

## around Farmington

### ● EVANGELISTS VISIT

Through Wednesday, March 12: Evangelists Levern and Shirley Davis minister at 10:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Sundays and at 7 p.m. weekdays in Farmington Hills Christian Center, 23223 Drake Road.

### ● FAMILY FAITH

Monday-Wednesday, March 3-5: "Family Faith in a Secular Society," series led by Kenneth Gangel, chairman of Department of Christian Education, Dallas Theological Seminary, at 7 each evening in Farmington Hills Baptist Church, 28301 Middlebelt. No admission charge. Child care provided during each session.

### ● HMONG NEEDLEWORK

Monday, March 3: Detroit Hmong Society tells the history of the Hmong, forced from their native Vietnam to Thailand, and shows their needlework. In program that begins at 7:30 p.m. in Antioch Lutheran Church, corner of Farmington Road and 13 Mile. Some pieces on display may be purchased. No admission charge.

### ● SPRING BUFFET

Tuesday, March 4: "Spring Buffet," lecture and demonstration by Judy Antishin, who offers new recipes with an Easter theme for entertaining, at 7 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Reservations, at \$10 each, which includes buffet supper, taken in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

### ● MYTHS OF PARENTING

Tuesday, March 4: "The Myths of Parenting" workshop led by Dinyah Sharp at 7:30 p.m. in Nardin Park United Methodist Church, 29887 11 Mile Road sponsored by Preschool Committee, Farmington Youth Association (FYA). No charge, but reservations are required by calling the FYA office, 476-3840.

### ● TAX AIDES

Tuesday and Friday, March 4 and 7: Tax aides will assist senior adults with their 1985 income tax forms from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Tuesday in Farmington Hills Senior Adults Center, in Mercy Center complex off 11 Mile Road through Gate 4, east of Middlebelt Road; and from noon to 3 p.m. every Friday in Farmington Branch Library, 23550 Liberty, through April 11. No charge.

### ● PATHWAYS OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, March 4: The staff of Pathways to Learning host open house 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 30333 10 Mile. The school offers preschool, pre-kindergarten, private kindergarten and a summer day camp. No charge.

### ● GARDEN DESIGN

Wednesday, March 5: Meeting of In-

door Light Gardening Society at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Library, 32737 12 Mile. Guest speaker, Elizabeth Hattin, Master Gardener, will speak on garden design. No charge.

### ● EFFECTIVE DRESSING

Wednesday, March 5: "Effective Dressing," three-week course in how to build a wardrobe, color coordination, accessories, body language, organizing a closet and how to pack, begins at 6:30 p.m. with Instructor May Arvo in Room 14-302 Orchard Ridge Campus, Oak-Seven Mile and Middlebelt Road, East. Erny Bunny makes his grand entrance during the 10 a.m. show and stays for visits through March 29.

### ● REALTORS' ORIENTATION

Wednesday, March 5: Realtors' Orientation, open to all real estate agents in the community sponsored by Farmington Public Schools, 8-10 a.m. in Warner Middle School, 14 Mile between Northwestern and Middlebelt. No charge. Invitations taken by the school office, 477-1300.

### ● FLOWER ARRANGING

Thursday, March 6: Silk flower arranging taught in one-hour workshop at 8:30 a.m. in Farmington Community Center with Luithe Moore. Fee is \$10. Registrations taken in the center on Farmington Road north of 10 Mile.

### ● LET'S TALK ABOUT IT

Thursday, March 6: "Let's Talk About It," discussion of John Macdonald's "A Tan and Sandy Silence" begins at 7 p.m. in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 32737 12 Mile. Copies of "Shine" by Jack Schaefer, now available in paperback or cassette in the library for patrons who wish to join the next discussion group set for March 17. No charge.

### ● GREAT BOOKS

Thursday, March 6: An adult Great Books discussion group meets 8-10 p.m. the first and third Thursdays each month in Carl Sandburg Library, Seven Mile west of Middlebelt, Livonia. March 6 reading is Darwin's "Moral Sense of Man and Lower Animals." March 20 is Shakespeare's "Othello." Other information from Zo Chisnell, 349-3121.

### ● CHAMBER WINDS

Friday, March 7: Detroit Chamber Winds in all-brass-and-winds concert at 8 p.m. in Wallace Smith Theatre, on Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College. Optional pre-concert dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. Concert and dinner-concert tickets available by calling the box office, 471-7700. Group rates are available.

### ● DIFFICULT PEOPLE

Wednesday, March 7: "Dealing With Difficult People," led by Lois Wolfe of Effectiveness Institute, at 7 p.m. in Upper Waterman Campus Center, Schoolcraft College Campus, 18600 Haggerty, Livonia. No charge.

