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ester," another piped in. Unfazed, Simmons continued with his glowing endorsement of the Southfield barrister.

"He's going to follow through with what he says he is going to do," Simmons said.

The gubernatorial race has taken a back seat in conversation with President Clinton's escapades, bartender Paula McTigue said. Besides, she added, "People don't like Engler, but they don't like Fieger either."

Rustic Pub Owner Marcy Nenda agreed. Nenda hasn't made up her mind in the governor's race. The attorney has some good ideas, but is a "little rough around the edges," she said.

On the other side of the bar, Al Schrier, 71, echoed his server's view.

"I don't like Engler; I never have," Schrier said. "I think he got in by a fluke. The media kept reporting how (former Governor James) Blanchard was supposed to win by a landslide and nobody went out to vote."

"What are you going to do with Fieger? You're left holding the bag again."

Schrier's wife is going to back the Democrat for governor. That made Schrier consider the alternative.

"What gets me is Fieger doesn't even have the backing of the party," Schrier said. "I wish someone else would've gotten the nomination."

Simmons ambled from the other end of the bar and jokingly told Schrier he is going to run for governor.

"If you would've won the primary, I'd have voted for you," Schrier told Simmons.

Schrier also favors Proposal B, which if approved would allow assisted suicide. Nenda agreed, adding she might not choose that route but believes others should have the choice.

But all politics is local, especially to an owner of a small business. Nenda said she's backing Republican incumbent Willis Bullard for state Senate.

"He's been a strong supporter of small business," the Farmington Hills resident said.

As for the Oakland County Commission races, there's not much consensus or opinion.



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BEEBLES
Lots: Paula McTigue, who works at the Rustic Pub and hears lots of political opinions.

ions. "I don't go that far," Nenda said.

One patron admitted he won't vote Nov. 3, citing his disenchantment with the candidates.

"The elections come and go once a year and their promises come and go once a year," Dan Stacy said.

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ton Hills. Ginopolis said he does a lot of business with Karmanos. Ginopolis Parthenon operators out of Compuware Arena in Plymouth Township. More so, Ginopolis admires what the Compuware owner does for the community.

"The thing with Peter is that he grew up in Detroit. He went to Wayne State and to Cass Tech. Deep down, I think he'd like to be part of the Detroit scene," Ginopolis said. "But he also wants to do what's best for his company. He has a big decision to make."

Meanwhile, Farmington Hills officials remain optimistic the company will stay in the city, despite the overtures being made to Compuware officials to move to downtown Detroit. Compuware is rumored to be considering a 135-acre site on 12 Mile, which is west of soccer fields on the corner of Drake.

Ironically, the 35 acres of soccer fields is where Little Caesars proposed building its world headquarters before moving to the Fox Theater in Detroit.

The city of Farmington Hills also owns vacant land adjacent to the San Marino Golf Course expansion on Halsted and 11 Mile. However, city council members have not decided yet how the vacant parcel will be developed, a city official said.

Despite the time Compuware is taking to make a decision, Hills officials are not growing impatient.

"I'd anticipate the city of Farmington Hills is still in the running and that site (12 Mile) would still be on their short list in the study," said Dale Coughtan, Hills planning director.

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