# Rise in Health Insurance Rates Is the Lowest in Recent Years

Premiums of carriers participating in the Federal Employee Group Health Benefits program will rise an average of 4.2 percent in 1985, according to an announcement by the Office of Personnel Management. The average increase is the lowest in six years, with some premiums dropping and others increasing slightly. Benefit changes will be minor, according to OPM.

Open season, the period during which employees and retirees may switch plans, is scheduled to begin Nov. 5 and last five weeks this year. Health benefits coordinator Jo Ann Ing of the Directorate of Civilian Personnel said a health fair would be held again this year, with representatives of FEHB car-

riers present to give employees an opportunity to get answers to questions about the various plans. The fair is scheduled for Nov. 14 at Second Street in training room 1B of Building 36 and Nov. 15 at South Broadway in conference room #1 of Building 8900-4. Hours will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. both days.

Prior to open season, employees will receive a plan comparison chart that summarizes the benefits of each plan and compares premium rates.

A table on page 2 lists biweekly premiums for 1985 of plans available to employees and the amount of increase or decrease over current rates. Note that some carriers are offering a low option for the first time.

## Personnel Assignments Announced

The Executive Resources Board in a meeting September 18 approved the following personnel actions:

Reassign Larry Stratton, GM-13, PPMA to the supervisory GM-13 position in the PPMA/ADP CA Study Group.

Reassign Leland Graves, Jr., GM-13, GDGM, to a GM-13 position in PPMA/ADP CA Study Group.

Reassign Tommy L. Mullins, GM-13, SDCS, to the GM-13 position in PPMA vice Stratton on a temporary, may lead to permanent basis.

Reassign Andrew Jackson, GM-

Reassign William McFain, GM-13, ADT to the GM-13 AIS position in PRF vice Flaherty.

In other personnel actions, the Director of the Defense Mapping Agency has approved the selection of Lee Sturm, AC/PP, for the position of cartographer (photogrammetrist) in the Aerospace Division, Programs, Production and Operations Directorate, at Headquarters DMA.

The Director of Civilian Personnel announced two moves within his directorate—Thomas Fles, GM-13, POX, moves to the

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## DoD To Honor Banner, Eight Others As Handicapped Employees of Year

"Make me sound good," Donna S. Banner joked as she was being interviewed regarding her selection as one of nine nominees from the Department of Defense for the Federal Handicapped Employee of the Year Award.

A computer clerk in the Scientific Data Department Scientific Computer Division, Banner and her husband Michael will fly to Washington Tuesday to attend a ceremony and luncheon at the Pentagon honoring the DoD nominees. She is the Defense Mapping Agency Handicapped Employee of the Year.

Among those planning to attend the ceremony are Aerospace Center Director Col. Byron S. Fitzgerald, USAF; Technical Director Paul L. Peeler Jr.; Scientific Data Department Chief William J. Brown; Julius A. Bugnitz, chief of the Scientific Computer Division (SDC); Robert N. Jager, SDC branch chief; and Marcelee S. Jackson, chief of the Data Services Section (SDCOE) to which Banner is assigned.

The ceremony coincides with National Employ the Handicapped



and to focus attention on employment opportunities for disabled individuals in the federal service

A quadraplegic, Banner was paralyzed in an automobile accident in 1976, the year after her



Employ the Handicapped Week Oct. 7-13

graduation from Hillcrest High

disability is such that she is totally without control of movement capability in her fingers. In fact, her total manual capability consists of her arms and "balled" fists. The physical requirements of her position, on the other hand, are almost entirely manual. They involve the receipt and handling of computer input card decks (50-100 per hour) and date-stamping them, the receipt of magnetic tapes (approximately 15 per hour) and writing their identification on a log sheet, and answering the telephone. With the exception of the use of a special device to hold a pen/pencil, Mrs. Banner accomplishes these tasks, including writing very legibly in the log. without strictly external assistance, using only her personal resources."

Despite her disability, Banner helped to create "a smooth work flow" during a changeover to a new data services input/output accountability system involving users in several departments. Noting the "immense respect" she has earned from users, officials said that "because of Mrs. Ban-

supervisory cartographer position in SDD vice Robinson.

