

Firefighters use an aerial truck to shoot water at the flames from above.



Firefighters attacked the fire from inside the building as well as outside.

# Owner vows to rebuild

Photos by Douglas Susalla

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ment business 11 years ago. Six years ago, he restored and added a section to the original building, which an employee said was at least 50 years old.

In March, Chrysogellos changed his building insurance, which left him with no fire coverage. He plans to rebuild a smaller home improvement business at the site as soon as possible.

AT 12:10 p.m. Wednesday, two boys on bikes noticed fire on the roof of Suburban Aluminum. They went inside and alerted Chrysogellos. He and his son, Konstantinos, and two other employees got out immediately, leaving virtually everything behind.

The fire spread quickly to the roof and the front facade of Towne Square Pub, 27406 Eight Mile.

An employee at Brightmoor Electrical Supplies, 20741 Inkster Road, just behind the pub, ran to

Towne Square and told waitresses to evacuate. Eight patrons and employees left while Johnnie Kowalski, a waitress, called the fire department.

"By the time we arrived and set up (12:22 p.m.), we knew the first building (Suburban Aluminum) was a total loss," Marinucci said. "We were concerned with saving the other building (Towne Square) and keeping the fire from spreading."

"We had to tear apart part of the roof (of the pub) to make sure the fire wasn't spreading, but the damage was minimal," Marinucci said.

TOWNE SQUARE PUB owner John Teets of Southfield also has no insurance to cover fire damage, he said. The 17-year-old pub will be closed for approximately a week, he said Friday.

"We just have to replace some ceiling tiles. The fire did not get into the bar," he said. "It's not that bad."

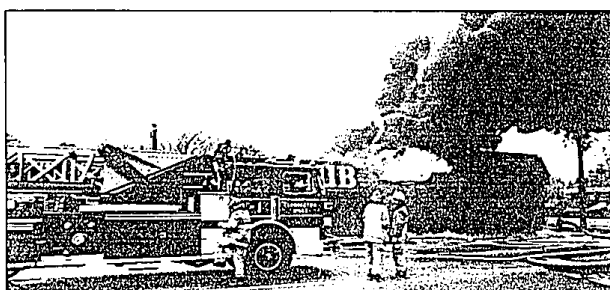
SUBURBAN ALUMINUM was divided up into different sections, which left a lot of void spaces," deputy fire chief Peter Baldwin said. "It was a difficult fire to deal with because of the construction."

The fire was under control within 45 minutes and extinguished within 2½ hours, he said.

The fire is believed to have started in a product storage loft, according to a Farmington Hills fire report.

Farmington Hills and Southfield police blocked off westbound Eight Mile in the area for nearly two hours while firefighters battled the flames. Thick black smoke was the product of burning vinyl siding and roofing material.

Employees at Brightmoor Electric Supplies made the inconvenience of the fire much easier for Towne Square waitresses, the waitresses said.



The rapidly spreading fire at Suburban Aluminum was reported shortly past noon Wednesday.



Julia Cain (left) and Heidi Paquette share a humorous moment during a story they were reading with their second-grade classmates about Thanksgiving.



Second grader Jason Link looks over his Thanksgiving meal before digging in.

## Thanksgiving is load of fun at Larkshire

Second graders at Larkshire Elementary School in Farmington Hills embarked on a new area of study to learn about Thanksgiving.

As the pilgrims arrived and were greeted by the Indians, the celebration of Thanksgiving began.

The students, with the help of their teachers, prepared and shared a feast with principal Al Lanigan and other staff on Tuesday, two days before Thanksgiving.

Second grade teachers included Pat Weston, Jeanette Swartz, Barb Kahl, Leslee LaCrosse and student teacher Wendy Blackford.

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