

# Religion



## Visitor from Southfield

Rickey the clown, under whose clothes is Irvin Romig of Southfield, tries a little musical humor on Anthony Martin of Livonia, a resident of the Middle Belt Nursing Center, Livonia, which recently held a circus day. At the left of Mr. Martin is L.P.N. Carolyn Jacques of Livonia, at his right is Jane Caldwell, a nurse's aide of Westland. (Staff photo by Art Emanuel)

## Moral perspectives

# Let's have more news of life

When the hurricane hit Long Island I went to bed concerned about the kind of night some friends would have. I didn't fear for their survival but wanted to feel some sharing in their trauma.

For hours in the morning I searched the radio dial and heard reports of one death. Only at noon did I get a first and brief report of what the experience was like for those in it.

For days after the Peking earthquake newscasters complained "Chinese officials admit there were some casualties but won't say how many." Why would "admit" make it sound as if China was charged with a misdeed?

MAYBE OUR PASSION for death statistics is a reason our newsmen do not get information. Concern for human interest in people coping with tragedy might give us access now denied us. For years our major news about Vietnam was a "body count." Then and now we know almost nothing of what is happening in life.

We are so concerned with "the bottom line" that our news is filled with accidents, violent crime, death, and statistics. I have no interest in reading the police station blotter, so why do reporters think that is what we want them to do for us?

THE NEWS, popular shows in theaters and on TV, and wide pressure for capital punishment laws all say the same thing: violence and revenge create a social climate whose basic moral value is destruction.

I object to news which includes winning lottery numbers, to sports news including gambling results at race tracks with no concern for sporting performance and to hourly reports on stock market trends.

Every person I have asked who is involved in any of these financial matters gets no help from news reports (he must be at a place to respond or it simply doesn't make any difference).

PEOPLE HAVE ALWAYS gambled and it seems the majority of us do. It is logical that the state rather than a crime syndicate should get a percentage. But what are we doing to the values of our society?

Gambling encourages an attitude of getting something for nothing. If we were such a society, we should quit complaining about increasing prices and decreasing quality as industry is prepared to pay more money for less work and give us poorer products for higher prices.

Gambling continues because many are willing to be exploited to accumulate a pot for a few to win.

Stock market and labor "news" show industry manipulating workers and investors into dehumanizing helplessness.

THIS IS A MINORITY complaint in a summer "throw away" column. Few will agree and fewer will do anything about the perspective written here. But being civilized depends on awareness of the social climate created by values we want focused in news and laws.

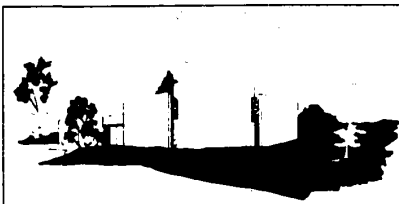
Obsession with violence and death can be displaced by active interest in experience's highlighting dignity.

Explosive and manipulative financial customs can be changed into concern for fairness.

The popularity of ecology can help us look at the whole society being created by values fostered in news, laws, and specific behavior.



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Sunday, August 22nd at 2:00 p.m.

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851-5350

## Medical ethics, death topics for OLS courses

The mystery of death and medical ethics will comprise two new courses this fall at St. Mary's College, Orchard Lake.

"Issues in Medical Ethics" will run every Thursday 7:30-9 p.m. starting Sept. 1 at the College, Orchard Lake and Commerce Roads in West Bloomfield Township northwest of Detroit.

Death and Dying in the 70's will be offered every Thursday 8:30 p.m. for six weeks beginning Sept. 11.

For registration information, contact the

College's director of continuing education, 882-1885.

The Rev. Anthony Kneak and Carl L. Middleton, Jr., both faculty members of St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary also at Orchard Lake, will teach the medical ethics course. Middleton will handle the other course himself.

Fr. Kneak, dean of the seminary, is a nationally renowned theologian who is a member of numerous local and national theological commissions.

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Information  
Please Call  
644-1100 Ext. 224

## Your Invitation to Worship

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### First Baptist Church

Bates and Willis, Birmingham, Mich.  
Robert C. Middleton, Minister  
David W. Starks,  
Glen H. Asquith Jr.  
Homer J. Armstrong, Emeritus

Church School  
9:00 A.M.  
Worship Service  
10:00 A.M.

### Franklin Community Church

United Methodist  
on Franklin's Village Green  
SUMMER SCHEDULE

Service of Worship 10 A.M.  
Nursery Care

Senior Minister, Frank B. Cowick  
Associate Minister, J. Chester Stubbs

### St. John American Lutheran Church

23225 Gail Road Farmington  
Pastor Charles Fox 474-0044 or 474-1175

Worship Service 9:00 A.M.  
Nursery Provided

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church

15400 Eight Mile Road Farmington Hills  
Elmo M. Tuori, Pastor 474-2579

WORSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 A.M.

