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● INVESTING SEMINAR

Thursday, Feb. 7 — Free seminar, "Catalyst Investing," offered 9 p.m. in Birmingham. Information: Betsy Smith, 643-9200. Sponsor: Paine, Webber, Jackson & Curtis Inc.

● SMALL BUSINESS WORKSHOP

Thursdays, Feb. 7-28 — "Making It Legal," four-part series of legal issues for small business people, will be offered 7-10 p.m. in Pontiac. Information: 658-0887. Sponsor: Cooperative Extension Service.

● ENGINEERS CAREER NIGHT

Friday, Feb. 8 — Student Council Annual Career Night begins at 3:30 p.m. in Detroit. Information: Sheila Osann, 832-5400. Sponsor: Engineering Society of Detroit.

● SYMPHONY FOR BEGINNERS

Saturday, Feb. 9 — Four-session "Lotus Symphony: Beginners" course offered 10 a.m. to noon in Bloomfield Hills. Tuition: \$65. Reservations: 645-3635. Sponsor: Cranbrook Schools.

● GMAT PREPARATION

Saturdays, Feb. 9 through March 9 — GMAT preparation workshops offered 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Rochester. Fee: \$115. Information: 370-3135. Sponsor: Oakland University.

● GRAPHICS, SOUND

Saturday, Feb. 9 — Course on fundamentals of programming sounds and graphic displays offered

1-3 p.m. in Bloomfield Hills. Fee: \$65. Reservations: 645-3635. Sponsor: Cranbrook Schools.

● BUSINESS COMMUNICATORS

Tuesday, Feb. 12 — International Association of Business Communicators meets. Reservation deadline: Friday, Feb. 8. Information: Mary Griebel, 446-3214.

● FINANCIAL PLANNERS

Tuesday, Feb. 12 — Twelve-week course for para planners begins at 5:30 p.m. in Bloomfield Hills. Tuition charged. Information: Sandy Brennan, 645-1520. Sponsor: Metropolitan Detroit Society of the Institute for Certified Financial Planners.

● FINANCIAL PLANNERS

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — International Association for Financial Planning meets 5-7 p.m. in Southfield. Reservations: 524-4010.

● FINANCIAL PLANNING

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — Free financial planning seminar emphasizing IRA's offered at 7 p.m. in Rochester. Information: 827-1230. Sponsor: IDS/American Express.

● FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITY

Wednesday, Feb. 13 — Franchise opportunity seminar, "The Ins and Outs of What You Should Know About Franchises," offered in Bloomfield Hills. Information: 540-0373. Sponsor: VR Business Brokers.

● MONEY MANAGEMENT

Wednesdays, Feb. 13 to March 6 — Money management for women offered 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Dearborn. Registration fee for all four courses: \$18. Information: 593-5147. Sponsor: University of Michigan-Dearborn Women's Center.

● SYMPHONY FOR BEGINNERS

Thursday, Feb. 14 — Four-session "Lotus Symphony: Beginners" course offered 7-9 p.m. in Bloomfield Hills. Tuition: \$65. Reservations: 645-3635. Sponsor: Cranbrook Schools.

● SMALL BUSINESSES

Thursday, Feb. 14 — "How to Start or Run a Small Business" workshop begins at 7 p.m. in Southfield. Free. Information: 577-4353. Sponsor: Wayne State University.

● REALTORS BREAKFAST

Thursday, Feb. 14 — Commercial Investment Division of the Detroit Board of Realtors meets for breakfast in Southfield. Information: 961-6168.

● MAKE THE BEST DEAL

Thursday, Feb. 19 — Seminar with Lenders' presented at Council on Small Enterprise seminar 8-10 a.m. in Bloomfield Township. Fee: \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, including continental breakfast. Reservations: 335-6148. Sponsor: Oakland County Chamber of Commerce.

● SMALL BUSINESSES

Tuesday, Feb. 19 — "How to Start or Run a Small Business" workshop begins at 7 p.m. in Troy. Free. Information: 577-4353. Sponsor: Wayne State University.

● WOMEN IN REAL ESTATE

Tuesday, Feb. 19 — Women's

Commercial Real Estate Association meets in Southfield. Information: Rose Beres, 553-8131.

● ACCOUNTANTS MEET

Thursday, Feb. 21 — National Association of Accountants meet. Information: Harold R. Ackerman, 2251470.

● OWNER AS CONTRACTOR

Saturdays, Feb. 23 and March 2 — Owner as contractor class will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Royal Oak. Fee: \$175. Information: 545-7018. Sponsor: Michigan Owner Builder Center.