Reassign Livingstone Sykes, III, GM-13, SDT, to the GM-13 cartographer position in PPMA vice Jackson.

Reassign John Flaherty, GM-13, PRF, to the GM-13 supervisory AIS position in ADDP vice Capelton.

Reassign Jimmie Capelton, GM-13, ADDP, to the GM-13 supervisory AIS position in ADT vice McFain.

(POW) vice Richard Lininger, Jr. Lininger will move to the position vacated by Fles as chief of the Employee Relations Division (POX).

correction: Suzanne Oxley has been assigned as lead budget analyst in the Program/Budget Division (CMP). Thomas W. Block remains as chief of CMP.

## Senior Revue To Entertain ACS

The Aerospace Charting Seniors fourth annual meeting will be held Oct. 24 at the Flaming Pit Banquet Center, 355 Brookes Drive (Lindbergh and I-270, near Village Square) in Hazelwood. Festivities will begin at 11:30 a.m. with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. A luscious buffet (roast beef, fried chicken, salad, mostoccioli, slaw, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, corn, coffee, tea and dessert) will be served at 12:30.

Mail your reservations to ACS, Box 31193, St. Louis, MO 63131 and enclose a check for \$11.50 per person. You can also make Cabin on Dec. 12.

reservations by calling June Moran at 231-4547 or E. Spaulding, 521-6567.

The Razzle Dazzle Revue will entertain. This is a talented group of seniors who sing and dance. The M.C. is a baggy pants comedian. We believe this will be a very enjoyable show.

New officers will be installed. They will serve for two years. To reach the Banquet Center take Lindbergh to Utz Lane and turn right onto Brookes Drive. The next luncheon will be held at Grant's Cabin on Dec. 12.

## Astronomer To Address ION Wed.

Charles "Chip" Capen, retired astronomer, will give a slideillustrated talk on how the science of color is used to reveal physical properties of comets at the Oct. 10 meeting of the Institute of Navigation.

Capen pioneered in obtaining color pictures of comets and planets. Many of his pictures have appeared in encyclopedias and science journals.

The meeting will be held at the Heritage House, Lindbergh and Watson. Cash bar at 6 p.m., buffet dinner at 7, and speaker at 8. Price is \$8. For tickets, contact B. Bradford/8420, R. Smith/8383, F. Arrington/8270, E. Connelly/8300 or J. Kretsch/4044.

The purpose of the ceremony is to recognize individual achievements of disabled employees, to increase awareness of their contributions, standards for her position, de supervisors report.

"Mrs. Banner's physical

demeanor under pressure, the changeover proceeded extremely Continued on page 2.

# **DMA Deputy Director Appointed**

Brig. Gen. David M. Goodrich, USAF, has been appointed deputy director of the Defense Mapping Agency, relieving Brig. Gen. William B. Webb, USAF, who has been reassigned to SHAPE as deputy assistant chief of staff for intelligence.

General Goodrich comes to DMA from duty as deputy director for Operations at the National Military Command Center in Wasington, D.C.

Born in San Antonio, General Goodrich attended the Air Force Academy, graduating in 1959. After earning his pilot wings in 1960, he flew F-100s in Southeast Asia and served as a forward air controller, piloting light observation aircraft for ground troops in Vietnam.

In 1963-64 he served as aide-decamp to the chief, U.S. Air Force section, of the Military Assistance Advisory Group in Vietnam. At the same time he flew fighter aircraft and served as an advisor to the Vietnamese Air Force's 716th Tactical Fighter Squadron. In 1965-66, he flew F-4Cs from Thailand as a member of the initial cadre of the 555th "Triple Nickel" Tactical Fighter Squadron.

