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Nate Burnell and Mary Barnhart stock Trader Joe's the day before the Friday grand opening.

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United States.

The company also prides itself on prices for typical staple goods sold under its own brand

JOE'S

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check out the vodka marinara

and cheese. It grew in the list of gournet foods it offered, and now there are 190 stores in the

Hills company purchased Hins company purchased Hilco Finance LLC, an affili-ate of Hilco Capital LP, announced the purchase of the assets of Trim Trends Co., an indirect, wholly owned sub-sidiary of Harvard Industries, Inc.

Inc. Trim Trends Co., Headquartered in Farmington Hills, is a tier I and II supplier of automobile and light truck of automobile and light (fuck component parts. It operates four manufacturing facilities located in Bryan, Ohio; Spencerville, Ohio; Deckerville, Mich.; and Dundaik, Ontario. The company employs more

In the compary and boundary more than 570 people supplication of the comparison of the consecutive times, an award bestowed for exacting perform-ance, and earned the Q-1 from Ford Notor Company, among many other quality awards. There is provided its its cus-tomers with state of the art, metal roll-formed fabrication technology in the production of technology in the production of decorative trim parts, transmis-sion hubs and other structural metallic fabrications, seat tracks, door frames, door intru-

sion beams, and suspension link components, many from ultra high-strength steels. Among the assets purchased were numerous patents for product designs and manufac-turing techniques for a variety of high volume current production vehicles. David L. Kuta will continue in big role an Provident a position

his role as President, a position he has held for five years. "We are very excited and ener-gized with the Hilco Finance acquisition of our company

gized with the Hileo Finance acquisition of our company. Hileo brings significant finan-cial resources to Thim Trends and a vision to take us to the next level. Hileo Copital LP is an invest-ment fund that provides financ-ing for a broad cross-section of manufacturers, distributors, retailers, injoretrs and service providers.

Jacokes moves

Jacokes Communications, L.L.C., the creative services and strategic communications agency headquartered in Farmington Hills, has tripled its space by shifting operations to the building just south of its

ne in bounding just south of the previous site. Now located at 36520 Grand River Ave., Suite 101, Jacokes occupies 4,500 square feet on Grand River Ave., between Drake and Hulsted roads. "The acquisition of Ewald

Optimists sponsor essay contest The Farmington/Farmington Hills Breakfast Optimist Club it will be judged against other club winning entries from sur-

now through Jan. 16. The theme is When Our Freedom Is rounding areas. The district winner will The district winner will receive a plaque and a \$650 college scholarship, and have his entry forwarded to the international level competition. The international competition offers a \$5,000 for second place and \$2,000 for third place.

Farmington/Farmington Hills area high schools. Contact the English department or high school counselor. All essays must be original and submitted by Jan. 16, 2003 to the high school(s), which will forward them to the Optimist Club. For more information con-tact Mary Jane Phillips, Essay Contest Chairperson, c/o Comerica Bank, Private Contest Chairperson, c Comerica Bank, Privat Comerica Bank, Private Banking, 35405 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335, (248) 442-1671.

place. Essay applications and rules are available at the four



The stores attracts "foodies," he said.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Motion Pictures last year gave us expanded in-house produc-tion capabilities and added five new employees to our roster, says Diana Jacokes, president. We needed more space to accommodate two side-by-side video editing suites and a voice-over booth, as well as conference over booth, as well as conference rooms and employee work-

Jacokes Communications is an international, full-service consulting and production firm that provides communications expertise to major corporate clients, government organiza-tions and educational institu-tions.

tions and educational institu-tions. Specializing in print, video and multimedia formats, it employs writers, editors, pro-ducers, graphic designers, video editors and webmasters at its headquarters and on-site at client locations. "We're a one-stop shop for our clients," says Jacokes. "They come to us for every-thing from a simple brochure or video to corporate-wide com-munication initiatives." With translation services and affiliates in England, Germany and France, Jacokes Communications meets its client' ommunications needs in any format, in any language, anywhere on the planet.

I ne stores attracts 'loodies,' he said. They're people into food, ne said, adding the store offers a sample area for customers will-ing to try something new that the store sells. Millis said the stores try to match the community the store is in. That means the Farmington Hills store will have pictures of nearby takes to support the stores nautical theme. People have been walking by saying they is og dad we're here. name. The trick is, Millis said, is buying the goods directly from the manufacturer and avoiding the add-on cost of the distribu-



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