

## TODAY



**Seasons change:** Fall fashions from several local shops will be featured in the 32nd annual fashion show to benefit the historic Longacre House on Thursday, Oct. 4. Among the models will be 2-year-old Miranda Chahine. For a preview peek, please turn to HomeTown Life, Page C6.

## Firefighters will be taking donations

Farmington Hills Fire Department volunteers will be on hand at Busch's market today from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., collecting donations that will be sent to an organization that provides support for the families of firefighters killed in the September 11 terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York.

Busch's is located on Drake Road, just north of Grand River. Firefighters are also planning an American Family Fun Day at Compuware in Farmington Hills on September 23. They're looking for volunteers to help provide entertainment and run activities. Details are in the story on page A2.

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## Heritage Art



**For art's sake:** Carol Leiblein of the cultural arts division and Robb Clarkson, Costick Center manager, look over some of the art that will be hung this week for the Heritage Festival. In a variety of media, the works represent a range of cultural heritages.



## The (art) show must go on

**While some Heritage Week events have changed, a juried art show will open Thursday evening, as planned**

A juried art show, held in conjunction with the Farmington Hills/Farmington Multicultural Multiracial Community Council's Heritage Week, will go on as planned.

According to cultural arts coordinator Nancy Coumoundouros, an opening reception held 6 p.m. Thursday at the William B. Costick Center in Farmington Hills will be open to the public. Visitors will have a chance to meet with 60 artists from the U.S., Armenia, Poland, Albania, Africa, Iraq, Japan, India and

Green.

While the art show will go on, Heritage Week activities have changed somewhat in light of the tragic terrorist attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. on Sept. 11.

**Community remembers**  
Thursday night's planned "kick-off rally", which normally includes a guest speaker and an overview of the Multicultural/Multiracial Community Council's activities, has been designated as a time for community residents to express their thoughts about the tragedy.

Guest speakers at "Uniting for America: A Community Remembers" will be Carolyn Clifford, WXYZ news; Judge Maria Parker, 47th District Court; and attorney Elias

Escobedo, Jr., President of the Oakland County Bar Association. Clifford will moderate audience comments, which will be taped.

The Harrison High marching band and East Middle School choir will perform.

The main program begins at 7 p.m. A multicultural art exhibit will open that evening as well.

**Community Contributes**  
Sunday's Heritage Festival, originally slated from 12:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., will be shortened in duration from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. At 3 p.m., the commemoration at Central Park in New York City will be broadcast on big screen television.

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## City appoints mansion director

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Linda Horvath, the Gov. Warner Mansion's first museum director, was appointed unanimously Monday by the Farmington City Council.

The city received the mansion as a gift 20 years ago. The 134-year old mansion, the former home of Gov. Fred Warner, is on Grand River, west of Farmington Road.

"As part of that gift, it became the responsibility of the City of Farmington City Council to assure that this building, its contents and grounds were maintained and available for the public in an appropriate manner," said Farmington City Manager Frank Lauthoff. "For many years, the oversight of the Gov. Warner Mansion has been accomplished through the dedication of many volunteers."

The council considered appointing a director for two years, Lauthoff said. Horvath, a mansion docent and a Farmington Hills resident, will be

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## Conference message of respect digs deep

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Respect and moderation can lift our behavior above prejudice, and the notion that "I believe and you don't, so I'm good and you're bad."

That assessment by long-time Anti-Defamation League Director Dick Lobenthal seemed to dig deep, in a week where well-intentioned political and religious leaders searched for fitting words of comfort, understanding and retribution, following the Sept. 11 terrorist acts.

In his keynote address Sept. 16 to the first ever Mini-Conference on Religious and Cultural Diversity at the Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills, Lobenthal said we have to be supportive and caring of diverse values. "Even if we don't support the practice here and now."

Opening the conference, Pastor Ben Bohnsack told the crowd of more than 100 attendees, "It's a good thing we planned this day, given the events of

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## Here's your CHANCE TOWN a furniture shopping spree

The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and 12 area merchants are teaming up to send 12 lucky winners on a home furnishings shopping spree.

It's all part of Fabulous Furniture 2001 to be featured in our At Home section on Thursday, Oct. 4, 11 and 18.

Just think. You could be one of 12 lucky winners who will receive a \$1,000 gift certificate to shop at Newton Furniture (Bloomfield Hills, Livonia, Novi and Sterling Heights locations), Ethan Allen (Ann Arbor, Auburn Hills, Birmingham, Livonia and Novi locations), Classic Interiors (Livonia), Franks Furniture (Wayne), Laurel Furniture (downtown Plymouth), Walker Buzenberg (downtown Plymouth), In-Style Furniture (West Bloomfield), Sherwood Studios (West Bloomfield), Dalley Carpet (locations in Livonia and Canton), Eclipse Window Treat (Bedford Township), McLaughlin's (locations in Novi and Southgate) and Baker Furniture (downtown Birmingham).

### Fun starts Oct. 4

Winning is easy. Each participating merchant will have official Fabulous Furniture entry forms available beginning Oct. 4. You may enter one time at each store. So you'll want to visit each store (several merchants have multiple locations) and increase your chances of winning.

You must be at least 18 years old to enter. All entries have an even chance of being drawn. Deadline to enter is 5 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 25.

Look for the entry form in your Thursday and Sunday Observer or Eccentric edition and in participating merchants stores beginning Thursday, Oct. 4.

Don't miss the Oct. 4 At Home section which takes a look at dining rooms and kitchens. Look for tips on how to make your dining room a center for family gatherings. Read about what's new in kitchen flooring, cabinets and countertops. Read about how to unravel the mystery of furniture styles.

On Thursday, Oct. 11, At Home will feature living rooms and great rooms.

Find out how to make your living room reflect comfort not formality. Read about the latest choices in entertainment centers and how to use art as furniture.

To complete our series, the Observer will present bedrooms and bathrooms. Discover how to turn your bedroom into a retreat and what mattress to buy for a good night's sleep. Stories on new furniture styles, windows, oriental rugs, clocks, lighting and appliances are all part of the package.

A special "Designer's Corner" will offer decorating tips each week.

When you visit participating merchants be sure to look for the Fabulous Furniture in-store displays and entry forms. Contest details can also be found in your Observer every Thursday and Sunday. Or visit a nearby Observer office to pick up an entry form or copy of the newspaper for contest details.

Don't miss this chance to spruce up your home and read about the latest in furniture styles and decorating tips in Fabulous Furniture 2001.