

# Cable franchises to forge new vistas in '94



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**CABLE CONNECTION**  
What are we really watching? In the past several months I have been to a few seminars, which were marketed as educational forums for those of us in the business of cable and telecommunications. The sessions turned out to be "your guess is as good as mine."

The main issue appears to be "what mergers really mean. All the press you are hearing and reading is all based on an "adopted concept."

Stockholders of participating companies must be considered; the Justice Department will hold an antitrust examination; and regulators must be convinced that mergers will enhance competition. Thousands of local franchises will have to be reviewed for assurances that customer service and competition will prevail.

The upcoming new year of 1994 will find those of us in cable franchise administration forging continuing new vistas. I venture a guess that few people who know of us recognize that new technology, building new franchises, develop first-time-ever community services and diplomat our way through mega-multi-layered bureaucratic structures, which are intertwined at a local, state, county and federal level.

And guess what? We are all here to talk about it and are taking a deep breath ready to dive into the new adventures required to protect our communities' con-

tinued involvement within the telecommunication arena.

**CHANNEL 12**

**MONDAY, JAN 3**

10 a.m. — Travels with Kay: Baltic states III

10:30 a.m. — Women on the Move: PHR animator

11 a.m. — Coffee and conversation: fashions of today

Noon — Farmington Hills Police Journal

12:30 p.m. — Dollars and Sense with J.R.: David Ramirez

1 p.m. — Seniors on the move: roller skater

1:30 p.m. — The word of life: Peters menu

2 p.m. — New resources for seniors

3 p.m. — North American Indian Journal

4 p.m. — Cash talks: fear of flying

5 p.m. — Tips for business

5:30 p.m. — Library: check it out

6 p.m. — Music box: chain reaction

6:30 p.m. — Bagels and talk with Tracy and Phil

7 p.m. — Jr. Japanese: Lesson 16

7:30 p.m. — Chi-aerobics: Lesson 38

8 p.m. — Cosmic connection

9 p.m. — Listening, learning, loving: parents of lesbians and gays

9:30 p.m. — Groove Session

**TUESDAY, JAN. 4**

10 a.m. — Summit University

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11 a.m. — Praise, praise, praise

11:30 a.m. — Life matters

Noon — Adventures with Pirate Pete

12:30 p.m. — Spontaneous seniors

1:30 p.m. — American health information network: T.B.

2 p.m. — Salon glamour and etiquette with Gloria: acne treatment

3 p.m. — Cosmic connection

4 p.m. — Seniors on parade

4:30 p.m. — Community upbeat: amputation

5 p.m. — Crime Watch

5:30 p.m. — Living with your additions

6 p.m. — Seniors on the move: roller skater

6:30 p.m. — Business and residential news

7 p.m. — Cash talks

7:30 p.m. — Viewpoint

8 p.m. — Salon glamour and etiquette with Gloria: acne treatment

9 p.m. — Bridge with the experts: Lesson 9

9:30 p.m. — Rainbow of promise

**WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5**

10 a.m. — Capitol report

5:30 p.m. — Groove session

6 p.m. — Senior messenger

7 p.m. — The word of life: Peters menu

7:30 p.m. — Medical update: M.H.L.A.

8 p.m. — My vote counts

8:30 p.m. — Lansing Connection

9 p.m. — Speakers row: Jack Kelly

**THURSDAY, JAN. 6**

10 a.m. — Senior messenger

11 a.m. — Prescription for your health: sinus

11:30 a.m. — Bagels and talk with Tracy and Phil

Noon — Cash talks

12:30 p.m. — Live and let live: gun control

1:30 p.m. — Seniors beware: the furnace man

2 p.m. — My vote counts

2:30 p.m. — Chi-aerobics: Lesson 38

3 p.m. — Business and residential news

3:30 p.m. — Viewpoint

4 p.m. — A moving experience

4:30 p.m. — Braiding simplified

5 p.m. — Shanrey Zedek Productions

6 p.m. — Our town

6:30 p.m. — Marvo the Magician: fire safety

7 p.m. — Crisis in the modern family: children helping children

8 p.m. — Kali Mai

9 p.m. — Snapshots in complexity: Part I

**FRIDAY, JAN. 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.

## Educator to direct dialogue on discipline

Parenting educator Mira Binkhile will attempt to help parents develop a positive approach to child management dilemmas in her seminar "Discipline: Dos, Don'ts and Dilemmas" Jan. 18 at the Bussey Center for Early Childhood Education.

Binkhile will direct a dialogue on

discipline and answer parents' questions about how children develop self-control, how the parenting role changes as children mature, the most effective and empowering disciplinary practices and the goal of discipline.

Reservations are now being accepted for the program which is

limited to 50 adults. No children please.

To reserve a spot, send \$5 with your name, address and phone number to the Bussey Center, 19080 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, 48076. The money will be refunded to those who attend.

The seminar will run 7-8:30 p.m.

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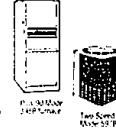
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