police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

A 13-year-old Farmington Hills girl also was burned when she was hit in the head with fireworks outside Bonaventure Roller Skating Center, 24045 Halsted, June 17.
 A 12-year-old Farmington Hills girl also was hit by fireworks, thrown from a car cruising the lot at 11:10 p.m.

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CLOTHING RECOVERED

A 42-year-old Defroit woman faces a felony charge in connection with the singulation to dispars to the city. None caused a significant dollar loss.

The high number is related to dry ground conditions caused by lack of ralls.

"The fires not only tax our system, but also pose a threat to nearby structures," said Deputy Chief Peter Baldwin of the Farmington Hills Fire Department.

"Typically, the fires have been a caused by people tossing smoking materials from moving vehicles.

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She and a 33-year-old Detroit woman were arrested during a traffic stop on Orchard Lake Road at Firwood Sunday afternoon. The clothing, still containing price tags, was found in their car, said detective David Loe of the Farmington Hills Police Department. The second woman faces arraignment on the same charge once medical treatment she is receiving at the Oakland County Jail is completed, Loe said.

Oakland County was ______ Loe said. Both women face charges in connection with an attempted escape from custody at the 47th District Court in Farmington. Four wires were found cut on their cell door. Af-

ter that discovery, the women were taken to the Farmington Hills Jail and searched by a female officer. A wirecutter found on the floor in one of their cells is believed to have been dropped by the defendant occupying that cell, Loe said.

◆ CAR FIRE
Gas poured into the carburetor of
a car ignited June 18, causing a fire
that left \$1,500 in damage to the vehicle, according to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report.
The car had run out of gasoline on
Orchard Lake Road, north of Astor,
before the incident occurred shortly
after 8:30 p.m.

© GARAGE FIRE
Damage was estimated at \$2,200
when a garage caught fire at a house
on Clenarden Monday night.
The fire started at 7:50 p.m. when
gasoline vapors used to burn debris
in a driveway crack ignited a garage
wall. Damage was limited to the
wall. Firefighters extinguished the

fire, according to a Farmington Hills Fire Department report.

THEFTS REPORTED
 A fox coat and camera equipment valued at , \$4,300 were reported stolen from a house on Statler Lane between Feb. 28 and June 13.

Tools valued at \$750 were reported stolen from a garage on Stratford Court June 12-16.

Tables and chairs valued at \$1,525 were reported stolen from Christ Community Church, 30333 10 Mile, June 12-19.

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Two bleycles valued at \$450 were reported stolen from a storage cage at Galeway Apartments June 12-19.

Jewelry, china, sterling silver, clothing, linens, figurines and a quitt valued at \$17,150 were reported stolen from Hunters Ridge Apartments June 17.

A camera and snack food money were reported stolen from Auto Designs, 23751 Research Drive, June 17-18.

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Grass fire ignites barrier debate

Joan Barber is hopping mad about a grass fire along 1-275 that came within 20 feet of an old chicken shed on her property Tuesday afternoon. Trn not at all happy, "said Barber, who lives in a 154-year-old house on Nine Mile, 130 feet from the freeway roadbed. Her house is south of the shed.

"The fire burned through a wire gauge fence and scorehed some of the evergreen frees I'm growing to block my view of 1-275 and to dilute funes and muffle noise from the freeway." Barber said.

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A discarded elgarette is suspected of starting the half-acre fire, reported about 3:30 p.m. on the northbound shoulder of 1:275, just north of Nine Mile. The fire was put out within 15 minutes, Farmington Hills Fire Marshal Stephen Hume said.

said. "With no rain, everything is drying out," Hume said. "A tossed cigarette was enough to ignite the grass."

BARBER TRANSPLANTED the evergreens to the west side of her property in 1977 because the Michigan Department of Transportation refused to put up a concrete barrier. "I'm not getting anywhere in getting better protection from the highway department," she said.

She wants a concrete or brick barrier "as tall as they'll build it." She envisions something simi-lar to what divides homes in Canton from 1-275 or homes in Filmt from 1-475.

nomes in Firm from 1-473.

Barber remembers a 1971 grass fire on 1-275 that didn't slow until it reached unmowed areas 10 feet from her shed. And she remembers a 1985 leident when a car carrier crashed through the 1-275 guardrail, skided and fell down an embankment to the edge of the divider fence, 50 feet from her house.

her house.

Barber and her husband, Bob, live in a Greek
Revival house built in 1824 by Stephen Yerkes
Rodgers. Bob is a distant cousin of Rodgers, who
came from the Finger Lakes area of Romulus,
N.Y.

"I have a home that was here before the auto

was invented and Michigan became a state," Joan said.

"The state made much of centennial homes dur-ing its bleentennial. But I'm not getting any satis-faction.

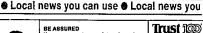
"We were here first."

STATE HIGHWAY engineers say it's unlikely Barber will realize her dream of a concrete or brick barrier because her situation doesn't meet federal criteria that require four houses to be af-fected.

According to highway engineers, a wall 1,000 feet long would be needed to block noise from the Barber house. It could cost as much as \$250,000. A milelong noise barrier would top \$500,000.

In 1986, the state rejected a city request for noise barriers along 1-275 between Eight Mile and a point midway between Nine Mile and 10 Mile.

Barber, who calls state cost figures outrageous, sees Tuesday's grass fire reinforcing her bid for a divider wall. As she put it, "I haven't given up."





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