## 1989-90: years of slower job growth here

By Tim Richard
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Michigan is succeeding in diversifying its economic base, a panel of economists told a regional business audience last week.

"Gains in non-manufeturing employment have far surpased the losses in manufacturing," said David crary of Eastern Michigan University.

The evidence:

In 1982, at the bottom of the recession, auto employment in Michigan was 286,000 and the jobless rate nearly is percent.

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THE ECONOMISTS

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Take out the job loss at General Motors plants in Detroit, Saginaw and Flint, and Michigan would be at the national (unemployment) average.

- Howard K. Face

national average, and businesspeople wanted to know why.

"This is still a high manufacturing wage state." said EMU's Crary. "But its is the closest we've been to the U.S. (unemployment) average since U.S. (unemployment) average since U.S. (unemployment) average since the U.S. (unemployment) average since u.S.

Another good regional spot will be the Marda auto plant at Fiat Rock, which continues to progress toward full capacity, Polak said.

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"These three areas are only 5;"
percent of Michigan's total employment," Crary said.

AREAS WHERE Michigan wi grow at less than the national rat include:

"While we've become more diver-sified, it's not because of growth of these sectors but the decline of the motor vehicle sector," Crary said. Face said the "misery index"— the jobiess rate plus the inflation rate— is "under control." It's below the 10 percent level and wasn't even no issue in the 1088 presidential an issue in the 1988 presidential election as it was in 1976 and '80.

## Business better. say purchasers

ditions in the metropolitan area during January.

The Composite Index (CI) averaged 58.8 in January compared with 93.3 in December. By comparison, the national purchasing managers reported a live point slippage between year-end and January.

An index reading above 50 generally signified business expansion.

"The lifts survey of local purchasing managers for 1888 is very encuraging," said David L. Littmann, first vice president and senior economist of Manufacturers National Bank of Detroit.

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"With more than 120 local pur-chasing managers responding to the latest survey, we are finding stabili-ty in new orders and production ac-

tivity, slowly expanding employ-ment and somewhat firmer supply and price conditions. Local purchas-ing managers continue to note opti-mism over business conditions and, if anything, indicate concern over materials shortages and price move-ments."

Items cited in short supply in the PMAD January survey included many chemical, paper and metal products. Bearings, some food processing items and some electrical components were also mentioned.

The PMAD survey report is compiled from monthly responses of local purchasing managers belonging to the 400-member association. The report indicates whether fundamental measures of the economy are stronger, weaker or unchanged from the prior month.

By Dr. Timothy lamond special writer

## 'Cold' unavoidable

## Eight viruses cause common syndrome

Feed a cold, starve a fever? Use cold remedies or wait it out? The medical director of the Meadow Brook Health Enhancement Institute has some advice for the lay person on this nagging problem.

ONFUSION about diagnosis and treatment of a disease is often the result of an indequate knowledge base on the part of the health care consumer.

The "common cold" is very preva-lent at this time of year, is an excel-lent example. What should the health conscious individual know about the common cold to avoid an unneces-sary health risk or financial expendi-ture?

EIGHT VIRUSES usually cause the majority of virus-related respiratory syndromes in adults, although 200 viruses from six families of virus have been identified.

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Each virus can cause several different sets of symptoms. For example, influenza can cause mild cod appearance of the control tential epidemics is the individual vi-

rus identified.

Rhinovirus, coronavirus, parinfluenza, adenovirus, respiratory syncytial, Coxsackie and echovirus are

COLD-CAUSING viruses are spread whenever susceptible people mix with infected people.

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Although maintaining good overall health, nutrition and times may reduce your susceptibility to catching a cold, there is no fail-safe formula for preventing colds. Vitamin C has not been demonstrated to be of greater benefit than placebo in preventing colds.

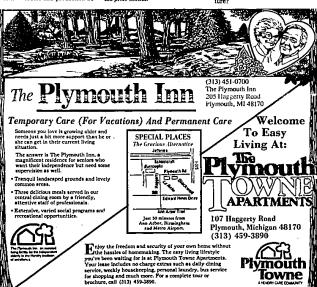
Over-the-counter medicines offer relief from symptoms but do not al-ter the clinical course of colds. Be-cause most decongestants can cause blood vessels to constrict, individu-als with high blood pressure or heart disease should be discouraged from

using decongestants unless they have obtained approval from their physician.

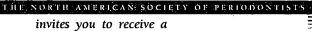
Avolding people carrying the virus is difficult, if not impossible, because of the large number of "well" carriers — that is, people infected with the virus but displaying no symptoms.

Sick carriers are probably most contagious when they are experienc-ing fevers and generalized symp-toms (such as muscle aches), which often occur early in the sickness.

FOR INDIVIDUALS who suffer from chronic medical conditions, a safe, effective influenza vaccine is avallable. The influenza vaccine is available. The influenza vacche is specific for the influenza virus and has no benefit in preventing symptoms associated with other cold-causing viruses.







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