

Mental illness conference set

The Fifth Annual Conference of the State Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Michigan will be held this weekend, May 4-6, at the Sheraton Hotel in Southfield.

Conference theme is "Mental Illness: Exploring New Frontiers." Among the topics to be discussed are research on medications, mental illness, neuroscience and genetics.

Victor Hawthorne, M.D., an AMI member and a researcher at the University of Michigan, will report on his study of medical problems and the death of mentally ill people in Michigan.

Sue Carter, news anchor for Radio Station WWJ, will moderate a panel discussion of mental illness coverage in the media. Among the panelists will be Steve Barnaby, managing editor of The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers.

One workshop, conducted by Rudyard Probst, educational director of Fountain House in New York, will be on the clubhouse model of psychosocial rehabilitation.

Joel Welber, a lawyer from Ann Arbor, will conduct another workshop on wills and trusts for persons who are mentally ill.

For more information or to register, call 355-0010.

Employment forecast

SEMCOG projects 'strong gains' in county

By Tim Richard
Staff writer

A political fight is brewing over a 30-year employment forecast that makes Detroit look bad.

"There will be significant growth for the second ring of Detroit suburbs," said James Rogers, Data-Center Manager for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

Rogers told the SEMCOG Executive Committee recently that by the year 2010 there will be "strong gains" in Oakland County and the Brighton area and losses in Detroit and some of Wayne County.

SEMCOC staff members sent preliminary copies of their job growth projections to local units. The executive committee is scheduled to vote May 18 on accepting the numbers, and that's when the fight will start.

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The numbers, Smith said, will affect not only Michigan Department

of Transportation road building decisions but also private investment.

"If SEMCOG's numbers are correct, the policies of SEMCOG (opposing urban sprawl into farmland) are useless because the numbers are different. We're wasting our time. If it comes to that, we (Detroit) will publish our own numbers."

The preliminary SEMCOG projection shows total jobs in the seven-county region rising from the current 2.18 million to 2.55 million in 2010 — an increase of 16.7 percent.

In contrast, Detroit is shown as going from 394,000 jobs to 340,000 — a drop of 13.7 percent.

JOHN AMBERGER, executive director of SEMCOG, agreed the num-

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Auburn Hills: 11,218 — 33,022 — up 194 percent.
Bingham Farms: 2,854 — 4,184 — up 47 percent.
Birmingham: 19,376 — 23,811 — up 23 percent.
Bloomfield Hills: 11,219 — 16,752 — up 49 percent.
Bloomfield Township: 12,752 — 14,494 — up 14 percent.
Farmington: 8,015 — 8,355 — up 4.3 percent.
Farmington Hills: 41,003 — 68,023 — up 66 percent.
Lathrup Village: 2,523 — 3,143 — up 25 percent.
Novi: 25,068 — 44,257 — up 77 percent.
Rochester: 12,200 — 13,545 — up 11 percent.
Rochester Hills: 21,787 — 37,463 — up 72 percent.
Southfield: 119,758 — 132,483 — up 11 percent.
Troy: 108,599 — 138,727 — up 27 percent.
West Bloomfield Township: 6,579 — 12,423 — up 49 percent.
HERE ARE projections for other counties in the region:
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Macomb: 333,081 — 356,016 — up 6.9 percent.

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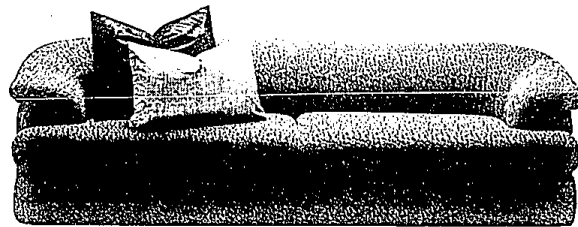


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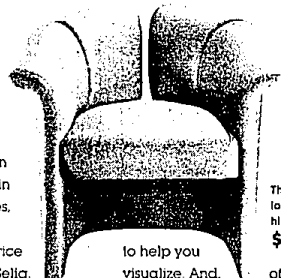
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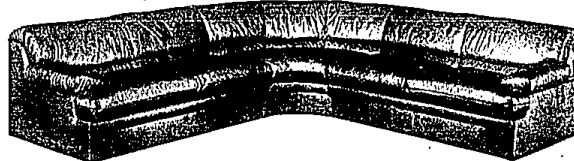
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