● RUN A SMALL BUSINESS

Monday, Feb. 25 — Small business management training course, "How to Run a Successful Small Business," begins at 7 p.m. in Southfield. Tuition charged. Information: 577-4353. Sponsor: Wayne State University.

● START SMALL BUSINESS

Wednesday, Feb. 27 — Small business management training course, "How to Start a Successful Small Business," begins at 7 p.m. in Southfield. Tuition charged. Information: 577-4353. Sponsor: Wayne State University.

● BUSINESS AS TAX SHELTER

Wednesdays, Feb. 27 and March 6 — Using Your Business as a Tax Shelter two-part program begins at 7:30 p.m. in Birmingham. Information: 644-5832. Sponsor: The Community House.

● BEGINNING COMPUTERS

Monday, March 4 — Four-session "Computer for Beginners"

course offered 7-9 p.m. in Bloomfield Hills. Tuition: \$45. Reservations: 645-3635. Sponsor: Cranbrook Schools.

● REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS

Monday, March 11-16 — Real Estate Investment Analysis offered in Troy. Tuition: \$400. Information: 573-6987. Sponsor: American Institute of Real Estate Appraising.

● CONSTRUCTION EXPOSITION

Tuesday, March 12 — Annual construction industry exposition will be held in the Westin Hotel in Detroit. Information: James Kostava, Dept. 100, PO Box 33056, Detroit 48232. Sponsor: Construction Association of Michigan.

● CONTINUING EDUCATION

Wednesday, March 13 — Six-hour real estate continuing education course begins at 9 a.m. in Southfield. Reservation deadline, Thursday, Feb. 28. Fee: \$55 for non-affiliates. Information: Rose Beres, 553-8131. Sponsor: Women's Commercial Real Estate Association.

● SECRETARIAL SEMINAR

Tuesday, March 19 — "The Pro-

fessional Secretary" offered 8:30 a.m. to noon in Southfield. Fee: \$75. Information: 540-7335. Sponsor: Office Management Consultants.

● OFFICE COMMUNICATION

Tuesday, March 19 — "Effective Communication Within the Office" offered 1-4:30 p.m. in Southfield. Fee: \$75. Information: 540-7335. Sponsor: Office Management Consultants.

● TIME MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, March 20 — "Time Management and Organization" offered 8:30 a.m. to noon in Southfield. Fee: \$75. Information: 540-7335. Sponsor: Office Management Consultants.

● TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION

Wednesday, March 20 — "Effective Telephone Communication" offered 1-4:30 p.m. in Southfield. Fee: \$75. Information: 540-7335. Sponsor: Office Management Consultants.

● COMPUTERS IN LEARNING

Thursday-Friday, March 21-22 — "Education Computing Today" conference held in Detroit. Information: Diane G. Benedict, 595-2493.

Jobless rate falls to 11%

Michigan's seasonally adjusted jobless rate in January dropped by 0.4 percent to 11.0 percent, up slightly from December's jobless rate of 10.6 percent, according to figures released by Richard Simmons Jr., director of the Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESC).

In January, 484,000 workers were without jobs, an increase of 18,000 from December's level of 466,000. A year ago, January 1984, the state's adjusted unemployment rate stood at 11.1 percent, with 492,000 jobless workers.

The increase in the jobless rate during January resulted in part from a steady growth in the state's labor force, Simmons said. The labor force grew by 12,000 last month to 4,396,000, making it the second-largest seasonally adjusted labor force in the state's history. In December, the labor force stood at 4,384,000.

THE STATE'S seasonally adjusted labor force peaked in November 1984 at 4,414,000.

Although the jobless rate increased slightly, Michigan's unemployment picture in January reflected a fairly typical seasonal pattern, Simmons said. Encouraged by the state's improving economy, workers who held Christmas jobs continued seeking work instead of

dropping out of the labor force. In January, employment dropped by 5,000 to 3,913,000. The loss of jobs was due largely to temporary shutdowns in manufacturing. In December, the number of people holding jobs stood at 3,918,000.

Michigan's unadjusted unemployment rate rose to 12.1 percent in January, up from 10.6 percent in December. The number of jobless workers in the state rose by 63,000 during the month to 520,000.

BEGINNING WITH the release of these January estimates, the MESC will focus on and analyze the seasonally adjusted figures and will continue to report the unadjusted estimates, Simmons said.

"Emphasizing the seasonally adjusted figures in our releases will allow for better comparisons between the state and national estimates since the commonly reported national numbers are adjusted."

"In addition, it will help to eliminate some of the public's confusion surrounding the reports we issue and those issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics in Washington."

Nationally, January's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for the civilian labor force rose to 7.4 percent from 7.2 percent in December. The number of jobless grew by 293,000 to 8,484,000.

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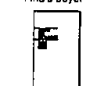
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