With a master's degree in Soviet affairs from the University of California at Los Angeles, General Goodrich later served as a political science professor and pilot in-



DMA's new deputy director, Brig. Gen. David M. Goodrich (right) is briefed by the oulgoing deputy director, Brig. Gen. William B. Webb.

structor at the Air Force Academy

General Goodrich has served in the Plans Directorate at Headquarters Air Force and as a political-military affairs action officer with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He served as a JCS member of a U.S. team in Vienna that negotiated with Warsaw Pact representatives on mutual balanced force reductions. He was also JCS representative to the National Security Council for arms control matters.

Later, General Goodrich served as chief of maintenance, deputy commander of logistics, and then deputy commander of operations of the 355th Tactical Fighter Wing in Arizona, He was assigned to SHAPE in Belgium as assistant for tactical air matters to Gen. Alexander M. Haig Jr. and became vice commander and later commander of the 86th Tactical Fighter Wing, Ramstein AB, Germany. As commander of the 50th Tactical Fighter Wing, Hahn AB, Germany, he led the first U.S. Air Force wing in Europe equipped with F-16s.

In 1982 General Goodrich returned to the Pentagon as chief, Director's Staff Group, Defense Intelligence Agency, the unit which provides all source intelligence support to the President, Vice-President, National Security Council and Secretary of Defense. He subsequently was assigned as the Air Force assistant to the chairman of the JCS and served there until his assignment to the NMCC.

## Donna Banner

Continued from page 1.

well."

Returning these compliments, Banner said, "The people I work with are really great. They're more like family than co-workers. I probably wouldn't be going to Washington if it wasn't for them."

Citing her original supervisor in particular, she said, "If it wasn't for Bob Jager, I wouldn't even be here. He's the one who took the chance to hire me." Logistics for the Washington trip are being handled by Helen F. Johnson, coordinator of the handicapped program in the Directorate of Civilian Personnel.

This will be Banner's second trip to Washington. "I went there when I was a junior in high school and marched in the Cherry Blossom Parade," she said, "Our drum and bugle corps represented Missouri and won first place. It rained the whole time we were there." A drummer, Banner added, "Every high school in Springfield had a drum and bugle corps. We marched at football games. It was a very elite group. You had to have good grades to get in it." With a preference for science courses. Banner had "mostly A's" for grades.

Before coming to the Aerospace Center in April 1982, Banner completed a 10-month program in computer science at the University of Missouri-Columbia and held a temporary position as a programmer for the City of Columbia. She has studied COBOL, BASIC and FORTRAN and took an additional course in COBOL at



A TASTE OF MEXICO—Members of the Kansas City Office (CDK) sample Mexican culinary delights during Hispanic Heritage Week. Highlight of the week was a presentation on "Latin American contributions to the United States" by Baltasar "Bud", Luna, chief of the Aeronautical Information Department. Earlier in the week, members of CDK joined with the Kansas City federal community for an address at City Hall by Armando Gonzalez of the Social Security Administration. CDK activities began with CDK's own Charles Enriquez speaking on "The Aztecs and Spaniards of Mexico." Films were shown on Tuesday and Wednesday.

## **LOOKING BACK**

TEN YEARS AGO ... During the recent national Employ the Handicapped Week, Federal agencies and private industries were urged to employ the handicapped as a matter of good business practice. DMAAC has a prime example of why that reasoning is sound. Clyde J. Briley, who is employed in the Equipment Engineering Division of Logistics.

directive. Starting with a staff of one, she quickly developed the techniques and capabilities of the Guide, which today is utilized for operational guidance by the entire Department of Defense. . . Lester J. Schnable, fire chief at South Annex, reports that a new hand was piped aboard Sept. 3. The newcomer, Susan, weighed 8 lbs. at birth and brought the family

### Toastmasters' Contributions Recognized

The Director has proclaimed October "Toastmasters' Month" at the Aerospace Center. In a proclamation to employees, signed by Col. Byron S. Fitzgerald, USAF, Toastmasters are recognized for their contributions in developing talents and abilities that are of "great value in our democratic society and free enterprise system. The abilities to speak effectively, listen carefully and think critically are among the most valuable talents a person can develop." Calvin L. Morgan, president of the Aerospace Center Toastmasters, said similar proclamations have been signed by the governor of Missouri and local officials. Another Toastmasters group, the Chartmasters, is located at South Annex.

