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House near I-275 to get safety barrier

By JoAnne Maliszewski
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If it hadn't been for the two trucks that flew off neighboring I-275, Joan Barber figures she wouldn't be getting any kind of barrier.

"They aren't putting it up for the noise," said the Farmington Hills resident.

And noise is what's bothering Barber. Her 167-year-old Greek Revival house sits about 130 feet away from the eight-lane freeway, immediately north of Nine Mile.

Barber and her family have lived unprotected from the noise since I-275 was built in the early 1970s. And she's spent as long trying to get noise barriers from the state to protect her historic home.

After almost 20 years Barber is getting some kind of barrier. But it's not a noise barrier. It's a five-foot tall safety barrier.

"They tell me they are going to do the design this fall for installation next spring," said Leo DeFraine, supervisor of the Michigan Department of Transportation's materials and technology division.

THE SAFETY barrier has two parts. One is the actual 40-inch tall barrier. A second part will be what's called a glare screen, which is made of concrete and takes the barrier up to a height of five feet, DeFraine said.

"This can help with the noise somewhat," he added.

"I suppose five feet is better than nothing,"

said Barber, responding to news of the safety barrier. "I bet they would not have put it up if I had not had two trucks come over and a fire."

In addition to the trucks — one landed in her front yard, the other in her backyard — Barber's yard caught fire in 1988 when someone apparently threw a lit cigarette out of their car window while on the freeway.

The safety barrier might stop the trucks, but Barber is still looking for an honest-to-goodness noise barrier. But the state keeps saying no.

Barber is quick to compare her historic home with those in Camelot Court, for example, on the south side of I-696, west of Middlebelt, that are getting noise buffers. And she's

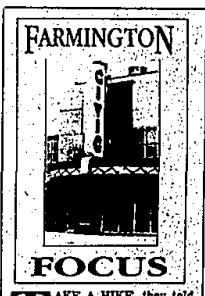
not.

"Why is the state putting up additional terms for the subdivision backing I-696? They bought in there knowing their homes would back onto the freeway," Barber said. "When I came to my home, I didn't know a freeway would go in there."

But state transportation officials say there is a difference.

"We cannot justify the use of funds for just one home," DeFraine said. "She is no different than any other house in Michigan."

TO BUILD a wall for noise protection along Barber's frontage on the freeway, as well as



FARMINGTON FOCUS

TAKE A HIKE. they told members of Boy Scout Troop 389 based in Narden Park Methodist Church in Farmington Hills. And, boy, are the Scouts ever hiking.

Some 10 boys and adult leaders Jim Miller and Jeff Green left entrained July 19 to the Filmont Ranch in New Mexico. For the next week and a half, they'll hike 70 miles in the nearby mountains.

"We've done pre-hikes, but never anything this long," said Star Scout Chris McVely, 14, before leaving. "It's exciting and maybe a little scary."

CALLING ALL quilters, embroiderers and anyone with a talent for crafts and a love of their community.

Organizers for a celebration of Farmington's 125th anniversary as a village are seeking residents and others interested in working on a Heritage Quilt — a commemorative quilt comprised of squares handmade by members of the community — during the coming months.

The 125th milestone will be commemorated in the spring of 1992.

"Anybody who has a definite interest in the Farmington community would be welcome," said Farmington Mayor Shirley Richardson, who is spearheading the entire 125th anniversary celebration.

An organizational meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 31, at Farmington City Hall, when interested persons will meet and discuss the project. At that time, those organizing the project will offer ideas for various quilt squares and discuss other ideas as well.

Community members will work on the quilt squares throughout the summer and fall months, and the quilt will be sewn together during the winter. Plans include presenting the finished quilt to the Farmington City Council in May as a kick-off of the 125th celebration, Richardson said.

It will be permanently displayed at city hall.

ARE YOU an entrepreneur?

A series of seminars at Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills and Troy's Walsh College will be offered to help you find out if you have what it takes to start a business.

The first seminar will be held 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday, July 23, in Building F, Room 209, at OCC's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills. Refreshments and materials will be provided.

