

Sound economy expected

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Business and professional services have grown at a robust annual rate of 10.3 percent since 1982, outpacing the national growth of 8.1 percent. Personal income in Michigan will grow by 6 percent in 1990 and 6.5 percent the following year, they said.

Local consumer price inflation in metro Detroit will decline from 5 percent in 1989 to 3.5 in 1990 and 4.3 percent in '91.

Income growths will boost state income tax revenues 3.7 and 6.8 percent on the heels of this year's 5.8 percent jump.

Business tax revenues are predicted to rise by 3.5 percent for fiscal 1990 (beginning last Oct. 1) and 7.6 percent for FY '91.

Auto sales could stay fairly high

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Hymans also predicted sales of imports would hold at 28.3 percent of the market as the American dollar weakens and imports become more expensive.

Asked about Lee Iacocca's bullish outlook for Chrysler chairman, Hymans said the Chrysler chairman was looking only at the Big Three. Foreign-owned plants — called "transplants" — count as domestic production, Hymans said.

"PRICE DISCOUNTS and rebates have had a positive effect," added Richard T. Curtin, director of U-M's Survey of Consumers.

"We've had a string of 15 million vehicle years," said Curtin, adding auto and truck sales. "The average age of the fleet is coming down."

Economists said auto loans now are averaging 54 months and that owners are keeping cars longer. The result: longer intervals between purchases.

October's survey showed 62 percent with favorable attitudes toward buying a motor vehicle compared with 60 percent a year earlier.

business people

Karen Janssen was appointed account executive at Kolon, Bitter & Desmond Inc. in Troy. Previously, she was employed by Mars Advertising as senior account executive.

Thomas Gervase of Birmingham joined D'Arcy Masius Benton & Bowles/Bloomfield Hills as an account executive/special events coordinator on the Cadillac account. Prior to joining DMBB/BH, he was public relations specialist at Campbell & Co.

Brenda Taylor was promoted to manager, administrative and personnel services at Giffels-Webster Engineers Inc. in Rochester Hills. Victoria Muir was promoted to manager of accounting with Giffels-Webster.

Scott Thornton of Bloomfield Hills was promoted to vice president, management supervisor for Campbell-Milburn-Esty Advertising Limited's major Canadian operations. Thornton joined CME in February 1986.

Beverly Smith was promoted to administrative officer at Hermonoff & Associates Inc. Smith joined the firm in 1986 and was formerly office manager.

Frank DeMarco of Troy was appointed Code-Alarm Inc.'s new marketing and advertising manager. Previously, he was Code-Alarm's advertising consultant.

Joan D. Rits was named assistant vice president of the consumer loan department and bank community reinvestment act officer at Liberty State Bank & Trust in Troy. Rits has been with Liberty State Bank for 35 years.

Art Wills and Vera Schanz have been recognized as Coldwell Banker's top listing leader for the third quarter at their branch office. Wills is employed by the Farmington Hills office and Schanz by the Birmingham office.

C. Robert Garity of Rochester Hills was named manager of Audi advertising with Audi of America Inc. in Troy. Bruce Harris of Bloomfield Hills is promotions manager at Audi of America.

Elizabeth A. Lepper joined Florists' Transworld Delivery Association in Southfield as public relations coordinator. Previously, Lepper was public information coordinator at Vista Maria.



Janssen



Gervase



Taylor



Muir



Thornton



Smith



DeMarco



Rits

Bruce A. Kaye of West Bloomfield was named as a tax manager at Coopers & Lybrand. Martha Corbett of Birmingham, Donna England of Farmington Hills and Martha Okamoto, also of Farmington Hills, were appointed audit managers at Coopers & Lybrand.

Jill Griffin was promoted to technician training supervisor for Arbor Drugs Inc. of Troy. Griffin joined Arbor Drugs in 1982 as a cashier at the Redford store.

Donna Schupp, with Coldwell Banker West Bloomfield, was recognized as the company's top listing and transaction leader for the third quarter.

Charles Page, with Coldwell Banker of Troy, was recognized as the company's top listing and transaction leader for the third quarter.

Robert E. Moon joined Cushman & Wakefield's Southfield branch. Previously, Moon was president at Morris & Moon Real Estate Group Inc.

Julie Savarinne has joined Grant Thornton, as director of legal support services. Savarinne was previously employed by Stroh International as a financial and market analyst.

Marcia Levenson of Troy joined W.B. Doner & Co. of Southfield as an art director. Prior to joining Doner she was with Lintas: Campbell-Ewald as art director.

Jim Corey of Troy was named state director of Century 21. Corey will oversee the activity in Michigan. Corey has been with Century 21 organization for eight years.

Gary F. Smith of Bloomfield Hills was named president of The Newman Group. Smith was most recently co-founder of Encore International in Bloomfield Hills.

