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To our readers: Thursday's massive power outage disrupted the lives of millions of residents throughout southeast Michigan and other parts of the country. The effects of this historic event will continue to be felt for some time.

As individuals coped with no power and water in many of our communities, the Observer ♂ Eccentric Newspapers struggled to fulfill our commitment to our readers and the hometowns we serve by continuing to publish.

Thanks to a back-up generator at our Livonia plant providing minimal power, a cooperative spirit by our sister newspaper in Howell and the Cox Newspaper Group's Dayton Daily News, and the hard work of our staffers under difficult conditions, we were able to produce a Sunday newspaper.

The paper looks a little different since we were limited to producing one combined edition for our Eccentric readers and another for our Observer readers. In addition, our Farmington readers received their regular paper except that it carried an Eccentric nameplate.

We appreciate your understanding, and expect to be at full publishing capacity by Thursday's edition.

Sincerely, Peter Neill General Manager



Breathers Club

People suffering from such chronic lung conditions such as asthma, chronic bronchitis and emphysema can find fellowship and support, not to mention education, at Garden City Hospital's Breathers Club.

The group meets at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 20, n the lower level of the Medical Office Building, Family members and/or friends are welcome to the meeting which is free of charge.

More information is available by calling (734) 458-3481 or by e-mail at respiratoryth@gchosp.org.

For Moms

The MOMS Club of Garden City/Redford will meet at 10 a.m. Friday, Sept. 19, at the Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City.

The club is a support group for SAHM (stay-athome moms) and WAHM (work-at-home moms). It has play groups, Mom nights out and a calendar of activities. Call Natalie at (734) 261-

4186 or Lisa at (313) 534-2591 for more information.

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Blackout of '03: We're coping

For Beth Hurley, getting some gasoline in her car on Friday was an emer-

With two children with asthma, she was on her way to her in-laws - and airconditioning - in Irish Hills.

The Canton Township woman and about 20 other drivers packed in and around the Stop-N-Go gas station at Ford and Sheldon roads as power came back on in parts of Canton mid-morning

"We looked through the window," Hurley said, adding she made phone calls until she tracked down the station's owner. She called the alarm company and anyone else she could until the owner was notified.

When he arrived, a big hoot and holler rang out from drivers. "Give me a few minutes," he said, waving back.

There were similar scenes at a number

of gas stations in Canton, one of the first communities in western Wayne County to get power back Friday after the massive outage hit Thursday afternoon.

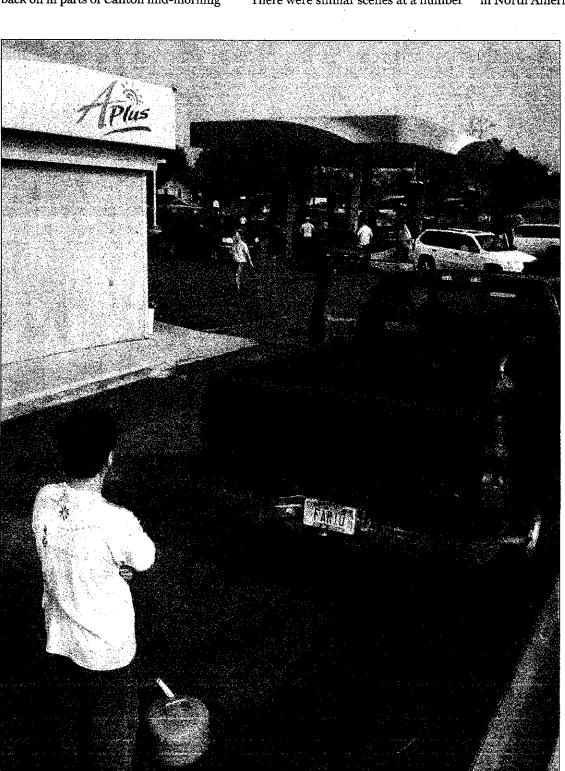
Across western Wayne County communities still in the dark, people braved intersections without traffic lights, searched for water and other essentials and tried to keep a sense of humor as they coped with the largest power failure in North American history.

NO ATTITUDES

Marco's Fine Wine & Deli store on Wayne Road in Westland had a steady stream of customers.

"Everyone has been wonderful," said Mahasen Salman of Marco's. She used a small calculator to ring up purchases of soft drinks, cigarettes and alcohol. "Nobody has had any attitudes or com-

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Manhee Lee of Canton stands in a line of cars as he waits to fill his gas can at the Sunoco Station at Joy and Lilley in Canton. Lee had run out of gas about a mile from the station.

Officials urge patience in power, water crisis

BY SUE MASON AND DAVE VARGA STAFF WRITERS

DTE Energy officials expect to get power for its 2.1 million customers by the end of today, Aug. 17 - but a lot depends on the customers.

'Our best estimates are that it will take through the whole weekend," said Anthony Earley Jr, chairman and CEO of DTE.

As for water service, residents should be patient, according to Perry White, assistant supervisor of Detroit Water and Sewerage. "Eventually everything will be back on line."

Water service was being delayed Friday by power outages. "We've got a couple pumping stations that are down because of power," White said. "We're waiting on the power."

As of Friday morning, most of Livonia and parts of other communities had no water.

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Hospitals work on through emergency

BY JON! HUBRED

While some areas of St. Mary Mercy Hospital remained dark, emergency generators kept vital patient services and perishable blood supplies safe during Thursday's power outage, according to a hospital spokesperson.

Julie Sproul, director of Marketing and Public Relations, said the 304-bed acute care community hospital's emergency preparedness plan kicked in right after the power went out.

"Normal patient care has

continued," Sproul said. "Staff has responded superbly."

From the beginning, Sproul said, hospital officials decided to reduce elective surgeries. Eventually, they were scrapped altogether. "Our emergency center is

open," she added. "One of the biggest issues we've had is asthma patients who can't use their nebulizers at home. The Livonia Community Center has served as a back-up location for that service."

Several suppliers have brought water to the hospital; enough food is available for

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Dream Cruise pared down but goes on despite outage

BY WAYNE PEAL AND NICOLE STAFFORD STAFF WRITERS

Like a stalled '55 Chevy, Saturday's Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise kept rolling with a push from fans and volunteers, who sometimes struggled to keep their own tempers from boiling over.

Though the power blackout severely hampered the lead up to the annual motor event, fans who stayed made the best of the situation.

"We're hanging in, doing the best we can. We've got flashlights, we've even showered by flashlight," said Frank Martino, who made the 31/2hour trip from Fort Wayne, Ind., to downtown Birmingham to view the classic cars.

"The real issue is the money spent,"

Martino said, noting his Birmingham hotel wasn't giving refunds for those who booked their Dream Cruise reservations months in advance.

The nine-year-old Dream Cruise brings classic car owners from throughout the nation to Oakland County's Woodward Avenue for a one-day trip that has become a weeklong celebration.

While final figures are far from being tallied, lower-than-expected Dream Cruise proceeds could cost Woodward businesses millions in revenue.

Last year, the 1.7 million people who attended the Cruise spent an average \$55 apiece, according the Woodward Avenue Action

Association which represents area

"You can easily say \$55 million would have been spent," said Heather Carmona, the organization's executive director.

"For many of these businesses along Woodward, this is their single busiest day of sales."

Restaurant owner Judy Roberts surveyed the situation from the patio of her downtown Birmingham restaurant - one of the few businesses owners even present Friday morning in a city whose normally bustling eateries and coffee shops were shut-

"This is a sad day," Roberts said. "We hope to reopen soon, but the question, of course, will be quality." Her normally-packed bistro, 220,



PAUL HURSCHMANN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Bobbie Frost of Shelby Township (from left), Natalie Fontana, Kim Arnold and Henry Scott, all of Sterling Heights, attempt to use their cellular phones Thursday evening at a pre-Dream Cruise party on Woodward just north of Maple in downtown Birmingham.

