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## Brodhead bids a sad farewell to supporters

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vided for a word or touch.

"How do we change your mind?" The question came from a woman in the audience of about 100 constituents who had come to the Southfield Civic Center for U.S. Rep. William Brodhead's open house.

Many had attended the four-term Democrat's question and answer sessions before. This time it was different, coming less than a week after the 17th District representative announced that he will not seek re-election this fall.

"It's a terrible blow," one man said. And still another advised Brodhead to take a long vacation with his wife and two boys, come back refreshed and continue the job.

For the congressman and his aides, it was a reflection of the shock and dismay his unexpected decision had engendered in the Congress and among constituents. His district includes Southfield, Lathrup Village, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Redford and northwest Detroit. But clearly, there would be no change of mind.

It was an afternoon of nostalgia, smiles, and tears. As though he had chosen to run for higher office, he was hugged, kissed, clasped by hands and shoulders, and, well, honored. And Brodhead, a tall, rangy guy with thick glasses, and too much grey hair for age 40, responded in kind to everyone who

**PRELIMINARIES OVER** he made the point that he remains in the Congress and will give his best shot from now to Dec. 31.

"You and I have a contract which doesn't expire until Jan. 1," he declared. "I'm still going to be your representative and be on the job."

"Everything's going to be the way it was."

Asked what his highest priority is for the months ahead, Brodhead said: "The most important thing we have to do is to protect and preserve Social Security."

When a questioner wondered why he simply don't eliminate the burden and curley system, the congressman replied that millions of Americans would be deprived of the privilege of "living out their declining years in dignity."

"They would become a burden and probably have to go on welfare. My own view is that Social Security is the most successful program ever devised by any government in any country."

Finally, with many questions from many questioners, Brodhead said: "There are so many of you, I think I'll give you each a number." And he did.

If congressmen burn out from the pressure, why not change the Constitution and only require them to run every three or four years instead of two, put one questioner.



MINDY SAUNDERS/staff photographer

U.S. Rep. William Brodhead, who has represented the 17th Congressional District for nearly a decade, recently met with some of his constituents to talk about current issues and the reasons behind his announcement to retire from political life.

"Despite the problems, it's a vital protection of our Constitution and I would preserve it."

Brodhead made it clear he considers the Congress one of our country's "national treasures."

"I think it's one of our most important assets, the others being the presidency and the Supreme Court."

He implored his audience to "elect the best people to office, then support them and don't put any unnecessary burdens on them."

Urging them also to contribute to political candidates of their choice, he called political action groups and their

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## Fire Dept. budget is climbing

By M.B. Dillon Ward  
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A \$40,929 deficit will show in the Farmington Hills Fire Department's \$1,008,209 budget for the current fiscal year.

Fire Chief Lawrence Karon attributes the red ink to costs involved in administering an aggressive recruiting program and responding to numerous weather alerts, the flood of Sept. 30-Oct. 1 and heavy winter snowfalls.

Recommended in the Fire Department's 1982-83 budget is \$1,166,211 — \$107,050 less than it requested.

In 1981-82, salaries and wages for volunteer firefighters exceeded the budgeted \$266,792 by \$33,245. Overtime cost the department \$23,000 more than the budgeted \$16,000.

All four Farmington Hills fire station's staffs were increased by four or five firefighters to a total of 20 during the past year, Karon said.

"We needed more personnel for each station because we received more alarms than anticipated during the year. It was a natural step to take," said Karon, who attributes the increase to the growth in population and greater activity in industrial areas.

Uniforms and firefighting gear for the additional firefighters totaled \$5,895.

Offsetting the deficit incurred by salaries and wages was a \$4,444 surplus in CETA funds.

A MAJOR CHANGE in the proposed 1982-83 budget reflects the creation of two lieutenant's positions, salaried at \$27,450 each.

"There's a lot of benefit from obtaining these positions," said Karon, who requested the administrative assistance.

"They'll assist me with strengthening the department and preserving the pay-callback (volunteer firefighter) system. We all think our jobs are overwhelming, and this will enable me to more effectively respond to day-to-day tasks."

One of the lieutenants will oversee operations and training, while the other will concentrate on fire prevention and support services, said Karon.

The move should be looked upon as a "restlotting" of the department's fire plan review officer, laid off during the 1981-82 fiscal year, the chief added.