Stephen P. Gladysz was promoted to vice president at Michigan National Corp. Gladysz joined Michigan National in 1975.

Bob Vette has joined Relocation Assistance, Inc. of West Bloomfield. Formerly, he was employed in employee relations at Ford Motor Co.

Amy Porelly, Eric Moore, Mike McBride and Bob Halstead were among nearly 100 members of the Young Agent Conference, an arm of the 7,000 member Independent Insurance Agents of Michigan. Porelly, Moore and McBride are with Mason McBride Inc. of Troy. Halstead is with Halstead-Johnson & Co. of Troy.

Linda MacQueen of Birmingham, was named the new administrator of Danish Village, a 150-apartment building for older adults and persons with handicaps. MacQueen joined the agency in 1981 as a social worker at Detroit's Luther Haven.

Barbara M. Benford was promoted to vice president of Michigan National Corp. Benford was previously assistant vice president at Michigan National and has been with Michigan National since 1986.

Mary Anne Kennedy has joined the staff of RE/MAX Professionals of Rochester Inc. in Rochester as an associate broker/relocation specialist.

Paul Foerster was appointed field sales engineer, covering Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma at Detroit Tool Industries. Foerster is a recent graduate of the University of Texas with a degree in aerospace engineering and sailed in the Flying Dutchman class at the 1988 Olympics in Seoul, Korea, finishing 11th of 22 entrants.

Michael C. Bryson was appointed bank officer, assistant manager of the consumer loan department for Liberty State Bank & Trust. Bryson joined the bank in 1987 as collections manager.

Herman Olson III was appointed field sales engineer covering Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, Alabama and the Carolinas, for Detroit Tool Industries. Previously, Olson was marketing representative for 3M Corp.

Lithar Hoffmann has joined PR Resource Center Inc. as graphics director. Previously, Hoffmann was chairman of the graphics design department at Detroit's Center for Creative Studies.

Raymond Cook was appointed field sales engineer, covering Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, West Virginia, Western New York, and Pennsylvania, by Detroit Tool Industries. Cook studied engineering at the University of Wisconsin.

Wayland F. Blood was named treasurer of the Ford Financial Services Group. William O. Staehlin of West Bloomfield will succeed Blood as vice president — treasurer of Ford Motor Credit Co.

Donald M. Vroom was named vice president and director of architecture at BEI Associates Inc. Prior to his promotion, Vroom had served as associate and director of architecture at BEI.

Shawn Roberts was appointed project engineer for Detroit Tool Industries. Roberts is a recent graduate of Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Sydney L. Terry was appointed consultant of Detroit Tool Industries. Terry served with Chrysler Corp. for 37 years, including three years as vice president/engineering, and is a trustee of Lawrence Technological University in Southfield.

Lawrence W. Baker was named general marketing manager/Dodge Car, Joseph N. Caddell of Bloomfield Hills was named general marketing manager/Dodge Truck at the Dodge Car and Truck Division of Chrysler Motors.

Michael Tope was appointed field sales engineer, covering Wisconsin, Illinois, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and the Dakotas at Detroit Tool Industries. Previously, Tope was vice president/sales and marketing for Gage Metalcraft.

Jeffrey D. Street will lead the automotive systems group of Lundy

Computer Graphics in Southfield. Street has worked with CAD/CAM in the automotive industry for 11 years. Before joining Lundy, Street worked in Prime Computer's Prime Technology Center.

Kenneth R. Perlin was named a member of the public accounting firm of Kirschner Hutton Shevin in Birmingham Farms.

George E. Watson of Birmingham was appointed private banking officer for Comerica Bank-Detroit. Watson joined the company in 1984 as a loan analyst.

Dr. Howard P. Friedman was named medical director of Havenewick Hospital, Auburn Hills. Friedman's responsibilities will include clinical program development and clinical supervision of all programs. He will continue his outpatient private practice in Birmingham.

Patricia Rizzo and Bruce D. Berger have been named to new positions at Vickers Inc. in Troy. Rizzo joins Vickers as personnel administrator-commercial. Berger was named manager-organization development-commercial.

Robert E. Touchard was appointed mortgage loan counselor for the Taylor branch office of First Financial Services Inc. of Southfield.

Alvin Logsdon, manager/International travel for Travel Authority in Southfield, participated in a three-day management seminar in Chicago sponsored by the Institute of Certified Travel Agents.

Sandra Samuel was appointed account coordinator for Casey Communications Management Inc. in Southfield. Previously, Samuel was a staff writer for the corporate communications department of the Stroh Brewery Co.

Michael M. Moran was appointed senior corporate development officer for Michigan National Corp. in Farmington Hills. Prior to joining Michigan National, Moran was employed with Adams Cohen Securities Inc. in Great Neck, N.Y.

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