

RETAIL DETAILS

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FIREWORKS DATE SET

Hudson's 1996 International Freedom Festival Fireworks will be presented on Wednesday, June 26 over the Detroit River at 10 p.m., rain date on Thursday, June 27. This year's presentation salutes the 100th anniversary of the automobile with more than 10,000 pyrotechnic effects choreographed to auto-themed music from the 1950s-90s like "Drive My Car" by the Beatles, and "Cruising Together" by Smokey Robinson. The half-hour free event will be broadcast on WDIV TV-4 and radio simulcasts can be heard on WJR 760-AM and STAR 97-FM.

LOOKING FOR MISS WESTLAND

The Westland Shopping Center hosts the 1996 Miss Westland Festival Pageant, Saturday, June 29 at 7 p.m. in the East Court. Applications are now available at the Customer Service Counter, located in East Court.

AMAZING SAVINGS OPENS

A second location for the low discount priced Amazing Savings store opened last week in the Sherwood Square, Greenfield north of 10 Mile in Southfield. Owner Asher Gottesman opened his first Metro-Detroit store on Orchard Lake and 14 Mile in Farmington Hills a few years ago.

STATE CHAIRMAN NAMED

Edward Eickhoff, vice president of leasing for Ramco-Gershenson Inc., of Southfield, has been appointed state chairman for the International Council of Shopping Centers (ICSC). Ramco-Gershenson is a retail shopping center development and management company, and the ICSC is a non-profit trade association for the mall industry. Eickhoff will be responsible for scheduling several educational programs, planning the annual Michigan Idea Exchange, and serving as a spokesman for the industry on matters at the state level. He has been with Ramco-Gershenson since 1985.

KIDS RESALE SHOP OPENS

Time 'N' Again Kids, Inc., is open in Garden City Town Center, 5910 Middlebelt, north of Ford Road. The owner buys and sells gently worn kids items like clothing (sizes 0-8), toys, accessories and much more. For more information call (313) 422-8655.

VERY SPECIAL GREETINGS

Annette's Unique Boutique on Rochester Road in Troy has received a line of greeting cards offering words of encouragement

to women battling breast cancer. The Hareline Collection by ART beCAUSE, centers around delightful drawings of hugging hares with human characteristics.

The cards are a collaboration between Emily Harris, an illustrator who lost her 49-year-old sister to breast cancer and whose mother is a survivor, and Susan Zimmerman, a survivor and artist/writer, founder of ART beCAUSE. A percentage of the cost of each \$2.25 card will be donated to support research and organizations committed to the eradication of breast cancer. For more information call (810) 680-1600.

THE LIMITED SEEKS EMPLOYEES

The Limited is hiring management, sales, cashier and stock positions for the Somerset Collection, North store in Troy. A special interview event will take place on June 27 and July 2 from 4-7 p.m. at the Limited store in the Oakland Mall, 14 Mile and John R. For more details call (810) 588-6970.

WANTED: ORIGINAL TUNES

Border's Bookstore is looking for original music from local musicians that could be performed in an acoustic format. Drop off demo tapes at the Farmington Hills store, for a Cafe Unplugged Series set for Saturday, July 27 at 8 p.m. Label with your name, address, phone and music category. For more details call (810) 737-0110.

TALKING BOOKS GROWS

A new Talking Book World store is open on Southfield Rd. south of 12 Mile. This is the fourth location for the company that sells and rents audio books, with 4,000 titles to choose from. The shop is open daily 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 6 p.m. For more information call, (810) 552-8888.

KMART DONATION

To mark the opening of its new superstore at 14 Mile and Van Dyke in Sterling Heights, Kmart donated three tons of American Fare canned vegetables to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen. The super store combines Kmart's discount merchandise with a full-service grocery store with fresh meat, seafood, bakery, dairy and produce departments. For more information on helping the Capuchin Soup Kitchen call (313) 579-2100 ext. 208.

STORE MANAGER NAMED

Jeffrey Byron, manager of Henri Bendel in Columbus, Ohio has been named manager of the new Troy store at the Somerset Collection North. Byron has been director of the Boston Bendel's and previously spent 12-years at Saks Fifth Ave

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