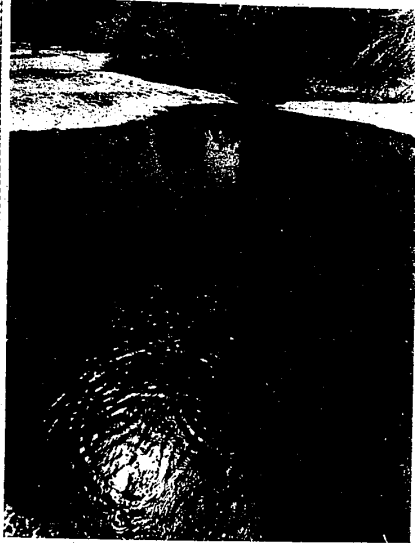




Even though Mother Nature reared her ugly head this week, she did demonstrate that she could be beautiful, as she laid out this scene on the river in the park. (Staff photo)



The big trees especially were victims of the ice storm as is demonstrated by this split tree at the corner of Byron and Ontago in Farmington Hills south end. (Staff photo by Harry Mauthe)

Vital power back but shelters full

By MARY GNIEWEK

A critical situation was averted Monday in Farmington by Detroit Edison crews who restored power to the city's pump and sewer systems, relieving sewer overflow and refurbishing low water pressure levels.

More than 80 percent of the city was still without power Tuesday, including police, fire and all city departments. They were operating on auxiliary power systems.

"All but two subdivisions—Warner and Floral Park—lost power in the storm Sunday," said City Manager Bob Deadman. "Monday at 10:30 a.m. was the first time anyone had power restored. All public buildings and many homes are still out. We don't know how much longer it will be."

"The major intersections are also out. We're going to put generators out

to get the traffic lights working," Deadman said.

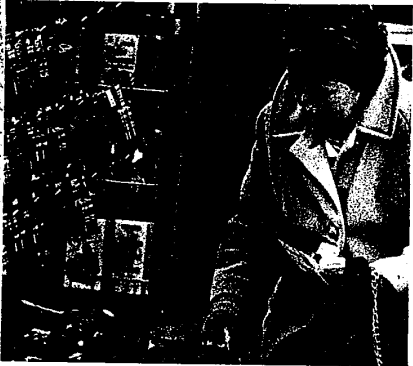
SOUTHERN OAKLAND County and Detroit were hardest hit by Sunday's ice storm. Estimated damage in Oakland County was \$2.5 million. Edison officials said 230,000 homes in the tri-county area lost power. According to city aide Mike Dorman, Farmington Hills suffered damage in excess of \$125,400. That included a collapsed wall at the Drake road fire station.

About 250 persons took advantage of emergency shelter facilities provided by the Red Cross at O.E. Dunkle junior high and Harrison high school. Hot meals, blankets and coats were provided for families without heat.

Henrietta and Earl Finkbeiner of Farmington spent Monday afternoon at (Continued on page 9A)



It takes more than a little snow to stop Farmington Observer carrier Dan Imus, 13, from delivering his papers. He is a student at Power Junior High. (Staff photo)



Shirlee Corte found herself in the local supermarket loading up on some much needed batteries to carry her through the blackout. (Staff photo)

THE INSIDE * ANGLE

LIKE MOST OF FARMINGTON AND FARMINGTON HILLS the Observer office was left without power earlier this week. Angles and the rest of the staff fled the cold dark office on Farmington Road and went to work in the Observer & Eccentric main office in Livonia.

Readers who tried to reach the staff by phone now know that our phones weren't working during the power failure.

WHILE ANGLES cursed the cold and dark, it was assumed to see Farmington financial czar John Sailer hunched over a stack of computer read-outs in the Farmington City Hall on Monday morning. Undaunted by the loss of heat and lights, Sailer took a seat by the window and roughed it. "I've got work to do," he explained. IA did note, he was wearing a sweater.

THE POWER FAILURE knocked out most of the fast food joints along Grand River, Angles noted. There wasn't a Big Mac in sight but the Treasure House of Fine Foods on Orchard Lake Road and Grand River was enjoying fine business on Monday. In fact, Angles noticed it was closed on Tuesday. IA wonders if they ran out of food?

