

Children's Center sets conference

Treatment of families and children in the city will be the theme of Children's Center's biennial spring conference on Wednesday, May 6, in Cathedral of St. Paul, on Woodward in Detroit.

Farmington Hills resident Patricia Harkness, recently elected a vice president of Children's Center board of directors, is chairing the conference.

Theodore A. Lewis Jr., also of Farmington Hills and executive director of the center, will give one of the more than 20 workshops offered during the day. His topic is "Barriers to Effective Management in Human Services Agencies and Some Possible Solutions."

Shirley Tate, director of Office of Children and Youth Services for the Michigan Department of Social Services, will deliver the opening address.

"Economic Impact on Service Delivery to Children," Moderator for the luncheon panel on "After Hours Mental Health" will be Samuel Davies, executive director of Michigan Association for Emotionally Disturbed Children.

Conference-goers will have a choice of 11 morning workshops and 12 in the afternoon.

The Children's Center, the oldest and largest community-based provider of mental health services for children in Michigan, has its headquarters on Alexandrine East in the Medical Center. It also operates out of five satellite locations, including one group home, in Detroit.

Registration inquiries will be taken by calling Children's Center, 831-5535.

One woman theater to emote for NCJW

"Freud Never Said it was Easy," a one-woman theatrical performance by Muriel Bach, will occupy center stage for the National Council of Jewish Women on May 5.

The occasion is the annual installation luncheon slated to begin at 11:30 a.m. at Congregation Shaarey Zedek in Southfield.

The actress-author will recreate scenes in the lives of six distinctly different women who tried to fulfill Freud's prescription for a healthy human being: love and work.

Ms. Bach will bring to the audience moments in the lives of Agatha Christie, master of the detective story; Clara Schumann, concert pianist and wife of composer Robert Schumann; Colette, famed French novelist; Emma Goldman, union organizer; Lillian Gilbreth, mother of 12 and renowned efficiency expert; and Golda Meir, Israel's only woman Prime Minister and premier grandmother.

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Basketry class opens

Scott Smith will be guiding beginning students in the ancient art of basketry in Farmington Community Center beginning Friday, May 1.

The class will complete two large decorative baskets as it learns this heritage craft. The apple and Indian style basket will be studied.

Smith is responsible for the development of the 19th Century Basket Shop at Greenfield Village.

His five-session course will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on consecutive Fridays. Fee is \$20 plus materials.

Registration information is available by calling the center at 477-8404.

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Michelangelo documentary to be shown

The award-winning color film, "The Secret of Michelangelo: Every Man's Dream," will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 29, in Farmington Branch Library. The 51-minute documentary was directed by Milton Fruchtman and narrated by Christopher Plummer.

The ceiling of the Sistine Chapel,

completed more than 450 years ago by Michelangelo and termed by most experts in the field as the greatest of all Renaissance masterpieces, was until this film, accessible to the public only from the floor of the chapel itself, 64 feet below.

When producer-director Fruchtman received the sole permission the Vati-

can has ever granted to hoist cameras to the ceiling, he became the first person to come within finger-touching distance of the fresco since Michelangelo completed his work.

The film unveils details which had escaped scholars for 450 years, including sketch lines of figures left unpaired, the transparency of a veil.

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