## 1985 BiWeekly Health Premiums

See story on page 1.

Carrier/Plan	Rate	Increase or Decrease	Carrier/Plan	Rate	Increase or Decrease
Blue Cross and Blue Shield			Maxicare Health Plan of Missouri		
High Self	\$31,31	up \$1.26	(This is a new Health Maintenance		
High Family	\$62.52	up \$2.46	Organization plan, offered for the		
Low Self	\$ 7.55	up \$ .36	first time this open season.)		
Low Family	\$18.67	up \$1.52	High Self	\$16.60	
			High Family	\$59.51	
Aetna					
High Self	\$27,70	down \$4,35	Missouri Medical Care Group		
High Family	\$42.85	down \$7,46	High Self	\$15.67	up \$ .32
Low Self	\$ 7.47	up \$ .12	High Family	\$42.51	up \$ .59
Low Family	\$15.98	up\$ .34	5994 50 CTP, 109A400		intred striker
AFGE			NAGE		
High Self	\$23,19	up \$6.37	High Self	\$19.97	down \$1,21
High Family	\$47.96	up \$13.37	High Family	\$49.11	down \$4,34
Low Self	\$ 9.69	new plan	Low Self	\$ 8.22	new plan
Low Family	\$19.80	new plan	Low Family	\$22.86	new plan
Alliance			NALC		
High Self	\$11,69	up \$3.03	High Self	\$19.40	down \$5,08
High Family	\$41.19	up \$7.91	High Family	\$33.23	down \$12.55
Low Self	\$ 7.06	new plan		ATTE STOR	
Low Family	\$22,65	new plan	NEFE		
\$1000000000000000000000000000000000000		376/70/675/00/00	High Self	\$18.43	up \$2,49
American Postal Workers Union			High Family	\$44.05	up \$5,49
High Self	\$20.86	down \$1.70	THE OWNER OF THE PERSONS ASSESSED.	DEVISION OF STREET	54. W T 0.00

University.

Pleasant and plainspoken, Banner puts people at ease, she acts so "normal." "I just live my life like you do," she said.

Weekends include fishing trips and going to the zoo. But this fall has been hectic. Banner said, as she and her husband moved to the Square housing Columbus development near downtown St. Louis.

Banner, who was married in July 1983, met her husband through a friend, she said. "I needed somebody to drive me to work, and a friend of mine introduced me to Mike. He drove me to work for a year and ahalf, and then we got married." Mike is a mechanic for Tram Tours, whose open-air vehicles can be seen gliding past Lyon Park on sunny days.

NEW HVAC SYSTEM-A workman levels the bed of a trench Building 12 in alongside preparation for laying liberglass pipe, seen next to the trench. Four rows of the six-inch diameter pipe will be laid to provide service and return lines for a new heating, ventilation and air conditioning system connected to boilers and chillers located in Building 40. The system will supply hot and chilled water to Building 12, which is being rehabbed for the new base operations computer center and offices. Plans call for eventual extension of the HVAC loop to other outlying buildings in addition to Building 12. (Photo by Ed Mullen)

since his entrance on duty as a GS-4 youcher examiner in June 1955. Since then he has progressed to a GS-11 production controller, accumulated numerous awards for service and suggestions, and accrued over 2,000 hours of sick leave. (Orientor, Oct. 18, 1974)

TWENTY YEARS AGO . . . Miss Catherine V. Shea of the Washington Office has been awarded the Air Force's highest civilian award, the Gold Medal for Exceptional Civilian Service, Miss Shea, who recently attained the grade of GS-13, arrived at ACIC in 1952 and was assigned responsibility for compiling the Foreign Clearance Guide, a publication which was in limited use by the Air Force and had no authorizing

Schnable and wife Rita. (Orientor, Oct. 16, 1964)

