

Orchard Lake Road repairs set to begin

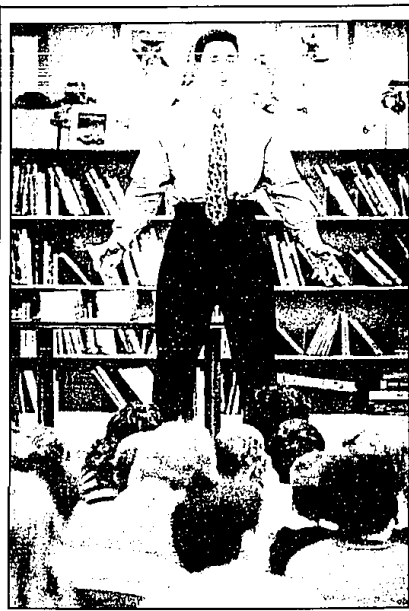
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Construction work to widen Orchard Lake Road could begin as early as this year, as officials from Farmington, Farmington Hills and Oakland County firm up final plans. The major north/south artery is expected to flow more smoothly after the construction, which will widen and improve the road from Grand River to 11 Mile. It will also allow the cities to add a large drain along the road, which will help with sewer expansion plans. To date, plans for the project's first phase include:

- three full lanes from Grand River to the south leg of Shilwassee, in the city of Farmington.
- four lanes between the two legs of Shilwassee, in the city of Farm-

ington. • five lanes from Shilwassee north to 10 Mile and improvements to the 10 Mile intersection, in the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. PLANS FOR the project's second phase, which includes a stretch between 10 Mile and 11 Mile in the city of Farmington Hills, are not final, according to Farmington Hills public services director Thomas Blaseil. Ideally, design and construction would be done starting in summer 1990. Farmington Mayor Richard Tupper last week questioned having only three lanes from Grand River to Shilwassee, but city administrators said the backup occurs only in the southbound left-turn lane, which will be expanded.

They also said putting in a fourth lane would cause additional cost, because of the Jax auto wash, which comes right to the curb. City Manager Robert Deadman said it would be "ungodly expensive" to buy the right of way and move the business. "Four lanes at Grand River is not necessary," he said. "It's not worth the expense of property acquisition." "My feeling is to go with the three lanes," Farmington councilman Arnold Campbell said. "They're supposed to be the road experts." Farmington plans to use an estimated \$50,000 in county money, allocated to the city for roads in the next three years, for the Orchard Lake project. The project has been at the top of the city's wish list for several years.



RANDY DORST/staff photographer

Mr. Universe

Peter Nielson, Mr. Universe 1985, told students at Forest Elementary School in Farmington Hills Tuesday about the importance of good nutrition. He described his childhood in Brooklyn where he spent two months in the hospital at age 15. Nielson told the students to eat right and exercise properly, using as an example his coping with Crohn's disease, a chronic condition.

Hills man who shot self after standoff faces mental exam

The Farmington Hills man who shot himself in a standoff with police at a Ferndale motel Dec. 17 was ordered to undergo a psychiatric exam to determine his competency to stand trial for a Lathrup Village robbery. David Scott Klueger, 21, is charged with a Lathrup Village robbery that occurred the night before his eight-hour standoff with Ferndale police, who suspected him of a robbery early that morning in Royal Oak.

Free on bond at the time of the shooting at the Motorama Motel in Ferndale, Klueger is awaiting sentencing on three felony counts in Farmington Hills. The latest charges brought against him are unarmed robbery, armed robbery, receiving and concealing stolen property over \$100 and using a firearm while committing a felony. He was arraigned in his hospital room Dec. 20. Innocent pleas were entered. On Dec. 27, Judge Sawicki ordered Friberg to stand trial in connection

with the unarmed robbery. That incident involved the theft of a purse containing \$2 from a 76-year-old woman Dec. 16 in the parking lot of a Royal Oak senior citizens complex. Royal Oak police allege that Friberg, who has no police record, drove the getaway car. Klueger's other charges stem from the theft of a purse containing \$60 from a 42-year-old woman arriving for work at Meijer Thrifty Acres in Royal Oak three hours before the standoff at the Motorama Motel began.

Negotiations that Ferndale police hoped would lead to a peaceful surrender continued until Klueger became despondent and shot himself with a pistol, investigators said. In Lathrup Village, Klueger faces single counts of armed robbery and possessing a firearm while committing a felony. On Jan. 18, District Judge Susan Hulsev of Southfield set cash/surety bond at \$75,000. An innocent plea was entered in his behalf. No exam date was set. In the Dec. 16 robbery outside Lathrup Park Condominiums, a woman resident was robbed of \$150 as she entered her apartment building. A man threatened to shoot if she didn't hand over her purse, said Lathrup police Chief Andrew Misner. A woman whom Misner said was waiting in a car for Klueger was bound over for trial in Oakland County Circuit Court on the same charges. Michelle Elise Friberg, 20, of Detroit, will be arraigned Feb. 2 before Judge David Breck. She is being held in lieu of \$25,000 cash/surety bond.

KLUEGER AWAITS an exam before Judge Daniel Sawicki of the 44th District Court, Royal Oak, in connection with two Royal Oak robberies. He was discharged from the hospital Jan. 1.

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