

OAKLAND DIGEST

Oakland Digest provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the week leading up to May 10.

FARMINGTON HILLS
Exit sign: The Michigan Department of Transportation has filed with the federal government seeking permission to build a freeway exit at I-696 and Inkster Road. Motorists have complained for years about the lack of an exit east of congested Orchard Lake Road. A reply from the Federal Highway Administration is expected the three to nine months.

FRANKLIN VILLAGE
Big check: Franklin Village has received \$86,000 check from the IRS as the first installment of money due in a drug forfeiture case. A former Franklin resident pleaded guilty in the 1991-92 cross-country cocaine trafficking and money laundering operation. His home and cars were sold by the government with a portion of the money coming back to Franklin.

LAKE ORION
Fish warning: Fish caught in Lake Orion have become the focus of a state Department of Community Health advisory. The state warns children, mothers-to-be and nursing moms to limit their intake of fish from the lake to once a month due to the presence of PCBs. The standard for other adults is once a week.

OXFORD
Computer bid: Oxford Village staff members are awaiting word from the village council on a proposed \$68,472 computer system. Staffers said the system would improve record-keeping.

ROCHESTER
Memorial compromise: In a compromise with school officials, Rochester High School yearbook editors will run quarter page memorials to two deceased classmates in a summer yearbook supplement. Yearbook editors withdrew plans for full page memorials to the students, one of whom took her life during the school year, after school officials protested. Officials worried a larger memorial would unintentionally promote teen suicide.

SOUTHFIELD
Opposing Kovorkian: Rabbi Irwin Groner of Congregation Shearay Zedek synagogue and Bishop Ibrahim Ibrahim of the Chaldean Catholic Diocese of America, both based in Southfield, are among the Michigan religious leaders who have signed an ecumenical letter opposing doctor-assisted suicide.

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP
Backyard golf: Neighbors Henry Grace and Gerald Cook pooled their resources - and their back-

yards - to build a golf course for themselves and whoever else wants to use it. Greens fees are paid by the honors system at the nine hole, par-three course.

TROY
K for Kentucky?: Troy officials are hard at work to keep a portion of Kmart world headquarters from moving to Kentucky. City staff members are working with Kmart to address long term space needs at its Big Beaver Road headquarters complex. The retail giant could also receive tax breaks to keep operations in Michigan.

WEST BLOOMFIELD
Bad feelings: Two parks and recreation members say they won't attend any future meetings - most likely denying the commission a quorum - because they feel they have been derided by comments from other commission members. The pair, Bernardino Edwards and Roberta Boyle, said they won't resume their commission schedule until meeting with an attorney.

Charity golf outing scheduled

Golfers who want to put for patients of pituitary disease have until May 15 to register for a special benefit tournament. The golf charity, the first of its kind in the country, will take place June 3 at Dunham Hills Golf Course in Hartland, beginning at 10 a.m. The event is sponsored by the Michigan Chapter of the Pituitary Tumor Network Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing public awareness of pituitary diseases.

The four-person scramble costs \$100 for an individual entry and \$400 for a foursome. Business organizations may sponsor special events, including the Hole-in-One and Longest Drive contests, or holes.

For more information on the golf outing, contact Sullivan at (810) 227-5615.

Free wood chips available

Free wood chips are available for pick up every Saturday in May at Orion Oaks County Park. Those interested in picking up wood chips are advised to use the Clarkston Road entrance and to bring their own shovels,

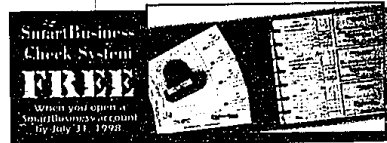
wheelbarrows and buckets. The program is not open to commercial haulers. Orion Oaks is in Orion Township.

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