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YEARS THIRTY ... "Push-button cartography" is here: Even with metal templates. scribing on negatives the squares and rectangles that symbolize buildings and the circles and dots that symbolize cities and towns has taken more time than it should. During October, the Cartography Division secured two gadgets that speed up this tedious little job. Moving along on an Ouija-Board like base, a finger-type plunger drills a dot at the push of a button. The building graver performs its work with a wedge-shaped blade that cuts squares and rectangles any size-again at the movement of a single finger (ACIC Progress, October 1954)

Gov't Employed High Self High Family	\$ 9,92 \$17,89	down \$ 1.07	High Family Low Self Low Family	\$46.77 \$10.30 \$24.30	up \$ .80 new plan new plan
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Mail Handlers High Self High Family Low Self	\$ 6,98 \$18,75 \$ 5,95	no change down \$1.07 down \$ .31	Postmasters High Self High Family Low Self	\$30.57 \$64.32 \$ 5.68	up \$ .88 up \$1.58 up \$1.78

## **EMPLOYEE RETIREMENTS**

down \$ .74

Low Family

BILL G. GEORGE (GANB). negative engraving inspector. retired Aug. 31 with more than 34 years of federal service, including 33 years and five months at the Aerospace Center.

\$14,08

Low Family

HOMER E. LOCKE JR. (SDRAB), photographer, retired Aug. 3 with more than 31 years of federal service. He began his federal career in April 1952, serving aboard the USS Worcester in the Naval Reserve. His employment here dates to November 1954.

LEO C. REISER (SDDLD), lead cartographic clerk, retired Aug. 31 with more than 24 years of federal service. He served in the military as a sergeant in payroll and records. He came to the Aerospace Center in 1963, the same year he earned his bachelor's degree in music from Washington University. He worked in the Map Library and most recently in the Point Positioning Data Base Repository. A choir director and organist for many years, Reiser said he plans to "concentrate more on concerts, teaching and choir directing," now that he has retired.

ROWLAND K. RIEHL (CDIDB), cartographer, retired Aug. 31 with 30 years of federal service. He served with the Fourth Army from July 1946 to December 1947 and came to the Aerospace Center in April 1948. Off the job he was active in Scouting and served as president of the Des Peres - Frontenac Lions Club. "My retirement plans include a lot of sunshine, fishing, and in general enjoying the good times," he said. A trip to Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., was on the agenda.

\$13.89

up \$4.44

HARRY A. SALOMON (FEM-BD), electronics mechanic, retired Aug. 31 with more than 23 years of federal service, including 17 years and three months at the Aerospace Center.

#### Military Promotions

MAJ Douglas H. Madigan, USA, has been selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel during the current promotion cycle.

MSgt. Arlin W. Walker, USAF, was promoted to his present rank Oct. 1.

## CFC Speakers Spread the Word

Getting the word to fellow employees is the job of a cadre of CFC volunteer speakers, who began making their presentations at work-site rallies throughout the Aerospace Center this week.

During the rallies, employees view a film, focusing on a skeptical



employee who comes to realize that he is not as "self-sufficient" as he thinks.

The theme of the 1984 Combined Federal Campaign is "When You Care It Counts." Employees have the option this year of designating their contributions to any taxexempt charitable organization.

The volunteer speakers, many of them Toastmasters, are Robert Allen, Frank Aufmuth, Brady Barr, Bruce Brooks, Joe Davenport, Dolores Dollar, Sandra Fleming, Donna Fonville, Paul Jarvis, Kimberly Kauffman, Ruth Lockridge, Rubbie Manson-Heron, Bill Matinband, Calvin Morgan, George Peterson, Matt Phillips, John Rau, George Shalhoob, William Short, Don Smith, Vonnae Weir and Ken Whitfield.

### Space Conference This Weekend

The American Society of Photogrammetry will have a



#### Someone Cares

A child in Bangladesh shows a pleasant "full" smile as he shares a meal, provided by CARE, with his mother. The organization is one of several international relief and self-help agencies that receives funds from federal employees through the Combined Federal Campaign. Last year CARE fed more than 22 million people around the world on a regular basis. It also sponsored income-generating community self-help programs in 35 countries. (CARE photo)

## Army Buddies Meet Again

It was more than 30 years ago that John Hopkins served in the Army on a field survey team in Korea. An employee, who had joined the Aeronautical Chart Plant in 1948, Hopkins was drafted for the wartime service. He is now a geodesist in the Weapons Systems Analysis Branch of the Gepositional Department Geosciences Division.

