## They survive wind storm

While residents praised each other, they had little good to say about De-troit Edison, the utility which supplies power to subscribers in the metropeli-

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"WE WERE NOT getting appropriate responses from Detroit Edison," Wells complained last Thursday, "We were getting recorded messages telling us to stay on the line if there was an emergency. We stayed on the line, but no one came.

"And then we got smart answers from Edison. They said there were crews working in our area. When we said we couldn't find them, they said, "Then they must not be there."

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"My husband John and I both have arthritis, and it's hard for people on canes and crutches to keep a fire going in a fireplace. John had to scrounge around outside for wood."

The food in the Wells freezer was a victim of the power outage.

"They (Detroit Edison) tell you that, yes, after 48 hours it would be spoiled," Wells said. "They also tell you it's not their responsibility."

Added Tarter, "The power people, or anyone else, when you owe them some money, they want to be paid. And there's a penalty if you don't pay them on time.

"Now, they say this storm is an act of God. Well, fine, but maybe after all this time without power Edison should pay a fine." Paul Potter, community affairs di-

"In the Farmington area, we have 15 electrical circuits, and 12 of them had substantial trouble," Potter said. "That would mean about 8,000 customers out of service.

"It was a very unsual storm in that it was very broad based. It probably was worse than the 1979 ice storm in that respect."

TARTER HAS unpleasant memories of that April ice storm five years ago when a three-day power outage stilled his sump pump, leaving six inches of water in his basement.

And Tarter isn't likely to have enjoy-able thoughts of the windstorm of 1984.

"You're cold, you're not cating properly or getting enough sleep," he said. "At first, it's an experience. After a while, you're getting on each other's nerves in that cold, dark house, making mountains out of molehills."

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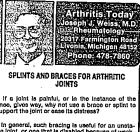
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