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was out of service and the problem was with the inside wiring, the cost to repair could be substantial.

As a renter, you don't own the inside wiring, the wiring that runs from the outside connection through the apartment building to your individual phone jack, and thus you are not responsible for problems associated with wiring. This is the responsibility of the apartment owner or management company. You should also request a refund of all amounts previously billed.

The phone company also offers a maintenance contract, Linebacker Plus, that in addition to servicing inside wire will provide you with a phone if yours is out of service. This is a waste of

money given the price of new phones. If you really think you need a backup, buy a cheap basic phone.

If you recently filed your tax returns, hopefully you took advantage of all the possible tax savings. You may be entitled to a property tax credit from the State of Michigan even if you didn't pay tax. The property tax credit is treated the same way as withholding taxes. Thus, even if you had no income, you may be entitled to a refund. The state considers 20 percent of your rent to be property tax. This can reduce the amount of tax you owe or increase your refund. To be eligible for the credit, your property tax (or 20 percent of your rent) must exceed 3.5 per-

STATE OF MICHIGAN
6TH CIRCUIT COURT
OAKLAND COUNTY
CASE NO. 98-004717-CH
JUDGE BARRY L. HOWARD

Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph, Dept. 404, Pontiac, MI 48341 (248) 858-1000
Plaintiff: Equivest, Limited Partnership -vs- **Defendant(s):** Georgene M. Tozzi, Morrel Corporation, Susan Antanasoski.
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FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS INVITATION TO BID

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for ADDITIONS AND REMODELING TO FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL, PHASE II until 1:30 P.M., Wednesday, July 22, 1998 at the Lewis Schoolmen Administration Center, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, addressed to Paul Hain at which time the Board of Education will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or for reasons of establishing uniformity, to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from AM Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.

Did specifications and documents will be available for public inspection at: McSEV, 26001 W. Five Mile, Redford 48239; FW Dodge Plan Room, Southfield; Construction Assn. Of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and Daily Construction Reports Plan Room, Detroit.

Bidders may obtain a set of bid documents by contacting the Construction Manager (313) 635-1140. Bids are to be submitted in a sealed envelope supplied by the Construction Manager, McS/EV. The bid division being bid is to be identified on the outside of the envelope.

There will be a Pre-Bid meeting held on Thursday, July 9, 1998 at 1:30 PM at the Farmington High School Cafeteria. All bidders are encouraged to attend.

This project is to be bid at the prevailing wage rate.

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cent of household income. Household income includes most items of income, including Social Security benefits and is reduced by certain items including medical insurance premiums.

If you failed to take advantage of the property tax credit, you can file amended returns for prior years up to four years. It's fairly simple to file an amended return and can result in some fairly substantial savings. I should caution that if you live in some type of subsidized housing the rent is not eligible for the credit.

Here are some quick ways to save money. Don't fall for the phone company gimmicks. Avoid the use of those services that "only" cost \$.75 per call. Don't have the phone company connect your information calls for a "small charge" unless you are unable to jot down the number. If you still rent a phone from AT&T or Ameritech, cancel the lease, send the phone back and buy one.

Again, if you are worried about your phone breaking, buy a cheap backup. If you have never looked at reducing your long distance costs and are still paying up to 25 cents or more per minute, change immediately to a cheaper plan. Watch out for hidden charges not set forth in the bold print ads for long distance

companies and make sure you are with the long distance company you signed with. Some ads suggest lower rates but there may be fixed monthly charges or the cost may actually be higher depending on the duration of the call.

Examine your local phone bill closely. Hidden in the bill are all the charges for enhanced services. Are you aware of what enhanced services (such as call waiting, three way calling, etc.) you have signed up for and the monthly cost of each? Do you really need these services? Do you have any idea when you place a call whether it is local, zone or toll? Have you explored with the phone company calling plans that would reduce your overall cost?

To help with answers to the above, call the phone company's business office. Ask for a complete listing and breakdown for each service. Request a listing of all exchanges that are local, zone and toll from your phone. Don't take no for an answer. The phone company used to include this information with your phone book but *no longer does*. You are entitled to this information.

Tom DeWard, a Farmington Hills resident, is a consumer advocate.

*Magician
featured
at picnic*

Grandparents, pack up your grandchildren or great-grandkids and join the fun on Tuesday, Aug. 11, for the 22nd annual intergenerational picnic sponsored by the Farmington Hills Senior Adult Center and the Grand Court.

Tickets are available beginning Monday, July 20, at the senior center, 28600 11 Mile, and are limited to 300 tickets.

The picnic is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. and will feature songs, games, clowns, face painting and memorable family photos for a nominal charge. The picnic will be indoors, thus no worry of rain or ants.

The Farmington Hills police and fire departments will be represented as well as the award-winning magic of J.R. McAtee, voted Best of Detroit, by Detroit Monthly, who will provide entertainment. He can escape from a straitjacket and change place with an assistant locked in a trunk. At age 10, he became the



Magician: J.R. McAtee
will entertain grandpar-
ents and grandkids at the
senior picnic on Aug. 11.

youngest magician ever to perform the "Houdini Mail Bag Escape" successfully. McAtee, from Clinton Township, has won many awards and was one of just five teens invited by the Society of American Magicians to perform at its world convention in Chicago.

The lunch will include typical picnic fare. People 65 and older are invited. Cost is \$3.50. For more information, call 473-1830.

**FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
INVITATION TO BID**

Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for TRACK RENOVATION AT FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL until 1:30 P.M. Tuesday, July 14, 1998 at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shawwassee, Farmington, Michigan. Bids should be addressed to Paul Hain at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at the regularly scheduled meeting. The Board will not consider or accept a bid received after the date and time specified. The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any infirmities therein; or for reasons of establishing a better contract in other than the low bidder.

A bid bond for 5% of the bid amount issued by a carrier licensed by the State of Michigan and with an excellent or superior rating from AM Best Company must accompany your bid proposal. No certified checks accepted.

Bid specifications and documents may be obtained from the purchasing department, 32500 Shinawasee, Farmington, Michigan 48336, (248) 489-3346 or at Foresto Design, Inc., 3269 Coolidge Highway, Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 547-7757.

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