

## MAYBE FLO'S ATTIC CAN HELP WALL UNIT

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Consumer Line runs Tuesdays and Thursdays. Write: Consumer Line, 633 N. Orange Ave., Orlando, Fla. 32801; call (407) 420-5506; e-mail hwessel@orlandosentinel.com.

QUESTION: I own a wall entertainment unit imported from Italy. One of its curved glass doors was broken when we moved to Clermont earlier this year. The importer from whom we purchased the unit is no longer in business, and all the glass companies I've contacted have told me they can't help me. Who can?

ANSWER: Flo's Attic in Orlando, an antiques mall, doubles as a restoration center for antiques, jewelry and fine pieces of furniture such as yours. Call (407)644-1060.

### CREDIT CARD PROTECTION - DON'T BUY INTO SCAM

So-called "credit card protection services" are worthless, warns the Federal Trade Commission and the Florida Attorney General's Office. Florida is among six states that have filed complaints against telemarketers selling this bogus service. Credit card holders already are protected, liable for no more than \$50 in unauthorized charges on their credit cards.

Some common scare tactics used by scammers, according to the FTC:

Computer hackers can access your credit card number and charge thousands of dollars to your account.

The Y2K bug will allow thieves to place unauthorized charges on your credit card account.

The caller is from "the security department" and wants to activate the protection feature on your credit card.

For a free copy of the alert, "Credit Card Loss Protection Offers: They're the Real Steal," call the FTC's toll-free help line, 1-877- 382-4357. Or go to [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) and click on Consumer Publications, then Credit.

### WITH AIWA'S NEW RADIO YOU CAN REALLY CRANK IT UP

Aiwa's new disaster-ready, AM-FM radio comes with a built-in flashlight and its own generator. You can plug the radio into an electrical outlet or power it with two C batteries. Or, if necessary, you can crank it up: One minute of cranking gives you a half-hour of playing time.

The Aiwa Dynamo FR-C151 is due into electronic stores and mass merchandisers soon. In the meantime, you can order one directly from the manufacturer by calling 1-800-289-2492. It costs about \$78, including shipping and handling.

### RECALL: AMANA GAS RANGES

What: About 5,000 gas-fueled, down-draft ranges.

Reason: The oven locking mechanism can unlock during the self- clean cycle, allowing the door to open, exposing consumers to burn injuries.

Description: The gas ranges under recall have model numbers AGDS901E or AGDS901WW on the left side of the range behind the utility drawer.

Sold from: October 1995 through July 1999 at major department and appliance stores nationwide for between \$1,500 and \$1,600.

What to do: Don't use the self-cleaning feature until the oven has been repaired by an authorized Amana servicer. To