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ON TARGET

Target stores are moving closer to the March 10, 1996 grand opening of two new stores at Eastland in Harper Woods, and Northland in Southfield. Each store will house 115,000-square feet of merchandise, creating jobs for about 160 people per store.

The new stores bring the Target total to 20 in the Detroit-area.

HEART ASSOCIATION BENEFIT

Twining Effect Fitness Outfitters hosts the first annual "Walk for Your American Heart," 90-day fund-raising campaign to benefit the American Heart Association. The money will come from the donations of exercisers who can use the company treadmills and bikes for their fitness routines.

The AHA will supply the stores with information about preventing heart disease and strokes.

The Walk Centers are located in three Twining Effect Showrooms: 12 Mile and Orchard Lake in Farmington Hills; on Woodward between 14 Mile and Adams in Birmingham; and on Walton and Adams in Rochester Hills. In Troy, find a center at MetroBody Aerobics, Long Lake and Livonia. For more details, call Scott MacInnes at (810) 646-6477.

FASHIONABLE GROUP

Laurel Park Place in Livonia is looking for residents interested in fashion to become members of its volunteer promotional group. Those selected will model at mall events, become involved with special mall activities, and meet once a month. Registration forms are available at the mall and must include a current photograph. The deadline for applications is Friday, Feb. 9 at 5 p.m. in the management office. Applicants must be 16 years or older. For more information call (313) 462-1100.

MATTRESS OUTLET

Two Spring Air mattress factory outlets opened recently, according to general manager Larry Daye, the first outside of Grand Rapids. Shoppers interested in

the bedding can see the selection south of 14 Mile on Woodward in Royal Oak, and on 14 Mile at Steinhilber in Troy. For more details, call 1-800-668-MATB.

RETAIL BOOST

Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority (DDA) in conjunction with area banks, announced a building improvement loan program for businesses within the DDA district to assist them with modernization and expansion plans. The banks will make loans up to \$25,000 to qualified applicants featuring rates for a term of 5-7 years. Commitment fees will be half percent of the loan amount. For more details call (810) 926-9094.

Also new in Walled Lake, Accents 'N' Antiques, a home accessories and gift shop specializing in cement and plaster reproductions, 123 E. Walled Lake Dr. Owner Pam Martin of West Bloomfield, said the shop grew from her love of gargoyles and angels — and gardening! Inquiries are welcome at (810) 928-1780.

UNIQUE GIFTS

Native West Gallery, 863 Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth, has the whimsical, fun, iron sculptures of Tacos, New Mexico artist Pezal Fransetti. The male and female figures start at \$70, making great Valentine's Day gift ideas, according to the gallery owners.

HUDSON'S PROJECT

Hudson's has announced a shift in its community gift-giving program based on workshops with community leaders and shoppers. The new plan, Circle of Giving, concentrates the retailer's donations to programs supporting children and youth, replacing the former priorities, arts and social action.

Hudson's shares in the corporation's policy of giving 5-percent of federally taxable income to local non-profit organizations.

Groups interested in financial support from the Circle of Giving, can pick up guidelines and applications at any Hudson's store in the Human Resource office, or phone the Hudson's Public Affairs office at (810) 443-6219.

The retailer is targeting agencies that prevent child abuse, programs that help develop youth self-sufficiency, and groups that foster youth creativity through the arts.

Neckline News



Hot topic: Jacobson's reports sales are brisk of Beverly Hills 90210-inspired vintage-look chokers. They're adorning the necks of television starlets on many shows this season, priced between \$24-\$100, depending on the gemstones included.

Garage sales debut at local flea market

Flea markets have come a long way from their open-air beginnings in 1800s Paris, where they got their name after one man's merchandise infested the whole market with fleas.

Today, flea markets are a place to start a business, spend a day with the family and . . . hold your garage sale?

Households don't have to wait until spring to have garage sales anymore thanks to Dixieland Flea Market, the 77,000-square foot building at the corner of Telegraph and Dixie Highway in Waterford.

Dixieland was founded in 1976, and has been in continuous operation since. Director Jill Gurwin, said Dixieland is now making it easy and economical for anyone to hold their "garage sale" at the flea market.

"People are using all of the advantages that the flea market offers," said Gurwin. "All the factors that can ruin a garage sale do not exist at the flea market; rain or snow, worries about security, or lack of customers."

On a typical weekend, Dixieland draws crowds of up to 18,000 visitors to shop among the 180-plus vendors. Setting up a vending site is quite simple and can usually be done a week in advance for about \$45. "A few of our vendors started out just selling spare household stuff on a weekend, and ended up turning it into a fun and profitable business," Gurwin pointed out. "Where else can you start up a business for \$45?"

Besides the "one time" vendors, Dixieland is full of retailers that sell everything from antiques, collectibles and souvenirs to new electronics, jewelry and sunglasses.

"People can look for treasures among trinkets or buy the finest linens and silver, similar to that found at upscale malls," said Gurwin. "There are also baseball cards, coins, guitars, western apparel, a fortune teller and a lawyer."

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