### Last stop; Farmington Hills



The boss visits: Secretary of State Candice Miller speaks with branch man-ager Bobbie Holmes at the Drake and Grand River location last week, as Miller made good on her pledge to visit every branch in the state. Her visits brought changes — more staff, computers and fax options.

## WL settles on new school site

Walled Lake school officials hyve secured the site for one of the two middle schools approved in the Sept. 28 bond issue election.

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# 'Great day, lousy weather' for WL

Nothing comes easy for the Walled Luke Consolidated School District. Not even a groundbreaking ecremony.

For starters, it took four tries before voters finally approved a bond issue that will eventually bring new schools to the overcrowded district.

And then, blizzard-like conditions Dec. 5 made the normally routine chore of turning, a few spadefuls of dirt quite difficult for the assembled officials and community members — anxious for construction to start on the 72,000 square-foot elementary school planned for the southeast corner of Meadowbrook-13 Milerads.

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But the job got done, with white hard hats getting even whiter by the time the snowy ceremony was completed.

"It's been a long, hard struggle

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to get to today," said Superintendent James Geisler to the gathering, "We really have a small, but representative group of people to signal a day that's really important in our history. It represents the beginning of great things to come in Walled Lake."

Besides administrators and loard members, others on hand Included: Mendow Lake Elementary School principal Scatt Little, who will move over to the new building with his students

and staff when it is ready; Kath-leen Mutch, of the City of Novig architect Stephen Smith of TMit Associates, Inc.; Frederick Auch-Thomas Hickey, David Hamilton and Roy Stewart of builder Auck-Payne-Hickey; and several parents who worked on getting the bond issue passed. School board president Cyn-thia Campion summed up the ground breaking as being part of a great day, even though it's lousy weather.



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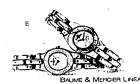
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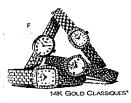




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