

Key to grasping changes is accurate information



LARK SAMOUELIAN

CABLE CONNECTION

As we proceed in the days ahead, knowing where to gather the accurate information is going to be a challenge for the consumer. From my perspective I feel that we are very fortunate.

Our cable franchise with the cable company has developed services in a conservative manner. This has also reflected in the rates, which have been moderate in scale.

The most accurate reporting that I have seen does have been within our own franchise with Observer reporter, Larry O'Connor. He reports the old-fashioned way by gathering information and making sure his resources are accurate. I have been impressed with his diligence to accuracy and the alertness or extreme point of view, but factual and real information.

The details of the FCC formula, which will regulate and determine how each cable company will adhere to the law, is to be published this month. It is very complicated. The benchmarks will be rolled back to September 1992. They will incorporate all cable programming options.

How MetroVision fits into that formula will determine whether or

not there will be a reduction in rates for our cable franchise. From the national reporting it would appear that there should be a 10-percent cut with a variation for inflation.

The other end of the spectrum will be how a franchise authority, which in our area is the Southwestern Oakland Commission, will regulate rates. It is a bit unclear exactly how the definition of basic tier will be applied in our area. Right now the FCC has stated that it will include broadcast channels, as well as public, education and government channels.

Our multijurisdictional grant reinforces that the Cable Commission is to oversee the cable franchise to make sure that the consumer is receiving the greatest amount of services for the most reasonable cost. This has prevailed and will continue to prevail. For your information, the information that I report to you and that MetroVision reports to you and that Larry O'Connor reports to you is straight from the Federal Communications Commission.

As we have stressed in previous articles, as we proceed forward in the future to provide our communities with the latest in communications services to the consumer, we will be working together. With the 21st century embarking upon us, understanding the dynamics of each entity is crucial, so that each characteristic

which is best from each perspective will provide a greater whole for our communities.

MONDAY, APRIL 12

- 10 a.m. — Novi Talking History: Bill Garfield/Thornton Home
- 10:30 a.m. — Senior fitness
- 11 a.m. — Women on the Move: author
- 11:30 a.m. — Defensive tactics: Basic II
- Noon — Farmington Hills Police Journal
- 12:30 p.m. — Dollars and Sense: Zubok speaks Clintonese
- 1 p.m. — The word of life: plots against Daniel
- 1:30 p.m. — Life matters
- 2 p.m. — Old time religion: key of G
- 3 p.m. — Vladislav Kovalsky his music and friends: J. Baum
- 3:30 p.m. — Citizens against government waste
- 4 p.m. — Shaarey Zedek Productions
- 5 p.m. — Crime Watch
- 5:30 p.m. — Big Cities
- 6 p.m. — Senior Spotlight: prescription awareness
- 6:30 p.m. — Bagels and talk with Tracy and Phil
- 7 p.m. — Jr. Japanese: lesson 39
- 7:30 p.m. — Chi-aerobics: internal power: lesson 29
- 8 p.m. — Prescription for your health: physicians assistants

- 8:30 p.m. — Cosmic Connection: Elizabeth and Cynthia
- 9:30 p.m. — Groove Session: art of fact

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

- 10 a.m. — Senior adult exercise
- 11 a.m. — Summit University
- Noon — Drawing men to Christ
- 1 p.m. — Prisoners of wedlock
- 2 p.m. — Salon glamour and etiquette with Gloria
- 3 p.m. — Cosmic Connection: Elizabeth and Cynthia
- 4 p.m. — Schizophrenia: brain disease or cultural pathology
- 5 p.m. — Senior Messenger
- 6 p.m. — Seniors on the Move: rollerskater
- 6:30 p.m. — Black tie optional
- 7 p.m. — Winning ways
- 7:30 p.m. — Farmington Hills Police Journal
- 8 p.m. — Salon glamour and etiquette with Gloria
- 9 p.m. — Defensive tactics: basic II
- 9:30 p.m. — Farmington prep football

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

- 10 a.m. — Capitol report
- 10:30 a.m. — Madonna Magazine
- 11 a.m. — Marc Country TV
- Noon — The way the truth and the life
- 12:30 a.m. — That's Italian

- 1 p.m. — Senior Messenger
- 2 p.m. — Twelve Oaks Youth Pope Orchestra
- 3 p.m. — Crisis in the modern family: AIDS and MAPP
- 4 p.m. — Jr. Japanese: lesson 39
- 4:30 p.m. — Bring them home America
- 5 p.m. — Bagels and talk with Tracy and Phil
- 5:30 p.m. — Groove Session: art of fact

- 6 p.m. — Schizophrenia: brain disease or cultural pathology
- 7 p.m. — The word of life: plots against Daniel
- 7:30 p.m. — Sports yesterday/today: conversations
- 8 p.m. — Shikandaza: Japanese music
- 8:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection
- 9 p.m. — Speakers Row: Haggerty Connector.



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