

## OAKLAND DIGEST

**Oakland Digest** provides a summary of headline stories from around the county during the seven-day period leading up to Sept. 18.

**BIRMINGHAM**  
**First Night dropped:** The last night of 1997 in Birmingham won't begin with the popular "First Night" New Year's Eve celebration. The Cultural Council of Birmingham, which hopes to reinstate the event in the future, called off the event because financial support from the corporate business community was lacking.

**CLARKSTON**  
**Craft show coming:** More than 100 artists and craftsmen from Michigan and across the country will display their works during the Clarkston Community Historical Society's annual Crafts and Cider Festival, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 20-21.

**FARMINGTON**  
**Escort service arrests:** Farmington Hills police arrested three people Sept. 11 during an investigation of an unlicensed escort service known as Sunset Dreams. Police also confiscated six telephones, computer records that allegedly name clients and an illegal stun gun at a Farmington Hills apartment believed

to be the business' administrative center.

## LAKE ORION

**Casino opposition:** The Village of Lake Orion passed a resolution opposing a proposed Auburn Hills casino. The resolution is much like those passed by other communities, which include Orion Township, Clarkston and Auburn Hills. The Bay Mills Indian Tribe, which has proposed the casino, is expected to any day file an application to put 5.9 acres of land in trust for the project.

## OXFORD

**Princess honored:** Among the piles of condolence letters mourning the death of Princess Diana, the lord mayor of Oxford, England will find one from its sister city Oxford, Michigan. Oxford's village manager penned a resolution praising the princess soon after her fatal automobile accident in Paris.

## ROCHESTER

**Disability requirements tough:** Both Rochester Hills and its Historic District's Commission would like to add a wheelchair ramp to a 100-year-old house museum. But they're grappling with how to do so without violating the historic building's integrity. The commis-

sion has three times struck down a proposal to add the ramp to the red, saltbox house.

## SOUTHFIELD

**Fall from apartment:** Southfield city officials said they will meet with Franklin Park Towers managers to discuss ways to prevent children from falling from windows at the Southfield apartment complex. A 3-year-old recently fell from a window there, becoming the seventh child to do so at the site since 1979.

## TROY

**Building boom:** A multi-million construction boom is currently under way in Troy. Projects include an extended-stay hotel, Magna International's U.S. headquarters and a high-rise office building, and will increase the city's tax base.

## WEST BLOOMFIELD

**Hepatitis outbreak:** West Bloomfield appeared to be the focal point of a recent Hepatitis A outbreak that claimed the life of one 67-year-old West Bloomfield man and infected at least 20 others. Each of the victims "lived, worked or recreated" in West Bloomfield, said Dr. Carolyn W. Bird, Oakland County's chief of medical services.

*—compiled by staff writer Nicole Stafford*



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## Seniors salute healthy aging

As a salute to Healthy Aging Month this September, the theme for the 1997 Oakland County Senior Power Day is "Living Longer and Loving It." This 14th annual event to be held on Monday, Sept. 22, at the Southfield Civic Center Pavilion, will provide Oakland County seniors a chance to join a panel of distinguished guests in exploring the topic of healthy aging and what older adults can do to remain healthy and active in their later years.

According to Ann Mickel, last year's Margaret Whitehead Award winner and event co-chair, this year's program has

been revamped. "We're sure to have our best event ever. Not only will this year's program provide a wealth of ideas and information on how older adults can remain fit and healthy for the rest of their lives, but we look forward to providing our program-goers with action steps they can follow for years after they've attended our event."

The panel for this exciting day will include Rosemarie Rowney from Healthy People, Healthy Oakland; Bill Sharpe from Michigan Senior Olympics; and Bonnie Graham, Volunteer Services director from Michigan Office of Services to the Aging.

Rounding out the program will be a presentation by Sylvia Rubach, a senior motivational speaker, who will speak on taking a proactive part in one's life and good health.

Included in the days festivities will be a resource fair, entertainment, door prizes galore and lunch. There is a \$1 registration donation for this year's event. Doors open at 8:30 a.m., with the program beginning promptly at 10. Those wishing to register early can obtain registration forms at their local senior center or register by phone by calling the OCSFD hotline number at (248) 983-4431.

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