

I-96 noise wall put off until 1993

By Tim Smith
staff writer

Southfield homeowners quest for the state to build a noise barrier shielding their Inkster Road-area residences from I-96 road noise has fallen upon deaf ears.

Until the Michigan Department of Transportation decides whether an I-96 interchange will be constructed near Inkster, residents living north of the freeway and east of Inkster will have to put up with the sounds.

The residents, who in July petitioned MDOT for the barrier, met last week with state highway and city officials. What they were told wasn't what they wanted to hear: The earliest a noise wall will be built is 1993, if then.

"The general feeling of it is that they (state) are trying to snuff us," said Pebblebrook resident Alice Kambouris, a leader in the petition drive, about the message conveyed to them at the meeting. "It made everybody a little angry. But we believe the city is still supporting us."

Another Pebblebrook homeowner described highway noises as

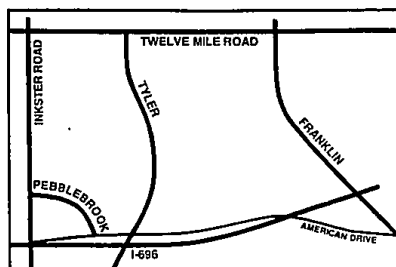
"absolutely horrible." Rita Ferry said she never would have moved into her home in 1986 had she known about the ensuing noise controversy.

"IT SOUNDS like a run around," Ferry said, adding that the message residents received from MDOT's Les DeFrain and Paul Garceau was that the noise abatement "could be done, but it would be difficult — it would not be in their best interests because of cost."

DeFrain said it doesn't make much sense to spend \$250,000 on a temporary wall that would benefit eight to 10 homes, only to tear it down in a couple of years, when work on the Inkster interchange is projected to begin.

Further muddying the waters is that project's uncertain status.

According to DeFrain, officials are studying all possible interchange proposals, including one backed by the city of Southfield to build on-and-off ramps at Tyler and a connector road between Franklin and Inkster, to determine



Residents of Pebblebrook so far have been unsuccessful in getting a wall to protect them from the noise of traffic on I-96.

'The general feeling of it is that they (state) are trying to snuff us.'

— Alice Kambouris
Pebblebrook resident

which one best meets traffic flow needs.

The federal government will not OK funding for an interchange project until all options have been explored, he said.

DESPITE THE uncertainty, DeFrain said the state is planning to build in 1993-94 a noise wall extending west from Franklin Road past Pebblebrook, a winding residential street that dead ends at the freeway.

But a ravine behind Kambouris' home prevents that wall from extending all the way to Inkster, he said.

"At that point, the ground disappears and the highway is up in the air," DeFrain said. "There really isn't enough soil there to support a wall."

Paul Terrian of the city of Southfield said the Pebblebrook/Pebblestone residents only hope is that a wall may be built at the time the freeway service drive is constructed.

Without a noise wall, DeFrain said traffic could double by 2010 and residents would barely notice. The ongoing I-96 resurfacing and widening projects, along with the construction of a median wall, slated to be completed by late 1989, will alleviate some of the road noise, DeFrain added.

Counselor says shop early for Christmas jobs

Now is the time to apply for Christmas jobs, says Hugh Day, an employment counselor at the Michigan Employment Security Commission.

Day, who appears on the weekly cable television program "The Job Show" at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, on Metrovision Channel 12, says a variety of temporary jobs are available during the holiday season. Stores require extra stockpeople, as well as clerks and cashiers.

The U.S. Postal Service and express mail companies also hire additional workers at this time of year. There is an increased need for clerical workers at many companies. Even baby sitters may find themselves more in demand, as people need time for shopping.

Local MESC offices are a good source of information about temporary holiday jobs.

Day advises job seekers to always carry information that may be requested on a job application, such as a job history and previous employers' addresses. He also stresses the need to be persistent by applying at a number of companies.

Ask questions during an interview and follow up all interviews with phone calls, he says. Finally, send a thank you note to your interviewer — it will help you stand out from the crowd of applicants.

Day also reminds job hunters interested in long-term positions that employees who make a good impression in a holiday job can sometimes obtain a permanent position when the holidays are over.

