Women work for varied reasons

Women in black families and white families are almost equally likely work, a University of Michigan study shows, but the circumstances which cousethern town kern equilibrium of the cousethern town kern equile different. In black families, the wife's education is the strongest influencing factor," U-M social work Prof. Joyce O. Beckett reports. "The higher her educational level, the more likely she is to be employed. The higher her educational level, the more likely she is to be completed where the stronger of the professional level, the more likely she is to be family the less likely the good of the children, in general the more and age of their children, in general the more worked outside the home, especially if one child was a preschooler. "Economic need, often cited as the primary factor motivating a wife to work, ranked second for white women and only sixth for black women." Economic need, often cited as the primary factor motivating a wife to work, ranked second for white women and only sixth for black women. "Economic need, often cited as the primary factor motivating a wife to work, ranked second for white women and only sixth for black women." Economic need, often cited as the primary factor motivating a wife to work, ranked second for white women and only sixth for black women. "Economic need, often cited as the primary from the primar

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Family variables proved the most influential factors for both races in determining whether wives entered the labor force. Ms. Beckett says. Educational level was the strongest predictor for blacks and third strongest for whites: the higher the woman's degree level, the more likely she worked.

Number and age of children was the most influential factor for white women and third highest for blacks. "The cost and availability of child care are very important considerations in a wife's

care."
In general, the higher the family's economic level, the less likely the wife worked, the U-M researcher found. While economic needs ranked second in importance for whites and sixth for blacks, the data for both races suggest that wives were more likely to work if their employment might move the families across the poverty level or into middle class status.

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"THE HUSBAND'S occupation proved the second highest predictor in black families in influencing whether the wife would work." Ms. Beckett reports. "The husband's occupation was expected to reflect his attitude about his wife semployment.

"For white wives, unexpectedly, the higher the husband's occupational level, the more likely the wife worked. Wives of professionals had an employment rate 21 points higher than wives of farmers.

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Black wives were the group most affected by the county's unemployment rate: the higher it rose, the less likely they worked.

Other studies have shown that in periods of economic decline, black women's overall employment decreases while that of white women increases, like Pecket tomlines, Black increases, like Secket tomlines, Black

decreases while that of white women increases. Ms Beckett continues. Black women already employed kept their jobs, but fewer entered the market. Increased unemployment caused no reduction in the bring of white women. "These findings suggest that in times of econonic recession, employers are more selective. To the extent that they discriminate they tend to discriminate against black wives." Ms. Beckett notes.

The racial differences in factor important implications for policy makers, Beckett contends. "For example, since high memployment has been shown to cause a marked decline in the hiring of black women, the government might promote affirmative action by placing higher priority on programs to reduce unemployment.

The fashion plate

Tennis garb flashes for 'Slims' spotlight

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When the Virginia Silirs of Detroit tennis matches are played at Coob Hall Feb. 2-26, sparkling tennis drasses are what you will see in play.
Worn in the arena by such top contenders as Martina Navratilova, silite Jean King and Virginia Navratilova, silite Jean King and Virginia Maria, they are designed to be seen from the bleacher seats. Ted Trilling, who has gained international imame for "creating a litestyle for women who play spents around the world." Is the designer.

Talling, couldurfer to the tennis world and official Talling, could with the surface of the size of

recently showed his 11th collection of temis dresses for the stars of the 1378 Virgina Slims Fernis Circuit in Detroit.

Worried lest sone women, aspiring to be tennis title winners, might confuse his show bit designs with what is appropriate tennis court wear, Tinding hastened to say "these designs are not meant to be worned to hackers doublead sam."

Spangles, sequins and rhinestones have become an important part of the sport of tennis since it emerged from seasonal lawn play into year-round indoor tennis courts. The emergence of a whole new tennis economy and the tournaments are big business. Hence the Hollywood gilter approach, he explained. "TENNIS HAS GONE from a sport to a spectacle," he sald. "When these designs are for this specialized area of tennis, ourly." Talling's own tennis tourney appearance is purposely designed to look "freaky." in direct contrast to the usual corporate image he assumes. He's "name designer" to the American Philip Morris tobacco conglomerate, manufacturers of, among others, the Virginia Slims cigarettes, which may be a consumed the special contrast to the result of the contrast to the result of the proper of the special propose of the special

chose Philadelphia as his new home, strongly believes that a spectator sport requires dramatic and glamonus communication. Inharmony within stature of 6-5, Thiling reached king-size in tennis fashions through a series of glamonia straiges. The first to wear a Thiling tennis creation was French stars Suzame Langles. In her comebox to championship territs, she wore a dress over the 'new' shorts of her day. MAUREEN "LITTLEMO" Connolly of the United States was first to win a Wimbledon championship while wearing Thiling fashions. For teenage Maureen, Thiling created tennis dress embroidered white-on-witte with kittens, poodles or baterflies.

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Some of the outlits for the upcoming competition are lush with utilits blue and silver brocade and lame—for what Twining calls "the theatrics of night-time termis."



Volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, a program of the Volunteer Action Center of United Community Services has weekly listings of agendes needing whereas. Further information about these and over 200 agencies needing volunteers are vice may be obtained from the volunteer bureau, \$42.772.

MALE SWIMMING AIDES —The Royal Oak YMCA is looking for menover 18to work in the swim program for mentally-impaired children, aged 5:12. Volunteers can help either in locker room or in the pool or both. Time commitment would be 9:11 a.m. Mondays.

HOSPITAL AIDES—Volunteers interested in any phase of hospital work are needed by \$1. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Potitac. Openings are available in such areas as obsetrice, intensive care unit, gift cart, mail distribution and bookmobile.

COMPANIONS —The Men Companionship Program in Southfield needs men to serve as companions for substance abuse patients. The program involves meeting weekly with the client, planning social activities to encourage a friendly to work with people and an ability to organize and operate. the employment service project are recessary for the volunteer interest edin this job with the 50th District Cart in Portiac. The aim of the project is to provide employment service project are recessary for the volunteer interest edin this job with the 50th District Cart in Portiac. The aim of the project is to provide employment agencies, providing follow-up contact with employers; coordinating job developers and performing administrative tasks necessary to evaluate and operate the program. Training is provided. Commitment is for attest for hours a week.

Folkdance club sets schedule

Members of the Detroit Folkdance Qub will be able to kick up their heels on two evenings this month in Brookside School of Cranbrook Academy in Bloomfield Hills.

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A regular session will be held at 8 p.m.
Friday. It will include lessons and request dancing. Admission price is \$1.
Admission is \$1.25 for party night which will start at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb.
24. The school is at the northeast corner of Lone Pine and Cranbrook.

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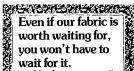
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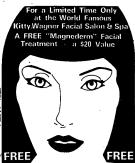


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