Sears Softer Side



Looks for less: As the days grow shorter, layering is the key to being fashionable and warm. Arctic fleece jacket, \$34; rib turtleneck, \$15; legging \$20 -all from the Crossroads Collection at your local Sears Department Store. Crossroads is a new shop concept inside Sears, featuring women's clothing with natural fibers and updated styling.

The Perfect Gift

remember the best holiday gift you ever received? Was it a pair of ice-skates when you were 10? The four-slice toaster the year your fourth child was born? The framed finger painting from your 5-year-old grandson? finger painting from your 5-year-old grandson?
The Eccentic Newspapers wish to publish readers' recollections of their very best gifts ever and what made them so, in a special gift guide on Dec. 12. 1996. Just jot down your memories. 150 words or less, and mail them to: Susan DeMagglo, c/o The Birmingham Eccentric, 805 East Maple, Birmingham, Mt 48009.

Be sure to include your name and phone number in case there are questions. Stories selected will be based on the gift's uniqueness and impact on your life. Published stories will win for their author, a special gift from the newspaper.

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So. . . Now do you remember the best holiday gift you ever received?

Deadline for stories is Friday, Nov. 8 at 5 p.m. and the second s

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Retail Details features news briefs from the Malls and Main-streets beat. Send information to Retail Details. Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. 805 E. Maple. Birmingham, 48009. Or fax (810) 644-1314.

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The preview party fund raiser
for the BBSO a new season is
Wednesday, Oct. 9 at Erhard
BMW on Maple in Bloomfield
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Lots of retail lobs available

tots of retail jobs available
In October, retailers typically
hire "holiday help." But this
year, with such a shortage of
labor in the Michigan market,
malls, department stores and
restaurants are looking for help
any help - period. The Michigan
Employment Security Commission and the Michigan
Retailers Association have
joined efforts to find employees
for the state's retail industry.

Retali collectibles event

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The Diency animation sculpture "Bibbidi, Bobbidi, Boe" featuring Cinderella's Godmether is
available for \$125 during a oneday event for collectors at Card
& Gift. Center Hallmark at the
Oakland Mall in Troy, Oct. 12.
For more information on the
products call (810) 588-6710.

Hudson's debuts shop concept Hudson's debuts shop concept
"Distinguishing accents for the
home" are presented in elifestyle environment" at all
Hudson stores this week, except
Woodland Mall in Grand Rapids.
Eteotern Collections will feature
several themes which will
change every three months
according to Joel Kaplan, home
division trend director. Look for
ceramies, porcelain, glassware
and art glass, clocks, candles
and lighting, frames decorative

pillows, baskots, topiaries, wrought iron items and signed artwork priced between \$5.\$300.

Author personalizes books
Stophanie Mellen of Troy
autographa her four-book collection of self-eateem renewing
tales at a series of appearances
at Waldenbooks Cot. 12 10 a.m.
to 8 p.m. Summit Place Mall in
Waterford: Oct. 18 5-9 p.m. at
Lakeside in Sterling Heights;
Oct. 19 4-7 p.m. at Somerson
Korth in Troy (third level next to
Hudson's) Oct. 26 10 a.m. to 8
p.m. at MeadowBrook Village in
Rochester Hills.

Outlet mall welcomes hotel
Construction is underway for a
Country Inn & Suites Hotel on
two-acres adjacent to the Birch
Run Outlet Center near
Frankenmuth, MI. The Horizon
Group, owner/managers of the
retail center, announced the
plans noting the hotel will have
11-rooms over three floors with a
conference room and indoor pool.
Opening date: April 1997.

Pair opens funiture shop
Andrea Brown and Susan
Tremonti of Michigan have
opened a handmade furniture
shop at 280 Merrill Street in
downtown Birmingham. Customers can walk into the store
and literally create their own
sofa based on cushiness, fabric
cover, lehgth of arms and legs,
and style. The furniture is manufactured in their North Carolina
workshop. For more information call (810) 540-8486.

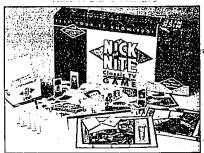
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Ramantle moments contest
Win a night of fun a ronance
in downtown Birmingham

Several businesses are sponsoring a Swectest Day essay contest, looking for a few paragraphs about romantic moments
that go awry, with the winning
couple receiving a deluxe facial
from Margot's European Spa,
tickets to the Birmingham Movie
Theater, a gourmet meal at the
Cook's Garden, and a night's
accommodation at the Holiday
Inn Express. Pick up an entry
form at the participating businesses and write your funny
romantic story on back Return
the entry by Oct. 12. The winner
will be announced Tuesday, Oct.
15. The prize is valid only on
Swectest Day, Saturday, Oct. 19,
1996.

Plymouth's Chili Cook-off
Plymouth stages its first Chili
Cook-Off, Sunday, Oct. 13 from
11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in downtown's
Kellogg Park. Cooks invited, for
more information call Annette
Horn at (313) 455-8638.

Test your tube smarts



Quick, answer this..: Who belonged to the brotherhood of the Benevolent Bison on Dobie Gills? What was the name of the convent in Puerto Rico where The Flying Nun hung her habit? The answers to these and 1,000 other TV trivia questions can be found in the new Nick At Night Classic TV Trivia Game from Cardinal Industries, \$19.99. Players race through the game's six rooms answering trivia questions to called all six pieces of their TV Dinger. questions to callect all six pieces of their TV Dinner Puzzles. The game is available at Target, Hudson's, Toys R Us, KayBec Toys. (FYI: Dobie's dad, Herman T. Gillis; Convent San Tanco.

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