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BY CAROL MARSHALL STAFF WRITER

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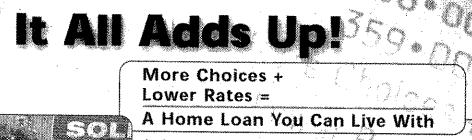
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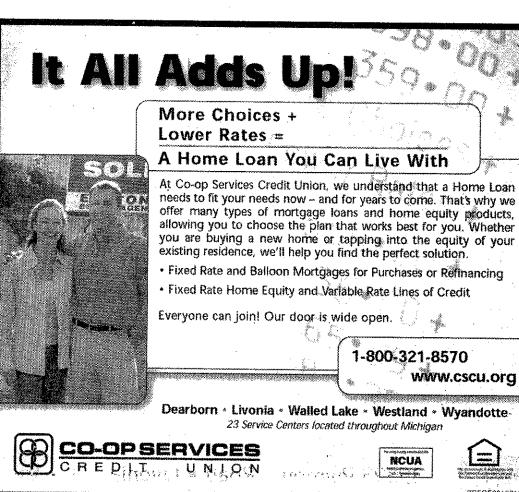
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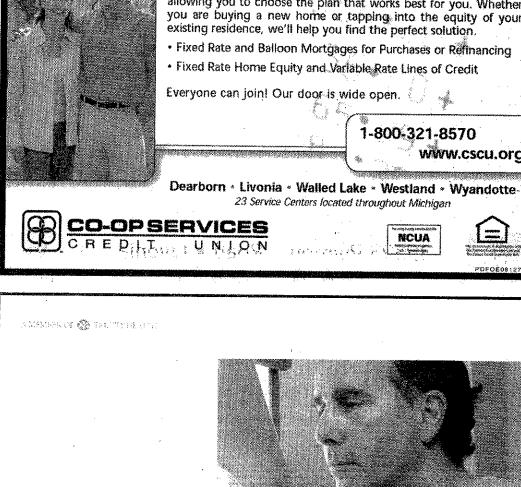
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Other areas had a trickle. By

about 11:30 a.m., DWS was pumping 400 million gallons of water - half of the water normally pumped from Detroit.

Residents with low water pressure are urged to boil water before consuming it.

Energy customers are asked to use a limited amount of power once it's restored, since bringing back service is a balancing act between power generated and power consumed.

DTE's 10 power plants provide electricity for more than 2 million customers from as far north as the Thumb area to Monroe County in the south.

'When this event occurred, all of our plants automatically shut down." according to John Austerberry, DTE spokesman. "It was an unprecedented event, we have never had all of our plants go down simultaneously. We anticipate and plan for something like this, but never expect it to happen."

As of Friday about 9 a.m., DTE had about 150,000 customers back in service, with more being added slowly from south to north and from the west, according to officials.

Main population centers such as Detroit may be the last to get power. That's based, Earley said, on where the plants are located. "No one wants a large coal-fired power plant inside a city," he said during a press conference Friday.

Earley said DTE was putting power plants back on line as soon as they are available, utilizing small generators to begin the process. "To start a power plant you need power," he said.

Suggestions for customers without power?

"Plan to be out of power for the next several days and take whatever steps are necessary," Earley said.

SEWER PUMPING CONCERNS

Wavne County Executive Robert Ficano said the emergency management plan seemed to work well.

"It was set up for Y2K and then for 9/11, but it was enacted Thursday afternoon as soon as we lost power," he said. "Our main concerns are some of the pumping stations for the waste treatment plants, and keeping enough power for the hospi-

Immediately Thursday, the county mobilized command points. "We were monitoring traffic, water and hospitals," Ficano said.

Local officials also worried about sewer backups, once the water service is restored.

"If power isn't restored to lift stations, then you could have sewer backups," said Jack Kirksey, Livonia mayor. "That could be a serious problem." The lifts are used to ensure sewage moves uphill.

Westland's Department of Public Services employees put generators purchased for Y2K in place to keep the city's pumping stations running so waste water and sewage wouldn't back up into resi-

Financially strapped communities will be facing big bills once this blackout of 2003 is over. Livonia police were putting each available officer on the street, especially at night to ensure order. "I haven't denied any (overtime), if it has any reasonable basis," Kirksey said. "We're just going to deal with it afterward."

EXTRA STAFFING

After the power outage struck, extra police officers and firefighters were called in to help with traffic control and to patrol city streets in Westland.

However, an opportunistic teenager was cooling his heels in a cell at the Westland Police Station Friday after being arrested Thursday evening in connection with a robbery at Mr. Jeweler's on Ford Road.

Deputy Police Chief Gary Sikorski expected the 18-yearold Westland to be arraigned on charges Friday afternoon. Sikorski said officers had

gone to the business where a window had been broken in and several items taken.

"The officers were waiting across the street with their lights off for the owner to come and board up the window when the suspect returned to take more," said Sikorski. "I guess he decided to do some window shopping."

All in all, Sikorski said there were three or four smash-andgrab incidents Thursday night and police activity was "a little more than usual."

PATIENCE, PARTIES REPORTED

Quiet also was the word in Garden City where Deputy Chief Kim Scott said the police department was prepared to deal with people who saw the blackout as an opportunity.

"For a dismal situation, I'm extremely pleased with the level of patience and control going on," she said. "The emergency preparedness plan the city put together for Y2K worked well."

In Redford, according to Inspector Kraig Brueck, offduty personnel were called in Thursday evening to beef up overnight patrols. They were supplemented by officers assigned to bureaus, who normally don't work patrol, and reserve officers. Brueck also planned to have extra officers on patrol Friday night as well.

The police department's phones were down, except for the emergency 911 service, which was busy.

"It was much more volume than you'd expect on a normal Thursday night," Brueck said. There were more "disturbance" calls - drinking, loud parties, fireworks - than normal, he

"People were treating this like a holiday," he said. There were no serious accidents or major crimes, however.

Staff writers Carol Marshall and Matt Jachman contributed to this report.

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plaints." Marco's reopened for business Friday after closing around dusk Thursday evening. After the power outage hit, the store sold out 300 bags of ice and 500 cases of bottled water. Salman said the store rationed the items to accommodate as many customers as possible.

"We ran out of ice about an hour after the situation happened," she said.

Livonia staff were called in to carry water up multi-floor senior complex buildings, to ensure the seniors were able to flush toilets. Mayor Jack Kirksey carted bottled water to senior facilities Friday.

Westland officials were trying to find dry ice to help residents, particularly senior citizens and those with medical problems. The city had no water into the night Thursday, but low pressure had returned, at least to some areas, by Friday morning.

Taylor Towers and many other senior residential complexes had generators, easing fears for many of the city's most vulnerable residents, said Mayor Sandra Cicirelli.

A long line of customers formed outside of the Garden City Kroger on Middlebelt, waiting their turn to go inside and shop.

IN A PICKLE

both directions.

Garden City resident John Haffner had started making homemade pickles Thursday, before the power outage

struck, but he realized he had forgotten to buy sugar.

"I didn't have to work," said Haffner, a computer company employee, "so I figured I may as well finish what I started."

At Maria's Italian Bakery on Haggerty and Cherry Hill in Canton, customers were buying ice and bottled water by the shopping cart Friday.

