

Akouri comes alive

Cable TV show serves up celebrities, psychics



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Pull up your favorite chair and turn on your television set. John Akouri has some great programs lined up for you this fall on Channel 12, at 8:30 p.m. Thursdays. From celebrities to psychics, Akouri brings it to you "live."

In the TV biz, "live" refers to programs cablecast or broadcast so thousands of people are able to see something while it's "actually" happening. There is nothing more exciting than being involved in this type of TV production.

It's no small wonder then that Akouri is into his fourth season of "live" television. He's just the kind of guy that makes things happen. You can tell from the caliber of guests he's had on his programs. Some notable include Beverly Hills Cop co-star Gill Hill, Tommy Hestras' manager Emmanuel Steward, Earl Ruby, brother of the late Jack Ruby and Jack Kemp, 1996 presidential candidate.

Last week, the phone lines were jammed as Madame Cleo, renowned psychic, joined Akouri in his 1994 season premiere.

You won't want to miss Akouri's interview tonight with Jane Abraham, wife of U.S. Senate

candidate Spencer Abraham as the campaign heats up. Don't be a couch potato either. Call the live line with your questions at 553-7303, ext. 251.

Princess Madiba, ambassador of Middle East dance, will be on hand Nov. 3 to tell us all about authentic Arabian dance, tradition and culture. Catch a sneak preview of the dancers that will perform in the princess's upcoming benefit for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

What about being part of a studio audience with hypnotist Jun Hoke on Nov. 15 at the SWOCC studio? He'll mesmerize you with his hypnotic suggestions. Call now for reservations at 489-1775.

Akouri also has holiday specials galore. This year it's the 68th annual Michigan Thanksgiving Day Parade. See the newest floats "live" Nov. 17. Join in a traditional Thanksgiving feast prepared by OCC's finest chefs.

Akouri takes special care in producing his annual Christmas show as well on Dec. 22. Experience the Renaissance as you hear the bells of the Forest Park Ringers and the sounds of the 12th Night Singers. Pastry Chefs from the Ritz Carlton Hotel will create Christmas delectables that will astound you. Set decorations will be provided by Farmington Hills' "Hearts and Roses."

And the thunder doesn't stop there. Upcoming programs in-

clude a visit with attorney Geoffrey Piger and Dr. Jack Kevorkian. Look for Detroit's Mayor Dennis Archer also to appear on the program.

Akouri believes in having as much community involvement as possible. Both Arby's Roast Beef and Pizza Hut of Farmington Hills provide food for each of the program's guests and crew.

Akouri makes TV come "alive." Tune in.

Linda Calderone is the community outreach coordinator for the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

Homeowners meet the candidates

6 p.m. — Democratically speaking: candidate county commissioner

6:30 p.m. — Bagels and talk with Tracy and Phil

7 p.m. — Novi's country fest

7:30 p.m. — Adventures with Pirate Pete

8 p.m. — Black tie optional

8:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills mayoral election

9:30 p.m. — Groove session: Karen Jagwar.

6:30 p.m. — Business and residential news

7 p.m. — Cash talks: Soenick/ Frankel

7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal

8 p.m. — Salon glamour and etiquette with Gloria: cosmetic facelift

9 p.m. — Let's talk with Ben Marks: John Smietanka.

9 p.m. — Law talk: bereavement

Thursday, Nov. 3

10 a.m. — Senior messenger

11 a.m. — Neighborhood meeting

11:30 a.m. — Bagels and talk with Tracy and Phil

Noon — Cash talks: Soenick/ Frankel

12:30 p.m. — Prescription for your health: pediatrician

1 p.m. — Seniors beware: the furnace man

1:30 p.m. — A moving experience

2 p.m. — My vote counts

2:30 — Chi-aerobics: Lesson 31

3 p.m. — Business and residential news

3:30 p.m. — Viewpoint

4 p.m. — Law talk: bereavement

5 p.m. — Farmington Hills mayoral election

6 p.m. — Coffee and conversation: Weight Watchers low-fat tips

7 p.m. — Travels with Kay: Italy

7:30 p.m. — Dollars and Sense with J.R.: Stan Hansen

8 p.m. — Novi News Week

8:30 p.m. — John Akouri Live: Princess Madiba

9 p.m. — Farmington Hills meet the candidates.

Hills man to speak Nov. 17

In celebrating the International Year of the Family, Madonna University's chapter of the Metro Detroit Association for the Education of Young Children (AEYC) will host Farmington Hills resident Dr. Leonard Kaplan, an internationally known speaker, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, as he addresses "Education and the Family" in Knege Hall.

The event is open to the public and may be of interest to teachers and those who work on behalf of children and their families. Admission is \$1 for non-members of the Madonna chapter of Metro Detroit AEYC. Members are admitted free with their membership card.

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