### Salem United Church of Christ

Oakland at Gd. River Farmington  
Worship Service at 9:00 a.m.  
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Pastor: Rev. H. H. H. H.

### Beverly Hills United Methodist Church

24400 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen 640-9777  
Worship 10:00 a.m.  
Church School 10:00 a.m.  
Nursery through High School  
Ministry: William Verbo

### St. James Episcopal Church

355 W. Maple Birmingham

SUMMER SCHEDULE  
SUNDAYS  
9:00 A.M. Holy Communion  
10:00 A.M. Morning Prayer  
(H.C. 1st Sunday of Month)  
WEDNESDAYS  
7:00 and 10:00 A.M. Holy Communion

### St. Andrew Lutheran Church

LCA  
6255 Telegraph Road  
Birmingham North of Maple

WORSHIP SERVICE  
Sunday: Church School  
10:30 A.M.  
Thursday: Church School  
1:15 P.M.  
Charles William Richter 646-5207

### St. Michael's Orthodox Church

25355 W. Chalmers Rd.  
Birmingham 157-2125 42325

Rev. Michael E. Barnes, Pastor  
Divine Liturgy - Sundays 10:00 A.M.  
Divine Liturgy - Holidays 10:00 A.M.  
Saturday Vespers 6:00 P.M.  
Sunday School - Sunday 9:45 A.M.  
Come and worship with us!

### Community Congregational Church

27800 Southfield Road  
4711 MacLathrop Village  
Jackson E. Turner, Minister

10:00 A.M. Service  
"Religion for Grownups"

### Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church

5631 North Adams Road  
1/2 Mile North of E. Long Lake Rd.  
SUNDAY  
9:00 A.M. Family Worship Service  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School

MONDAY  
9:00 P.M. Worship Service  
Fred W. MacLean, Pastor  
Diane F. Schuler, Pastor  
MI 47411 MI 47411

### University Hills Church

Christian Reformed  
Worship with Us at  
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
26711 Farmington Rd. at I-696  
472-1240 472-1140 474-0131

### FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST

On Middlebelt Road Between 12 & 13 Mile Rds.  
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Bible School 9:45 a.m.  
Family Night - Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Fred G. Ferris - Pastor 851-4310  
A CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

### Bloomfield Hills Christian Church

The Community House  
380 South Bates, Birmingham  
Sundays 10:00 A.M. Bible School  
11:00 A.M. Worship  
7:00 P.M. Praise Service  
Wednesdays 7:15 P.M. Bible Study  
Joseph P. Lukowski, Pastor  
851-8516

### FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH

26325 Halstead Road Farmington Hills  
474-9709  
Raymond H. Tuiki, Minister 474-8554

SUMMER SCHEDULE  
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.  
Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

### Kirk in the Hills

1340 W. Long Lake Rd.  
Dr. James P. Anderson, pastor  
Guest Minister  
Rev. Ross H. Goeck  
Assistant Pastor, Kirk in the Hills  
"Being Free"  
Worship Service, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

### NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 Mile and Lahar Roads  
SUMMER SCHEDULE  
Morning Worship and  
Church School 10:00 A.M.  
Phone: 612-0200

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

1589 West Maple at Pleasant  
Ministers: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans  
John H. Bunce, Thomas H. Beaven  
Worship Service 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.  
Church School 10:00 A.M.  
Nursery Care provided

### Christ Church Cranbrook

Cranbrook at Lower Pine Roads  
Farmington Hills  
7:45 a.m. Holy Communion  
(St. Chrysostom's Chapel)  
9:30-9:45 a.m. Sunday Brunch  
10:00 a.m. Morning Prayer and  
Sermon  
(Holy Communion and Service, 1st Sunday)  
(Church and Church School through 8th grade)  
Wednesday, 7 a.m.: Holy Communion  
Phone: 811-3210

### The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.

Woodward at Cranbrook  
Bloomfield Hills MI 47451  
SUMMER HOURS  
Worship Service 9:30 A.M.  
Minister: Rev. Charles O. Erickson  
Minister of Education:  
Rev. Verne E. Arens, Jr.

### Christian Science Churches

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST  
BIRMINGHAM  
191 Chester at Wilks  
SUNDAY SERVICES  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING  
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
READING ROOM - 10:15 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
Open Mon. & Tues. 10:15 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.  
Oakland Lake Rd. at Lower Pine Rd.  
Open Mon., Tues., Wed., Sat. 10:00-1:30 Thurs. & Fri. 10:00-9:00  
All are welcome at our Church Services and the Reading Rooms

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON

Richard Duncan, Pastor - Phone 474-0350

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 a.m.  
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 8:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00 p.m.

### FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

1669 WEST MAPLE AT CHESTERFIELD (611-2010)  
BIRMINGHAM  
The Reverend F. Morgan Roberts, Pastor  
Associates: Charles A. Sommers, Edward E. Craxton,  
Gerald S. Crawford

SUMMER SCHEDULE  
Worship and Church School  
10:00 A.M.

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