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Retail Rap

What better way to welcome spring than with a great new pair of shoes? Seasonal shoe shop **Linus Lounge**, at 2724 Routh Street in Uptown, unveils its spring/summer collection, including heels from sophisticated soles Barbara Bui, Ruthie Davis and Scorah Pattullo, as well as new additions Gil Carvalho, Les Tropéziennes and Dusica Dusica. Get stepping: Linus reopens March 21 to May 5, and will be by-appointment-only thereafter ... The masterminds at NorthPark Center have been hard at work coming up with yet more reasons to visit: This April, they welcome the **Dallas Public Library "Children's Edition" at NorthPark Center**, a prototype junior branch of the city library, with books appropriate for youngsters up to 14 ... While you're in the 'hood, stop in to **Play@Planet Funk**, also at NorthPark. The super-trendy boutique is aimed at the mini-me's of our city's fashion darlings, who have traded Dora for Dior. Expect baby's and kids' duds, sizes zero to 14, from Rock & Republic, True Religion, Vans, Puma and more ... For Mommy's retail fix? Handbag guru **Elaine Turner** is open at NorthPark, too. We love her Claudia clutch in python ... For a spring fling, **Juicy Couture** is set to open in Galleria Dallas. We'll stock up on smocked dresses and adorable jewelry ... Also slated to open in the Galleria: **American Girl Boutique and Bistro**, the wildly successful doll store that focuses on the anti-Barbie. Not only will the shop have the line of empowering historical and contemporary dolls, but it will also include a sit-down bistro, complete with party rooms — soon to be *the* hot spots for the three-to-12-year-old set ... One of our favorite New York stores is growing. **Scoop NYC**, located in Highland Park Village, gains square footage to make room for men's apparel this spring. Because girls can't have *all* the fun. *Regan Cumming*



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