Judy Thorne and Joyce Matczak, who live in Brookside Village at Lotz and Cherry Hill, were still without power Friday morning. They were loading six bags of ice into their car. They also stocked up on flashlight batteries.

"We made coffee on the grill this morning," Thorne said.

"We were watching it on a portable TV," Matczak said. "I was frightened it might be a terrorist attack.

Canton Township declared a state of emergency and issued a watering ban. Township engineer Tom Casari said that even if power and water pressure are restored over the weekend, the ban would remain in effect until further

Sue Merchant, who was trying to visit her mom at Sheldon Senior Center in Canton, was in a doctor's office when the power went out Thursday afternoon.

"I hear, 'help, help,' Merchant said. "They had to rescue someone from the elevator."

At Your Better Market on Six Mile in Redford, bottled water had sold out by mid-morning Friday. Employee Peggy Ford said the store had done more business in two days than it typically does in two weeks.

"It's like people are panicking," Ford said. Owner Jerry Zajdel said he

BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

wasn't sure how long the store would stay open.

"There's nothing coming in. All your warehouses, they're shut down," Zajdel said.

HOT COMMODITY: ICE

The Fast Track gas station on Seven Mile in Redford sold out of about 200 bags of ice within a half-hour of the power failure Thursday, president Wally Saab said.

With no electricity, the station couldn't sell gas, and bread and flashlight batteries were also sold out Friday.

"Maybe today's going to be the last day for the water," Saab

Rob Papler of Farmington Hills and Darrell Kinjorski of Redford stopped in for water and cigarettes. "The essentials," Papler joked.

At Wright's Hardware in Livonia, there was a run on flashlights, batteries, charcoal, lighter fluid and siphons. The store doesn't sell generators, but "I've had a ton of calls for 'em," said owner Dennis Wright.

"Everybody's been pretty darn polite and pretty understanding," Wright said.

Nearby, at Discount Pop & Beer on Middlebelt, owner Frank Cahill cut the price of bottled water. A case of Aquafina - 24 20-ounce bottles - was selling for \$10 instead of the usual \$11.99. Workers were selling stacked cases of the water from the parking lot.

"We will be out probably in a couple of hours," Cahill said.

Pallets of water were delivered to senior citizens at Tonquish Manor in Plymouth and Independence Village in Plymouth Township.

DOWNTOWN GHOST TOWN

Shortly after the power went out Thursday afternoon, downtown Plymouth turned into a ghost town.

"We were getting ready for the dinner rush and the power went," said Ed Bielaska, man ager of Compari's on the Park restaurant. "I started making phone calls, and then ran out to the car to see what was happening.

"We have about \$10,000 in food that could be damaged, and we had a couple of big parties lined up for tonight,"

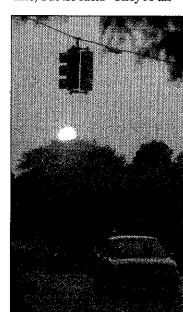
Bielaska added. "We finished handwriting everyone's tabs and said goodbye."

BLACKOUT

Patricia and Paul Newman were enjoying their breakfast in Plymouth Township Friday. "We're relaxing under a nice shady maple tree," she said.

It took Patricia Newman two hours to get home from her job at 12 Mile and Drake in Farmington Hills Thursday. "Everybody was very polite," she said of her commute.

Paul Newman went out early Friday morning to find gasoline, but no luck. "They're all



BRYAN MITCHELL | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

A useless traffic light hangs above Main and Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth Thursday night at sunset.

roped off," he said of service stations.

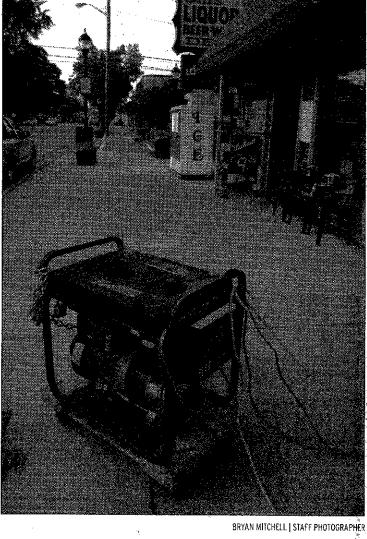
The couple filled buckets of water, so they had plenty of drinking water. Her dad brought them a transistor radio and extra gas.

They agreed it was best the outage struck in summer. "Be glad it's not ice and sleet," Patricia Newman said.

Nick Alhin, owner of the Mayflower Party Shoppe on Main Street, said he tried to close early Thursday, but the rush of customers wouldn't let

"They would bring in their own flashlights so they could go through the store and shop," said Alhin. "The water and ice went the fastest, and when they were gone the beer started selling well."

Staff writers Darrell Clem, Joanne Maliszewski, Matt Jachman, Jack Gladden, Tony Bruscato and Julie Brown contributed to this report.



A generator sits on the sidewalk outside the Plymouth Fish Market on Mill Street Thursday evening, as the proprietors attempt to save their fresh fish

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patients, but supplies are scarce for staff and visitors, Sproul said.

"The only thing we don't have is air conditioning," Sproul said. "We've brought in some fans."

If power isn't restored by Monday, patients who have elective surgery scheduled should call the hospital (734) 655-4800 to check on their status.

North Oakland Medical Center in Pontiac was not as fortunate. A fire forced the evacuation of 106 patients to "every area hospital", according to Mike Sturm, Director of Oakland County's emergency preparedness and response unit.

City Hospital showed up Friday despite no power or water, said Terry Carroll, director of community relations at the hospi-

Many employees at Garden

He said emergency room and the intensive care unit is open thanks to three generators.

Carroll said many residents dependent on oxygen are using the hospital's oxygen system to fill tanks.

"Employees and even admin-

istration is really pulling up their sleeves to help out," he said. At Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills, the National

Guard brought in water Friday to manually flush toilets. Spokeswoman Nancy Dumas said the hospital has everything it needs for its 200 patients, but discharged those.

physicians felt were capable of leaving.
The hospital was also dealing with heat.

"We're doing what we can to cool patients off," she said.

She said visitors need to limit their stays as the hospital has no food or water for them.

As with other hospitals in the area, staff are performing multiple roles to keep emergency care running smoothly.

"We're taking care of everyone who comes in," she said.

Staff writers Kurt Kuban and Paul Pace contributed to this story.



A Livonia police officer directs traffic at Newburgh and Amrhein Thursday

evening after the region lost power. Iraffic was backed up nearly a mile in

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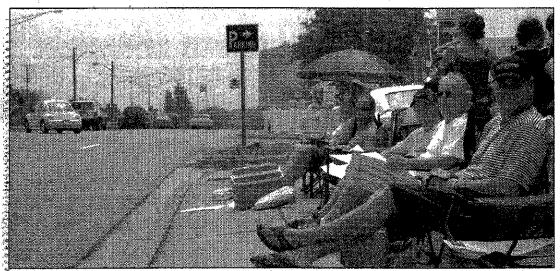
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ERIC BRONSON | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Dream Cruise fans line Woodward Avenue Friday afternoon awaiting the fate of the nostalgia event.

CRUISE

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held its last call Thursday at an unaccustomed 6 p.m.

