

Immigrants to flood into U.S. — expert

In the next 20 years, about half the increase in the U.S. population will be immigrants, says a Michigan State University professor.

William Lazer, an MSU marketing professor, predicts one of the biggest influxes of immigrants in the past 75 years. He was one of five professors who recently completed a project looking at what the country would be like in the year 2000.

Lazer estimates that about 13 million to 14 million immigrants will relocate in the U.S. by the year 2000, including about six million who will cross the border unauthorized. About five million "illegal immigrants" are now living in this country, he said.

The forecasters predict the official U.S. population, not including the 11 million illegal immigrants, will be 245 million by the year 2000, up from 220 million this year.

Hispanics, including the 114,000 Cubans who entered this country this year, will account for a major part of the immigration, say the forecasters, and Hispanics will become the largest minority in the country by 1990.

The immigrants will relocate mainly in the southwest and a few of the larger cities, says Lazer.

"It is quite possible that around the year 2000 Los Angeles could become the nation's largest city, and the sun-belt cities could account for seven of the top 10 U.S. cities."

The face of America will change in at least one other significant way — the population will be older.

The number of 20 to 35-year-olds will decline by 35 percent in the next 20 years, one of the sharpest and most sustained declines in our history, according to Lazer.

The number of people 75 and older will increase by 50 percent. But the big boom will come in those 35 to 54 years old, whose numbers will also increase by 50 percent.

"In marketing terms, the middle-

agers represent years of the highest earning capacity for most adults," Lazer said. "These are the years when parents feel free to indulge themselves."

And they will have money to spend, he added.

"Whereas the early 1970s began with good income increases and then fizzled, the 1980s are starting out weak and are expected to gain in strength over the decade and continue, well into the 1990s."

The forecasters predict that per capita real income will grow at an annual rate of about 2 percent.

About 50 percent of all wives in families now work, Lazer said. By 2000, 60 percent of the wives will work.

About 52 percent of all families will have incomes, in 1977 dollars, of more than \$25,000, up from about 30 percent in 1980. About 10 percent of those families will have incomes of \$50,000 and over, up from 3.6 percent this year.

And, says Lazer, these families will include a substantial number of skilled blue collar workers.

"Despite this growth, the lower middle income groups, those in the \$15,000 to \$20,000 category, may feel more financially strapped than ever," Lazer said. "Some other groups of society may not fare as well relatively as they did in the '50s, '60s and '70s when certain unions won unprecedented gains for their members."

While husband-wife working teams will see the greatest increase in earnings, the percentage of husband-wife families will decline, the study predicts.

Husband-wife households now make up about two-thirds of all households. By the year 2000 they may account for about half of the households in the country. Households headed by single persons, as well as unmarried couples could constitute the new majority around 2000.

Free concert at Prudential

Free concerts in the "Summer Concerts at Prudential" series are being held every Sunday at 7 p.m. through Aug. 24 at the Prudential Tower Center, Northwestern at Civic Center Drive.

The Chicago Pete Trio and Bobo Jenkins and His Big Star Band are featured in the concert. Guests may bring their own blankets and lawn chairs to the outdoor event. In case of rain, concerts are held in the Southfield Pavilion, 26000 Evergreen. For more information, call 354-9603.

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To help ease the high cost of leisure activities, the Oakland County Parks offer reduced rates and fees to all senior adults who are residents of the county on weekdays.

"The seniors' time tends to be more free during the week so the commission provides facilities and activities at half price on weekdays," said Lewis E. Wint, commission chairman.

Free admission to the day-use parks during the week gives retirees an opportunity to swim, picnic or spend a day fishing.

"Whereas the early 1970s began with independence Oaks near Clarkston and Addison Oaks near Oxford, pedalboats and rowboats can be rented for half price by seniors on weekdays."

Canoes are available at Independence Oaks and Groveland Oaks.

The four Oakland County golf courses are open to retirees at reduced rates Monday through Friday before 4 p.m.

Springfield Oaks in Davisburg, Glen Oaks in Farmington Hills and White Lake Oaks near Pontiac are 18-hole courses, while Red Oaks in Madison

Heights is a nine-hole course with a 25-station driving range.

Special senior citizen rates are given on pull carts and power carts at each location. Reduced fees are also offered on prepaid annual green fees for retired golfers.

TO HELP the camper cut costs, Groveland Oaks and Addison Oaks have camping facilities. Sites are available for both tents and recreational vehicles, with or without electricity.

Waterford Oaks near Pontiac recently opened a new court games complex with horseshoe pits and shuffleboard courts, eight tennis courts and four platform tennis courts.

Several special activities have been planned for the summer with seniors in mind. One, a golf tournament for retirees, was held at White Lake Oaks last week.

The Activities Center at Waterford Oaks offers a large selection of classes ranging from square dancing, ballroom dancing and belly dancing to dried and silk flower arranging and dog obedi-

ence training.

Registration for fall classes, which are held on weeknights, take place in late September. Fees for the classes vary.

A senior adult dance will be given once every month at Waterford Oaks beginning Oct. 10.

Seniors who wish to make inquiries on any of the activities are invited to call the commission office at 858-0906.

Salvation Army welcomes Lt. Cheryl L. Hagedorn

Lt. Cheryl L. Hagedorn has accepted her first appointment after graduation from Salvation Army Officers Training School as an assisting officer to the Salvation Army Farmington Hills Corps Community Center. She will reside in the parsonage at 27500 Shiawassee Road, next to the church on the corner of Shiawassee and Inkster Road.

Her training to become an officer was taken in Chicago, but her graduation was unique.

"For the first time, all four training schools in the country had a joint graduation in Kansas City," she said, "in celebration of the Salvation Army's 100 years in America."

The graduation ceremony is equivalent to ordination.

Lt. Hagedorn, a native of Chicago, will assist Lt. Shirley Hill in the Farmington Hills Corps.

High honors to go Germaine

Michael Germaine, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Germaine of Farmington, graduated from Central Michigan University with high honors.

The Farmington High School graduate majored in health and personnel management and earned a degree in business administration.

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