IN BRIEF

Open (court)house

O&E THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1991

The 47th District Court in Farmington will host an open house commemorating the bleentennial of the Bill of Rights from 5-8 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 3, at the courthouse on 10 Mile Road between Power and Farmington roads.

A short program will be presented in Judge Fred Harris' courtroom. Refreshments will be provided. Those attending will receive a copy of the Bill of Rights.

Sponsoring the event are the District Court committee, the Oakland County Bar Association and the League of Women Voters. Other groups taking part are Farmington Familles In Actionand the Council of Homeowners Association.

For more information, call Shirley Saltzman (539-0811) or Shelley Paros (661-9047).

Mixing it up

Attention area business people: The Chambers of Commerce of Oakland County will host a holiday mixer from 5-m. Tuesday, Dec. 10, at Audetic Cadillac, 7100 Orchard Lake Road, north of 14 Mile, West Boomfield Township, Refreshments will be served. There will be door prizes and lots of holiday fun. Cost is \$10 per person. For reservations or more information, call the Southfield Chamber of Commerce at 557-6400.

Promoted at Edison

James D. Graves of Farmington Hills was named director of application systems for Detroit Edison's Information Systems or Graves, 185, has responsibility for all employee records. He joined the company in 1970 and has been successful as a functioning responsibility in Systems organization.

A native of Ogdensburg, N.Y., Graves earned haebolor's and master's degree in electrical engineering from Clarkson College in Postdam, N.Y. He is married and the father of two children.

Family's love sewn into quilt

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THE "NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt" is being brought to the metropolitan Detroit area under the auspices of the Michigan Jewish AIDS Caallion, established in 1991 as an organized response to the AIDS crisis.

Among calitlon members are the West Bloomfield-based Temple Israel and Jewish Community Center, Hospice of South East Michigan and Jewish Community Council, both of Southfield; and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Detroit, soon to move its headquarters to Bloomfield Township.

According to Efros and Berkowitz, their baby brother first tested positive for HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, in 1986. He became III with the disease in

AIDS memorial opens

May, while visiting from Los Angeles.

"We knew he was HIV positive for five years until the got sick," Berkowitz sald. "I wanted to do this (quilt) from the time he tested HIV positive."

They soon decided to create a panel, both to pay tribute to Harvey's life and help stimulate public awareness.

"It will help bring it more into the public eye," Efros sald. "If they walk around and see this... Every panel has a name for everyone who died from AIDS."

ACTUALLY, THERE are some 14,000 individual panels on the quilt, conceived in 1935 in San Francisco by Cleve Jones as a means of memorializing his friend, Marvin Feldman. The 64 panels being displayed in with Illoomfuled are additionable of the memorial quilt, which is displayed all over the world, "because Harvey was HIV positive for five years (and) we were attuned to the issues." They also wanted to contribute so Harvey's Irlends in places like Boston, Los Angeles and Hawall could remember him.

Meanwhile, each panel also tries, in

ic tricks on her. Hence, one palm tree leaf includes a top hat, wand and magic dust.

• Because Harvey was a waiter at an exclusive California catery ("Jimmy's") his mother, Sophie, listed many fine foods: Bagels and lox, escargot, lobster, salmon pate, chocolate mousse.

"He liked a lot more, too," Sue Efros said.
After deciding what the quilt would include, actually making it was a relative snap.

clude, actuany manners, shapes were traced onto the flat surface. Then individual pieces were cut and sewn to match, using a process known as applique, Berkowitz said. Then Efros "stuffed it to make it a little puffy."

ONE THING about Harvey's life that didn't make the quilt was his penchant

for smiling. But his personality was quite evident in photographs the quilt-makers perused. "He liked to laugh," Berkowitz said. "He was always doing something mis-chlesous."

During Harvey's final months, when he lived at his mother's Oak Park home, "We never had his room dark," Efros said.

"We had pictures fresh flowers music

"We had pictures, fresh flowers, music going 24 hours a day," she said, tears welling up in her eyes. "We took him out-side to the park." A number of his friends — some them-selves carrying the virus that causes AIDS — stopped by to pay regular visits to the dying young man.

Following a second seizure prompted by the disease, Harvey tried to commu-nicate with a squeeze of the hand or by raising his cycbrows, Efros said.

"HE'D NOD his head, snap his fingers (to music). Just little things that meant a lot to us."



Sue Efros (right) holds up a photograph of her late brother, Harvey, while Harvey's sister-in-law Sue Berkowitz puts the finishing touches on a quilt panel to be included in an international AIDS mem

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