

Rev. Lloyd Buss

Trying to calculate dollar worth for human life is a disquieting experience

One family has already filed suit for \$70 million in the death of their two daughters and three grandchildren in the recent air crash at New Orleans. There are reports that other suits will be filed, and the total indemnification sought will total billions of dollars.

Several days before that tragic air crash, lawyers for Brandel Farms of Michigan were arguing before a federal court that migrant workers are not employees but independent contractors, and thus exempt from employee coverage under the Social Security tax provisions. Independent contractor status would also exempt employers from meeting child labor provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act.

What is the worth of human life? It is worth the millions of dollars that one family has calculated? Or are the hundreds of dollars Brandel Farms want to save on Social Security taxes and working conditions a more realistic estimate of worth?

TRYING TO CALCULATE dollar worth for human life is a disquieting experience. What are the criteria used for computations? Is it the potential never realized? The estimate of value already received? Is it based on the relationship of love or the productivity of an economic unit?

Many will agree with having the courts decide. The measured arguments of defense and plaintiff lawyers and the counseled wisdom of judge

and/or jury are usually regarded as the most reliable source of judgement in this matter. The process of the judicial system is an additional promise of integrity.

Part of our uniqueness as a country is the moral quality we ascribe to legal decisions. There is a willingness to accept its judgment about our public life. Part of our present dilemma is our failure to ascribe human worth without the legal coercion. We are more familiar with equations of cost and profits. Whatever costs less and increases profit it is more instructive to the value of human life than a general principle of morality.

WE HAVE BEEN fairly successful as a nation in harnessing the motive of self-interest to the common good. We know a great deal about shaping human values. But we have a long way to go. Preaching from America's pulpits regarding social responsibility and the high worth of human life is not as effective as lawsuits involving massive amounts of money. Money is still the single most important item in establishing our practices of life.

Defects abound in our commonly used process for redress. As long as the incentive for the common good is tracked along for a course measured by money, there will be abuses abundant. Making money or saving money will have to be given the regard that rises above dollars and cents.

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A. Jolayne Farrell

Vision changes associated with stroke are a sudden fading or loss of vision

Dear Jo: My husband (age 67) has been having some problems with double vision lately. He refuses to see a doctor; he says he just needs to have his glasses changed. I am worried about him because his sister has had a stroke and this condition runs in his family. He isn't having any other problems at his time. Perhaps I am concerned for no reason. Is double vision at his age a sign of a stroke?

Alma C.

Double vision in a man of your husband's age and with a family history of stroke could quite likely be a sign of a stroke. Most people do not connect changes in vision with stroke. Other vision changes associated with stroke are a sudden fading or loss of vision in one or both eyes.

I would suggest that your husband see a doctor at once.

Other signs of stroke are:

- Weakness: A sudden weakness or numbness in the face, leg or arm.
- Speech: Temporary difficulty with, or loss of speech. Also, trouble in understanding others.
- Headaches: Any change in pattern of headaches.

Mrs. E.K.

volunteers

The Oakland County Volunteer Bureau has weekly listings of volunteer opportunities. Further information about these and other volunteer needs at over 200 agencies may be obtained by calling the bureau at 642-7272. Any non-profit organization needing volunteer assistance may call the bureau.

TELEPHONE WORKERS — Good listening skills are important to this volunteer position. Contact Life Line of Detroit needs empathetic

volunteers to listen to people who have problems and if indicated make referrals to social agencies. All work is done over the phone in four-hour shifts. Phone 642-7272 for further information.

COMMON GROUND — People 18 years and older can help the agency provide information and referral services or crisis intervention. Extensive training is provided. Day or evening assignments are available. One five-hour shift per week for one year is requested.

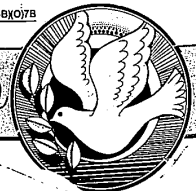
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Benefit in Pontiac Saturday

An evening of live entertainment, door prizes, awards, an auction, cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be held at 7 p.m. Saturday at the David Belisle Post 1008 of the VFW, 1630 Airport, Pontiac, to benefit the Southeastern Michigan chapter of the United Scleroderma Foundation.

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6:30 p.m.: EVENING SERVICE
WEDNESDAY EVENING
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COMMUNION SUNDAY, AUGUST 1st 11:00 AM -
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526-3620
MORNING WORSHIP
10 AM
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26275 Northwestern Highway near Lahser
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WORSHIP SERVICE AND
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Minister:
Robert H. Boyte
644-0512

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14 Mile and Lahser Roads
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Pastor: Rev. T. Richard Marz
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SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 AM
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9:30 am and 11:30 am
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Ministers Robert P. Ward • Douglas W. Vernon
• Evans C. Bentley
WORSHIP SERVICES
8:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Nursery Care 8:30 AM
Church School Classes
Crib-Senior High: 10 AM
Weekday Eucharists
Tuesday 10:00 am
Wednesday 7:00 am