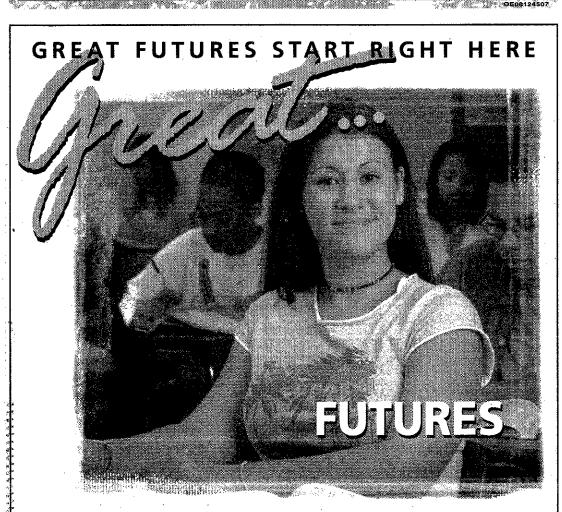
At downtown Birmingham's trendy Townsend Hotel, even pelebrities like rock stars Gene Simmons of Kiss and Steven Tyler of Aerosmith made do with fresh fruit, instead of coffee, for breakfast. They were in

town for their bands' scheduled Friday night show in Detroit.

A few miles south, customers were lining up at the Chicken Shack, a Woodward institution which remained open thanks to its generators.

One of the biggest Dream Cruise events, Friday night's Revvin' With Ford charity Dream Cruise preview, was canceled. Sponsored by the automaker, Revvin With Ford has for five years raised millions of dollars in contributions for children's charities and programs, including Variety International, Orchards Children's Services, the Oakland County Child Abuse and Neglect Council and The Community House of





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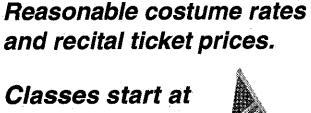
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Aisle walks delayed

Observer & Eccentric | Sunday, August 17, 2003

Hot, tired and a little grimy, Tino DelSignore sat at a makeshift "command center" at Laurel Manor.

Friday late morning, he had already dealt with a frantic bride and her family, and was expecting more than 1,200 guests for celebrations during the weekend.

"Even if we have power by tonight, we won't have any water," DelSignore, owner of the banquet center, said. "We've been trying to get hold of some Port-a-Johns and we had water delivered, but I don't know what's going to happen."

Most portable toilet companies were turning him away. "Most don't have any and we found one that has some toilets. but not enough gasoline to deliver them. And we can't go pick them up because of liability," he said.

With one wedding scheduled for Friday night and three for Saturday night, DelSignore was praying for electricity to be restored

"If we don't have power by Saturday, we're in big trouble," he said.

However, as the morning wore on, things were looking more hopeful.

There's power on in parts of Michigan now, and we've got a plan for the bride (DelSignore offered to reschedule the wedding for Saturday night) and we have a plan for the food (he was working to locate a refrigerator truck and a frozen storage area), so we should be OK. Even if the power doesn't come on until 5 p.m., we'll be just fine."

Plymouth Twp. man faces child porn charges

BY BRAD KADRICH STAFF WRITER

A Plymouth Township resident was arraigned Thursday on charges he downloaded child pornographic images onto his computer.

Ken Berrie, 55, appeared in 35th District Court, charged with four counts of possession of sexually abusive material featuring children. Bond was set at \$5,000. If convicted, Berrie could face as much as 16 years in prison. According to police,

Berrie's wife turned him in after she discovered the images on his computer. Police said the images featured children around the age of 10, some even younger.

Berrie, who worked for Ford Motor Co., for 35 years, was arrested after Plymouth

Township Police, working in concert with the Michigan State Police Internet crime unit, found the images on Berrie's computer.

"The images featured children perhaps as young as 6 or 7 engaged in sex with adults." said Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom

Tiderington. "The state police were able to conduct a forensic examination of his computer and determined he had downloaded the images from the Internet."

According to police reports, Berrie admitted using the images for his own gratification. Tiderington said there was no indication at this point in the investigation that Berrie had committed any kind of physical acts with children himself.

According to police, Berrie

has no children living at home, though he does have grandchildren.

"It's important to understand we're not suggesting this individual was engaged in sexual activity with children," Tiderington said.

Tiderington said the Berrie case serves as an important example that the Internet still provides a large market for this type of activity. The Internet, he said, provides a hiding place of sorts for pedophiles.

"Before (the Internet), these people would go to arcades and other places young people congregated," Tiderington said. "The Internet provides them a sense of safety."

And, while Berrie is not suspected of any sort of physical crime other than down-

loading the images for his own use, Tiderington pointed out that there are still people being harmed by such activi-

ty.
"Some would argue this is a victimless crime as long as they aren't molesting the children," Tiderington said. "But just by downloading these photos, it's creating a commercial market for these types of images. Children are being exploited in order to fill that need."

Tiderington pointed out the investigation is still ongoing. Anyone with any sort of information about Berrie or the case should call the township police department, (734) 453 - 3869.

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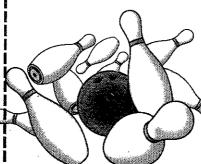
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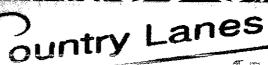
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Ronald M. Phillips

Services for Ronald Phillips, 75, of Plymouth, were held Aug. 12 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home with the Rev. Deborah Thomas officiating.

Mr. Phillips was born Sept. 23, 1927 in Detroit and died Aug. 10 in Superior Township. Mr. Phillips was a life-long Plymouth resident. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. He loved being with his family, hunting and fishing and being outdoors.

Survivors include wife, Betty Phillips of Plymouth; children, Sharon (Jeffrey) Forrest of Bloomfield Hills, Carol Flatt (Tom Sandhurst) of Farmington Hills, Douglas (Michele) Phillips of Livonia, and Raymond (Tina) Phillips of Novi; grandchildren, James, Angela, Chelsea, Dimo, Chryssa and Zachary; great-grandson, Brandon: sisters. Betty, Stella, and Shirley; and several nieces, nephews and cousins also survive.

Memorial contributions may be given to the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Cancer Care Center.

Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell Funeral Home.

Donald B. Watkins

Services for Donald Watkins, 76, of Plymouth will be held at Riverside Cemetery on Monday, Aug. 18 with the Mr.Sanford Burr officiating.

Mr. Watkins was born Sept. 30, 1926 in Grosse Pointe and died Aug. 12 in Livonia. He was a

retired salesman for Madison Hardware in Detroit. He came to the Plymouth community in 1968 from Franklin. He was a member of the Plymouth Stamp Club. He enjoyed collecting stamps, trains, and model die-cast cars. He was a loving husband,

great-grandfather. Mr. Watkins was preceded in death by son, Brian A. Watkins.

father, grandfather, and

Survivors include wife, Suzanne Watkins of Plymouth; children, **Donald Charles Watkins** of Plymouth, Suzette (Jamie) Ivey of Wichita, Kansas, and Wendy Clare Watkins of San Francisco, Calif.; grandchildren, Jennifer, Nicole, Don and Jessica; and great-granddaugh-

ter, Natalie. Arrangements made by Schrader-Howell

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Thomas Watkins

Visitation for Thomas W. Watkins, 71, takes place Sunday from noon-9 p.m. at Harry Jewell Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile in Livonia.

A funeral Mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. Monday at Our Lady of Loretto in Redford. Interment will be at Holy Sepulchre in Southfield.

Charles Joseph Seifert Services for Charles Seifert, 85, of Wayne were conducted Saturday, Aug. 15, at Uht Funeral Home in Westland, with the Rev. David Kifpmiller offici-

Mr. Seifert was born July 10, 1918, in Wayne, Mich., and died Aug. 12, 2003. He was a welder.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Stearla Seifert, sisters Jean Martin and Grace McCullough and brother Howard Seifert.

