

Winter ready

Young Seth, a 4-month-old beagle-mix is ready for that winter stroll, but has no one to take the other end of the leash. Seth, presently quartered at the Michigan Humane Society branch at 1329 South Woodward in Birmingham, is friendly, playful, and awaiting a warm and loving home. He can be contacted at 616-5099.

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Farm prices fall as food tab rises

Many farm prices dropped last year, some substantially. But retail food prices paid by consumers have continued to rise.

How can this be? According to Thomas Pierson, Milchigan State University Extension agricultural economics of the prices of the prices of the prices and the prices decided. In 1977, U.S. consumers spent about 241 billion on food and beverages for consumption at home and away from home. Of this, 1800 billion was for U.S. farm-produced foods. The rest was for alcoholic beverages, fish, other non-farm foods; and imports including coffee, tea, ecoa and sugar.

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Major costs in the food marketing bill. PS8 billion-exceeded the farm value of agricultural commodities for the first time. Pierson points out that bourly wages in food marketing than exceed by about 45 per cent since 1972. They are excepted to rise another seven to eight per cent in 1978.

Packaging costs, which make up 15 per cent of the 1977 marketing bill 1918 lillion have respected to rise another seven to eight per cent in 1978.

Packaging cost for raw materials and

expanded uses for many items, especially petroleum-based plastic packaging. Packaging costs are expected to continue to rise by about seven per cent per year through 1980.

Transportation costs have also gone up. Since 1972, the cost of inter-city ruck and rail transportation has risen by 67 per cent, and it is expected to increase in 1978 by another six to seven per cent. In 1978 by another six to seven per cent. In 1977. Slo billion increase in 1978 by another six to seven per cent. In 1977. Though taxes have risen more than 78 per cent since 1972, they are not expected in 1976 as a six of the si

The Arab-streeli conflict, why it is so intractable, and why so difficult to resolve, forms the focus of "Problems in International Politics," a Diviersity of Michigan graduate credit course beginning Jan 19 in Detroit.

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