

3 cable TV firms bid for franchise

Cable television for local media buffs has come one step closer to reality. Three companies have submitted proposals to a tri-city committee considering a cable franchise for Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi. Those submitting proposals were: MetroVision of Atlanta, Georgia; Omni-cable of Bloomfield Hills; and United Cable Television of Denver, Colo. Although proposals have been submitted, it will be at least another two years before the system is fully operational, according to Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman.

Altenburg interns

Gail Altenburg, a Michigan State University junior from Farmington Hills, is working a two-month internship with Planned Parenthood, Inc. of Lansing. The internship is part of an academic requirement of MSU's James Madison College, a residential college emphasizing political science. Altenburg, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Altenburg, 3242 Sprucewood, is majoring in minority/majority intergroup relations. She is a 1972 graduate of Farmington Hills High School.

OCC library has telephone for the deaf

The Southfield Campus library of Oakland Community College has installed a special telephone for use for deaf and hearing impaired persons. The number for the library receiver is 555-8958 from 12:30-3 p.m. Monday and 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday.

evaluate cable television offers. Although 13 sets of specifications were sent out, only three were returned. After the proposals are analyzed, each company will have two weeks in which to respond. "Upon completing this process, each applicant will be given an opportunity to make formal presentation before the joint subcommittee and the city councils," said Deadman. THIS MEETING ALSO will be used as a public hearing to give residents a chance to ask questions. A decision on which firm will get the nod will be made sometime in December, according to Deadman. The cable corporation chosen would need approximately two years to install a complete system, although most of Farmington probably would be completed within the first year, said Deadman.

Madonna gets OK

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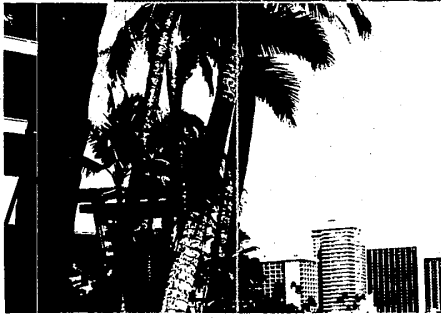

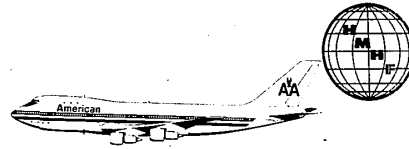
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