

Delivery has Burt residents fuming

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Some Burt Street neighbors are angry about delivery drivers who have drilled screws in their mailbox posts, to hang bags that hold printed matter they don't want.

"They didn't ask me if they could drill a hole in my mail post," said Debbie Jacob.

Beyond that, when Jacob and neighbor Lynn Halton called the owners of the company to halt the service, they did not stop.

Halton said the deliveries started about three weeks ago, along Burt south of Nine Mile Road. Jacobs said removing the screws didn't stop the deliveries. "They still shoved it under the mailbox," she said.

"It makes me mad," Halton added.

Neighbors with metal mailbox posts found a black plastic twist-tie around their post, to hold the bag which holds the newspapers and advertisements.

The blue, white and silver bag displays the name of the delivery company, Alternate Delivery System. Printed on the bag is a number to call for questions or comments.

"Some of them (neighbors) have called and complained, saying, 'I would like you to stop delivering this,'" Jacobs said. "I made two calls. They said you live in Farmington Hills, you need the Oakland number."

But when that number was called and a request lodged to stop deliveries, they did not stop, the women say.

"Plastic bags keep piling up in front of the mailbox. I just think it's their duty to ask us first," Jacobs said. "They said they would take care of it right away, and boom, it's there again."

The Observer made repeated attempts to call ADS management, but no one could be reached for comment.

Spring break talk

The Harrison High School Parent Forum is presenting again its eye-opening program about teens and Spring Break vacations at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 17, in the Harrison High School auditorium.

The program includes an MTV-type videocassette speakers who can help parents plan healthy and positive experiences for their teens.

OBITUARIES

ALBERT D. LEPPER

Services for Albert Dunbar Lepper, 92, of Farmington, were held Oct. 9 at St. Alexander Church in Farmington Hills with the Rev. Jim Wright officiating.

Mr. Lepper was born Feb. 3, 1909 and died Oct. 5, 2001 at Providence Hospital. He worked as a truck driver and was a member of St. Alexander Catholic Church in Farmington Hills.

He is survived by his wife, Rachelle.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Arrangements were made by Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

JAMES C. MCCracken

Services for James C. McCracken, 81, of Farmington, were held Oct. 9 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in Farmington.

with the Monsignor Walter Hurley officiating. Burial took place at Mount Hope Cemetery in Pontiac.

Mr. McCracken was born Feb. 26, 1920 and died Oct. 6, 2001 in Farmington.

He is survived by his wife, Marie.

Arrangements were made by Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington.

GEORGE A. HARRIS

Services for George Alfred Harris, 84, of Farmington Hills, were held Oct. 7 at Heeneey-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. James Wright officiating.



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Mr. Harris was born Nov. 24, 1916 in Detroit and died Oct. 5, 2001. He worked for Schoeb Equipment until his retirement in 1991 and was a World War II veteran.

He was a volunteer for Meals on Wheels and a coordinator at the St. Alexander's Food Cupboard. Mr. Harris enjoyed woodworking and photography.

He is survived by his wife, Marguerite "Peggy" son, William (Garneth) daughter, Rev. Suzanne (Charles) Paul; grandchildren, Coreen (Richard) McElroy, Vincent (Meg) Paul and Sara (John) Bowman; and great-grandchildren, Charles and Anthony Paul.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Alexander's Food Cupboard.

Utility offers refund on 2000-2001 gas bills

Consumers Energy Co. will refund \$3.4 million to customers who paid market-based rates for their natural gas costs between November 2000 and March 2001.

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ral gas customer choice program, customers who participated in the choice program and then returned to Consumers Energy's sales service were charged market-based rates.

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HS 1.44ct HVSI	\$2,527	\$986	Rd 1.52ct HVSI	\$16,793	\$7,241
Mg 50ct HVSI	\$2,408	\$998	SA 2.08ct HVSI	\$32,296	\$14,533
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DIAMOND	RETAIL VALUE	NOW	DIAMOND	RETAIL VALUE	NOW
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Rd 40ct HVSI	\$3,802	\$1,140	PC 1.05ct HVSI	\$10,235	\$5,137
Rd 50ct HVSI	\$2,549	\$1,254	Rd 1.25ct HVSI	\$13,125	\$5,250
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