

## Authors to sign history books over weekend

As part of its autograph series, Books Abound is presenting a weekend of signing by authors who have written books of Michigan historical interest.

At 1-3 p.m. Saturday, July 9, author George Weeks will be signing copies of his book, "Stewards of the State: The Governors of Michigan."

This book has particular significance to those interested in Farmington history since one of Michigan's early governors, Fred M. Warner, was a prominent resident here during the early years of this century.

Weeks, an analyst of Michigan politics, has written this definitive collective biography of Michigan's governors from colonial and territorial

times to the present. Also included are chapters on Michigan's first ladies, governors' residences in Lansing and on Mackinac Island.

At 1-3 p.m. Sunday, July 10, Grace Stewart, one of several contributors to "Historic Women of Michigan: A Sesquicentennial Celebration," will sign copies of this book recently published by the Michigan Women's Studies Association.

Stewart wrote the chapter about Mary Chase Perry Stratton, responsible for the founding of Pewabic pottery and active in the Detroit Arts and Crafts Movement, which became the Center for Creative Studies.

Books Abound is in downtown Farmington at 3335 Grand River, next to the Civic Theater.

## No collar for kitty

Is there discrimination between pet dogs and cats? Some in Farmington Hills would say, yes.

But the Farmington Hills City Council has no intention of bringing equity to the pet population by requiring cats to be leashed and licensed like dogs.

"I think we're pursuing ghosts," Mayor Jody Soronen said. "I think it would be unlikely we'd pursue an ordinance to license cats."

Cats and their free-roaming nature surfaced at Monday's Farmington Hills City Council meeting after city manager Bill Costick referred to a resident's letter complaining about the furry felines.

## Kids' issues under study

Beverly Ragland, executive director at Child Culture Center, West Bloomfield, will attend a Nova University Institute on Improving the Quality of Life for Children to be held in Washington, D.C., July 11-16.

The Farmington Hills resident will lobby on behalf of children when she meets with U.S. Sens. Don Riegle and Carl Levin and U.S. Rep. William Broomfield.

She will attend a White House briefing on children's issues and will participate in Nova's Capitol Hill rally, "Three Cheers for Children," along with 250 doctoral students from across the United States.

Councilman Terry Sever inquired about enacting an ordinance requiring the licensing and leashing of cats. "I sympathize with her (the resident) wholeheartedly," Sever said.

But the councilman received no sympathy from his colleagues. None had interest in pursuing another ordinance.

Because Oakland County doesn't require the licensure of cats, there's little reason for local communities to do so. Dog licenses are purchased through the city because they are required by the county, Soronen said.

"We don't have the manpower to make this thing work," councilman Ben Marks said. "I really don't think a law is needed."

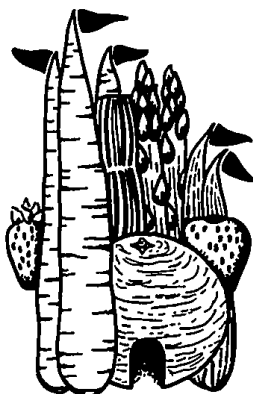
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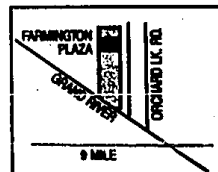
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