

Dream come true: Local TV show goes national



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CABLE CONNECTION

Here it is — every INFO TV-12 producer's dream. A show you have produced — going nationwide. Yes, this can happen to you.

Kaleidoscope — America's Disability Channel, linked by satellite nationwide, is showing a four-part INFO TV-12 series titled "Where There Are No Physical Therapists."

This medical anthropology documentary, about a Mexican village of disabled children and adults in the remote Sierra Madre Mountains, was shot by Professor Philip Singer. Post production and editing was accomplished by INFO TV-12's very own production specialist Todd Whitman.

The series is introduced by American Physical Therapy Association Vice President Dr. Jane Walters, who is also the director of the Physical Therapy Program at Oakland University. David Werner, who received a MacArthur Foundation National "Genius Award" and who helped to establish the village, is also featured.

The first documentary is titled, "Bioethics Where There Are No Bioethicists." The video shows how the community deals with suicidal depression because of injuries and other concerns.

"Village Therapists" comprises the second part of the series, focusing on how disabled people help each other perform therapy usually done by professionally trained physical therapists.

The third part of the series "Wheelchair Seating At The Human Level" depicts how residents of the village use local resources at virtually no cost to assemble a complex, sophisticated wheelchair, which if commercially produced would sell for thousands of dollars.

Lastly, "Making It Themselves — A Village Workshop" details how paraplegics, quadriplegics and other disabled people use blowtorches, hacksaws and other

tools to produce such wheelchairs and prostheses for the community.

Oftentimes, we perceive community television as being bordered by our neighborhood boundaries. Yet, here is one fine example of the endless opportunities your involvement can lead to with present technology in hand.

INFO TV-12 producers, let this inspire us all. For those of you, however, who haven't yet taken our free TV workshops make that new year's resolution now to call Joan Lillie at MetroVision, 553-7303, ext. 252 and sign up.

"Toys for Tots" — SWOCC INFO TV-2 is proud to be a drop-off location for the Marine Corps Reserve of Southeastern Michigan. Help make a child's Christmas by dropping off a new unwrapped toy at the SWOCC INFO TV-2 Studio at 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills 48335 by Friday, Dec. 16. For more information call 810-473-7266.

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CHANNEL 12
Monday, Dec. 12

10 a.m. — Travels with Kay: Syria and Turkey
10:30 a.m. — Women on the Move: Andra Rush
11 a.m. — Coffee and Conversation: low fat tips
Noon — Farmington Hills Police Journal
12:30 p.m. — Dollars and sense with J.R.
1 p.m. — Seniors on the move: the last goodbye
1:30 p.m. — The word of life: Vernon Alger II
2 p.m. — Prescription for your health: sinuses
2:30 p.m. — Livonia Holiday Parade
4 p.m. — Farmington Hills Beautification awards
5 p.m. — Motorsports: solar-powered cars
6 p.m. — A.A.R.P.: pre-retirement planning
6:30 p.m. — Bagels and talk with Tracy and Phil

Tuesday, Dec. 13

10 a.m. — Senior adult exercise
11 a.m. — Drawing men to Christ
Noon — Adventures with Pirate Pete
12:30 p.m. — Senior messenger
1:30 p.m. — Happiest people alive
2 p.m. — Salon glamour and etiquette with Gloria: trendy hair styles
3 p.m. — Multicultural/multiracial: cultural diversity in high school
4:30 p.m. — Teen talk
5 p.m. — Lansing connection
5:30 p.m. — Living with your addictions
6 p.m. — Mountain ski series: powder
6:30 p.m. — Business and residential news
7 p.m. — Cash talks
7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
8 p.m. — Salon glamour and etiquette with Gloria: trendy hair styles
9 p.m. — Let's talk with Ben Marks: Terry Rakolta

Wednesday, Dec. 14

10 a.m. — Legislative forum
10:30 a.m. — The job show
11 a.m. — Studying scripture
11:30 a.m. — Oakland Press Perspective
Noon — The way the truth and the life
12:30 p.m. — Abundant life Arabic ministries
1 p.m. — Rising tide
2 p.m. — Seniors Beware: the furnace man
2:30 p.m. — Livonia Jr. league football: Orioles vs. gators freshmen
4 p.m. — Crisis in the modern family: volunteerism
5 p.m. — Legally speaking
5:30 p.m. — Groove session
6 p.m. — Farmington Musicals:

Italian concert
7:30 p.m. — A culinary adventure: Roman Terrace II
8 p.m. — Coffee and conversation: low fat tips
9 p.m. — Law talk: I.R.S.

Thursday, Dec. 15

10 a.m. — Senior adult exercise
11 a.m. — Neighborhood watch with Tracy and Phil
Noon — Cash talks
12:30 p.m. — Money talks
1 p.m. — Complementary health therapies: talk and touch therapeutic massage
2 p.m. — My vote counts
2:30 p.m. — Community upbeat: homeless
3 p.m. — Business and residential news
3:30 p.m. — Viewpoint
4 p.m. — Law talk: I.R.S.
5 p.m. — Night life
6 p.m. — Farmington Halloween Fest
6:30 p.m. — Novi news week
7 p.m. — Travels with Kay: Syria and Turkey

Friday, Dec. 16

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