## Few cases of AIDS reported in county

As the media barks out growing AIDS statistics daily, Oakland County health officials report few cases of the disease in Oakland County.

Health care officials, actor Rock Hudson's contraction of the disease, and potential problems in schools with

students who have the disease all helghten community awareness toward AIDS — Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome.

Homosexuals, intraveneous drug abusers and people who receive blood transfusions on a regular basis like he-mophilises comprise the high risk pop-ulation, said Joel Blostein, epidemeolo-

Blostein said.

What Blostein called opportunistic infections — infections that are unusual in a healthy population — invade a victim's body, "Organisms take the opportunity to infect the person and are

able to proliferate and cause disease Blostein said. "A normal person wou counter them (the organisms) easily.

CHRONIC DNFECTIONS that afflict an includent with AIDS include a form of pneumonia, infections to the ecophogus and mouth area commonly known as thrush, berpes infections, an infection that is similar to tuberculosis, and a form of skin cancer, which causes purplish bruise-like lexions on the body's surface.

"There has been a lot of concern here in Michigan, but we don't see that many cases," Blostein said.

No cases of AIDS were reported in 1981 or 1982. Reports show one case in

1983, eight in 1984 and nine to date this year in Oakland County, according to Bloatein.

Of the 18 Ozkland County reisdents who have contracted AIDS, all have been adults. The average victim age is 34-35, Bloatein said, Most victims have been members of the high rizk population.

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Of 90 reported AIDS victims in Michigan, two-thirds have been in the metro-area, Blootein said. Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit has shown the strongest interest in the disease, Blootein said.

HENRY FORD has treated the high-est number of victims and is most fa-

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miliar with the disease.

Health care professionals who might come in contact with the disease must take a pecial precautions, according to Dr. Gerald Blackburg, laterial size-case director at Bostoford General Rosense director at Bostoford General Rosense (and Rosense) and the periodic size of the protecting oneself against that person's (an ARS victims) body accretions and, in particular, blood," is most important, Blackburg said.

A test that is used to identify AIDS victims has a high inclinece of false positivity, Blackburg said.

Even if the test results are positive, it doesn't mean a person definitely has AIDS, causing an anxiety-producing aintation, according to Blackburg.

## Study up Candidates' forums scheduled

The office is in the city man at 31555 it Mile.

The public can meet the five candidates seeking four seats on the Farmington Hills City Council at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the city council chambers, 31555 11 Mile.

The candidates' forum is sponsored by the Farmington Area Republican Club, the Farmington Democratic Club and the League of Women Voters of the West Bloomfellid-Farmington Area.

A question-and-answer period will follow formal presentations by the candidates.

SEEKING SEATS are incumbents Jan Dolan, Jodi Sorocen and Ben Marks, veteran campaigner Terry Sever and political newcomer Jonathan

Grant.

"Candidates Night" will be produced by the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Video Production Division. It will be broadcast on Cable Channel 12 at the following time:

6-67 p.m., Friday, Oct. 11.
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Liberty. It too will be videotaped for repeat broadcasting on Cable Channel 12. In the running are incumbents Al-ton Bennett and Roger Walter and challengers Arnold Campbell, Elic.-beth Milbelich, Richard Tupper and Gerald Lynch.

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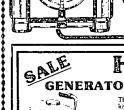
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