## Agreement keeps Ch. 50 on cable

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Bart and the rest of the Simpsons will continue to be beamed into the homes of MetroVision chile subscribers. The cable operator announced Tuesday an agreement has been reached to continue to carry WKBD-TV (Channel 50), which ais "The Simpsons" and other Fox-TV network programmins.

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MetroVision also expects to complete similar deals with WJBK-TV (Channel 2), WDIV-TV (Channel 4) and WXYZ-TV (Channel 7.)

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New rules require broadcast channel agreements. Cable companies need broadcasters' permission in order to carry their signal. The agreement covers all cable systems in the Detroit metro area owned by MetroVision as part of the national arrangement between Newhouse Broadcasting, parent company of MetroVision, and the Fox Broadcasting Company, of which WKBD-TVi san affiliate. The affiliate will continue to

provide nearly 72,000 MetroVision subscribers in Farmington Hills, Farmington, Livenia and Redford with programming.

"If an agreement is not reached by Oct. 6, MetroVision would be obligated by law to remove the channel from its systems," said Tom Bjorklund, MetroVision vice president and regional manager.

"The other Detroit area TV stations, including WXON-TV, WADL-TV, WTVS-TV and

WGPR-TV, have already ex-crelsed their option to be carried without compensation or negotia-tions."

The five-year WKBD-TV agreement, in which no cash is paid for the use of its signal, is an example of the type of business relationably many feel will ulti-mately benefit the subscriber, Bjorklund said.

WKBD-TV is licensed to oper-

Bjorklund said.
WKBD-TV is licensed to operate on UHF Channel 50 and is carried as VHF Channel 50 and is where Vision systems. The station is owned by Paramount Communications, inc.
Bjorklund is confident all agreements will come through.
"It's like saying, Yes, you'll be getting the mail," Bjorklund said.

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Arrangements were made by the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington. EDWARD A. HINTZ . Mr. Hintz, 74, of Farmington died Sept. 28.

led Sept. 28.

Born in Detroit, Mr. Hintz was truck driver and retired as gen-ral manager of Borin Brothers CECILLA BERNICE WHITTAKER Ice Co.
Survivors include his wife, Miltired; sons, Michael and Edward;
daughters, Margaret Berry,
Roberta Cudej, Stephanie Ratsos
and Elizabeth Huntzmon; 16
grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren.
Mass was celebrated Oct. 2 in
Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic
Church, with The Rev. Loren
O'Dea officiating, Burial was in
Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield. Mrs. Whittaker, 92, of Farming-ton Hills died Sept. 29. Born in Detroit, Mrs. Whittak-

Born in Detroit, Mrs. Whittaker was a homemaker.
Survivors include her daughter Barbara Whittaker sister, Alice Kent; two grandchildren.
Services were at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmigton, with The Rev. John Hogan of Jeaus, Mary, Joseph Mission officiating. Burlai was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

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Mrs. Mitchell, 93, of Livonia,
formerly of Farmington, died
Sept. 30.

Born in Bartholomew County,
Ind., Mrs. Mitchell worked for 20
years for Bower Roller Bearing of
Detroit, now known as Federal
Mogul, as a production inspector.
She was a member of the Order of
Eastern Star-Pillar Lodge; American Legion Auxillary-229 in
Hope, Ind., and a member of
Farmington Drop-In Center.
Survivors include her son, Donali; daughters, Majorie Paco and
Dorothy Koppin; sister, Florine
Hnas; seven grandchildren and

six great-grandchildren.
Services were Oct. 2 at the
Thayer-Rock Funeral Home,
Farmington, with the Rev. Edward L. Dunean of First United
Methodist Church of Farmington
officiating.
Burial was in White Chapel
Cemetery, Troy.
Memorials may be made to
Angela Hospice, 36995 Five Mile
Road, Livonia 48154.

**EDITH TARVER** 

Mrs. Tarver, 86, of Farmington Hills died Sept. 9 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

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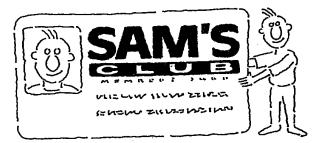




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