

## Group plotting a recall

By Tom Baer  
staff writer

Are Michiganans angry enough to throw Gov. James J. Blanchard out of office?

Brenda Kandt, a Farmington Hills housewife with a long history of civic involvement, believes the answer is yes. And she's willing to put in the hours to see that it happens.

Incensed by the recent state income tax hike, Kandt has joined the recall-Blanchard forces while also supporting a movement which would subject all future tax increases to voter approval.

"People are so enraged," said Kandt, an active member of the homeowners group in her 11 Mile-Drake neighborhood. "They're just enraged," she said. "It's an emotional issue when you take money out of their paychecks and don't even ask them."

"The bottom line is that he (Blanchard) got into office by saying that he would start workfare, by saying he wouldn't increase our taxes or give himself a raise. But then he did everything he said he wouldn't do."

John Lauve, a Grosse Pointe engineer and a former Republican candidate for the legislature, started the recall drive shortly after the tax hike went into effect May 1.

Kandt calls herself "an offshoot of John Lauve. He's my leader, so to speak."

**THE VOTE-APPROVAL** idea was started by an area group called Voters' Choice. Supporters hope to get the proposal on the ballot in the general election in November.

"If we're successful," Kandt said, "no one will be able to sit in Lansing and raise our taxes 38 percent without asking the people first."

Recently, a 25 percent income tax was passed by the state legislature and signed by Blanchard.

Kandt spent last Saturday afternoon behind a card table collecting signatures on petitions for both proposals. Business was brisk, she said, as about 400 residents signed.

"I sat at Krogers and the people were lined up six and seven deep," she said. "We had a small table, and before I had the petitions out of the box, I had people lining up to sign."

"People were literally running to the card table. We had 16 to 20 people around that table at all times. We weren't asking, 'Do you want to sign?' They were coming to us."

While pleased with the support so far, Kandt said that collecting the 760,000 signatures needed to force the recall election will be a difficult task.

The requirement for all recall campaigns is legitimate signatures equal to 25 percent of the vote cast for governor in the community involved. No state elected official has ever been recalled.

**BUT KANDT** says she plans to continue undaunted. She called the drive "strictly non-partisan."

"We have Democrats and Republicans and Independents signing this," she said. "We have many people coming up and saying, 'I voted for him (Blanchard), but I want to sign this recall petition.'"

Kandt has scheduled a meeting at 7 p.m. Monday in the downtown branch of the Farmington Library to recruit more workers for the recall drive.

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## Changing places

Physical therapist Dan Schneider and physical education teacher Eleanor Snyder explain wheelchairs to non-handicapped children during the Change Places Day activities at the Ea-

gle Elementary School in the Farmington district. For more photos and a story on this program, see page 3.

RANDY DORST/staff photographer

## Richland Gardens' wait for paved roads is over

By Joanne Maliszewski  
staff writer

A long wait is over for some Richland Gardens residents who say they've been waiting decades for paved roads in their Farmington Hills neighborhood.

After some Richland Gardens residents pounded the pavement for several weeks gathering enough homeowners' petition signatures to request paving, Farmington Hills City Council members Monday unanimously authorized the estimated \$497,533 project.

"We have a representation of 56.8 percent that have been verified as in favor of paving," said Thomas Blaisell, Farmington Hills Public Services Director, referring to a portion of approximately 878 land parcels in the recently established special assessment district.

Because Farmington Hills owns about 15 of the parcels within the district, the city agreed to pay approximately \$107,000 of the total project cost.

The city owns Walden Park and fire station number three in that area," Blaisell said.

"The city owns property the same as the residents so we're paying the same as the residents," Blaisell said.

The remaining cost of the project, however, will be paid for with \$400,000 in Community Development Block Grant money and property owners will be assessed for the remaining \$497,533.

While each property owner with an average 102.66 feet of property abutting the road will be assessed an average of \$295, a resident's bill can run up to \$1,151 for the largest homesite in the assessment district, Blaisell said.

"If it (the property) abuts more than that or is an extra wide lot or corner, it will increase to a maximum of \$1,151," Blaisell said.

**HOMEOWNERS** will have the option of paying their assessment in one lump sum without interest or paying over 10 years with interest charged

based on the amount of interest city officials must pay when they sell bonds for the paving project, Blaisell said.

Before construction bids are advertised, however, and work can begin on paving, which is expected to be completed by the summer, city officials will hold a cost hearing at 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 23, to let residents know exactly what they will pay for the road improvements.

