

# Lean year

## Detroit may lose 65,000 jobs in '80, prof predicts

The Detroit area will lose 65,000 jobs during 1980, a Michigan State University researcher is predicting.

That could help drive the unemployment rate in the state up to 15 percent during the year, says Dr. David I. Verway, a professor in the Bureau of Business and Economic Research at MSU.

Verway is predicting the unemployment rate will drop back down to 7 percent by December 1980.

He expects Detroit to be the hardest hit of any major metropolitan area in the state, but other areas also will feel the pinch of the shrinking auto market.

"Due largely to the depressed market for large cars, 1980 wage and salary employment in every one of Michigan's metro politan areas is expected to be less than the 1979 average," says Verway. His forecast for the year, "1980: Hard Landing for Michigan," will be published in the Michigan State Economic Record, a university publication issued monthly.

"BY A VARIETY of yardsticks, Michigan is in a slump," says Verway. The state started to experience the slump during 1979, while the nation as a whole did not, he says. During 1979, the Detroit area lost 15,000 jobs, which he thinks were due to Chrysler's slowdown.

Compared to every other state, Michigan had the worst job market between October 1978 and October 1979, according to statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor. Those statistics show that the job market shrunk by 2 percent in the state, a bigger decline than any other state.

A shrinking job market means newcomers to the work force will have a tough time finding a job and some people already working will be laid off. And that means an escalating unemployment rate. In October 1979 there were 4.3 million people in the work force in the state. About 315,000, or 7.2 percent of those people, were unemployed.

About 2.06 million of the entire state's workforce live in the Detroit metropolitan area, which includes the counties of Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne.

Verway says those 65,000 jobs lost in Detroit mean the job market in that area will shrink by 3.6 percent during 1980. The job market in the Flint area and the Saginaw area will shrink by 2.5 percent, and the job markets in Ann Arbor, Bay City,

Jackson and Muskegon will shrink by 1-2 percent, predicts Verway, all because of the auto industry.

THE METROPOLITAN area of Grand Rapids, Battle Creek and Kalamazoo also will suffer.

"Normally these three areas would be expected to make job gains of 2-3 percent due to new investment in factories, stores and other enterprises in the private sector," the economist says. Lansing will be the least affected of all the major metropolitan areas, mainly because Oldsmobile hasn't been hit as hard by the declining auto sales. Oldsmobile's home plant is in Lansing.

Monroe, which is included in the Toledo metropolitan area, was not included in Verway's statistics.

But among all the gloomy prospects for the year, Verway sees some brighter predictions for the Upper Peninsula and some other non-metropolitan areas.

He sees the job market expanding by 5 percent or more in Cheboygan, Ontonagon, Midland and Standish.

## Dog's hip exposed to disease



QUESTION: My dog was diagnosed as having "Hip Dysplasia." What is hip dysplasia and what can be done for my dog?

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ANSWER: Hip dysplasia is a disease of the hip joint characterized by a failure of the hip joint to develop properly. The disease is seen mostly in the larger, rapid-growing breeds of dogs, but does occasionally show up in smaller breeds.

At present, the thinking on the cause of dysplasia is that the disease has hereditary factors and dietary factors which influence the development of the hip.

The hereditary (genetic) factors are many, which increases the difficulty of breeding the disease out of the gene pool.

The dietary factors are: the puppy is overfed and in some instances over supplemented, which in turn leads to a "rotty" puppy. The overweight, growing puppy puts an abnormal load on the soft, developing bones in the joint. The load contributes to the malformation referred to as dysplasia.

THE CURRENT treatment for the symptomatic dysplastic dog — lameness, wobbly gait, pain in rear quarters — begins with an x-ray (radiograph) picture to establish the amount of degenerative change that has taken place. Treatment would be tailored to the individual problem.

If diagnosed in the growth phase, we can use weight loss, restricted activity and aspirin, Arquel or other pain relief medications with a fair degree of success.

This will not "cure" the condition but will in some instances lessen the pain and the ultimate severity of damage to the hip joint.

In the more advanced dysplasia, removal of the pectineus muscle or "pectinotomy" will sometimes change the angle of contact in the joint and give relief. Again, this is generally walking the next day. After about one month of restricted activity, the dogs are generally active, painfree, walking, running and jumping without any difficulty.

A third surgery, which is for "salvage only," is the femoral head and neck removal. This surgery does give pain relief but usually leaves the larger dogs with a wobbly rear quarters and is generally considered to be a "last resort" type of surgery.

IN VERY advanced cases of dysplasia where nothing else is of value, total hip replacement is the treatment of choice. This surgery is expensive (around \$500 per hip), but has given around a 95-98 percent excellent result. While a relatively new procedure in veterinary medicine (about five years experience) it is an established successful surgery in humans.

The surgery basically consists of removing and replacing the ball of the femur (head of the femur) with a cobalt steel prosthetic device and the acetabulum or cup with a high impact plastic prosthetic cup.

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The writers are area veterinarians. Questions may be sent to Pet Care, 2905 Walton Blvd., Rochester 48063.

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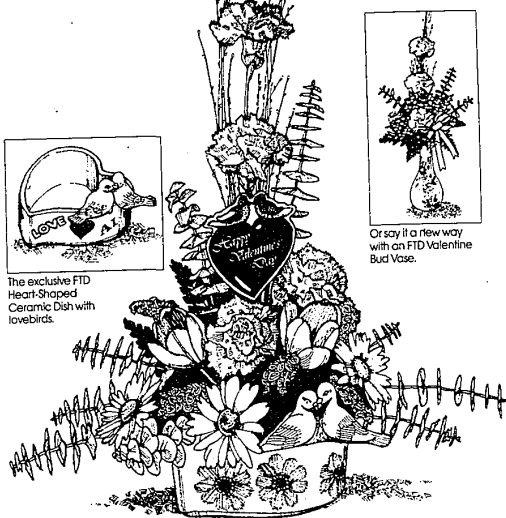
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