Metro wins environmental award

The Airports Council International – North America have awarded Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport and Albany County Airport Authority with the year's ACI-NA Environmental Achievsment Awards.

The council recently conducted its third annual contest recognizing member airports for their above and beyond' commitment to the environment. The ACI-NA represents local, regional and state governing bodies that own and operate commercial airports in the United States and Canada. ACI-NA enplane more than 98 percent of the domestic and virtually all the international airline passenger and cargo traffic in North America.

"Environmental issues continue to be a main area of focus for eirports, said Bonnie Wilson, ACI-NA sentor director for airport facilities and services. "The contest is an excellent way to show what airports are doing to improve the environ-

State economy performs well; jobless rate decreases again

Michigan's seasonally adjusted August unemployment rate decreased by two-tenths of a per-centage point to a record low of 3.2 percent, Dr. Berbara Belin, director of the Michigan Depart-ment of Carear Development, announced.

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July unemployment rate of 3.4
percent was the previous law.
The state's August unemployment estimate of 184,000 was
the lowest level since at least
1970, while the August ambor market data reinforce the fact that
our state's economy continues to
perform very well," Dr. Bolin
said. "Joblesaness fell in August
with the recall of workers who
were laid off in July due to
model changeever in the auto
industry." The state unemployment rate in the leat two months
has fallen below the range of 3.7
— 4.0 percent, which prevailed
for most of the prior year and

one-half.

Labor Force Declines

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Michigan's civilian labor force level decreased by 22,000 in August to total 5,070,000. The reduction in the labor force can be attributed to the withdrawal of summer and seasonal workers and job seekers. Employment declined by 11,000 in Michigan in August, and unemployment in Michigan has increased by 37,000, and unemployment has decreased by 26,000. From August 1998 to August 1998, employment has increased by 70,000, or 1.4 percent.

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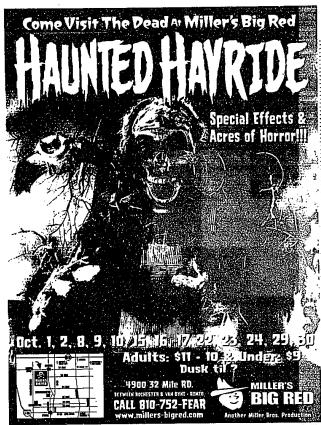
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below the national rate for the 50th consecutive month. State joblessness has declined over the year, as the state rate was six- tenths of a percentage point below the August 1998 rate of 3.8 percent.

Payroll Jobs Decrease

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According to the monthly survey of employers, seasonally adjusted Michigan payroll jobs decreased by 13,000 in August to total 4,672,590. Job reduction was concentrated in construction (-4,000), manufacturing (-3,000), and government (-3,000).

Since August 1998, payroll jobs have increased by 26,000, or 1.2 percent. The sectors that have recorded significant job growth since August 1998 include construction (+8,000, rotali trade (+18,000), and services (+25,000).



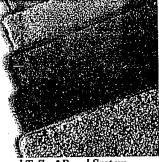




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