Additional seminars will be scheduled at OCC and Walsh College. The seminars are co-sponsored by Deloitte & Touche, the National Association of Women Business Owners and the Business Enterprise Development Center.

Call Rita Nixon at 689-4094 if interested.

MEMORY LANE — From the July 26, 1951 Farmington Enterprise:

• Bell's Garage on Northwestern Highway near 14 Mile Road was picked as the site for one of two new fire halls to be located in Farmington Township.

• A new 60-passenger school bus was added to the Clarenceville School District's fleet. It was the first school bus in the area to be painted a bright yellow, the color authorized by the State Legislature.



A real life-saver

Working together in the Beech Woods pool are swim instructor/lifeguard Beth Smith (right) and beginning swimmers (from left) Courtney Smith of Detroit, Jessica Prince, Preston Williams and Quentin Woods of Southfield. Smith of Farmington Hills last Monday pulled two struggling swimmers to safety within one hour. For a story and a photo of the lifeguard, turn to Page 3A.

Father, son arraigned in Little League fight

By JoAnne Maliszewski
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A Farmington Hills father and adult son face misdemeanor charges in connection with the beatings of two men at a Little League game June 13 at Kenbrook Elementary School.

Glenn A. Warheit, 31, and his father Phillip I. Warheit, 54, both pleaded not guilty to charges Friday morning before 47th District Court Judge Fred Harris in Farmington.

Glenn Warheit is charged with one

misdemeanor count of assault and battery and one count of aggravated assault, which is a high misdemeanor. He is free on \$1,500 personal bond.

Phillip Warheit is charged with one count of assault and battery. He is free on \$500 personal bond.

A date for a preliminary examination on the charges in 47th District Court has not yet been set.

Conviction of assault and battery carries a maximum penalty of 90 days in jail and \$500 fine. Aggravated assault carries a maximum penalty

of one-year in prison and \$500 fine.

The Warheits' attorney, Bruce Lettman of Bloomfield Hills, was unavailable for comment Friday.

AN ALMOST month-long investigation followed the Little League fight that, according to witnesses, began with two men, a father and son, who started hitting a 57-year-old third base coach from West Bloomfield Township.

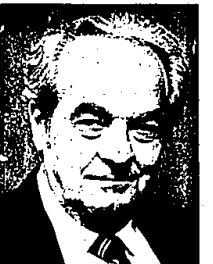
The fight occurred during a game between the 8-year-old boys teams

of the White Sox and Yankees just after 7 p.m. June 13, at the school's baseball diamond, 32130 Bonnet Hill, according to a police report.

Witnesses told police that two men began arguing with the third base coach. The father pointed his finger at the coach and then began hitting him in the face, according to the police report.

While the coach tried to cover his face from the punches, the adult son came up behind him. The coach was

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Ralph Yoder unsure of plans



William Hartsock term expiring

Council veteran Yoder unsure of re-election bid

By Casey Hans
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Twenty-six year Farmington City Council veteran Ralph Yoder said Friday he is unsure whether he will seek re-election when his term expires this year.

The longtime official said former mayor said he is still considering his options, although he has publicly made comments alluding to ending his years of public service.

A retired trucking company executive, Yoder has divided his time between Farmington and Florida recently.

"I just haven't made up my mind yet," said Yoder, 65, a Farmington-area resident since 1940. "I thought I would wait until petition time. I know if I leave, I'm going to miss it."

Yoder's term, as well as those of Councilwoman JoAnne McShane and Councilman William Hartsock expire this year. McShane, 45, an account representative with Horace Mann Insurance, said she plans to seek her second term.

Hartsock, 40, could not be reached for comment about his intentions. The account executive with Roney &

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Co. has served on the council for 18 years and was mayor in 1979 and 1985 and has lived in the community for 28 years.

ADDING SOME spice to this year's race could be the intentions of Campbell, who was defeated after completion of his first 4-year term on council in 1989. The 40-year-old Ford Motor product problem analyst said he plans to run this year, whether or not Yoder stays on the council.

A former zoning board of appeals member before her election to the

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JoAnne McShane seeking re-election



Arnold Campbell running again

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