online with a mix of
high-end boutiques, restaurants and
specialty stores unique to the site.

Although the 730,000-square-
foot center is 90 percent leased,
the retail will not be complete un-
til June of 2005.

"There are complications that
come along with truly mixed-use
developments," said John Kane,
developer of the center. "We've
had construction issues that were
unforeseen."

Kane said that, with some ex-
ceptions, the construction is not
too far behind schedule.

The conversion of North Hills
from a traditional, indoor mall to an
open-air shopping plaza — which
Kane and his representatives no
longer call a mall — has not been
without problems, however.

In addition to hang-ups from the
city on his failed office tower pro-
posal, Kane has seen his movie
theater back out and a few store
fronts opening much later than
expected.

West Virginia-based Marquee
Cinemas pulled out their 14 screens
less than a month before they were
to open their doors in November.
Kane has contracted with Eastern
Federal to fill the void.

His twin towered, seven-story
office complex was nixed by the
city for being too close to the road.
Some other stores have hit con-
struction delays.

Openings at the movie theater
and the Gold's Gym have been
pushed back from a loosely sched-
uled late November date.

David Ficken, co-owner of Kerry
Catherine Jewelry planned to open
the beginning of this month, but
was delayed preparing his space.

"We would have rather been in
earlier," Ficken said. "But what

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Thrift store

Working in real time

months chafed construction delays, asked Hams & herders for a living gobblers is. The first in a ge chain, Hams selling a totally cooked just-needs-to-be-reheated turkey for around \$30. The 2,500-square-foot space in Briar Creek Commons, at the intersection of U.S. 70 and kway, also sandwiches for about 40. has said that it locations in the ears.

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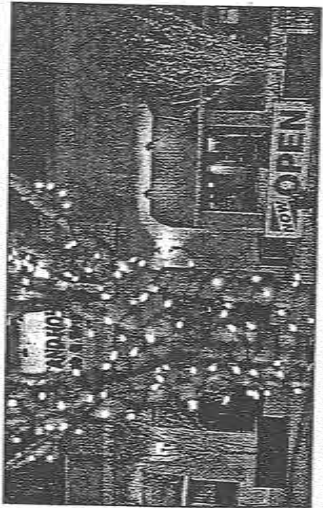
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we're trying to do takes time. There's a lot more that goes into this store."

Ficken has commissioned several custom pieces and cabinetry to go into the store, which makes all of its custom jewelry in house. Joly's Jewelers, is opening late, but will be on site in time for the Christmas retail crush, owner Frank Ragsdale said.

"If the wind is at my back, we're gearing for Saturday." Store owners for the second phase of retail expansion are hoping their transitions will go smoothly.

Jenna Young, owner of the Frances T. King Stationery store in Cameron Village, said her store is slated for August of next year, and that her North Hills store is on schedule to be the flagship of her chain along with Lamb's Ear, her children's clothing side project.



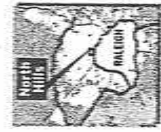
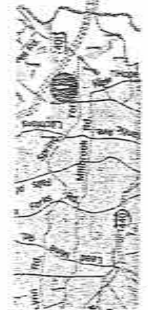
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Lisa Disbrow, of Scout & Molly's, a women's clothing boutique, is hoping that she'll be able to open her doors by September. Eventually, North Hills will have The Renaissance Raleigh Hotel, which will be part of the luxury brand of Marriott Hotel International, based in Bethesda, Md. Ground will be broken in early 2005 so that the stores don't have to compete with construction during the holidays, Kane said.

North Hills Mall was originally built in 1967 and opened as one of the first enclosed shopping malls in the Southeast. The mall was demolished in 2003 to make way for the mixed-use project. Kane's development includes The Lassiter at North Hills, a mix of condos, apartments and retail across the street that partially opened two years ago.

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STORES OPENING AT NORTH HILLS

Open or opening in November 2004

1. The Basket Patch
2. Beanie & Cecil
3. Ben & Jerry's
4. Brothers Cleaners
5. Capper's
6. Fox and Hound Pub & Grille
7. George Michael Antiques
8. GNC Living Well
9. Gold's Gym Athletic Club
10. Edith Medlin Antiques & Interiors
11. Elaine Miller Collection
12. Fandisla
13. Footlocker
14. Fox and Hound Pub & Grille
15. George Michael Antiques
16. GNC Living Well
17. Gold's Gym Athletic Club
18. Harris Teeter



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19. Ivy Cottage Creations
20. J.C. Penny
21. Jolly's Jewelers
22. Kerr Drug
23. Kharma, A Boutique
24. Learning Express
25. Lemcrafters
26. Luxe Apothecary
27. Memphis
28. Natural Body Spa & Shoppe
29. Orchids by Millie
30. Panera Bread Co.
31. Phareah's
32. Plush
33. Porto

Opening in December

48. Andy's
49. Chick-Fil-A
50. McAlister's Deli
51. Mitchell's Hair Styling
52. Movies at North Hills 14
53. Omega Sports
54. The O-Shack

Opening in 2005

55. Bonifish Grill
56. Comfortable Soles
57. Firebird's Rocky Mountain Grill
58. Five Guys
59. Frances T. King Stationery
60. Georgetown's

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SCANNERS

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Most often these hand geometry scanners are used in conjunction with a pin code or a security badge. After the scan matches these other forms of identification to a name in the system, the employee can then open a door, punch a time card or log onto a computer.

Babian Sadeigh, with Tempe, Ariz.-based Time America, a company that makes software for hand scanners, said that more companies are looking at scanners similar to the one used by Belk.

"Initially it was a novelty," Sadeigh said, "but use of biometrics has consistently gone up."

He said most companies that purchase the scanners are interested in buckling down on payroll, and most recoup the expense within a year from more accurate labor costs.

Representatives from Hudson Belk in Charlotte declined to comment on their new hand scanners. Traditionally, biometric scanners have been used to control access to higher security areas. It's a favorite tool among hospitals.

Both Rex Healthcare and WakeMed have hand scanners used to control access to areas

around the hospital.

WakeMed uses the device to allow entrance to its daycare facility, while Rex has 40 scanners in its main campus to restrict access to sensitive areas like the emergency rooms or its delivery center.

Major Scott Holzshu, with the WakeMed campus police, said that the hospital is looking into replacing some of its existing badge technology with biometric solutions.

"Physicians, they don't always have access to their badge," Holzshu said.

Rex too, is considering using different aspects of the technol-

ogy in the future for other tasks — for example, logging doctors in to the hospital network to view patient records.

But while some groups see the helpful side of biometric scanners, others are worried that personal information can be seen by people who don't ordinarily have access to it.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other privacy groups are keeping a close eye on the implementation of biometric devices. The ACLU is worried that information from biometric devices such as fingerprints and retina scans can be sold by employers with no protection.

"I'm not suggesting [biometrics] are a bad use of that technology," said Barry Steinhardt, the head of the ACLU's technology section in the group's New York office. "What bothers me is that there are no limits. ... We have the Wild West approach to privacy law."

But for some organizations, the issue of individual convenience with an eye to security is enough to explore the alternatives.

"It's pretty tough to lose a hand," WakeMed's Holzshu said.

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