

Teleconferencing seminar scheduled at St. Regis Hotel

Vison Communications Inc., a subsidiary of WTVS/Channel 56 and an originator of teleconferencing in Michigan, is hosting the Detroit presentation of a nationwide seminar on "Teleconferencing: State of the Art '83" from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday at Detroit's St. Regis Hotel.

The seminar on teleconferencing will be transmitted to 15 cities from New York live via satellite by VSN Satellite Communications Services and Net Telecon, a teleconferencing service of WNET/Thirteen, public television in New York City.

Using television pictures and sound and digital data communications equipment, teleconferencing has become an increasingly employed method of business communication. It is usually cheaper than travel to conventions.

An expert panel has been assembled to discuss a wide range of subjects during this teleconference session. Topics included are the costs of teleconferencing, human factors and organizational resistance, a technology update, international teleconferencing, and an overview of teleconferencing as a form of business communication.

At 12:45 p.m., as a segment of the overall program, Vison Communications will originate a demonstration of the use of two-way video in teleconferencing live via satellite from the "PBS LateNight" set in the WTVS/Channel 56 studios. Vison Communications also will offer a local session on teleconferencing after the national seminar.

Vison Communications Inc. offers businesses satellite and studio production facilities and provides skilled personnel for national teleconferencing and commercial production.

For more information, call 873-7200.

TV 56 offers viewers trips to film sites

Public television viewers now have an opportunity to travel to the British castle that served as a filming location for "Brideshead Revisited" and the London hotel of "The Duchess of Duke Street" fame.

"Masterpieces and More Tours" is being offered by PBS stations nationwide including WTVS/Channel 56 in Detroit and InterContinental Travel Systems (ICTS). The program offers a chance for public broadcasting fans to visit the filming sites of their favorite programs while helping their local PBS station.

Four different itineraries will be offered five times, April through October. Each tour is a 12-day excursion including first-class accommodations, daily breakfast, expert guide service, and other features.

The total land tour package is \$995. Of that fee, \$100 is a fully tax deductible donation to the participant's local PBS station.

The tour itineraries mix cities and sites familiar to PBS viewers of such programs as "Masterpiece Theatre" and "Great Performances." Tour participants will lunch in James Herriot's own pub from "All Creatures Great and Small," enjoy English tea at Castle Howard, perhaps better known as "Brideshead," or attend a champagne reception at Cavendish Hotel, recognizable from "The Duchess of Duke Street."

Special tour features include meetings with members of the casts of such shows as "The First Churchills" and "Lillie."

ICTS arranges all flights to and from England, Scotland, and Europe on an individual basis (air fare is in addition to land tour cost). ICTS can combine certain tours to allow for easy variation and personalization of travel plans.

A free brochure on the "Masterpieces and More Tours" is available by calling ICTS at 1-800-428-7825.

Blood pressure classes offered

The Oakland County Health Division is offering four blood pressure control classes to county residents. The classes will be held weekly, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at two locations.

The Oakland County Health Center's North Office, 1200 Telegraph, Pontiac, will hold classes Tuesday, April 12, 19, 26 and May 3. The Oakland County Health Center's South Office, 2775 Greenfield Road at 1 1/2 Mile, Southfield, will hold classes Tuesday, April 26, May 3, 10 and 17. All classes are free, but preregistration is required.

Topics that will be covered during these classes include:

- Defining the disease (an overview of high blood pressure and its control)
 - Medications used in treatment.
 - Dietary recommendations (meal planning and food choices).
 - Living with high blood pressure.
- Classes will be taught by public health nurses and nutritionists. Activities and information shared will help class participants better understand high blood pressure and self-care skills. Spouses or family members may attend.
- For further information or to preregister, call Pontiac, 858-1200, or Southfield, 424-7050.



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