Another granted request entails a new \$125,000 fire truck for the No. 2 station, located at 28225 Middlebelt. The city denied Karon's request for \$70,000 to go towards a replacement fund for the department's fleet of four mini-squad (small) fire trucks; four first-line (large) fire trucks; one reserve truck; an elevating platform truck and two EMS rescue units.

"It just wasn't the year to ask for it," Karon said. "The primary objective of the fund with regard to capital improvement is planning for the future. The city does have a fund for that purpose that I was not aware of."

Also placed on hold by the city were the department's plans to make building improvements at its headquarters at 18711 Drake Road.

"Our major concerns with regard to building improvements are finishing the basement and upstairs at headquarters," Karon said. "It was considered at this time not to make those improvements."

## Bat biter draws ire of East students

By Craig Piechura  
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Osbourne's scheduled concert in Charlevoix last Sunday set off a series of protests from adults and religious groups opposed to the image he projects.

"If one person thinks it's cool and the guy's real popular, it'll go on and on," Colleen said. "I've heard 7-year-old kids say it's cool to get blood on your hands like Ozzy."

A PETITION signed by 62 students was prepared and circulated around the school by Cox last week.

"We are concerned teenagers of East Middle School," the petition reads. "We do not like the idea of one rock singer, by the name of Ozzy Osbourne, bribing the audience (which could be your children) to 'tear up puppies' or he will not play."

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"He has bitten the heads off from bats in his performances and now is killing puppies."

Many students, most of them boys, refused to sign the petition, Cox admits. "Most of the cool guys" in school back Osbourne, said Heidi Reyst, who doesn't.

Ozzy's fans say many of the more outrageous incidents reported in the press are just illusions done as publicity stunts.

"It was just a dove and a bat and they were both dead already," said George Graham, an 8th-grader at the school who was wearing a Rainbow rock group T-shirt and camouflage pants.

"He was signing a record contract and he bit off their heads and spit it out. It was a publicity stunt so people would write stories about it and more kids would come to his concerts and buy his records."

GRAHAM SAYS he attended an Ozzy Osbourne concert at Cobo Arena and "it was more exciting than any concert I ever saw."

Young persons like Ozzy Osbourne for the same reasons "people like to watch war movies and horror movies on TV," Graham says.

Another fan, Jeff Siltner, says Osbourne passed a bowl to persons in the audience and asked them to spit in it. When they were through expectorating, the bowl was allegedly passed back to the performer who proceeded to drink the spittle.

Why, he was asked, would anybody want to see such a thing whether it was real or an illusion?

"It's just that no one's ever done it before and everyone wanted to see if he'd do it," Siltner said.

Eric Dickerson, a 7th-grader, said he likes Osbourne's music because "it's energetic, mystic and strange."

Music is immaterial to Ozzy's fans, says 7th-grader Jennifer Anderson. "Lots of people go just to see the guys."

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

## Sight savers

Medical science has reached the stage where preserving good eyesight throughout life has become a reality. A Farmington Hills physician

is one who has dedicated his life to a sight-saving career. To read more about him, turn to Page 3A.

## 2 are arrested after jeans heist

A man and a woman eating breakfast at an all-night restaurant were arrested early Monday morning less than an hour after the Winkelman's store in Farmington was robbed of almost \$1,000 in merchandise.

It was the second smash-and-grab robbery that occurred in the store in the past two months where the store's front was smashed and goods were quickly carted outside.

The break-in was reported to Farmington Police at 11:58 p.m. Sunday by the security guard at the store, Glenn Strange, who was reportedly in the back room when he heard the glass break.

Strange waited before investigating, according to police reports, and noticed a man and a woman leaving the store with clothing getting into a red Camaro with a broken taillight.

He gave police a description of the car which led to the arrest of Edwin R. Grim, 33, of Detroit, and Denise M. Watkins, 21, of Redford Township on charges of breaking and entering. Bond was set at \$20,000 for Grim by 47th District Court Judge Margaret Schaeffer. Watkins was released after posting 10 percent of a \$500 bond.

The two were arrested by a Farmington Hills police officer who heard the description of the car broadcast over

the police radio and saw a car that fit the description parked at the Ram's Horn Restaurant on Middlebelt near Eight Mile in Livonia.

Thirty-two pairs of jeans and eight sun dresses with tags still on them were confiscated by police as evidence. The items were worth a total of \$974.62 according to police.

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**TWINS & A THREE-YEAR-OLD**

"Many, many calls have thought I'd find a baby after seeing twins and a 3-year-old!" M. Dehman found her baby after placing her ad in the Observer & Escanaba Citizen.

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