

Farmington council hears road report

FARMINGTON — The results of a survey of residents on local road paving will be presented to the Farmington City Council Monday, in the Farmington City Hall.

The council is considering a later-than-usual start because of Mayor's Exchange Day activities, so residents wishing to attend should check first with city hall.

Also on the agenda are the results of a study on the senior citizens cab service, apparently still lagging in ridership.

The council is also expected to consider joining with other cities to fight a proposed rate hike for street lighting being proposed by Detroit Edison.



Highmeadow math show

Lori Odea, Tina Grand and Roland Yee participated in a math show at Highmeadow Elementary recently. Students demonstrated math equipment and games they had completed during the year. Yee is holding a "snake game." (Everitt photo).

Fair trial for suspect supersedes free speech

By SUSAN L. SILK

To protect a suspect's constitutional right to a fair trial, an Oakland Circuit Court Judge Thursday denied the defendant's right of free speech.

Judge Robert Webster denied the request of defendant Gordon L. Stockenauer, 26, to hold a press conference during pretrial motions hearing.

Stockenauer and Joseph Molinare, 29, escaped convicts from a minimum security prison at the Marquette State Prison, have been charged with the April 22 shooting of Troy Ptl. Martin Chivas.

The officer was shot and killed in the early hours of April 22 while investigating an apparent breaking and entering at the 135 and Rochester Road Texaco station, police said.

Twelve hours after the shooting, police recaptured Molinare and Stockenauer outside Flint.

THE SUSPECTS were arraigned in Oakland Circuit Court May 10. At that time Webster approved the request of both men's court-appointed attorneys for psychiatric examinations to determine their fitness to stand trial.

Moments after the arraignment and a conference with his client, Stockenauer's attorney, James Lawson, told waiting reporters that his client had asked him to "communicate certain information to the media," Lawson said Thursday.

During a conference with Webster later on May 10, the judge asked him to bring the matter up again in open court during the hearing Thursday, Lawson told the court.

Lawson said he was "in a quandary" about what should be done on Stockenauer's request.

"I'd be talking out of both sides of my mouth if I asked that (Stockenauer) be given the right to a press conference," Lawson said. He was referring to the reported possibility of a defense counsel request for a change of venue prompted by the publicity which the case already has received.

STOCKENAUER HAS already written letters to an area daily newspaper and a letter to his attorney complaining of conditions surrounding his incarceration, Lawson told the court.

"Some of the allegations that I have gotten in writing from Mr. Stockenauer, if true, are quite serious," Lawson said.

Stockenauer's attorney asked Webster to rule whether the attorney could arrange the press session or make known the contents of his client's letter.

The letter from Stockenauer to Lawson discusses "what is happening to him (Stockenauer) while he is waiting for trial," Lawson said.

WEBSTER REFUSED Stockenauer's request to address the bench or execute what Stockenauer's attorney said his client thought was his "right to correspond with anyone he pleases." The judge warned that if the bench were to allow Stockenauer to speak out "there could be deprivation of his rights."

Earlier in the hearing the judge approved the spending of \$300 each by Lawson, and Molinare's defense attorney, J. Rick Schmidt of Pontiac, for the services of private investigators.

In their requests to the bench, both attorneys said they needed outside help to interview the six witnesses whom Oakland County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson told the court he plans to call to testify.

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Pernick was chairman of the 27-member board in 1972 and is county bloc chairman of the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG).

He is a member of the human resource, finance and local government committees and represents the board on the County Commission on Economic Opportunity. He is a board member of Oakland United Community Services and chairs a special child-care services committee.

"During my six years as a commissioner, a number of new, important facilities have been constructed," Pernick said.

"Among areas which still need improvement are transportation and crime-fighting. We need to streamline our administrative structure, decentralize services and make certain the taxpayer is getting maximum service for his dollar."

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