

Costs inhibit competition among cable firms

As we have all received letters from our cable company that our rates are going up, it is natural to wonder why. In 1984 the Cable Act took the rate regulation control away from the local municipalities. The new Congress — the 102nd Congress — will be addressing re-regulation as it returns. Re-regulation, program access and the entry of telephone companies into the cable business all relate to the subject of effective competition.

What most residents do not understand and need to understand is that our cable franchises in the metropolitan area are not exclusive contracts. A second cable company could, if they chose, approach the communities to serve and thus provide a competitive arena. This has not happened, however, because the cost to build, continue to keep state of the art and maintain a cable system is extremely expensive. Thus we have one cable service provider.

MetroVision has been our cable company since 1982, and since that time has continually been building their cable system as our population within Farmington Hills, Novi and Farmington have continued to increase. MetroVision has concentrated this year on improving their technical backup, as well as incorporating fiber optics on their main trunk lines.

As a matter of fact, MetroVision's basic cable rates are of the lowest in the metropolitan area. Even as regulation of rates changed, local accountability to the consumer and municipalities remains in tact. My role as Executive Director of the Cable Commission is to act as your liaison. Please feel free to contact me with questions at 473-7266.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, Jan. 21

- 10 a.m. — Novi Talkin' History: Myrtle Manzel
- 11 a.m. Women on the Move: Nancy Swanberg
- noon — AIM: Valentine's day Flowers
- 12:30 p.m. — Travels With Kay: Istanbul
- 1 p.m. — P.S. Let's Talk About It: J. Kelly and M. Turner
- 1:30 p.m. — Healthy Living: creative health institute
- 2 p.m. — Dance with Virginia: dance
- 2:30 p.m. — Vladislav Kovalsky: his music and friends: Nikolai
- 3 p.m. — Table Topics: arthritis
- 4 p.m. — Lansing Connection
- 4:30 p.m. — What's the Concept?
- 5 p.m. — Home Video Enhancement
- 5:30 p.m. — Groove Session: nefarious



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- 6 p.m. — The Time of Your Life
- 6:30 p.m. — Mormon Church: labor of love
- 7 p.m. — Jr. Japanese: lesson 4
- 7:30 p.m. — Chi-aerobics: Internal power: lesson 2
- 8 p.m. — Prescription for your Health: menopause
- 8:30 p.m. — Novi Family Health Series: what is family practice?
- 9 p.m. — Live and Let Live: P.O.W. sightings
- 10 a.m. — Senior Adult Exercise
- 11 a.m. — Summit University: Elizabeth Claire prophetic
- Noon — Positively: Gary Miller
- 1 p.m. — Women on the Move: Nancy Swanberg
- 2 p.m. — Novi Family Health

Tuesday, Jan. 22

- 10 a.m. — Senior Adult Exercise
- 11 a.m. — Summit University: Elizabeth Claire prophetic
- Noon — Positively: Gary Miller
- 1 p.m. — Women on the Move: Nancy Swanberg
- 2 p.m. — Novi Family Health

- Series: What is family practice?
- 2:30 p.m. — Home Computer Network: data erase I
- 3 p.m. — Tri-City Update
- 3:30 p.m. — Life Matters
- 4:30 p.m. — Medical Decisions and Ethical Dilemmas: treatment decisions
- 5 p.m. — Suddenly! Single and over 50: realstate
- 5:30 p.m. — Cooking with Class: soups
- 6 p.m. — Senior Messenger
- 7 p.m. — Seniors on the Move: belly dancer
- 7:30 p.m. — Trumpet of Praise: worshipping in spirit I
- 8 p.m. — Farmington Hills Employee Awards

Wednesday, Jan. 23

- 10 a.m. — Consumer Access
- 10:30 a.m. — Capitol Report
- 11 a.m. — Madonna Magazine
- 11:30 a.m. — Jewish Television

Magazine

- Noon — Trumpet of Praise: worshipping in spirit I
- 12:30 p.m. — Keep Michigan Beautiful
- 1 p.m. — Issues of water quality
- 1:30 p.m. — Blues Beat: Chicago Pete and the Detroiters
- 2 p.m. — Farmington Focus
- 2:30 p.m. — Tall Tales Express: the choice is mine
- 3 p.m. — Crisis in the Modern Family: teen suicide
- 4 p.m. — Serendipity: games
- 4:30 p.m. — On Your Own: latch key kids
- 5 p.m. — Home Video Enhancement
- 5:30 p.m. — Community Update: amputation
- 6 p.m. — Tri-City Update
- 7 p.m. — Home Computer Network: data erase I
- 7:30 p.m. — Horizons
- 8 p.m. — My Vote Counts
- 8:30 p.m. — P.S. Let's Talk About It: J. Kelly and M. Turner
- 9 p.m. — Groove Session: nefarious
- 9:30 p.m. — Travels with Kay: Istanbul

Thursday, Jan. 24

- 10 a.m. — Senior Adult Exercise
- 11 a.m. — Seniors on the Move

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- 11:30 a.m. — Michigan Journal
- Noon — Horizons
- 12:30 p.m. — Prescription for Your Health: menopause
- 1 p.m. — Trauma: the silent epidemic
- 1:30 p.m. — Viewpoint
- 2 p.m. — My vote counts
- 2:30 p.m. — Chi-aerobics: internal power: lesson 2
- 3 p.m. — Senior Messenger
- 4 p.m. — Peace Corps of the 90s
- 4:30 p.m. — What's the Concept?
- 5 p.m. — Senior Adult current events
- 6 p.m. — Listening, learning, loving: parents of lesbians and gays
- 6:30 p.m. — Medical Decisions and ethical dilemmas: treatment decisions
- 7 p.m. — Jr. Japanese: lesson 4
- 7:30 p.m. — Viewpoint
- 8 p.m. — Farmington Focus
- 8:30 p.m. — Crisis in the Modern Family: teen suicide
- 9:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection

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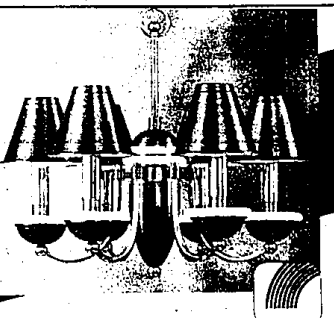
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