

Citing Government Figures, TCI Cablevision Of Oregon Says Cable Bill Would Force \$4 Monthly Increase

TCI Cablevision of Oregon, Inc. which provides cable television service to homes in West Portland, Multnomah County, Washington County, Clackamas County, West Linn, Oregon City and Gladstone, today officially voiced opposition to proposed Congressional legislation which would increase cable consumers' monthly charge from \$2.00-\$4.00, based on government and industry figures.

"The 'Cable Bill' as it is commonly known, began as a legitimate attempt to set guidelines for basic cable rates," said Bill Tierney, System General Manager. "However, as the Bill went through the Congressional process, the major networks and other special interests pushed through amendments which took it out of the realm of consumer protection. What's left of the Cable Bill is a bonanza for these special interests at the expense of the nation's cable customers. It will raise rates, not lower them."

According to Tierney, one of the Cable Bill's most troubling provisions

is one which would force cable customers to pay extra for the major network broadcast stations they are currently receiving. "We think it's just plain unfair that all cable customers will have to pay extra for programming others watch for free with an antenna," he said. He added, "We charge our customers for the wires and equipment needed to improve reception of the major networks, like CBS. Now this bill would result in charges for the programming itself-programming that is already paid for with billions in advertising dollars and which others see for free."

Tierney also added that TCI is encouraging its customers to contact their Senators and Congressman to express their disapproval of the Cable Bill. "What started out with good intentions has evolved into poorly written, cumbersome legislation what will raise cable rates, not lower them. We urge everyone to let their Senators and Congressman know how unjust the Cable Bill really is."

New OMSI Shuttle

Tri-Met's new OMSI Shuttle bus makes it easy for visitors to get to the new Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in southeast Portland.

Conveniently serving bus and MAX passengers, the shuttle operates between S.W. Salmon Street and Fifth Avenue on the Portland Transit Mall and S.E. Clay Street and Water Avenue near OMSI. The shuttle runs during OMSI operating hours, and regular Tri-Met fares apply.

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Summit Of Black Organizations Scheduled In DC, Nov. 13-14

A major summit conference of representatives of black organizations, bringing together a broad cross-section of groups concerned with civil and human rights, as well as economic and social issues, has been scheduled by the National Association of Black Organizations (NABO), in Washington, D.C., November 13-14, according to its chair, Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, Executive Director/CEO, NAACP.

The conference will be held at the Howard Inn and represents a continuation of efforts begun in 1990 when the NAACP convened a meeting of over 100 representatives of black organizations for the purpose of establishing a mechanism able to coordinate and enhance the individual efforts of the various groups.

The conferees agreed to form NABO

to "mobilize and empower organizations to collectively address the socio-economic problems affecting the black community."

It was also agreed that NABO would not replace any existing organization, or duplicate any other activities. NABO's mission was defined as:

* Establish a communications network for sharing and disseminating information about effective programs.
* Identify and replicate successful self-help initiatives, such as drug treatment centers, neighborhood patrol programs, teen pregnancy centers, job training programs, and dropout prevention projects.

* Develop a brain-trust to research, analyze, and help solve some of the critical social problems affecting blacks, such as crime, drug trafficking

and abuse, inadequate education, poor health care, single-headed households, and unemployment.

* Develop strategies, programs, and projects for strengthening support of African-American institutions, such as banks, colleges, newspapers, organizations, and businesses.

In his letter of invitation to the November meeting, Dr. Hooks stated that the conditions facing Black Americans are more serious now than they have been in the last 25 years.

"The problems that plague African-Americans require that we work constantly in a coordinated and unified manner to best serve, not only the civil and human rights of our constituents, but the economic interests as well, he said.

Planned Parenthood Starts Services For Women In Mid-life

Agency's newest program kicks off Nov. 21 with a workshop celebrating "the passage through mid-life"

In the next 20 years, 20 million women will reach menopause age. By 2020, the number will be an estimated 60 million.

In a society that worships youth, reaching mid-life is a "crisis" for many women. But the passage through a new stage of life can be exciting and liberating, says Lauren Hartmann, Director of Patients Services at Planned Parenthood of the Columbia/Willamette.

To help women overcome anxieties related to aging, Planned Parenthood now offers Center Stage, a new program of medical, educational and counseling services for women approaching the end of their reproductive years.

"A third of Planned Parenthood's patients are 30 or older, and this program will enhance our services to women across their life-span," Hartmann said.

The program starts Saturday, Nov. 21, with a workshop, "Center Stage: A Women's Forum Celebrating the Passage Through Mid-life." With registration at 8:30 a.m., the forum will start at

9 a.m. in the conference room of the agency's center at 3231 S.E. 50th Ave., Portland.

The forum will feature four speakers:

Mildred Davy, 81 year-old general manager of KTLI Radio in Tillamook, Ore., and host of "it's a Woman's World," a radio talk show.

Betsy Love, registered nurse and program manager for Providence Medical Center's Metabolic Bone disorders. Her topic: "Osteoporosis."

Phyllis Brow, Portland obstetrician/gynecologist. Topic: "Demystifying Hormone Therapy."

Joan Starker, MSW, Ph.D., Portland clinical social worker. Topic:

"Mid-life: Turning Crisis into Opportunity."

Cost of the program is \$35, which includes continental breakfast.

Hartmann said the agency is asking individuals as well as business, civic, government and other groups to donate the cost of at least one registration fee for women who would not otherwise be able to attend.

To register or contribute a registration fee, call 775-4931.



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