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7 W. 34th Will Be Set For Tabletop Next Spring

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NEW YORK—Showrooms at 7 W. 34th St., the future Gift Mart building, will be ready for those who need them in time for next spring's tabletop market here, Chris Kennedy, president of Merchandise Mart Properties Inc., told HFN.

"Getting folks who need to take space by [the spring] tabletop market" is what MMPi intends to do, Kennedy said, adding that demolition and construction will most likely begin in November. Major construction, such as the building of corridors and lighting and painting, among other jobs, will be completed by mid-March of next year.

Timing was a key concern among 225 Fifth Ave. tenants attending last week's New York Gift Mart. *Continued on page 4*

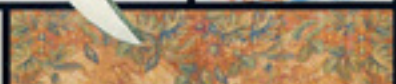
From New York To High Point, It's Showtime

NEW YORK—Let the shows begin. With events for the textiles, floor covering and housewares industries here and the furniture business in High Point, N.C., all talking place

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