

Marshalls to fill Circuit City vacancy

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Santa Cruz store to create 75 jobs, scheduled to open in October

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More than a year after Circuit City in Santa Cruz closed its doors, a new retailer is renovating the building to house a clothing store.

Marshalls, a nationwide discount clothing store, is set to open Oct. 28. The newly renovated store will boast 28,000 square feet of retail space.

Marshalls spokeswoman Laura McDowell said about 75 full- and part-time positions will be created.

"The county and everyone involved should be applauded for their efforts in getting a tenant for that space," said Charlie Eadie, president of the Santa Cruz Chamber of Com-

merce. "We hope the shopping center, with a different character, will emerge stronger than ever. ... We're all pretty excited that it got re-established."

According to McDowell, the store "sells designer fashions and accessories for the entire family and home at up to 60 percent less than department and specialty stores."

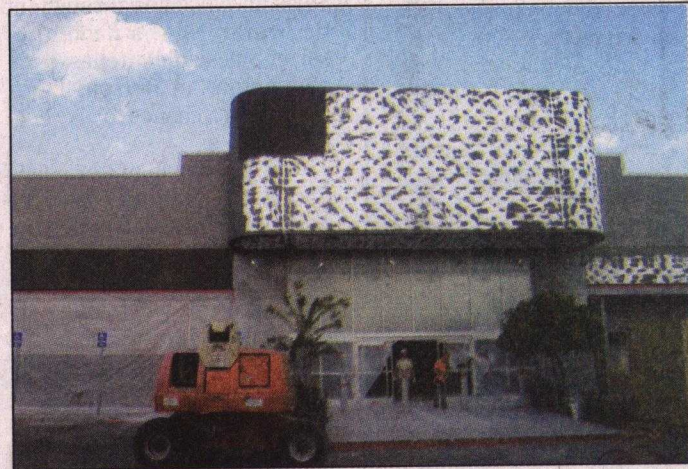
Circuit City closed the last of its 567 stores this year, ending its reign as the nation's sec-

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ond-largest electronics retailer. Dozens of people lost their jobs and the space has been a vacant hull since.

"It was a big loss when Circuit City went under," Eadie said.

The newly renovated space will be brighter, have large dressing rooms, new fixtures and a "shoe megashop," McDowell said.

A retail store since the 1950s, Marshalls boasts more than 800 stores in 42 states and in Puerto Rico.



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A new Marshalls store will open at the former site of Circuit City, 1664 Commercial Way, just off Highway 1 near Dominican Hospital in Santa Cruz.