

## Farmington, Rochester officials meet

BY SUE BUCK  
STAFF WRITER  
sbuck@oe.hometown.com

Rochester Mayor David Katulic brought officials from his city recently for the annual Mayor Exchange Day in Farmington.

**"We both share services with our neighbor. We both have downtowns and DDAs."**

**Jim Mitchell**  
Farmington Mayor



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL DESLER

A day in the park: Mayor's Exchange Day festivities included a stop at the Shawassee Park playscape. Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff, Councilmembers Jo Anne McShane and Mike Harrison converse with Rochester's Mayor David Katulic and City Manager Kenneth Johnson.

pared similarities with Rochester, which has about only 200 more residents than Farmington. Farmington Hills borders Farmington on three sides as Rochester Hills borders Rochester on three sides, he said.

"We both share services with our neighbor," Mitchell said. "We both have downtowns and DDAs."

Carol Gardner, the Rochester Downtown Development Authority director renewed her friendship with Judy Downey, Farmington DDA director.

She praised the downtown Farmington Center at Grand River and Farmington as one she frequents when she visits.

Unlike Farmington, Rochester no longer has a movie theater, Gardner said.

## Bank employees become U.S. citizens

Michigan Heritage Bank, based in Farmington Hills, is pleased to announce the United States citizenship of two of their valued employees.

Romina Ibanz became a citizen on January 7, 2002 and Marinda Richardson became a citizen on April 24, 2002. Romina came to the United States in May of 1988 at the age of 21 and Marinda came in 1976 at the age of 10.

Romina was born in the Philippines and came to the United States two years after her mother. Her mother obtained a job in Chicago and petitioned the United States government to let her bring Romina and her brother over as dependents.

When they arrived here, Romina and her brother finished college at DeVry-Chicago. She received a Bachelors degree in accounting in 1998, and she moved to Michigan with her brother who became employed with Chrysler Corporation. Just shortly after their move, Romina was hired at Michigan Heritage Bank as the assistant to the bank's operation manager.

Marinda was born in Liberia, West Africa where her family was faced with devastating poverty. Marinda came to the United States through missionaries and was sent to foster parents in Cleveland, Ohio.

While in Cleveland, Marinda went to college at Bowling Green University. She married in 1986 and has a son named Michael. Marinda and her son, after the death of her husband, moved to Michigan to be closer to her sister.

Marinda began working for Michigan Heritage Bank in October 2001 as a customer service representative at the bank's Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills Branch.

According to President and COO of Michigan Heritage Bank, Anthony Albanese, "We are very pleased with the performance of these two employees. They have overcome numerous obstacles to reach the positions in which they now hold. These women are wonderful representatives of this bank and we are honored to have both of them be apart of our organization."

## Construction to begin on Holocaust Center in the Hills

BY PAUL R. PACE  
STAFF WRITER  
ppace@oe.hometown.com

When the Holocaust Memorial Center opened 16 years ago in West Bloomfield, it was the first free standing facility of its kind in the nation that has since enlightened 2.5 million visitors from around the world, including 1.6 million school children.

Now Farmington Hills will be the home to that tradition as leaders of the Holocaust Memorial Center detailed plans Wednesday for a new facility to be built on Orchard Lake, north of 12 Mile.

Located on the former Old Orchard Theater complex site at 28123 Orchard Lake, the Center will be under construction this month.

The facility will double the size of the current center, allowing more exhibits, storage and library space and showcase 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 said the new center will not only document the horror of the Holocaust and the events leading up to it, but will also highlight Jewish history before the Holocaust. The Institute section will showcase the people and gov-

ernments who made positive strides for humanity and promoted understanding and tolerance of cultures.

At a press conference Wednesday, HCM leaders talked about the importance of erecting such a facility.

Saul Waldman, HCM chairman of development, said it will be a reminder as to how low humanity can sink.

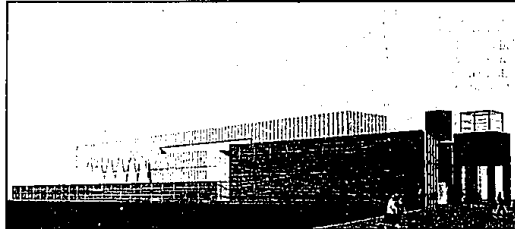
"It will also contain an area that highlights the abundant cultural life of Western Europe prior to the Holocaust," he said.

Ken Neumann, architect with Neumann/Smith & Associates, talked about the design of the facility and how its facade will serve as a reminder of the Holocaust.

The outside design will contain visual reminders of the period with such things as lines that represent barbed-wire fencing and a large chimney that evokes chilling images of the crematoriums. Gray stripes on the roof will symbolize the uniforms worn by the prisoners.