Mr. Seifert is survived by sons Kenneth and Gary (Virginia) Seifert; daughter Darlene (Joel) Luther of Westland; sisters Marion Nichols and Helen Bailey; grandsons Randall Seifert, Kevin Seifert, Shawn Luther and Shane Luther; granddaughters Laurie Huff, Janice Seifert and Sara Luther; and greatgrandchildren Eric Seifert and Ethan Huff.

Interment is at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Detroit. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Grant helps couple continue their work for needy

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN STAFF WRITER

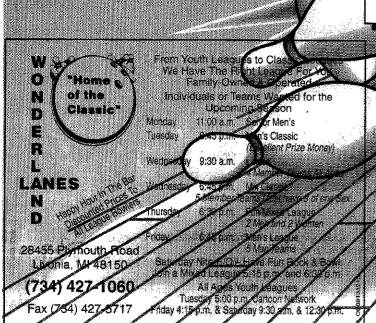
Audrey and Carl Mattson are uncomfortable talking about the charitable work they do in the poor areas in and around Detroit. The Livonia couple only agreed to be interviewed about the food, clothing and household items they deliver because it was one of the conditions for receiving a \$10,000 grant from the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Southeastern Michigan and the National RMHC.

The Mattsons founded their Ja'Noah House 13 years ago to bring food to the needy in the Cass Corridor, Brewster Projects, Norwayne and Brightmoor areas. At Thanksgiving, they serve turkey dinners out of their

motor home. At Christmas they assemble more than 200 packages for children. Donated used clothing goes in the bottom of every pillow case package, a new sweat suit or other pieces of clothing on top. This may be the only pillow case the children

will ever sleep on. "We've already purchased and distributed beds for children. We bought 22 sets of box springs and mattresses," said Audrey Mattson. "These children are worth something. You meet them and say I want to do something."

In addition to the beds, the Mattsons bought 80 USA shirts and distributed them for July 4 to instill pride in their country. As the school year approaches, they're busy buying school outfits for children with the grant money.





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6:15pm Bar Hoppers

6:30pm Thursday Men

7:30pm Thursday Men

9:30pm Friday Men

6:30pm St. Malachy Bowl One 6:30pm Monday Men's Century Bowl

6:30pm Super Tuesday Super Bowl

6:45pm Clamdigger Men Woodhaven

7:00pm Wed Nite Men Super Bowl

7:30pm Wednesday Men Skore Lanes

6:30pm Golden Eagles Merri-Bowl

9:15am Hangover Men Universal Lanes

10:30am Lost Weekenders Merri-Bowl

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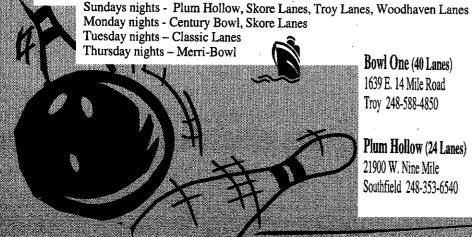
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Runway repairs shift Metro Airport's flight patterns

BY HEATHER NEEDHAM STAFF WRITER

Linda Baum has found the roar of airplanes overhead have become a bother in her Garden City neighborhood.

"At times it sounds like they're landing on the roof," said Baum, who lives near Ford and Henry Ruff. "There are days where noise is really excessive. It's just so different than what it was before."

She's tried calling Wayne County Airports about the noise, but hasn't gotten any responses. Once, her call was transferred to an information line about soundproofing her home - which raised her eyebrows.

"I don't want to live in this hermetically sealed coffin or something. You begin to wonder - the more they don't discuss what's going on with you, the more you get concerned."

Yes, there's been increased air traffic over Garden City in recent weeks. It's because a runway that was only seldom used previously is being used more frequently now, according to Mike Conway, director of external relations for Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport.

Metro Airport has six jet runways. Two are crosswind

runways and are oriented east to west and are used about 5 percent of the time by the FAA. The other four are parallel runways. They are oriented northeast to southwest and are used more than 95 percent of the time.

But that has changed because of extensive runway repair and renovation work, which is expected to be completed by early October, Conway said.

"People who are used to noticing arrivals or departures during this period of time, may notice some periods of time when the air traffic is almost steady or more operations than they normally notice," he

Wind conditions dictate

will develop into a big location.

We hope it will be a destina-

tion spot with the theater and

other things," said Bob Dates,

Canton recreation supervisor.

Canton Leisure Services

hopped on a bandwagon that

was already in place with the

Canton Lions and the Canton

Cherry Hill Village Historic

District Aug. 24. The Lions

Club will have their annual

5 p.m. at the Bartlett-Travis House. The society will have its

ice cream social at the same

'We've added on to those

new locations and a whole host

of activities and events," Dates

two existing events with two

time and place.

and famous corn roast noon to

Historical Society in the

whether the air traffic flows north or south. Air traffic procedures are under the jurisdiction of the Federal Aviation Administration.

This summer, extensive runway repair and renovation work is being done on parallel runways, which are the runways most frequently used. The construction work has closed the runway, shifting more air traffic on the other runways.

"This year's airfield projects are scheduled on and off throughout the summer and are scheduled to end by the second week of October," Conway said.

Renovation work includes repainting the standard pavement markings on the runways and parallel taxiways and electrical upgrades for in-pavement lighting for illuminating runways and taxiways. In addition, asphalt and concrete repairs are being done on runways surfaces.

Lastly, crews will regrade runway edges where the earth has settled - which Conway said is a byproduct of brutal Michigan winters.

"This is pretty much routine maintenance, performed to ensure the long life of the runways and to maintain compliance with FAA safety standards," Conway said.

Airport runways range from 8,500 feet to 12,000 feet long and are as wide as 200 feet. In addition to all of the turn-offs, they have parallel taxiways

running the entire length of the runways which are 75 feet wide.

"It's a lot of concrete, sophis ticated lighting systems, and adjacent shoulders, etc., to maintain. Our airfield maintenance crews have been doing great job this summer on these projects, staying ahead of schedule and on-budget," Conway said.

To see a map of the Detroit Metro Airport's runways, visit www.metroai port.com, click on map/directions then click on construction. Runways will appear in green.

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Cherry Hill School - across the street from Bartlett-Travis and the Cherry Hill Village subdivision are the additional locations where activities, designed to showcase the area. and provide family entertainment are located.

In addition to the corn roast and ice cream social at Bartlett-Travis, the historic home will be open for tours, as well as face painting for the kids, a woodworking craftsman demonstrating his talents and music. The Saline Fiddlers will perform at 2 p.m.

"They are outstanding. They are 35 fiddlers who provide music and dancing," Dates said.

Tillers International, which offers demonstrations of blacksmithing, rope making and woodworking - old-fashioned trades - also will be at Bartlett-Travis throughout the afternoon. Contra dancing demonstrations will be offered noon

At the Cherry Hill school, a Bake Walk will run 3 to 4:30 p.m. It's sort of like a cake walk, but offers more than

cake. At 2-3 p.m. visitors will get another treat with a cherry

form at 2 p.m.

recipe tasting.

Tobin said.

