

RETAIL DETAILS

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FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT SET

Beginning Friday, July 12 and running each Friday through Aug. 30, The Children's Theatre of Michigan and the Birmingham Principal Shopping District presents "Summer in the City," a series of performances from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in front of City Hall, Pierce and Merrill.

These free performances include music, dance, theatre and puppetry. Families are encouraged to enjoy the shows and pack pizza or picnic dinners. The Chautauqua Express leads off the series with guitarist Guy Louis leading folk and popular songs.

On July 19, Bobbi Lucas hosts "Piquettes and Pigs That Fly" and the chance for everyone to dance.

On July 28, it's O.J. Anderson's one man family comedy fest! On Aug. 2, it's Marc Thomas and Max the Moose. On Aug. 9, "Imagine That" performed by Janet Mario and mArchibald and the Amroogah Bros. Band. On Aug. 16 West African music, dance and culture is offered by young performers, ages 7-17, known as Sababu. On Aug. 23, it's All Thumbs People and Puppet Company. Finally, Aug. 30, it's dancing in the streets with The Gratitude Steel Drum Band. For more information, call Dawn Booker at (810) 433-3550.

RAMCO-GERSHENSON ON STOCK EXCHANGE

In a series of unique transactions, share-holders of publicly-held mortgage Real Estate Investment Trust, (REIT) and RPS Realty Trust, approved the acquisition of Ramco-Gershenson, Inc. a privately-held shopping center development and management company, based in Southfield.

Ramco-Gershenson, with a portfolio of shopping center properties (including locally, Twelfth Mall, Summit Place Mall, West Oaks I & II, Roseville Plaza, New Towne Plaza in Canton, Ferndale Plaza, Fraser Shopping Center, Clinton Valley Mall and Strip Center, and Lake Orion Plaza) transformed itself into an equity REIT with an established management team and combined assets valued at \$280-million. The transaction enabled both companies to accomplish different but complementary strategies.

Dennis Gershenson, 52, is the newly-named president and CEO of Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust. He said, "Twenty-two of the Ramco properties have become part of a public company with access to public capital markets. The REIT will now be able to improve its opportunity for growth by expanding its development and acquisition capability."

Of the five members of the Ramco-Gershenson Properties Trust management team, four are brothers who have worked together for the past 25 years. In addition to CEO Dennis, Joel Gershenson, 54, was named chairman, Richard Gershenson, 50, vice-president and secretary, Bruce Gershenson, 47, vice-president and treasurer.

Other team members include Michael Ward, 55, vice-president and chief operating officer, and Richard Smith, chief financial officer.

JACOBSON'S ATTEMPTS A RECORD
Renee Sherry, promotions director at Great Oaks Mall in Rochester Hills, has a weekend of fun planned for shoppers,

including the world's longest barbecue in the mall parking lot, July 19-21. Call the shopping center for more details (810) 661-6900.

Also, Downtown Rochester's annual Sidewalk Sales Event takes place July 18-20. "Dance!" in the Streets" highlights Thursday nights in town, beginning July 19 through Aug. 9.

OUTLET MALL EXPANDES

New at Birch Run Manufacturer's Outlet Center, exit 136 off I-75: Sony, El Paso Bootmakers, and Tommy Hilfiger. Opening later this summer: Ultra the Gold and Diamond Outlet, and Magnavox The mall is celebrating its 10th year in business with special events and giveaways July 11-21.

ARTISTS DISPLAY AT MALL

The Art Gallery II at Summit Place in Waterford, a cooperative of artists from the area, features the work of several artists in July - Trina Riodan, watercolor and sculpture; Etzel Moron, handmade paper and acrylics; Justine Pratt abstract watercolor; and Girija Viswanath abstracts and collages in acrylic and watercolor pencil. For more information call (810) 683-8142.

SUMMER SEWING CLASSES

Hobberman Fabrics in Royal Oak is registering teens and adults for a 4-5 session series of sewing classes beginning July 9, \$40. Class topics include: Beginning Sewing, Serging, Bridal headpieces. For more information call the store at (810) 541-0010.

GALLERY OPENS IN BIRMINGHAM

David Pops opened Galloffe Blue in the former Xochipille space on gallery row, North Woodward in downtown Birmingham.

SALON CELEBRATES A DECADE

Mane Design Salon, 12 Mile and Middlebelt in the Rainbow Square, Farmington Hills marks its 10th year in business during the month of July with customer appreciation giveaways. For appointments and more details call owner Cindy Malorana at (810) 471-0140.

New Collection at Saks



Bill Bliss USA: Clothes for women who claim they can no longer find clothes to wear - debuting at Saks Fifth Avenue's Troy store, July 11-12, at the Somerset Collection.

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