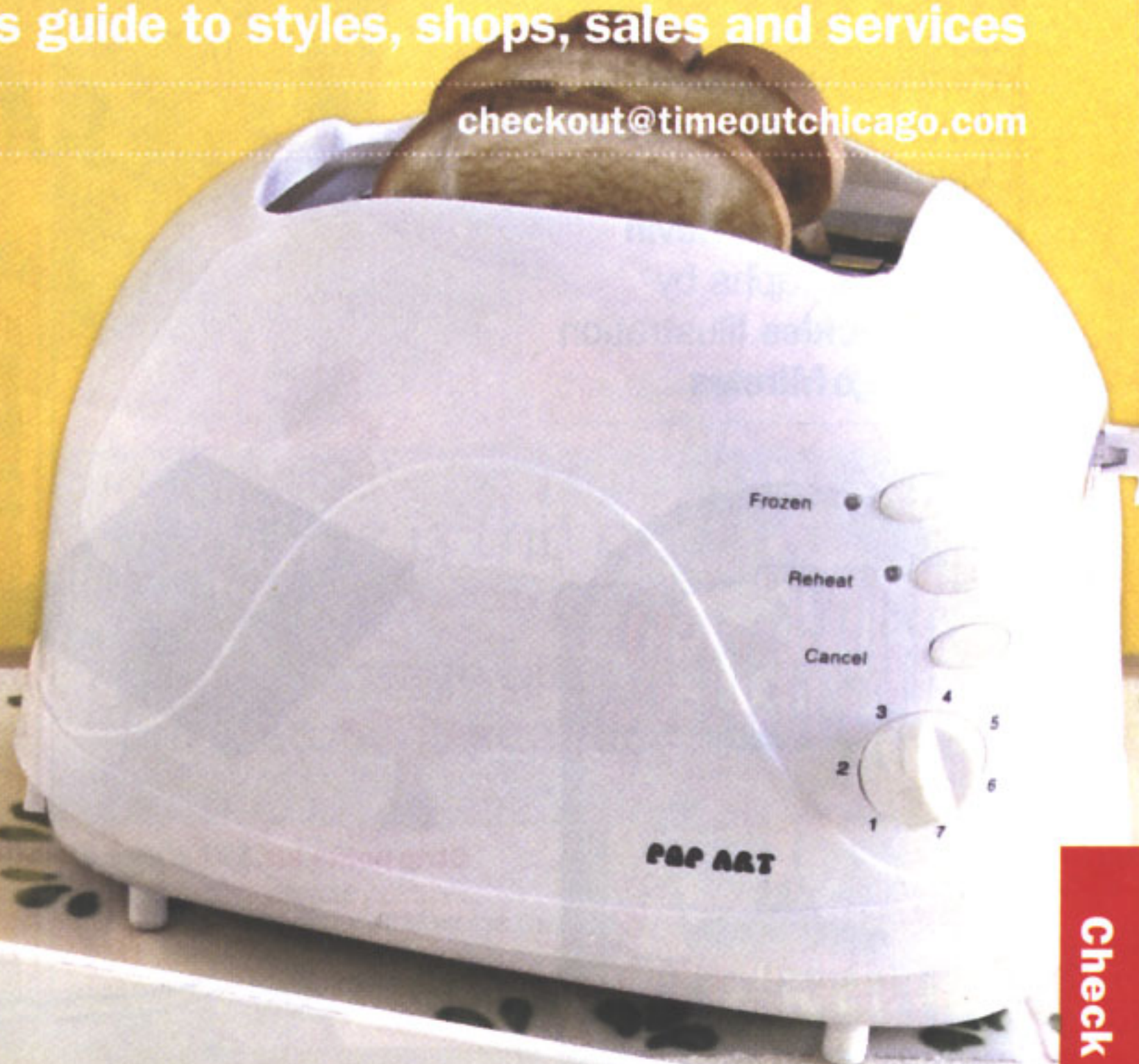


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Critics' pick

MAKE A TOAST Breakfast in bed: It's the perfect way to begin Valentine's Day. Sure, you can display your love for your sweetheart with scrambled eggs and mimosas (It's a holiday! Have a drink!), but if you really want to spell it out, don't forget the toast. Put a couple slices of bread in the **Pop Art toaster** (\$30) and within minutes, you'll have toast imprinted with I'M HOT. The two-slice appliance uses metal plates to sear bread as it toasts. And if you're about to break it off with your valentine, you could always serve up BITE ME instead. Available at www.broadwaypanhandler.com.—Kevin Aeh

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