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Residents zap Detroit Edison

Residents had an opportunity to lambaste a Detroit Edison representative about power outages, and they took it at a Farmington Hills City Council meeting. The city council also made demands of the utility.

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A lone Detroit Edison representative served as what was tantamount to a pinata in a Louieville Slugger factory. Residents and council members alike verbally walloped the power company at Monday's Farmington Hills City

Council meeting.

They're sick and tired of blackouts, which range from intermittent disruptions to isolated cases of 40 hours without power. The Edison representative furiously took notes and politely smiled when people cast angry gazes.

Councilwoman Jody Boronen, a 28-year resident who detailed her family's

history of power outages, acknowledged the Detroit Edison manager is probably a very nice man.

"But, you know what? We don't care if you're nice man," Boronen said. "At the moment, you are the focal point of our dissatisfaction."

Such frustration is borne from an ongoing saga, city officials said. The city formed a citizens committee to meet with Detroit Edison officials nine years ago to remedy similar problems. Edison officials said they've spent \$5.1 million between 1991-98 improving the electrical system in Farmington Hills.

Some progress has been made, Mayor Aldo Vagnozzi said.

But after the latest rash of outages, Vagnozzi said "drastic action" needs to be taken by the utility and the Michigan Public Service Commission.

- Make an assessment of all its equipment and replace outdated materials responsible for blackouts;
- Provide dry ice during lengthy outages;
- Pick up costs for spoiled food and other losses resulting from outages.

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Family matter: Charlie Henry (at left), his daughter, Shelby and his father, Leslie, represent three generations of classic car aficionados. The three brought their classic cars to Monday night's Cruise the Grand in downtown Farmington.

All in the family

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It's a popular question today: Is it genetic or environmental?

Ask Shelby Henry of Farmington Hills and she'll tell you in her family's case, she believes it's a bit of both.

Shelby, a Farmington High School senior, is a third generation car enthusiast - big time. The love of automobiles actually began with her grandfather, Leslie Henry, 80, a former engineer turned transportation curator at Henry Ford Museum.

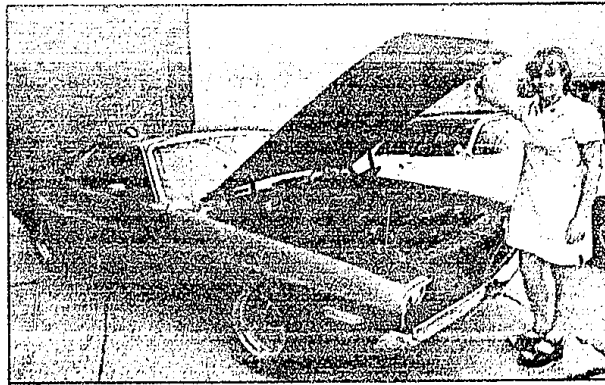
Leslie Henry took his son, Charlie - Shelby's dad - on a car tour when he was just 18 months old in a 1910 2-cylinder Maxwell.

"I grew up around cars," said Charlie Henry, who received a classic car of his own when he turned 16. His gift was a 1957 Ford Thunderbird - today a classic, but not when he got it.

"That was back when it was just a
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Here: At right, Shelby Henry, who doesn't want to study engineering in college, stands with her 1971 Dodge Challenger. Instead, she plans to study political science or psychology. Above is the personalized license plate her dad bought her. Shelby and her father, Charlie worked on the car for the past year.



Informal talks will continue for cable deal

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Time Warner Cable and the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission are making some progress toward a contract renewal to serve the cities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi.

But that progress isn't coming fast enough, certainly not before the previously imposed Aug. 25 deadline. So, during Tuesday afternoon's SWOCC meeting, the commission recommended that city councils for the three member cities adopt resolutions to "preliminarily deny" contract renewal.

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Health report: Contamination likely inadvertent

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A report by the Oakland County Health Division confirmed what Roosevelt's part owner Duane Omerak believed. Contamination of food items linked to a Hepatitis A outbreak at the Farmington Hills bar and restaurant was "probably inadvertent," said the health department's Dr. Carolyn Bird.

ROOSEVELT'S

The department released its findings Tuesday. The report indicated that a number of food items served cold - likely salads and sandwiches - were tainted with the bacteria that leads to Hepatitis A.

As of Tuesday, 40 Hepatitis A cases were reported. At least seven of those who became ill were employees of Roosevelt's. "Like it said, it was due to inadvertent contamination - not knowing they were sick," Omerak said. "The problem is the contamination comes before the symptoms."

Health officials were not able to pinpoint the exact food item in their report. Another Hepatitis A outbreak at a West Bloomfield delicatessen a year ago was linked to cold slaw. Inspectors examined items in sandwiches and slaw from
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VOLUNTEER ASSIGNMENT



Farmington Peace Corps volunteer DAVE CLINARD e-mails his articles from Uzbekistan

He's on his way to Asia

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An for an Dave Clinard is concerned, giving up two years of his life to a world in need isn't too much to ask.

On Aug. 16, Clinard will begin what he believes will be the "ultimate volunteer experience of his life" when he leaves for a two-year stint with the Peace Corps in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

"It's something I wanted to do since I was a little kid," said Clinard, assistant director of public relations and development for Mark R. Fisher, a Farmington-based agency that specializes in development and public relations planning and management for non-profit organizations.

While in Uzbekistan - formerly a part of the Soviet Union - in central Asia, Clinard, a 1993 Farmington High School graduate and track and cross country athlete, will teach economics and English to college and high school students. By now Clinard is used to people asking why. And he has a sincere answer: "I wanted to take
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