ON THE second segment of this week's "Job Show," Marian McCracken, president of the Michigan chapter of the National Organization of Women, explains the fundamental reason women become involved in that organization. "Usually it is an economic motivation."

NOW functions as a support group for its members and as a political action organization, according to McCracken. Local chapters in a number of Michigan communities produce newsletters and conduct periodic meetings, she says. On the political front, NOW screens and endorses candidates and maintains lobbyists at the state and national levels.

The organization would like to expand its membership, says McCracken. "We've attempted to bring in minority women. We've always dealt with minority issues and the feminization of poverty."

"The Job Show," now in its seventh year, is a public service television program produced by the MESC.

campus pipeline

If you have news from a college, university or other campus of higher education — and there's a Farmington-area connection — we'd like to hear from you so we can share your news item with other Farmington-Observer readers. Send items to: Campus Pipeline, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

NEW GRADUATES

Diane Dittmar-Seitz and John Seitz of Farmington and Vincent Anderson, Jeffrey Broke, Shawn Cotter, Jill Polland, Dwight Thalacker and Nancy Yates of Farmington Hills graduated from Central Michigan University.

David Ritzman of Farmington graduated from Southern Illinois University-Carbondale Aug. 6.

Patricia Matthews-Sarkar of Farmington Hills has graduated from Northeast Missouri State University with a bachelor of science degree.

GAINS SCHOLARSHIP

Denise Shoup and Caryn Whitehouse of Farmington Hills, entering Alma College this fall, have been awarded scholarships.

Shoup, a 1988 North Farmington High School graduate, is receiving an Alma Merit Award that recognizes students designated as National Merit finalists with full tuition scholarships.

Whitehouse, a 1988 Farmington Hills Mercy High School graduate, is

receiving a Presidential Scholarship, awarded on the basis of outstanding scholarship and national test scores.

HE'S ADMITTED

Jason Hicks of Farmington has been admitted to Olivet College for the fall term. He is a 1988 Farmington Hills Harrison High School graduate.

HE'S PROMOTED

Cadet Richard Koschowsky II of Farmington was promoted to cadet second lieutenant in the Marine Military Institute Corps of Cadets.

The sophomore is serving as a platoon leader in Band Company for the school year 1988-89.

During the summer, Koschowsky successfully completed the 3rd ROTC Region Advance Camp at Ft. Riley, Kan. Also during the summer, he attended the airborne school at Ft. Benning, Ga.

STARTS MEDICAL SCHOOL

Mark Barsamian of Farmington Hills started medical school at the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University. He received a bachelor's degree in psychology in April.

**ROUND TRIP
FLIGHTS TO
TAMPA**
Dec. 18th thru Dec. 26th

\$159

IMMEDIATE PAYMENT
(TIME PAYMENT *199)

**Amazing Places
Travel**
471-1111

merrittscape
Field Grown
HARDY MUMS
Pinks, Purples, Reds, Yellows
Hundreds of
Other Perennials
5940 Cooley Lake Rd.
Union Lake
Just Past Hiller Rd.
681-7955



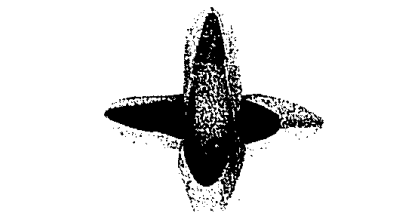
When Friend fell, he called for Help. But the only ones there, were

Ignorance,

Incompetence,

and Indifference.

Friend called for Help again but Confusion came instead.



At last Help came, and Help knew what to do.
In times of emergency, are you Help?
If not, learn Red Cross First Aid where you work -
or call your local chapter.



**American
Red Cross**

Airtronic Heating & Cooling
AUTHORIZED DEALER FOR
LENNOX
SALES SERVICE INSTALLATION

WE HAVE A WINNING COMBINATION FOR YOU

LENNOX AND Honeywell

Electronic Air Cleaner. "10 Year Clean Coil Guarantee"

EARLY SEASON FURNACE SALE

AS ADVERTISED ON TV

PULSE
97% EFFICIENT

537-8111

Check you can't see the air in your home, we thought we'd show it to you.