On the grounds of the historic schoolhouse will be a display of the new Cherry Hill Theater, which is under construction across the street. Dovetailing into the new performing arts center, Jennifer Tobin, performing arts coordinator, has invited artists and artists' groups to gather to sell or display their works. "We'll provide them the opportunity,"

The third venue of the day will be at Cherry Hill Village subdivision, which has been a site for plenty of summertime

strating his talents and music. The Saline Fiddlers will perentertainment. Specifically in

Model Park, visitors will be treated to a petting farm 1 to 3 p.m., face painting, Tillers International, a dixie land band, old-fashioned lemonade stand and strolling entertain-

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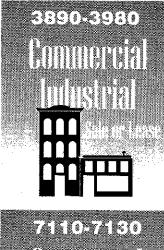




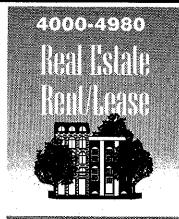


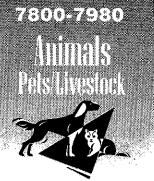


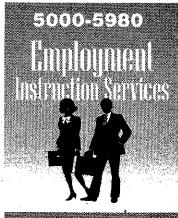


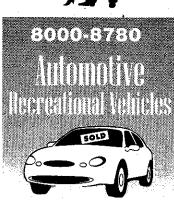












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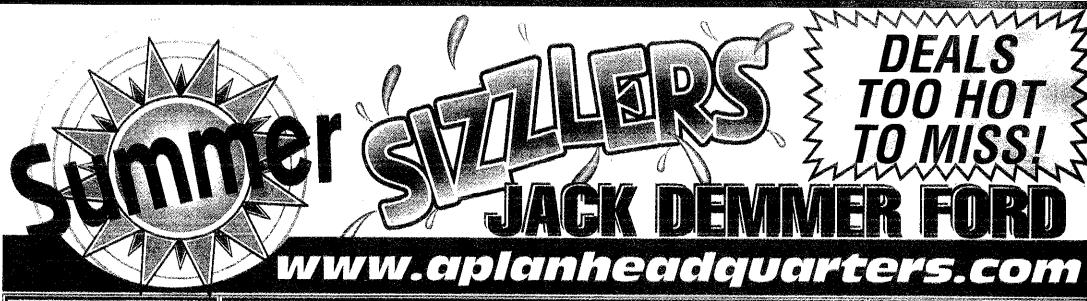
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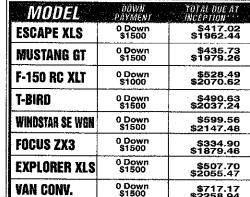
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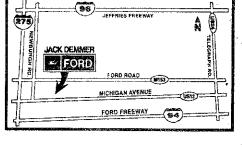
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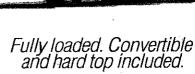


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Young couples, empty nesters flock to Briarwood Village

BY BARRY JENSEN CORRESPONDENT

It's an isolated place ... in the middle of Farmington Hills. Briarwood Village attached condominiums are the final 14 homes in a grouping that has been growing since the 1990s. Forty-two homes are occupied so far.

The condominiums of Briarwood Village are on the west side of Middlebelt south of 11 Mile Road. The main entrance is on Middlebelt. From there, go two miles west and two miles south and you are in Farmington, one of the oldest thriving cities in southeast

The condominiums, so far, are being bought mostly young couples with no children or with small families - or older people, said Ed Power, developer.

"So far, we've attracted mostly younger couples who are starting out or older couples - empty nesters - who like to have an extra bedroom when children come to visit," said his brother-in-law, Ben Zervos, who is building the condos.

QUIET HOMES

"It's quiet in here. Although the entrance is off a major road (Middlebelt), none of the homes faces a major road," he said. The condominiums are just west of a church, just north of a flood plain. Trees, the watershed and the church surround the condos.

Two floor plans are available at Briarwood Village - the Majestic and the Meadowbrook.

Both have 2½ baths. The Meadowbrook has 1,650 square feet of floor space. The Majestic has 1,695 square feet.

Because the Meadowbrook's master bedroom is on the first floor, the home is especially appealing to those who don't like to climb stairs going to and from the bedroom. The Meadowbrook's other two bedrooms are on the second floor, along with a full bathroom.

The Majestic has an unusually large great room that is overlooked by the bedrooms upstairs. Like the Meadowbrook, the Majestic has eating space in the kitchen.

"Both condominiums are more like story-and-a-halfs," Zervos said. The absence of upper-level or lower-level units further enhances the quiet of Briarwood Village.

WHAT YOU GET

Among the other features offered by all the condominiums in Briarwood Village are concrete driveways, steel-clad entry doors, full basements and a firstfloor laundry area. All units have polished brass interior door hardware, nowash vinyl flooring in the kitchen, foyer and laundry area and wall-to-wall carpet throughout the living areas.

The units have central air conditioning and 100-amp electric service. All the units will be prewired for cable TV and telephone service.

Each unit has a two-car attached garage. The garages are drywalled and painted on the inside. Each is prewired for a garage door opener. The exterior is vinyl siding.

Just about the only options available are a deck or patio.

Both floor plans are targeted for the "low \$230s," said Power. "We are trying to keep prices down. We are not going to be building fancy models."

Although the plans call for three or four condominiums in a building, the condos will look more like houses with one wall attached to another home.

PRIVATE COMMUNITY

"It's a private community," Power said. "All the roads are in. The roads had been in for some time, so we ground down the surface of the roads and put down new asphalt so the roads would be smooth. People are welcome to come here and take a look at where we will build." No sidewalks are planned.

The development is on 11.5 acres. The condominiums are spread out all over the available land, rather than being clustered together, Zervos said.

People living in the condominiums can expect to pay about \$185 a month in association dues.

"We don't have a club house, but there is a gazebo that will probably act as a gathering place," Zervos said. The association fee will include the usual maintenance, such as shoveling the snow and mowing the lawns.

In addition, the association fee will include building insurance, so condo owners will be able to save some money by insuring just the contents of their condominiums, Zervos said.

The first year's property taxes in one of the new condominiums would run about

Because Briarwood Village is in the middle of Farmington Hills, students liv-



Briarwood Village attached condominiums are the final 14 homes in a grouping that has been growing since the 1990s.

ing in any of the condos will attend classes in the well-thought-of Farmington school district.

The condominiums will receive full city services, including water and sewer. A funny thing happened on the way to building and selling these condominiums: Both models were sold. "We have units available to look at," Power said. Two people living in their condos are

willing to show off their homes as if they

were models, he said. The condos are being built and developed by the Briarwood Village Development Co., which consists of Power and Zervos. The men did not create the name Briarwood Village. That name was already in use when they got involved, Zervos said. "Naming streets and developments can be difficult. Almost all the good names have been taken," he said.

What is now Briarwood Village started out in the late 1980s as an attempt by a church group to develop senior-citizen housing. However, the plan ran into legal difficulties in the mid-1990s. At that point, Power's father-in-law stepped in. When he had to step down, Power and Zervos stepped in.

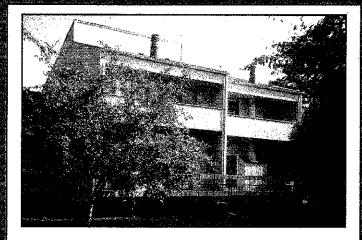
"We're even using the same architect," Power said. Zervos is a Farmington resident. He is a T-ball coach and involved with the Cub

sales of the condominiums. To take a look at the area, and at a typical home, call (248) 752-5555. The Briarwood Village condominiums are open every day 1-4:30 p.m. except Thursdays, any day by appointment.

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Barry Jensen is a Birmingham resident and freelance writer.

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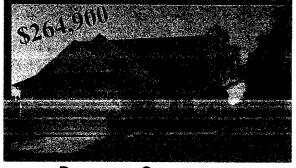
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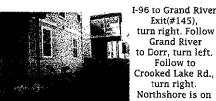
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Each of the two identical secondary bedrooms, separated by a full bathroom, has a nice sized window and an ample closet.

