

## around Farmington

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**WHEN LIFE HURTS**  
Monday, Oct. 5: "When Life Hurts," talk by therapist Margaret Cotter at 7 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty streets. No charge. Program sponsored by Farmington Chapter Older Women's League (OWL).

**CARDS AND LUNCH**  
Tuesday, Oct. 6: Veteran of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary of Post

## 'When Life Hurts' is topic for OWL

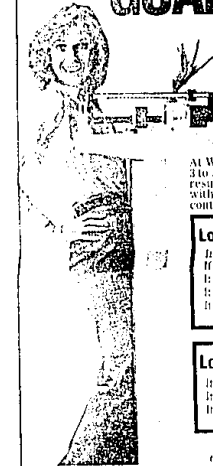


Margaret Cotter

The Farmington Chapter of the Older Women's League (OWL) open its season at 7 p.m. today in the Farmington Branch Library on State and Liberty streets.  
Guest speaker for the evening is Margaret Cotter, a therapist with Farmington Hills Counseling Service. Her topic is "When Life Hurts."  
Cotter will give helpful suggestions on coping with some of life's most devastating crises — the death of a loved one, divorce, physical disability, job loss and the "empty nest" syndrome.  
SHE IS a member of the Fellows of Master and Johnson, National Social Workers Association, American Holistic Association, American Association for Counselors and Develop-

ment and the Phobia Society of America.  
The Farmington Hills resident is known for the educational counseling she has given on Orchard Ridge Campus, Oakland Community College (OCC) and the programs, lectures and workshops she has developed for the college dealing with

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**CHILDREN THE CHALLENGE**  
Tuesday, Oct. 6: "Children the Challenge," 10 week course sponsored by Farmington Youth Assistance (FYA) for parents evening sessions begin. Registration information given by calling FYA, 476-3840.

**INDIAN CORN**  
Wednesday, Oct. 7: Altha Wargelin teaches how to create a door or table decoration from Indian corn in on-session workshop, at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Community Center, 477-8104.

**TELEVISION AND CHILDREN**

Wednesday, Oct. 7: Marilyn Droz of Two Committees for Children's Television will speak at the Larkshire Elementary PTA meeting at 7 p.m. The topic is "Children and Television, What Parents and Teachers Can Do."

**INDIANS OF OUR AREA**  
Thursday, Oct. 8: "Indians of Our Area," program by Helen Gilbert, author and historian, talks about the American Indians who once lived in the Detroit area at 7:30 p.m. in Farmington Branch Library, 23500 Liberty. Program is sponsored by Farmington Friends of the Library in observance of Michigan Sesqui-centennial. No charge, but reservations are requested by calling the library, 474-7770.

**BAUBLES-BANGLES-**

**BEADS**  
Thursday, Oct. 8: "Baubles, Bangles and Beads," two session workshop teaches different techniques of designing, stringing and clasping necklaces, from noon to 2 p.m. in Farmington Community Center. Fee is \$16. Registration information given by calling the center, 477-8404.

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