

Learning Disabilities Month declared

Michigan Association for Children and Adults with Learning Disabilities (MACLD) will hold its fall conference during "Learning Disabilities Month," declared in Michigan by Gov. James Blanchard.

The all-day event is set for Friday, Oct. 26, in Fairlane Manor, Dearborn, and is open to all interested persons. The conference will cover the academic, vocational and personal needs of the learning disabled. For registration information, call Kendra Tobes, 557-2189.

Learning disabilities are complex and elusive. All forms of the problem interfere with the ability of normally intelligent people to understand and to perform in the world around them. It is a lifelong handicap that does not come and go, but learning-disabled person can be helped to achieve full potential by compensatory training.

One serious consequence of learning disabilities is that young people so handicapped do poorly in school unless helped. Recent studies show that learning disabilities are strongly related to

juvenile delinquency.

Unless the pattern of anti-social behavior is broken early, the final result frequently is an adult life of dependency on society.

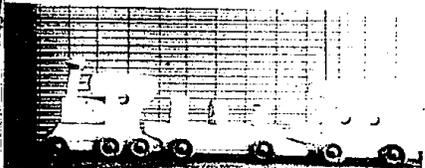
DELINQUENCY and prison are not the only social costs of learning disabilities. The victims have a very low self-image that is reinforced daily and all too often the mental abuse suffered is even more degrading than the disability itself.

The association says research indicates the situation can be improved.

One study showed that as few as 55 hours of proper instruction led to dramatic academic improvement, and after only 35 hours of proper instruction, the tendency toward delinquent behavior fell abruptly.

The state organization is now comprised of 18 chapters working to update knowledge of the learning disabled and offer help where it is needed.

Persons wishing general information about the state organization may write to Michigan ACLD, 20777 Randall, Farmington, 48024, or call 471-0790.



Wooden toys

Ron Hubbell creates the wooden toys that will go up for sale, along with the works of 75 other juried artisans, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday in Farmington Community Center and throughout its spacious grounds. Admission to the center's 12th annual Arts and Crafts Show is 50 cents, at the gate.

Mission hosts open house

Visitors are invited to learn how missionaries are recruited, what steps are involved in getting into the field, how funds are received, and meet the staff during open house in SEND International, 36200 Freedom Road. Open house hours are 2-5 p.m.

SEND International is an evangelical faith mission serving in Alaska and the Yukon, Japan, Okinawa, Taiwan

French hornist to solo

Mark Abbott, a Farmington Hills resident and assistant principal horn with Detroit Symphony Orchestra, will be the guest soloist for the opening concert of Grosse Pointe Symphony Orchestra's 32nd season.

Felix Resnick will conduct the concert at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 28, in Parcels Auditorium, Mack at Vernier, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Abbott, 20, was hired by the Detroit Symphony a few months before his graduation from high school. The talented musician has soloed with the Indianapolis Symphony, with the New York Philharmonic both as a Young Performer and as a participant in four subscription concerts during the 1982-83

Local ballerinas chosen to perform in Music Hall

Joan Wenson, a Farmington Hills ballerina, is one of 19 metro area dancers who have been selected to perform with the Pennsylvania Ballet when it appears here in Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts.

Wenson will dance in "Bolero, Ardis & Orrin," an interpretation of Maurice Ravel's "Bolero" which focuses on the mesmerizing quality of the score, during the ballet's performances Oct. 24-28.

The 25 year old ballerina is a graduate of University of Cincinnati and has appeared with Cincinnati Ballet, Cleveland Ballet and Contemporary Civic Ballet. She has also appeared in several TV commercials, most recently for the Detroit Optometric Center's "Angel Eyes."

Tickets for the ballet are priced from \$12-24. Reservations can be made by calling 563-7630 using MasterCard, VISA or American Express.

Gardeners decorate for district meeting

Members of Farmington Garden Club are turning out flowers in numbers these days, created from natural corn husks, getting ready to decorate the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA).

Media presentations will run continuously throughout the afternoon. The staff will give demonstrations on its new computer. Refreshments are complimentary.

programs are planned, and the one concerning the gardeners is Federated Garden Club of Michigan's District fall meeting.

Barbara Denton, a member of Farmington Garden Club, will be hostess for

the day. Along with the duties of staging and reservations, she's getting help to decorate the luncheon tables for 300 Michigan garden club members from her club members.

Because the room chosen for the event contains varying kinds of sculpture, ranging from metal to marble, a simple but classic style of decoration was chosen.

The corn-husk flowers will stand in a stained and rubbed eight-inch block of wood, surrounded by tall thin branches, leaves and painted allium blossoms.

Registration information is given by calling Sara Townsend at 478-9900.

Women in Management host daylong seminar

Women are invited to learn how to increase supervisory skills and learn how to balance the demands of their personal and professional lives during an all-day seminar sponsored by Sisters of Mercy Health Corp.'s Women in

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