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Hot stuff
Cooks mix it up for 7th annual chili cookoff. B1

Our Towns

Hungry Man

The four muscle-bound men carrying groceries to cars at Detroit-area Kroger Food Stores during the month of October are members of "Team Hungry Man."



This traveling troupe of t-shirt clad, robust men with hearts for the hungry will assist Kroger customers by carrying groceries to cars and answering questions about the Hungry Man effort to raise funds for America's Second Harvest, the nation's largest hunger-relief charity. Five cents from each Hungry Man frozen dinner and Swanson Great Start frozen breakfast entrée sold will be contributed to America's Second Harvest. Team Hungry Man will visit the Kroger Food Store at 37550 12 Mile in Farmington Hills noon-3 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 23.

Still time

Anyone interested in attending the Multicultural Multiracial Community Council's strategic planning sessions, held Friday, Oct. 25 and Saturday, Oct. 26, should sign up by Wednesday of this week, according to council co-chair Karen Bolten.

The group will begin taking a deeper look at diversity. Call Farmington City Hall, (248) 474-5500; Farmington Hills City Hall, (248) 474-6115; or Farmington Public Schools, (248) 489-3300.

Concert Thursday

Johan Slegard, the most popular and sought-after saxophonist in Sweden and throughout Scandinavia will be thrilling audiences with his stirring solos in his U.S.A. tour and the first of the 2002-3 Concerts at the Cstick Center on 11 Mile, east of Middlebelt. Born in Stockholm, Sweden, Slegard plays to sold-out audiences throughout Europe, and has several "gold" CDs in Europe.

He has produced 10 solo albums. Tickets for the concert are available at the door or in advance, at the Cstick Center, Special Services Department, and the Farmington Hills City Hall Treasury Department. The price is \$15 for adults, \$12 for senior citizens, and \$8 for students. Call the Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division, at (248) 473-1856.



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Rabbi Charles Rosenzweig walks the site of the Holocaust Memorial.

Memorial's walls get a helping hand

BY PAUL R. PACE
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About 20 Holocaust survivors took part in a special ceremony Thursday at the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills.

Survivors were allowed to take part in construction of a facility that will serve as a reminder of the Jewish people's past, present and future. Construction at the former Old Orchard Theater complex on Orchard Lake north of 12 Mile has been underway for several months.

It will double the size of the current center in West Bloomfield, allowing more exhibits, storage and library space. The design presents a three-part theme to visitors: the Museum of European Jewish Heritage, the Holocaust Memorial and the International Institute of the Righteous.

Rabbi Charles Rosenzweig is the HMC founder and executive vice president.

He hosted the ceremony and said the building will serve as an enlightenment for a new century.

"This will embody the best in human nature you can personify," he said.

George Vines of West Bloomfield was one of several people invited to participate. The executive board member for the center was held in Auschwitz concentration camp from 1942 until the end of the war in 1945.

"Putting that brick down is a reminder to humanity," he said of the Holocaust.

"Maybe we can eliminate the hatred that exists," he said. "I hope this is the first step for peace and tranquility in the world."

Rosenzweig said the new center will not only document the horror of the Holocaust and the events leading up to it, but it will also highlight Jewish history before the Holocaust. The Institute section will showcase the people and governments who have made positive strides for humanity and promoted



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As survivors help lay bricks at the site of the new Holocaust Memorial Center on Orchard Lake Road, the wall takes shape.



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Irene Petrinitz and Rabbi Charles Rosenzweig lay a brick at the Memorial.

understanding and tolerance of cultures. The building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2003.

The facility will cost \$17 million. About \$4 million has already been raised, and a campaign to pay for the remainder of the building is underway. pace@homecom.net | (248) 471-5450

Families need a night off

BY JONI HUBBARD
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Imagine a night with no obligations, no lessons, no sports practices, no church events, no meetings — just time for family. The Commission on Children, Youth and Families in Farmington Hills wants to work toward establishing such a night, when all parts of the community come together to give families something that's in very short supply: time. "We've talked about it for the past three years," said Mark Sommers of CYP. "One of the biggest challenges families face in our area is busyness. Kids are super-involved. Parents travel for work. There's not a lot of family time."

"As a former employee assistance

PLEASE SEE FAMILIES, A8

Bargain Books fills downtown space

BY SUE BUCK
STAFF WRITER

Bargain Books which is based in Grand Rapids is the new tenant in the former Sloe Carnival, which has been vacant for two years.

Bargain Books put up new signs this week on the storefront located in the Downtown

Farmington Center at Grand River and Farmington Roads.

The store will open Nov. 1, in time for the holiday shopping season. It will have three to five employees.

"Books make great gifts and you can send them at the book rate for about \$2," said Hank Schemper, director of retail. This is the company's 24th

store. It is the third store in the metro-Detroit area. A store in Pontiac just opened and another store has opened for about a year in Westland on Warren just west of Wayne Road, he said. There's locations in Muskegon and Chicago. It formerly operated a location in Lansing.

They looked in Novi,

Brighton and Livonia for locations.

Schemper explained that major chain bookstores receive new books and if they haven't sold them in a 90-day period can return them to the publisher. These can be books on the New York Times bestseller list

PLEASE SEE BOOKS, A4

Botsford Boys calendar has a serious side

BY JONI HUBBARD
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The Boys of Botsford know that everyone gets plenty of calendars this time of year, but they believe theirs is special. It's not just that these elderly gents are pictured inside, their faces matched by computer magic with hunky body-builder torsos. And it's not just that their

calendar includes delicious recipes and household hints. "The basic idea of this is not buying a calendar," said spokesperson Bill Waddell. "The idea is to give \$10 to the Parkinsons Foundation."

So here's the deal: You donate ten bucks, you get a FREE calendar.

PLEASE SEE CALENDAR, A4



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The fully-clothed "Boys" are: Malcolm Goodwin, Ed Repucci, Jim DeFrancesco, Bill Waddell, Bill Cleary, Blair Agle, Maurie Williams, Norm Roosa and Bob Allgeyer.

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