A Weekend of Rain
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The people of Rockville were mopping up this morning after a weekend of strong storms. The town received fifteen inches of rain on Saturday and six inches on Sunday.

“Water is dripping through our roof,” said Elmer Pickle, who owns the hardware store on Main Street. “We’re standing in a foot of water inside the store. It will take us many hours to clean up, so we’re shutting our store until tomorrow.”

Six other shops on Main Street will also be closed today. “We have no electricity,” said Katie Katz, who runs the bookstore. “We’ve been asking for help from the power company since yesterday. I think we’ll be getting our power back this afternoon.”

Sam Li, president of the Rockville Power Company, said that more than five hundred homes and stores lost power during the weekend. “The storms knocked trees and branches over onto power lines, which caused people to lose their electricity. The power company is working hard to repair the lines, he said. “You’ll not find us resting until everyone in Rockville has electricity again.”

Isabel Garcia, Rockville police chief, said that local roads had to be closed because they were covered by water. “All roads are now open again,” she said.

Schools were also open today, as usual. Bus drivers said they had no trouble picking up students. “We are very careful,” said Archie Jones, who is in charge of the buses. “The roads are fine this morning, and our buses are running on time.”