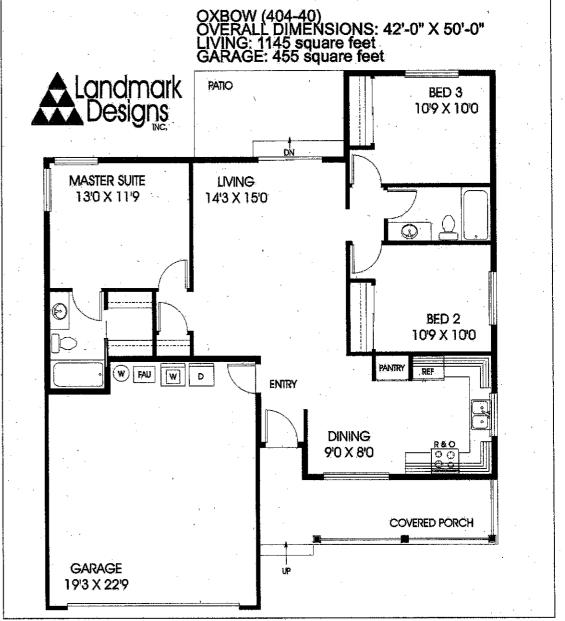
For those without children at home, these rooms can have many functions. They can be sealed off until guests are present, or perhaps



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BY NICK WADHAMS Among the most evocative displays are ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER items Adams has scooped up from Michael Henry Adams strolls along Lenox Avenue in the middle of Harlem. trash heaps: rusted pieces of wrought He stops to watch a worker from a nearby renovation scrape patches of cheap color iron fence, chipped balusters, a goldpainted chunk of plaster garland from

from a mahogany hall mirror to reveal the brilliant red wood underneath. Once restored, the old mirror could fetch \$400 "There are all kinds of entrepreneurial people trying to make a buck off the her-

itage and history of Harlem," Adams says with a shake of his head before he walks Adams, an architectural historian, sees Harlem's houses, apartment buildings, churches and libraries as memories of the neighborhood's defining role in American history - as home of Revolutionary War

battles, the Harlem Renaissance, poet Langston Hughes and singer Ella Fitzgerald. To him, every stripped-out hall mirror, knocked-down chimney or gutted building heralds the demise of an American treasure.

His concerns have rarely been more relevant, as Harlem emerges from a half century of urban blight. Developers are knocking down crumbling office buildings. replacing them with modern constructions. National chains such as Marshalls and Starbucks are popping up along Harlem's boulevards.

Young professionals looking for cheaper rents and good housing buys have moved from downtown, pushing up property values, while thousands of poorer Harlem residents have trouble keeping their homes from falling into neglect.

Caught in the middle, Adams says, are the architectural marvels that tell Harlem's story - how it began as a Dutch colony called Nieuw Haarlem in the 17th century, came to house the country estates of aristocrats, gave birth to the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s and was a center for jazz and night life in the 1930s and 1940s and suffered an urban decay that

the Audubon Theater, where Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965.

Historian fights for Harlem's treasures

lasted into the 1960s and 1970s.

LOST AND FOUND

Adams has laid out his image of what Harlem was - and the template of what he thinks it should be - in an exhibit at the Museum of the City of New York, Harlem, Lost and Found. The show, which runs through Jan. 4, 2004, details the history and architecture of Harlem, from 1765 to today, with scale-model homes, clothing, sculptures and lush photographs by Paul Rocheleau.

Among the most evocative displays are items Adams has scooped up from trash heaps: rusted pieces of wrought iron fence, chipped balusters, a gold-painted chunk of plaster garland from the Audubon Theater, where Malcolm X was assassinated in 1965.

Harlem hit bottom in the '70s; brownstones were shuttered, cemented up, left

"I think you have to significantly move things out but you have to save the gems," said architect Jack Travis. "I think that Michael has to fight to preserve everything he can because if he only fights for the gems, then he's going to lose some of the

Landmarking buildings, and neighborhoods, is one answer - like the Apollo Theater, on 125th Street. Now hidden behind plywood and scaffolding, it's undergoing a \$10 million renovation that will restore its terra-cotta walls to their 1942 look and bring back its famous blade sign - but with LED lights that can change in text and color.

But some see preserving those old buildings as a poor use of space. "It's adaptive reuses that we need to do instead of just the strictly reservation," said Karen Phillips, who helped found the Abyssinian Development Corporation, which seeks economic development in Harlem.

Phillips and Adams have squared off over the fate of Small's Paradise, one of New York's most famous jazz clubs. It closed in the early 1980s and is being turned into an International House of Pancakes. Above it rises Thurgood Marshall Academy, six stories of brick and steel. Harlem's first new high school in 40 vears.

For Phillips, the school is real progress in Harlem, and IHOP was a last choice after six years of trying to find a new tenant to preserve the interior. Adams disagrees. He calls destroying the club "cultural genocide."

He wants more landmarking and has even sought to get all of Harlem on the National Register of Historic Places. But the city's Landmarks Preservation Commission has thousands of buildings to consider and Robert Tierney, who heads the commission, says he wants to focus on New York's other boroughs.

Meanwhile, Adams says, he just wants those who shape Harlem's future to tread carefully.

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No electric bill in house fueled by solar power

BY KELLY WIESE ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

A house being built in Little Rock with solar panels and other efficient technologies will help demonstrate to the public, engineers and homebuilders uses for alternative energy.

Bill Ball, owner of Stellar Sun, a Little Rock company that sells solar products, is one of many interests with a hand in the project.

The 2,900-square-foot house is in the Overlook neighborhood in northwest Little Rock. From the outside, it fits in with those around it.

"This home is just as conventional and traditional as any home on the block," he said. "You wouldn't even know it had solar on it."

But Ball said there's one significant difference: "They're going to have virtually no electric bill."

The house features the latest in energy technology, with \$35,000 worth of solar panels on the roof and exterior walls finished with a grayish-blue synthetic plaster, so they never

need to be painted.

The back yard is full of trees, but on a slope, so they don't block the sun from the paneled roof. The house is one of a hand-

ful Ball has worked on in Arkansas that has what he calls a net-zero energy plan. It's equipped with a system so, if the house makes more energy than it needs, it sells the extra back to the energy company. Once the bugs are worked out, homeowners would essentially pay no energy bill, he said.

The house also has a battery to collect extra energy and will use some natural gas to help run the furnace and as an extra backup.

The yard will have no grass -Ball said lawns take too much energy and water to maintain but will be landscaped with trees, shrubs, bark and patio stones.

Ball said the family that is buying the two-bedroom, twobath house – with room for more in the basement - agreed to allow it to be used for workshops for the public, engineers, homebuilders and real estate

and financial professionals, and as part of a national tour of solar houses.

The Legislature's energy committee and the state Public Service Commission also want to take a look around, Ball said. The house is selling for

about \$350,000, in line with

other homes in that area.

But Ball said incorporating such concepts into homes is not only for the well-to-do. He said Friday that he hopes to start work on a project soon to incorporate some of the same ideas into a low-income home.

Ball said informing those who make, buy and sell homes of the design options and the potential energy savings is the way to spread the use of solar and other energy-friendly technology.

Asked about the cost of using solar panels on a house, Ball said it's a matter of perspective.

"It'll pay for itself long before a bass boat will," he said.

Part of making homes energy-efficient is in the design. This house has no windows on the east or west sides, to cut

down on the need to cool the house in the summertime. Also, gutters around the house drain to large drums, and the collected water keeps the yard's shrubs watered. In the winter, that water is sent to a greenhouse in the back.

The house features a tankless water heater, meaning water is heated only as it is used, rather than a large tank sitting full and keeping the water hot.

The house also has tripleglazed windows and will be fitted with plenty of insulation.