Six illuminated cones on one section of roof will represent flames to remind viewers of the 6 million people that died in the Holocaust, Neumann said.

Alan Zekelman, HCM president, said the facade



Artist's rendering: The new Holocaust Center will include many visual reminders of both the World War II atrocities and positive aspects of Jewish culture and history.

was intentionally designed to provoke thought and make sure the building "is like no other in the world."

"It's going to cause people to stop and think about mankind," he said.

A complete tour of the facility will take the visitor through the three timelines, from light to darkness of the Holocaust, to light again for a positive future, said organizers.

"We wanted to make the experience (of the visit)

strong," Neumann said. "We want to tell a comprehensive story."

The building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2003.

The facility will cost \$17 million. Rosenzweig said \$4 million has already been raised, and a campaign to pay for the remainder of the building will begin in June.

He said the facility will not charge admission, but would invite donations.

**• Sale • Sale • Sale • Sale •**

# 25% off SHRUBS

NO COUPON NEEDED • FREELAND NEW STOCK • 10% OFF  
THOUSANDS TO CHOOSE FROM

**OVER 10,000 PERENNIALS** **PETUNIA & MARIGOLD FLATS Only \$8.99**

## FARMER JOHN'S Greenhouse

14450 Haggerty Road • Farmington Hills  
248-593-7141  
Open 7 Days • 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (May thru August)

### Preserve Your Assets WITHOUT Purchasing Long Term Care Insurance

There are federal laws that may enable you to avoid paying thousands of dollars in nursing home costs. The government WILL NOT notify you of your eligibility!

**Ask yourself...**

1. Has Long Term Care become too expensive?
2. Have you failed to qualify?
3. Are you concerned about maintaining your financial independence?

If you answer "Yes" to any of these questions, this could be the MOST IMPORTANT information of your life!

**Attend This FREE Seminar:**  
Tuesday, June 11, 2002 at 11:00 a.m.  
At Sandtraps On 5 Restaurant, Livonia  
(Lunch to be provided)  
**Call Now Toll Free (800) 601-0723**  
• to reserve your seat!

"Research indicates that the likelihood that you will need some type of long-term care over the course of your life is greater than 50 percent." (1)

1. "Before You Buy: A Guide to Long-Term Care Insurance." AARP, Washington, D.C. October 1997

Presented by United Senior Alliance, Producer of "Senior Money Talk" Radio Show  
Office in Livonia, Michigan

**Our 11th Exciting Season!**

## Dance and Theatre Camps

Professional Dance & Arts Instruction Combined with **Summertime Camp Fun!** (for ages 8-17)

**Performing Arts Overnight Camp**  
June 23rd - 28th  
Located at Michigan's finest retreat and education center, YMCA Camp Manitou-Lin, Grand Rapids  
Guest Master Dance Instructor from Los Angeles, Joe Loom

**Performing Arts Day Camp** June 22nd - 26th  
Located at Dance Et cetera Studios, Farmington Hills

**Theatre Day Camp** August 5th - 9th  
Located at Dance Et cetera Studios, Farmington Hills

Theatre Classes & Camp by professional actors from, Jeff Daniel's Purple Rose Theatre Company

For Information Call: **248-788-5717**  
E-mail: hsandberg@msn.com

**Have an Electric Summer with...**

## DANCE ELECTRIC

Performing Arts Studio

**Theatre & Dance Mini Camp:**  
These 4-day theatre/dance Mini Camp sessions allow students of all ages to experience many different aspects of theatre and dance (ages 5 & older).

Session A... July 29th - Aug. 8th  
Session B... Aug. 12th - Aug. 22nd

**Summer Dance Intensive:**  
This 8-day session is for the serious minded performing arts student (ages 5 & older).

8-Day Session Runs Aug. 12th - 15th and Aug. 19th - 22nd

Join the Fun! **FREE Pre-school Classes!**

24777 Crestview Court • Farmington Hills (N. off Grand River and E. of Haggerty)

For Information **248-477-3830**

## We Care for People... Not Just Spines!

Your entire family will receive prompt, courteous attention, plus all the time need for a complete Spinal Exam with our latest equipment

- Quality Care at an Affordable Price
- Computerized Spinal Scan with Report
- Over 40 Years Experience

Call for a preferred appointment with the professional who take care of people...not just spines.

**248.477.6400**  
31166 Grand River (just east of Orchard Lake Rd.)  
Farmington

**Dr. Svein G. Benestad**  
Chiropractic Physician

**Dr. Eric M. Schiffer**  
Chiropractic Physician