CHRIST CHURCH CRANBROOK
Episcopal
Lone Pine at Cranbrook
8:00 AM
Holy Eucharist
10:00 AM
Holy Eucharist and Sermon
(Morning Prayer
2nd and 4th Sundays)
Weekday Eucharists
Tuesday 10:00 am
Wednesday 7:00 am

SAINT ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
16360 Hubbard Road
Livonia, Michigan 48154
421-4451
Wednesday 9:30 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
Saturday 5:00 p.m. - Holy Eucharist
Sunday 7:45 AM Holy Eucharist
9:00 a.m. - Christian Education for all ages
10:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist
Sunday Morning - Nursery Care Available
The Rev. Kenneth E. Davis The Rev. Edward A. King

UNIVERSITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
1385 S. Adams • Rochester
375-0400
Pastors: David S. Blackshear,
Richard W. Todd &
Judy Mitchell Todd
WORSHIP: 10 AM
Nursery Provided
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HOPE LUTHERAN
39200 W. 12 Mile Road
Farmington Hills
WORSHIP: 9:30 AM
V.M. Mastering
Pastor
Association of Christ
Lutheran Church
16935 W. 14 Mile Road
Birmingham
SUNDAY WORSHIP
9:15 AM
644-8880
Morning Worship 10:30 AM

St. Paul's Lutheran
Missouri Synod
20805 Middlebelt at 14 Mile
Farmington Hills - 474-0875
The Rev. Ralph E. Unger, Pastor
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 8:30 & 11 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL AND ADULT
BIBLE CLASSES: 10 AM
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL
Grades K-8
Wayne C. Berkus, Principal
474-2488

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
33112 Grand Ave.
Farmington 474-6273
WORSHIP: 10 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM
Nursery Provided
Minister: Charles H. Beynon

WARD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LIVONIA
Farmington and Six Mile Roads
422-1150
HOLY COMMUNION
Worship & Sunday School: 8:30, 10:00 and 11:30 a.m.
"GOOD NEWS IN BAD TIMES"
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess
7:00 PM
Report from Summer Mission Trips
Music by the King's Brass
Wednesday 7:30 PM: HOUR OF POWER • Bible Studies
on Elijah
Dr. Bartlett L. Hess • Activities for All Ages
Air-Conditioned Sanctuary
Nursery Provided at All Services

ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
165 E. Square Lake Road
Bloomfield Hills
12 blocks east of Woodward
WORSHIP SERVICE: 10 AM
No Church School
for Summer Months
Nursery Provided
Dr. David Truett, Pastor

ST. JOHN LUTHERAN
ALC
23225 Gail Road, Farmington
3344 W. of Farmington Rd.
3 blocks S. of Grand River
474-0884
WORSHIP 9:30 AM

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF BIRMINGHAM
1689 West Maple Road
Ministers:
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D. William McIvor
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Gerald S. Crawford
Morning Worship and Church School
10:00 A.M. Nursery Provided

Bloomfield Hills Christian Church
Roma's of Bloomfield
2101 S. Telegraph
Bloomfield Township
WORSHIP: 9:30 AM
PRAISE SERVICE: 6 PM
BIBLE STUDY:
7 PM WEDNESDAY
645-1202

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Michael A. Hallen
Associate Pastor
Mary Miller-Vikander
Minister to Youth
David A. Rose
35415 W. 14 Mile Road
at Drake
661-9191

ST. ANDREW LUTHERAN CHURCH, L.C.A.
6255 Telegraph-Road at Maple
BIRMINGHAM
9:15 Sunday Church School
10:30 Sunday Worship
The Rev. C.W. Richter, Pastor
646-5207-646-6119

BEVERLY HILLS UNITED METHODIST
20000 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen
648-8777
WORSHIP: 10 AM
CHURCH SCHOOL: 10 AM
(Nursery thru High School)
Minister: John W. Bray

CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST
20000 Middlebelt, Livonia
Pastor Gerald Fisher 474-3444
8:45 am First Worship Service
10:00 am Free Church School
11:15 am Second Worship Service
Nursery Provided at All Services

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Grace Evangelical
New Meeting in The
Birmingham Community House
345 S. Erie
9:30 am: Sunday School for All Ages
10:30 am: Worship Service
Pastor: Rex Marshall
344-0185-Nursery Provided

SALVATION ARMY
27601 Shawnee
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SUNDAY SCHEDULE
SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10 AM
Morning Worship: 11 AM
Evening Worship: 7 PM
Emory John Crumpton

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On Franklin's Village Green
626-6600
SUMMER SCHEDULE
Worship 10 AM
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Celebration of Praise 6:30 PM
Wed. Adult Prayer & Praise-Youth Service 7:30 PM
A Charismatic Church where people of many denominations worship together!
Thomas E. Frank, Pastor

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Robert C. Medson
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10:00 AM
10:30 AM
644-0550

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Bloomfield Hills
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10 AM
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