Construction began about nine months ago and should be completed in about two months. The next step is to start putting up drywall and pouring the driveway.

Ball said some people fear that the way they live their life would have to change drastically to incorporate solar technology, but it shouldn't.

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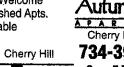
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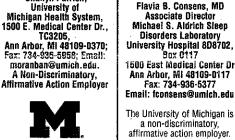
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Environmental Quality is holding a public comment period until September 25, 2003, on the darft initial Renewable Operating (RO) Permit under consideration to be issued to Roush Industries located at 36630 Commerce in Livonia, Michigan. The facility's Responsible Official is Dennis Corn, Manager. Major stationary sources of air pollutants are required to obtain and operate in compliance with a RO Permit

pursuant to Title V of the Federal Clean Air Act of 1990 and Section 5506 (1) of Article II, Chapter I, Part 55 (Air Pollution Control) of P.A. 451 of 1994. The RO Permit is intended to simplify and clarify a facility's applicable requirements and compliance with them by consolidating all state and federal air quality requirements into one document. The proposed RO Permit will result in no emissions change at the

Copies of the draft RO Permit and the staff report are available for inspection at the following locations, or you may request a copy be mailed to you by calling or writing the Detroit Field Office at the address and telephone number

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present their views on the draft permit. Persons wishing to comment or request a public hearing should submit written statements by September 25, 2003, to the attention of Terseer Hemben at the Field office referenced above. If requested in writing by September 25, 2003, a public September 23, 2003, a public hearing will be held at 3pm on October -1, 2003, in the Southeast Michigan District Office, 38980 Seven Mile Road, Livonia, Michigan Office, Road, 48152.

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> Mr. Wixom was born on Aug. 4, 1912, and graduated from Farmington High School in 1931. He worked many years at the Novi Equipment company and also at the Plymouth Center, until his retirement in Mr. Wixom is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Lee

and Joanne, of Howell; grand-daughter Lori (Tom) Urban great grandsons Jeffery and Alex, of Charlevoix; and grand-son Steven of Oxford. The memorial service was held at Oakland Hills Memoria Gardens, in Novi. It was offi-ciated by Rev. Alex Riegel of the Farmington Universalist Unitarian Church of Farming-ton, where Mr. Wixom had

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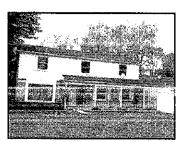
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YPSILANTI - Newer construction, Large 4 bedroom, 2 full & 21/2 baths colonial built in 1995 offering 2 car attached garage, finished basement, 2 way fireplace bedroom & master bath. Special features include: vaulted and cathedral ceilings, skylights, Jacuzzi tub & more. \$257,900 (80JŪS) 734-455-5600



YORK - Better then new, Large 4 bedroom, 2½ bath colonial presents 3 car attached garage, full basement, master suite with heated floor and Jacuzzi tub. deck, paver patio, all sitting on approx a 1 acre lot. \$449,900 (51MEL) 734-455-5600



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ROCHESTER HILLS - Country in the City.



TROY - Oak River colonial with 4 bedrooms, 21/2 baths, two-story family room with wet bar, ceramic foyer, oak kitchen garden glass-walled Professionally finished lower level, side entrance garage, massive redwood deck. \$649,900 (96CAR) 248-524-1600



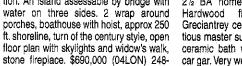
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2½ BA home on a private treed lot. Hardwood floors, crown molding, Greciantrey ceiling in dining room, sumptious master suite w/private sitting room & ceramic bath w/jetted tub. Full bsmt, 3+ car gar. Very well appointed T/O. Fabulous. .900 (18PIN) 248-363-1200



CARLA HILLS COLONIAL - Spacious 4 bedrooms, 21/2 bath home on over 1 acre. 2 story entry, formal LR, FR with fireplace, formal DR. Custom oak cabinets in kitchen,ceramic baths. Oak trim T/O. Gorgeous staircase to 2nd floor, partially finished walk-out LL, large 3 car garage Hurry ! \$344,900 (40CAR) 248-363-1200



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WEST BLOOMFIELD

Home is on the move to make space

BY ADAM GORLICK ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SPRINGFIELD, Mass. (AP)

– The oldest house in the City
of Homes is getting a new

address – again.

The Alexander House,
designed in 1803 by New
England architect Asher
Benjamin and built seven years
later, is being lifted from its
foundation and moved about
1,000 feet this week to make
room for a new federal courthouse.

It's the second time in its history that the building has been moved.

In its heyday, the Greek Revival-style building on State Street was home to a real estate developer, an artist and a Springfield mayor. But in recent years it had fallen on darker times, giving non-sanctioned shelter to drug addicts, homeless people and vandals.

"It has that kind of sorry look of abandonment," said Frances Gagnon, chair of the Springfield Historical Commission. "We are very hopeful that with the new courthouse coming in, the house will finally be able to be put to good use."

The building, with its four Ionic columns framing the facade, has overlooked State Street for nearly two centuries. It will be moved across an empty lot to its new home on Elliot Street, facing the parking lot of St. Michael's Cathedral.

Empty for about a decade, the white, two-story house with black shutters, a vaulted ceiling and spiral staircase, could easily become a law office or some other professional space, preservationists say

The house was first home to James Byers Jr., Springfield's first postmaster and one of the early real estate barons.

Byers sold the house to portrait artist Chester Harding before it landed in the Alexander family.

In 1874, former Mayor Henry Alexander Jr. had his 357-ton, 5,700-square-foot house moved about 200 feet along State Street.

"I don't think we're really sure why it was moved then," said Shantia Anderheggen, director of stewardship for the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, which bought the house from the last Alexander heir in 1939 and has owned it ever since.

Under the organization's ownership, the house – which is on the National Register of Historic Places – played a brief stint as a museum and has been the address for the city's chamber of commerce, the local chapter of the American Red Cross and offices for the Springfield Symphony.

Gagnon remembers volunteering in the offices of a tuberculosis association that was housed there when she was a high school student in the 1950s.

"I was completely awed by the building," she said. "The entrance is all parlor space. It has gorgeous fireplaces and an absolutely glorious staircase. It's unlike any other house in Springfield."

In the late 1980s, homeless people and drug users often broke into the building,

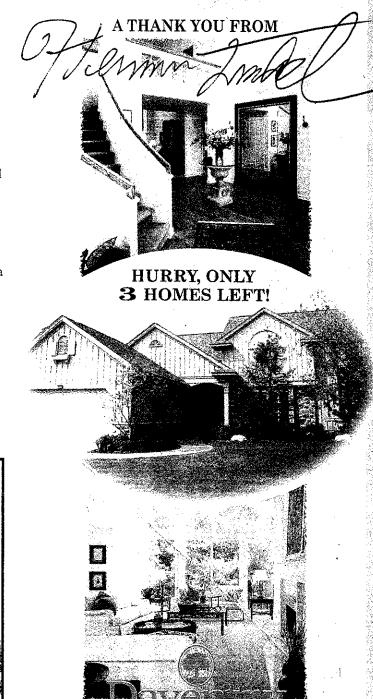
Gagnon said. During the 1990s, the

SPNEA tried to sell the house but found no takers willing to take a chance on an urban property.

"We tried for 10 years to find someone to take the building over and protect it, but we weren't successful."

The SPNEA took the house off the market a few years ago when the federal government said it wanted the lot to build a new \$66 million courthouse, which is expected to be constructed by 2006.

The U.S. General Services Administration, which is now soliciting construction bids for the new courthouse, is paying \$400,000 to have the house moved, according to Paula Santangelo, a GSA spokeswoman.



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