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State won't enter right-to-die case

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"The issue is in the proper forum. The judge will decide," said state Attorney General's office spokesman Chris DeWitt. "It is not often we would get involved in outside matters that don't involve the state."

Rivlin's Detroit attorney, David Rosin, asked the Attorney General's office if "we wanted to file a brief in the matter. We decided not to," DeWitt said.

Rosin was out-of-town and unavailable for comment.

On May 17, Rivlin, 38, petitioned Oakland County Circuit Court to be removed from the ventilator that has kept him breathing for the past two years. Rivlin, an Oak Hill Care Center resident, was unavailable for comment.

Oakland Circuit Judge Hilda Gage will consider Rivlin's petition but a hearing date has not yet been scheduled.

Rosin informed the Attorney General's Office, as well as Oakland County Prosecutor Richard Thompson, of Rivlin's request to determine if there was any opposition. Thompson said he has no plans to oppose the request.

Rivlin became a quadriplegic 18 years ago when his spinal cord was severed in a surfing accident in Huntington Beach, Calif.

LIFE CHANGED drastically after the accident. But Rivlin said he was in pretty good condition until almost three years ago, when he had an aneurysm and a resulting operation on his spinal cord. "They tried to save my breathing. But they weren't able to," Rivlin said.

The former Oak Park resident said his decision did not come easy. "I'm just tired of being hooked up. I've hated it from the beginning. I've tried to live with it. But I can't," he said.

His aunt, Marion Gornblum-Melton in Palm Harbor, Fla., supports Rivlin's decision. "He has absolutely nothing to live for. He realizes he will never have a family," she said. Rivlin's parents are dead.

Rivlin is the third right-to-die request in Oakland County in the last two years. In 1987, Farmington Hills resident Clifford Culham was granted his request to be disconnected from his life-support system. Culham was suffering from Lou Gehrig's disease.

Last November, the parents of 12-year-old Joelle Rosebush of Lapeer successfully battled the county prosecutor's office to have life-support equipment turned off. This case has been appealed to the Michigan Supreme Court to define law for future cases.

Hills woman convicted of negligent homicide

An Oakland County Circuit Court jury Tuesday convicted a Farmington Hills woman of negligent homicide in the traffic death of a woman walking on the shoulder of Power Road last year.

The 12-person jury deliberated for about an hour before convicting

Marcia Annette Kelz, 33, of the high midwest area.

Kelz remains free on \$5,000 personal recognizance bond pending sentencing June 27 before Circuit Judge Richard Kuhn. The maximum penalty is two years in jail and a \$2,000 fine.

The three-day trial ended Tuesday with closing arguments from Oakland County assistant prosecutor Gregory Townsend and defense attorney Arthur Cole of Southfield. Cole could not be reached for comment.

Patricia Marie Nutall, 58, of Farmington Hills, was struck by a

car while walking on the west shoulder of Power, south of 11 Mile, at 7:30 a.m. July 14, 1988, when a southbound car left the pavement and struck her, Farmington Hills police said. She later died of her injuries.

She was off the pavement, walking against the flow of traffic, which is

the correct thing to do, police said.

Police said Kelz told them she left the road while adjusting her car radio.

Based on the police investigation, the prosecutor issued a warrant for Kelz's arrest Aug. 22.

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Outdoor extravaganza is coming Sunday

The Farmington Hills Recreation Division is sponsoring its first annual outdoor extravaganza from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, June 11.

The outdoor events will be held at Heritage Park on Farmington Road, between 10 and 11 Mile.

The outdoor activities will include:
• 12:30 p.m. — tent display
• 12:50 p.m. — wildlife art
• 12:50 p.m. — taxidermy display and demonstration
• 1 p.m. — freeze dried food tasting
• 1 p.m. — guided nature walk

• 1-5 p.m. — National Rifle Association Youth Clinic
• 1:30 p.m. — hay ride every hour
• 2 p.m. — canoe and kayak demonstration
• 3 p.m. — tent and camping clinic
• 3 p.m. — fly casting demonstration
• 3:30 p.m. — fishing equipment

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• 4 p.m. — fish preparation clinic
Contributors to the Outdoor Extravaganza are: Trout Unlimited; Joe Derck, naturalist; Tim Nowicki, naturalist; The Benchmark Outdoor Store, Farmington; Prints and Carv-

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For more information, call the Farmington Hills Recreation Division, 473-9570.

clarification

Arthur Arnason, 4, was incorrectly identified in a family photo that ran June 1 as part of the Observer's cov-

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Foot Facts: Troubled Toenails

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