Despite the lapse of years, old buddies and bosses are not forgotten, it seems. Serving as Hopkins' platoon sergeant was Walter Blackmer, now the geodetic and geophysical action officer in the Directorate of Plans and Requirements Weapons Systems Division at Headquarters DMA. Blackmer was at the Center last month on official business, but some unofficial business inevitably took place as the two Army buddies reunited in the Geosciences Division office to trade memories. It was the first time the men had seen each other since they served together in Korea.

Ready for the reunion, Hopkins had the whole unit on hand, larger than life in the form of a vue graph made from an old photo, which Blackmer had not seen before. Hopkins also found an old unit pin, which he presented to Blackmer. Another Center employee, Clemens Winkler (GDCP), served in the platoon after Hopkins rotated back to the States. The platoon was a unit of the 62nd Engineer Topographic Company, Eighth Army.

# We Asked Them...

"Why do you give to the CFC?"

AND THEY ANSWERED ...

"It's just a way of sharing a little with people less fortunate than we are. Also, I like giving to the CFC because you have a chance to choose places you want your money to go so that you can give to the things that you're really concerned about,"

—Denise Foerg/SOFA





Gateway Space Development Conference this weekend at the Holiday Inn-Westport. The event is being sponsored by the St. Louis Space Frontier organization, a group of space professionals and space-oriented enthusiasts affiliated with the national L-5 Society.

Charles Walker of McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Co., the payload specialist aboard the recent space shuttle flight, will present a report on the space mission. Among the other speakers will be Paul Czysz, program manager for the Transatmospheric Vehicle at McDonnell Aircraft Co.

The conference begins tonight and continues through Sunday. For details contact Barbara Smart/ 4510, regional ASP treasurer, who is also hospitality chairman of St. Louis Space Frontier.

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## Fire Prevention week Here Starts With Cleanup Tues.

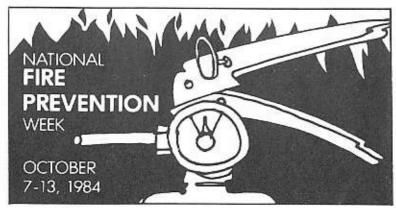
National Fire Prevention Week at the Aerospace Center will start Tuesday with a clean-up day at Second Street and South Annex.

"This will give each department and directorate an opportunity to get rid of all excess junk, clean out cabinets, and so forth," said Fire Chief James W. Bell. "Dumpsters will be placed on each floor of Building 36 where possible. At South Annex and the Second Street outbuildings, dumpsters will be located on pads outside each building." Any large items in Building 36 should be taken to the north dock in the basement of Section A and deposited in the dumpster there, he added. An evacuation of Second Street buildings will take place at the discretion of the Director.

On Wednesday, Safety and Fire Prevention officials will begin an inspection of the Center, which will last the rest of the week. A slide presentation on home smoke detectors will be shown in the Second Street dining hall from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

On Thursday, the klaxon and sirens at South Annex will be tested and all buildings evacuated. This will be an unannounced evacuation. Supervisors are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that personnel are assigned to assist handicapped employees during the evacuation. A slide presentation - "Fire, It Could Happen to You" - will be shown in the dining hall at South Annex from II a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

On Friday, a meeting of all Safety and Fire Prevention representatives will be held at 1 p.m. in the sixth floor conference room. Aerospace Center Director Col. Byron S. Fitzgerald will present the 1984 fire prevention plaques.



10 meip me anjorianare people, i may be one myself someday. I say, But for the grace of God, there go

-Charles Phillips/ADDNB



"I've been giving for the past seven vears ... since I've been at DMAAC. I believe as human beings, we should give to our fellow man in need, whether it be money, wine, bread or whatever. It's a process of giving and sharing."