THE CYSTIC FIBROSIS Foundation is sponsoring a Bowl-a-rama to raise money for research and treatment of this genetic disease. Money will go towards helping youngsters who suffer from lung damaging diseases. In Farmington, the Country Lanes, on Nine Mile west of Middlebelt is participating in the event.

Persons who would like to participate should have a least five sponsors pledging a certain amount of money per pin. Three games will be bowled by each participant for a \$1.50 fee. To reserve a spot and pick up pledge sheets, visit a participating Bonanza or Country Lanes. The Bowl-a-rama is scheduled from noon-2:30 p.m. and from 2:30 p.m.-5 p.m. on April 22. Participants can choose between the two sets.

THE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 20023 Twelve Mile in Farmington Hills, will present the sanctuary choir and orchestra in "Living Witnesses," a musical drama written by Richard Cook. The concert will be presented from 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m. on April 15.

THE FARMINGTON COMMUNITY LIBRARY is presenting a program on vegetable gardening at 7:30 p.m., April 26 at the Farmington branch, 23500 Liberty. Henry Stevens, master gardener of Michigan State University's Cooperative Extension Service, will discuss all aspects of planning a garden and will answer questions about growing vegetables. Bring your plot plans, seed catalogs and questions. (Remember, there is life after this ice storm.)

THE WEST BLOOMFIELD Center Alcoholism Treatment Facility, sponsored by Henry Ford Hospital received approval from the State Health director on March 9 to establish the facility.

At a cost of \$3,256,182 the building will house 50 residential adult foster care beds and provide recreation, dining, staff offices, therapy, detoxification, examining, nurse stations and outpatient facilities. The treatment program will be modeled on the Donwood Institute in Toronto, Canada. It includes one week of detoxification followed by 21 days of therapy.

CHARTING A CAREER and talking to admission counselors will be some of the highlights of the College Information Day at 2 p.m., April 22 at Madonna College in Livonia. The program will take place in the college's activities center and is opened to interested persons of all ages.

The two hour program will provide the opportunity to review Madonna's career oriented liberal arts program in more than 40 fields, including allied health, management, business administration, computer science and gerontology.

THE FARMINGTON HILLS PARKS and Recreation Department will host its second annual spring training softball tournament April 27-29 at Knights of Columbus and Drake parks. The tournament is open to the first 16 men's slow pitch softball teams to enter. The team entry fee of \$45 includes everything except the softballs. Registration and further information can be obtained at the parks and rec department, 21555 Eleven Mile, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on weekdays. Additional information can also be obtained by calling 474-6115.

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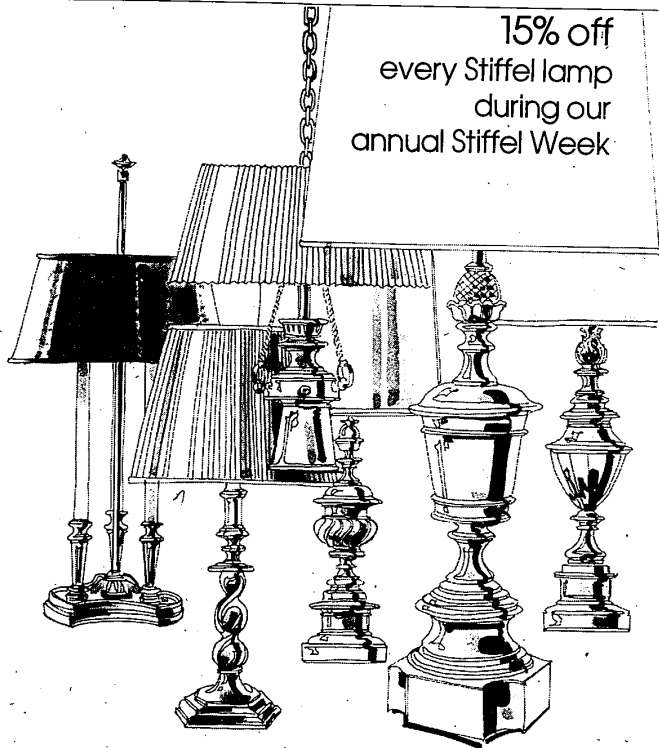
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