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Cable viewers rate an increase



Going up! That's the direction for cable TV rates in the Farmington area, despite the federal efforts to keep rates down. The hike has left some local officials steaming.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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The Federal Communications Commission has tried to put the squeeze on cable rates. Bills to Farmington area cable subscribers will state otherwise.

Residents will pay 3.2 percent more for broadcast and expanded service, MetroVision announced last week. The rates take effect July 14.

The increase amounts to 34 cents more a month (from \$10.45 to \$10.79) for broadcast basic service, and an

additional 35 cents for expanded basic service (from \$10.93 to \$11.28). The rate hikes, again, fly in the face of another FCC initiative to lower monthly cable bills.

The increase upsets some members of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission, who feel blindsided by the announcement.

"I'm ticked," said SWOCC board member Aldo Vagnozzi.

"I don't think they are justified. They came up with the same gob-

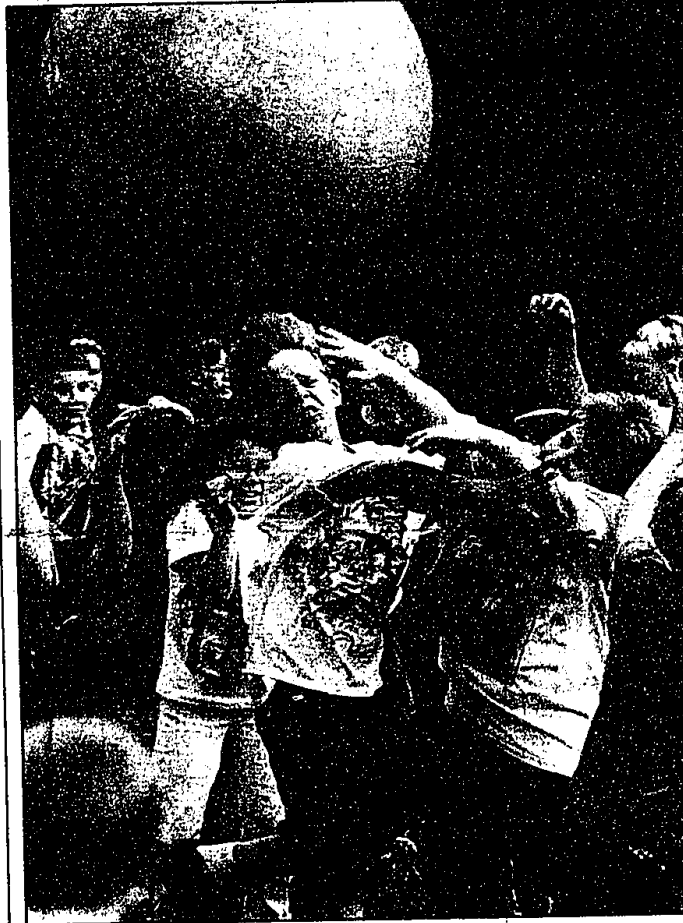
bletyook. Their notice hints that the FCC made them do it. I don't think that's true."

Commission member Bill Costick sent a letter to MetroVision General Manager Bob McCann voicing similar displeasure. Costick said that, as with previous rate hikes, he doesn't feel the commission was given sufficient notice.

"Please be on notice that I, for one, plan to suggest to the cable commis-

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Having a ball at William Grace



SHARON LEHMER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Goal oriented: That huge sphere is a physio-ball, and Adam Hardrow (front, center) is trying to throw it across a line for a goal. He was one of about 80 William Grace Elementary School third- and fourth-graders to participate in a recent fitness program at the school.

Hopefuls to check spending

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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School board hopefuls are not playing polling for dollars.

This year's Farmington School Board election will not produce a record amount of campaign spending. All three candidates plan to keep a tight rein on their finances, claiming they will not spend more than \$2,000.

That's quite a contrast to last year's school election, which featured nine candidates, plenty of spending and a glut of lawn signs.

■ A smaller pool of candidates is seen as a major factor in the spending downturn. The election is Monday, June 13.

Trustee Bobbie Feldman, who won election last year, spent more than \$4,000. Susan McKendrick, who was unsuccessful in her bid, checked in at \$3,700.

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"If there were more candidates going about it aggressively, then there would probably be more campaign spending," said Cathleen Webb, who is seeking a second term on the board.

Webb said she plans to spend somewhere between \$1,500 and \$1,900. The figure includes postage for a large, 2,300-piece mailing. Incumbent R. Jack Inch estimates his campaign tab will run around \$1,000, which is going toward postage for mailings.

That's still three times what challenger Kenneth Stein said he's going to drop into his second election bid. Stein puts the total between \$250 and \$300.

"... but it's my money," added Stein, who's said he's not taking any contributions.

A usually generous contributor is sitting out this election. The political action committee for the school employee unions said it doesn't plan to endorse any candidates in this year's election.

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Call-in program way to connect with residents?

BY SUE BUCK
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HILLS COUNCIL

Councilwatchers Joe Derek and Maasha Silver give high marks to the idea of call-in questions from viewers who are watching the Farmington Hills City Council meetings on cable TV.

Councilman Aldo Vagnozzi initiated the idea more than a year ago and recently council took another look at it.

"As a council watcher, I often sit there with only a few other people," Silver said. "I think anything that gets people active is a good idea. It's the only way that democracy can work."

"Once people get in the habit of calling, maybe they will come down and make comments instead of asking questions," Silver said.

Derek, a frequent speaker at meetings, admits that he still gets butterflies at times when preparing to speak. The call-in method might make it easier for shy individuals with concerns, he said.

"It's a good idea as long as it's not abused," Derek said. "Callers need to be identified and screened."

Derek thinks the idea is great for senior citizens and those who can't

attend meetings.

Vagnozzi became an advocate for the call-in method after watching a successful school board program. He envisions a method where the caller's questions would be recorded by staff and then asked at the meeting.

"This could also be used for subjects separate from the meeting agenda, like the upcoming ice arena issue."

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Caps and gowns galore!

They're talking about little else but graduation in one Farmington household. That's because three family members — father, mother and daughter — will soon be crossing separate stages to collect diplomas.

On June 5, Jessica Rau will graduate from Farmington High at the University of Michigan's Crisler Arena.

On the same Sunday, her mother, Jennifer McCauley, will pick up her associate degree in science of accounting at Oakland Community College. Not to be outdone, her husband Mark McCauley will be awarded a master's degree in science of finance from Walsh College in Troy on June 11.

"This is really an exciting time for us," said Jennifer McCauley.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

Cops in stinging mood

Fair warning. Again this summer, during the time of high school graduations, the Farmington Hills Police Department will conduct liquor enforcement "stings" similar to those held here since 1985.

This is sometimes known as a "decoy liquor enforcement operation" that checks off-premise licenses for sales to underage drinkers. A certified letter explaining the operation was mailed to all Farmington Hills establishments.

Any musicians out there?

Attention string, wind or percussion players . . . the Farmington Community Orchestra would like to hear from you.

The orchestra is made up of student and adult musicians from the Farmington area and surrounding communities. It gives participants a chance to keep up their skills during the summer, while providing music for patrons.

Rehearsals will be 7-8:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Farmington High School beginning Wednesday, June 22. The summer schedule will conclude the first week of August with a concert.

Interested musicians should call Jeff Thomas at 474-1328. Thomas emphasizes that he can work around a musician's summer schedule.