-Wanda Lowery/FEMAC



"I give every year, It's the best thing to do. Everybody's not fortunate to have a job. Some people are born into this world with handicaps they have no control over. So they look to us for help."

-James Gibson/CDABG



"From my point of view, it's for the purpose of helping needy organizations. If you don't have a particular organization to support, this way it gets disseminated to all the organizations."

-Karl Heinemann/chief of GDMB



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# 'Y' Latch-Key Program Solves Dilemma for DMAAC Mother

#### by Paul Hurlburt

"I don't know what I'd do without it," said cartographer Karen Betz (SDDAA), referring to the "Latch Key" program of the Metropolitan YMCA.

Aimed at meeting what YMCA officials recognized as a "dire" need, the rapidly expanding Latch Key program provides day care for school-aged children during nonschool hours. Parents pay most of the program's regular costs, but expansion would be limited without the "start-up" assistance provided



by the United Way of Greater St. Louis. The United Way is the major organization in the St. Louis area eligible to receive the contributions of employees through the Combined Federal Campaign.

The mother of a nine-year-old, Jeremy, who attends North Glendale Elementary School, Betz said, "It can be tricky getting to work for a woman with a schoolaged child. First, you have to get the child ready, and then you have to see that the child is provided for while you're at work. Sometimes, by the time you show up for work, you're exhausted."

Because school-aged children



## **Striders Compete in Area Runs**

Saturday, Oct. 13, at Jefferson Barracks County Park, the Aerospace Striders will hold their 2.5-mile Fall Championship Run at 10 a.m. There will be plenty of food and drink for a good turnout, so look for the race results in the Orientor.

Striders have continued to participate in running events around the St. Louis area. Phil Alderman was out at Forest Park Sept. 15 for the 10K Jog for Justice,

## DMAAC Mixed Bowling

Standings as of Sont 27

Team	Won	Lost
Bears	28	7
Three's Company	25	10
Three Cool Jewels	24	11
Alley Dusters	21	14
Spare Timers	21	14
Bowling Team	20	15
Ducks	20	15
King Pins	19	16
Trolls	19	16
Strikers	19	16
Meat	17	18
Bouger's Anomolies	16	19
Apaches	16	19
Classified Waste	15	20
Stooges	15	20
Manimals	14	21
Tomcats	13	22
Eagle Stamps	12	23
Kate's Klutzes	9	26
Rose Bowlers	2	33

Highs for the women the past two

and on Sept. 16 Carole Keil and Rene Gamon ran the four-mile Soulard Run. Carole completed the race in 28:10, which was good for fourth place in her division.

Meanwhile, also on Sept. 16, Chuck Denney and Leon Fennell both were contenders in the Bevo Day Four-Mile Run. Leon took first place in his division with a time of 22:31, while Chuck came in at 24:20 for fourth place in his division.

At the Anheuser-Busch 10K Stadium Run Sept. 22, runners completed the race inside Busch Stadium in front of a large crowd. Starting according to handicap, times were calculated by age and sex. Leon Fennell was fourth overall with a time of 37:12 and a seven-minute handicap rating for a calculated time of 30:12. Bob Howard ran the 6.2 miles in 38:26 with a seven and 1/2-minute handicap for a 30:56 finish, good for 11th place overall. Chuck Denney and Rene Gamon also took part.

-Bill Pryor

#### Just in Case

Medical authorities advise that joggers should carry identification with them in case of an illness or injury that could leave them unconscious. (American Forces Press Service)

#### Men's Basketball

Teams are being formed for the 1984-85 season of DMAAC Men's Basketball. The League would like waste were Cirry Kraemer 400 to split into competitive and nonpreschool children, the problem is compounded. Betz continued: "For school-aged children, the options get fewer. Many people don't want the responsibility of getting your child from home to school. If you're transplanted from your hometown, like many women at DMAAC, you can't rely on family. There was nothing available in our area except the Latch Key program."

For many, the only alternative has been the latch key itself: sending the child home with a key to an empty bouse and a few words of precaution. The national Children's Defense Fund has estimated that more than 6 million children under the age of 13 care for themselves while parents are at work. About half of today's mothers are employed in the job market, and their children, aged 12 and below, number some 13 million.

