

Congress debates cable legislation — send letters

The Congress of the United States is trying to determine a legislative framework which will allow competition to prevail in the communication industry. Our specific concern is cable television.

Each of you television viewers have your personal reason for watching television. Some residents have become intimately involved with the media, developing media centers in their home or office. Some work in the industry, while others are dependent on the services available via television, especially as it interfaces with other services. Others have taken television production workshops and are actively involved with the programming of a television channel.

All this opportunity has come about with the advent of the cable television industry. Due to federal law, the Cable Act of 1934 offers the local municipality the opportunity to develop services and channels for public, educational, or governmental use. Michigan communities have predominantly said thank you and have enthusiastically availed themselves of the offering and enhanced the lives of individuals throughout their towns.

The legislative activity that is



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taking place as you read will directly affect all this opportunity. It is important that any legislation be strong to insure the following: regulation of the cable contract and rate increases by a local authority; maintaining an effective competition standard to keep the industry that will be competing on the level playing field; monitoring of signal quality standards. All in all, any bill must keep enough pro-consumer provisions.

A letter to your senator and representative is a very effective way to send your message. A short paragraph about our experience will help them to really know what is important to you. Believe me, they do have predominantly said thank you and have enthusiastically availed themselves of the offering and enhanced the lives of individuals throughout their towns.

This industry is naturally monopolistic because of its high upfront costs to build the network and maintain it. It will therefore be many

years of juggling the framework to determine which rules work. Meanwhile, you and I expect continued quality of service and to continue to be involved with the telecommunication process. I never cease to be amazed at how knowledgeable the general public has become. Keep up the good work. And remember, our world is made up of individuals and your vote and thought does count.

Last week's column printed an inaccurate date. The Computer Club television workshop will be the week of Feb. 24.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Monday, Feb. 3

- 10 a.m. — Novi Talkin' History: Russ Button
- 10:30 a.m. — Novi Talkin' History: Mabel Ash
- 11 a.m. — Women on the Move: Tracy White
- Noon — Farmington Hills Police Journal
- 12:30 p.m. — As Time Goes By: senior talent show
- 1:30 p.m. — Life Matters
- 2 p.m. — Dickerman Showcase: one night up

2:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Fire Dept. hot show

- 3 p.m. — Famous People in poetry alive
- 4 p.m. — Lansing Connection
- 4:30 p.m. — Shaarey Zekeek Productions
- 5:30 p.m. — Groove Session: razzmatazz
- 6 p.m. — Speakers Row: Jerry Hirschberg
- 6:30 p.m. — Tall Tales Express: Marc Thomas and the Fabricators
- 7 p.m. — Jr. Japanese: lesson 23
- 7:30 p.m. — Chi-aerobics: interval power: lesson 15
- 8 p.m. — Prescription for your health
- 9:30 p.m. — Sharon Stein Show: Michigan trade center, karaoke

Tuesday, Feb. 4

- 10 a.m. — Senior Adult Exercise
- 11 a.m. — Summit University: Elizabeth Claire prophet
- Noon — Drawing men to Christ
- 1 p.m. — Sampler Pioneer Women, their lives through song
- 2 p.m. — City of Farmington beautification awards
- 3 p.m. — Tri-City Update
- 4 p.m. — Clarenceville Schools
- 6 p.m. — Senior Messenger
- 7 p.m. — Seniors on the Move: Virginia Dickerman
- 7:30 p.m. — Spirit of America now and then
- 8:30 p.m. — Novi Skit-o-Frantic: sentimental journey

Wednesday, Feb. 5

- 10 a.m. — Spirit of America now and then
- 11 a.m. — Wedding fashions through the ages
- Noon — Galaxy of stars
- 2 p.m. — Farmington Focus
- 2:30 p.m. — Angela Hospice
- 3 p.m. — Crisis in the Modern Family: teachers
- 4 p.m. — Cosmic Connection
- 5 p.m. — Senior fitness
- 5:30 p.m. — A Forgotten People: Lacy Harrison
- 6 p.m. — Tri-City Update
- 7 p.m. — The Word of Life: the God who does not forsake
- 7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
- 8 p.m. — My vote counts
- 8:30 p.m. — First aid for little people
- 9 p.m. — Groove Session: razzmatazz
- 9:30 p.m. — Dance with Virginia: rehearsal

Thursday, Feb. 6

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

Virginia Dickerman

- 11:30 a.m. — That's Italian
- Noon — Along the way photo essay
- 12:30 p.m. — Shikandara
- 1 p.m. — Prescription for your health
- 1:30 p.m. — Viewpoint
- 2 p.m. — My vote counts
- 2:30 p.m. — Chi-aerobics interval power: lesson 15
- 3 p.m. — Senior messenger
- 4 p.m. — Clarenceville schools
- 5 p.m. — Spontaneous seniors
- 6 p.m. — Novi Chamber of Commerce
- 6:30 — Dollars and sense: long term care
- 7 p.m. — Jr. Japanese: lesson 23
- 7:30 p.m. — Viewpoint
- 8 p.m. — Farmington Focus
- 8:30 p.m. — Crisis in the Modern Family: teachers
- 9:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection

Friday, Feb. 7

- Request your favorite community access program to be cablecast on Friday between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. Call Metrovision at 553-7303.

Woman robbed outside bank

A 30-year-old Waterford Township woman was robbed at gunpoint Saturday while making a delivery in the night deposit slot at the Michigan National Bank at 4120 Telegraph.

The woman drove up to the night deposit slot at the rear of the bank at about 11 a.m., according to Bloomfield Township police Lt. Jeffrey Werner.

She couldn't reach the slot, however, and got out of her car, Werner said. She was then approached by a man who produced a small, black automatic gun and demanded the money.

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