More channels coming for local cable viewers

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secreta. Several speakers put forth a request for additional channels, including the Spanish Channel and The Learning Channel. Right now, MetroVision has programming on all available channels so there's no room to add anything immediately. But part of the "transfor" arreement recently immediately. But part of the "transfor" agreement recently negotiated between Time Warner Entertainment-Advance/Newbouse and SWOCC ensures that be cities will receive a fiber opingrade, which means more channel capacity. This is scheduled be completed by December 1996. Atthough it's a violation of the First Amendment for SWOCC to require MetroVision to provide creatin programming, the commission officed this public hearing forum in the hopes that our cable operator would open its ears to the needs and wishes of its subscribers.

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to the needs and wishes of its subscribers.

Public-access support was an other oft-repeated statement. Soveral community access producers sing the praises of this very important communication tool in our community. Representatives from Novi and Farmington Public Schools showed examples of how cable has helped the education process in the past, and requested provisions for more cable support in the future. Producer Shirley Cash from Novi states that she fearned more in producing 120 frograms over the past two years than she had in 37 years of real feated with the control of the past of the past two years than the past of t

Cable subscribers from Novi, Farmington and Farm-lugton Hills wolcod their comments about cable at the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commissions's Novi don't know that they can be trained wednesday. Two issues atood out:

about two-thirds of the realdents of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi don't know that they can be trained free in TV produc-tion and have their programs cable-cast for free on INFO TV-12. Call 553-7303, ext 251 if you want more information on this.

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SWOCC was pleased with the outpouring for local access programming and pledged a commitment to it. However, commission member and Farmington Hills Councilman Aido Vegnoret indicated that SWOCC may have no control over this if Congress does not pass a telecommunications bill allowing for the continuation of this service. "Right now, we are sending letters to our representatives since they are scheduled to vote on HR 1555 next week, (which), in its curent draft, does not provide for this."

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Residents who came forth with specific problems were urged to contact MetroVision at 553-7300. If you have talked with MetroVision and your problem is unresolved, you may call SWOCC at 473-7266.

The information gathering pro-cess is ongoing, so if you were un-able to attend this public hearing, but would like to have input in our cable renewal process, write to SWOCC at: 24021 Research Drive, Farmington Hills 48335.

Caren Collins is the executive director of the Southwestern Oakland Cable Commission.

Munsell to lead state hospice group

Carol Munsell, director of clinical services at Angela Hospice in Livonia, has been elected president of the Michigan Hospice Or-

anization. Munsell, an MHO board mem-

Munsell, an MHO board member for three years, assumes he new position after a successful lenure as vice-president.

"I believe the MHO has many Jraues to address this coming year, including health care reform and a variety of legislative issues," said Munsell.

The organization was designed to promote quality hospic care in Michigan. It acts as an advocate for hospice and as an educational resource for developing hospices.

As president, Munsell will preside over all meetings of the board and executive officers, act as a

member of all standing committees, and perform all other duties
assigned by the board.

"We need to be proactive to
meet and educate the member
programs throughout Michigan,"
said Munsell.

Along with her new position
with the MHO and current responsibilities at Angela Hespice,
Munsell also teaches hospice
management in the bachelor of
actions of the program at Madonna University in Livonia.

Sister Mary Glovanni, Angela
Hospice president, recognizes the
dedication Munsell has made to
hospice. "Carol has been active in
providing hospice care since 1984,
Her contributions to Angela Hospice and the state of Michigan
have not gone unnoticed."



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