"The demand for day care is becoming comparable, I believe, to the demand for education and for medical care," the governor of New Jersey, Thomas H. Kean, was quoted in recent testimony before a Congressional committee studying

C O I D E D D S D a

Jeremy Betz tells his mother, cartographer Karen Betz, about plans to celebrate his ninth birthday at the North Glendale Latch Key center. Dismissing Jeremy to his mother's care is Mike Schwartz. (Photo by Paul Hurlburt)

the problem. "Our response to date, I am afraid, has not caught up with the growth and the pervasiveness of the demand."

Locally the Metropolitan YMCA has attempted to grapple with the problem, opening 60 Latch Key Centers throughout metro St. Louis since 1979. But officials admit, only the surface has been scratched.

"There's a dire need," said Wayne Grove, program director of the Kirkwood YMCA. "We expect the program may double or triple in the St. Louis area by the fall of 1985."

The Kirkwood YMCA operates six Latch Key centers. Located at public and private elementary schools, they solve the problem of relocating the child before and after school. Two additional centers will open at other schools this fall, according to Grove, "and more schools are waiting in line."

The United Way provides funds for "start-up" costs — \$700 per center — which include such items as a telephone, sports equipment, books, games, a record player, and furniture. Facilities must meet the requirements of the Missouri Division of Family Services.

"Without these start-up funds, it would be hard for us to expand," Grove commented. The United Way also supports the Latch Key program through general funds allocated to branch YMCA's and

through special allotments, used to supplement the amount parents pay.

"We try to keep costs down so that parents won't send their child to an empty home," said Susan Barred, Latch Key program coordinator for the Kirkwood area. An instructor in child care at the Meramec community college, Barred conducted a pilot Latch Key program for the Kirkwood YMCA and has set up each succeeding center for the branch. Staffing is critical, she feels. Directors of Latch Key centers must have at least 60 hours of college work, including at least 12 hours in elementary education, child psychiatry, or early childhood development. The adultchild ratio is about 1:10.

"We try to meet the needs not just of parents but of children," Barred added. "There's a safety factor, and there's an emotional factor. We try to give the child a 'family' until the parent is there to pick him up."

Last Friday was Jeremy's birthday, a special occasion for the North Glendale center. Cupcakes were enjoyed by all, with a birthday card and hat for Jeremy.

A key worker in the Aerospace Center Combined Federal Campaign, Betz remarked, "I believe in replenishment. You take from society and you give something back. I'm glad the 'me' concept is starting to give out. As you get older, you realize you're not an island."

Kate Doyle - 456 series, Kim Norgaard - 219 game, and Chris Beckman - 193 game. Men's highs were Marion Moehrle - 656 series, Rick Norgaard - 603 series, Dave Nugent - 568 series and 232 game, Dick Huffman - 239 game, and Leon Smith - 233 game.

-Rick Norgaard

enough teams are interested in a non-competitive division. To sign your team up, forward your name, office symbol, office phone, team name, and which division you are interested in to Eddie Grider/ GDMCC. Please do this in writing. For other questions, call Grider at

## Rivalry in Over-40 League

The mighty Ole Rebs ripped the Paleo Flatus 12-4 to remain in a tic for first place with the Crips in the DMAAC Over-40 Fall Softball League. The Ole Reb's Bob Sport went 3 for 4 with four rbi's. Walt Morgan and Jan Whitford starred for the Paleos.

Don Pauls kept the Crips undefeated with a single, double, and two-run homer in their win over the BBBS. The Crips won 11-5.

—John Lefman

 Standings as of Sept. 27

 Team
 Won
 Lost

 Crips
 2
 0

 Ole Rebs
 2
 0

 BBBS
 0
 1

 Fowl Balls
 0
 1

 Paleo Flatus
 0
 2

Here's the beef!
Gojo (Gordon
Johnson), pride of
the Paleo Flatus
and poster boy for
the Over-40
League, reacts to
the ball with the
speed of a sedated
hippo. (Photo by
Jan Whitford)

