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Some Deer Park Stores Open

Is it spring already?

Deer Park Shopping Center near Rio Del Mar was set for its opening in spring of 1978, but a few merchants decided jump the gun.

Six shop owners either have opened their doors for business this week, or will do so by early next week, said Tom Biagini, spokesman for the shopping center.

Don't be fooled by the appearance of the center. Much of the construction work at the center is still going on. But the entrance to the center is marked by "Open" signs, and an increasing number of shoppers are showing up at the center.

Some merchants were anxious to open their stores at Deer Park in time for Christmas.

Stores that have opened this week are the Scarlet Fox, a women's apparel store; Gloria Moore's Accents, which offers linens, towels and housewares; the Leather Loft, which sells

leather apparel and furs, and Deer Park Wine and Spirits, a liquor store.

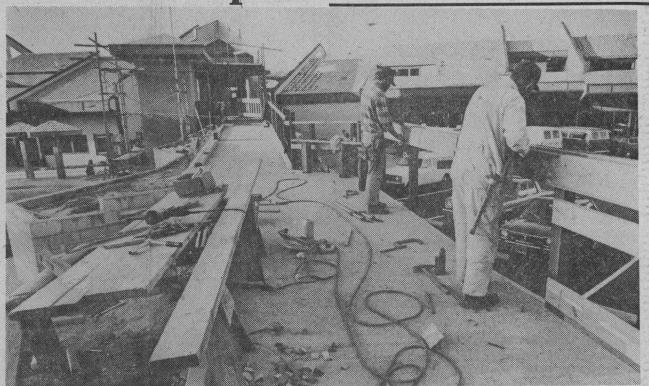
Another women's clothing shop, Marie Cota, and a housewares and kitchen cookware store, Keepers Two, are preparing to open as well. Biagini said the owners of those shops will begin business either this weekend or early next week.

Most of the construction work still going on at the center is of the finishing touch nature. Biagini said that only one building has not been constructed yet, and that is the one that will house Eureka Federal Savings.

The others, including Deluxe Foods, Kamian's Pharmacy and Bank of America, are nearing completion and will open by spring.

The shopping center will consist of 77,000 square feet of stores. It comprises five acres of parking and open space, three acres of gardens and two acres of buildings, Biagini said.

The grand opening will be in either March or April, he said.



Workers put finishing touches on Deer Park shopping center where some stores are open.