Besides paving, Blaisell said, storm sewers will be installed and paid for with CDBG money. Also water mains will be installed along neighborhood streets that currently have no water main or water for fire protection. But money from the city's water system fund will pay for the water main construction, Blaisell said.

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## Police offer children's fingerprint program

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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Dental X-rays traditionally have been the most accurate method of personal identification for both children and adults. But until the first visit with the dentist, there are few methods of identifying a young child.

"If you have a child under 4 the only identification is the footprint from the hospital which is usually inaccurate," said Farmington Public Safety Deputy Director Frank Lauffoff. "The dentist is the first chance of permanent record. Up until then there's virtually no way to identify them."

So Farmington Police are offering free fingerprinting for children under 15 years of age, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays, May 14 and 21, in the Farmington City Hall lobby.

"We'll print any juvenile that comes in," Lauffoff said.

But, because parents must sign a waiver form which makes them responsible for any future use of the prints, Lauffoff is asking parents to accompany their children for fingerprinting.

"THIS IS strictly going to be for the parents," he said, indicating that the

police department will not keep the fingerprints on file for current or future use.

Parents will be given their child's fingerprints along with a "Child Identification" envelope which parents can use to store their child's most recent photograph, fingerprints, identification card detailing physical marks and characteristics, and names and phone

numbers of doctors and dentists.

The Missing Children Act of 1982, in part, along with growing publicity on missing children, prompted the child identification program, Lauffoff said.

The new act is designed to assist state, federal and local officials in locating missing children and for all agencies to share information about missing children.

"Each of the candidates will be given

A Meet-the-Candidates Night has

## War or peace: Bishops' pact takes the lead

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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Farmington area Roman Catholics will come face to face with the nuclear arms and war issues when Bishop Thomas Gumbleton, one of the primary authors of the controversial U.S. bishops' letter on war and peace, speaks at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church at 8 p.m. May 25.

Sponsors of the annual Peace Penetecost activities in Farmington and Southfield Catholic churches are hoping that local Catholics will support and Our Response" after listening to Gumbleton, regional bishop for 170 parishes in the Detroit Archdiocese.

"We invited him in an effort to inform our parishioners of this timely issue," said Helen Marks, director of Our Lady of Sorrows religious education office and member of the Peace Penetecost planning committee.

The 150-page bishops' statement calls for an immediate end to the nuclear arms race as well as a strong rejection of both nuclear war and nuclear belligerence.

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Although priests and parishioners have mentioned the document as the bishops periodically revised the letter, "there's been nothing of substance," Cronin said.

"By and large, I haven't heard a lot of preaching on this," Marks said, referring to the document. But she's quick to add that the pastoral letter will draw response in the next few months as more and more Catholics understand its tenets and implications.

This year's Peace Penetecost, she said, is designed to draw attention and introduce Catholics to the pastoral letter which casts doubt on the morality of any use of nuclear arms by the U.S.

"We do not perceive any situation in which the deliberate initiation of nuclear warfare can be morally justified," the bishops said in the pastoral letter.

**CELEBRATED NATIONALLY**, the Peace Penetecost is for those people who support grassroots efforts for an immediate end to the nuclear arms race as well as a strong rejection of both nuclear war and nuclear belligerence.

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## oral quarrel

### Will you participate in anti-nuke rally?

Beginning May 21, Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church will be conducting a peace rally with Bishop Thomas Gumbleton coming to the Farmington area on May 25 to address participants. Gumbleton is one of the primary authors of the Catholic bishops' letter seeking a halt to nuclear arms production.

**WILL YOU PARTICIPATE IN THE RALLY? HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE BISHOPS' LETTER?**

To answer this question, you have until 11 p.m. Friday to call us at 477-5498. Look in Monday's Farmington Observer to see how your neighbors feel about this issue.

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## Business coverage expands

Today's issue marks the first publication of two new business pages that will appear each Thursday in your hometown Observer & Eccentric newspaper.

From market surveys, our readers and clients, we have heard the need for expanded business coverage. These pages will be designed to keep you, our readers, informed of local business happenings, events and promotions as they occur.

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It's a pleasure to give you the business news.

Dick Iaham  
general manager  
Observer & Eccentric Newspapers

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## school board race

**THE TOP** vote getter in the June 13 election will serve a four-year term on the seven-member board.

The candidates, all newcomers to elective politics, are Michele J. Barnard, Todd S. Bates, Clarence M. Ga-