



A firefighter carries an exhaust fan out of second-story window.

Promotion for area resident

Richard M. Huber, a General Motors executive and Farmington resident, was reassigned as assistant director, labor economics and wage administration, replacing Donald E. Frazier who was promoted to director, labor relations in the Buick-Oldsmobile-Cadillac Group.

Huber, 38, held various personnel and labor relations positions at the Rochester Products Division in Rochester, N.Y., from 1968 to 1979, when he was appointed staff assistant in the labor relations section at GM's Central Office.

He was named manager of labor economics and wage administration in 1982 and was promoted to assistant director of divisional labor relations in May, 1984.

The appointment was made by Alfred S. Warren, Jr., vice president in charge of the industrial relations staff.



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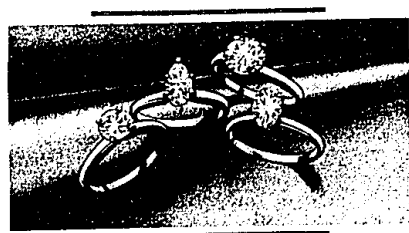
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Farmington Hills firefighters are raised to the roof of a fire-damaged condominium in the 14 Mile-Middlebelt area last Wednesday.

Blaze damages new condos

By Joanne Maliszewski
Staff writer

A plumber soldering too close to sub-flooring ignited a fire last Wednesday afternoon causing approximately \$40,000 to an unfinished Covington Club townhouse in Farmington Hills, according to fire officials.

"You couldn't see any flames. But there was a lot of smoke coming out of

the second story," said Fire Chief Richard Marinucci.

The townhouse is one of 80 units located in a new complex at Middlebelt and 14 Mile.

Although fire officials estimated the amount of damage at \$75,000, a spokesman for Kaftan Enterprises Inc., developers of the complex, estimated damage at \$40,000.

CALLING THE fire accidental, Marinucci said the plumber was "putting in pipes. He was soldering a connection with a torch." The fire "spread up a pipe chase and then spread up between the second-story floor and first-floor ceiling," Marinucci said.

Although most of the fire damage was in the second-story floor, first-story ceiling, and drywall, fire fighters

were forced to "poke holes in the walls because of the fire in them. It started to spread up (through the walls)," Marinucci said.

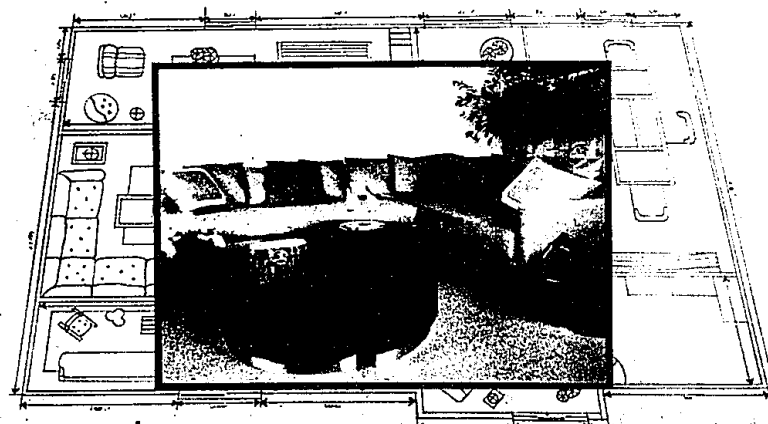
"It was hot and smoking (inside the townhouse) but we couldn't see what was burning," he added.

Twenty-one fire fighters extinguished the fire in about 25 minutes, Marinucci said.

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