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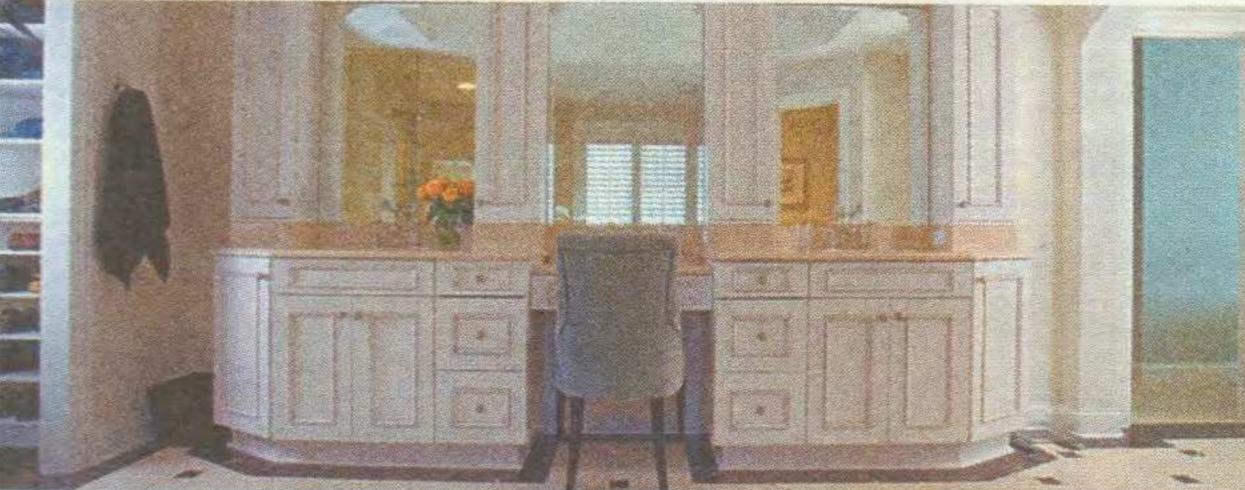
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"The best gift you can give your spouse is to clean out the garage or the basement," says Orren Pickell, president and CEO of Orren Pickell Building Group (1799 Willow, Northfield;

Pickellbuilders.com). To take it one step further, have a home renovation plan put together by a designer, and wrap it up as a gift. "The plan could be to remodel the house or remodel the kitchen," says Pickell. "You don't have to

do the work ahead of time, in almost every case, it can but it shows that the intent be remedied with a reis there and can be done whenever it's convenient." Pickell says that once you've lived in your house for long enough, there's always a feature that becomes irritating — but

model. "Whatever it is that bothers your spouse, fix it," he suggests. "And if it's too tough to fix [yourself], give him or her a gift certificate [to have it done]."