### ● PUPPET SHOWS

Saturday, March 8: "Tales of Peter Rabbit" and "Case of the Easter Villains" staged by the Sneffler Puppets at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. in Livonia Mall, Seven Mile and Middlebelt Road, East. Erny Bunny makes his grand entrance during the 10 a.m. show and stays for visits through March 29.

### ● WOMEN'S DAY

Saturday, March 8: International Women's Day celebrated with international food, entertainment, and speakers 6-9 p.m. in Room 306, J Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College sponsored by Women-Center. No charge.

### ● OPEN HOUSE AND RECEPTION

Sunday, March 9: Nardin Park Community Nursery School Open House 2-4 p.m. followed by a reception for Mada Briggs, who started the school in 1971 and retires at the end of the school year.

### ● AMSTERDAM

Monday, March 10: "Amsterdam" continues winter travel film series at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23550 Liberty Street. No charge.

### ● BLOOD PRESSURE

Monday, March 10: Free blood pressure screening and followups 1-4 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Administration and Education Center, Classroom C, 28050 Grand River.

### ● HEART CARE

Tuesday, March 11: "Heart Care For Life," five-week course in cardiac management begins at 7 p.m. in Botsford Hospital's Education Building, 28050 Grand River. Fee is \$40. Registrations taken by calling the hospital, 471-8090, between 8 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

# At Womencenter

## A celebration with international entertainment, food, speakers

Womencenter celebrates International Women's Day with food made from recipes from all over the world by the center's volunteers, and a program of music and speakers focusing on the conditions of women internationally.

The event is free 6-9 p.m. Saturday, March 8, in Womencenter, 3 Building, Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College.

Farmina Eskandari, a student from Iran, will talk about her life in her native country.

Raji Murthy, a member of Hindu Temple in Troy and a Womencenter volunteer, will talk about her life in India.

And Kathleen Conway, a Detroit journalist who toured China as a guest of the Chinese government, will talk about the condition of women and children in that country.

"I was pregnant while I was there," Conway said, of the time she spent in the country as a delegate to the International Peace Forum. "There is a great deal of interest in the child as the future leader so my pregnancy provoked a lot of talk about mother and child care, birth control, and the whole status of women and children."

"The entire Chinese family structure has undergone so much change in the

past 40 years I'll be talking about that change and its effects on women's health, education and employment," she said.

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day has a special meaning for the staff and volunteers at Womencenter.

"That's what got us started here," said Mary White, who has directed the multifaceted center since its creation in 1972.

"International Women's Day was our first event, sponsored by a group of us, when we weren't a center yet. We had more than 500 people show up for a program, and based on that success we asked the college for space and time to start a center that would just concentrate on the needs and concerns of women," she said.

That first program was inspired by a desire to reclaim the history of American women through a series of workshops reflecting the various experiences of contemporary women, put together by faculty and students.

Womencenter continues with dedication to work for a society free from sexism with a small staff and a great number of volunteers.

INTERNATIONAL Women's Day commemorates a strike by women in New York's garment industry in 1857. The event has been consistently remem-



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bered in Europe and socialist countries but it was forgotten in the U.S. until the resurgence of the women's movement in the '70s.

Womencenter holds to the belief that the struggle of women here for the full exercise of opportunities available in this country is the struggle of the people all over the globe for freedom.

Entertainment for the International Women's Day observance will come from Kathy Carter and Bob O'Brien who play and sing together music from and about Central America.

Child care will be provided by calling Womencenter, 471-7602, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

## Choreographer visits Harbinger

Renowned New York choreographer Dan Waggoner will be in residence at Harbinger's studios on Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College until March 8 to set his work "Round This World, Baby Mine" on the Harbinger Dance Company.

"Round This World, Baby Mine" is a rich slice of Americana, choreographed to the music of such favorites as Scott Joplin and Willie Nelson. Described by

the New York Times as "almost a survey of American country music over the decades," the work has a "spirited hoedown vigor."

"Round This World, Baby Mine" will be premiered in Music Hall Center March 19 and will appear again in Harbinger's program March 21-23.

A native Springfield, W.Va., Waggoner performed with the Martha Graham, Merce Cunningham and Paul Taylor

dance companies before founding Dan Waggoner & Dancers in 1969. Since that time, he has taught master classes, choreographed for a variety of modern dance companies and traveled throughout the United States and Europe with his company.

Waggoner will be rehearsing "Round This World, Baby Mine" with Harbinger's dancers daily between 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m.



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As a result, women can make a wider variety of antibodies to fight infections than can men. This ability is one reason why more women survive each year than men.

The other effect of having more genes is that women are capable of over-reacting to insults to the body, that is, making antibodies when antibodies are not needed. This over response is thought to lead to the development of rheumatoid and lupus arthritis.

Thus nature gives women the opportunity to live longer than men, but with that chance comes the possibility of a more hazardous and difficult life.

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