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ous right has targeted school boards, where often they can campaign for better schools without exposing their agenda, she said. Godchaux, a mother of three in her sixth year on the Birmingham School Board, said an 80-hour health curriculum, which included a three-hour section on homosexuality, became a bellwether issue for the religious right. "This had been something students supported," Godchaux said. Although that program drew the outrage of many, candidates from the "lunatic fringes" of the right wing usually don't bring their issues out in the open, because, said Berman, they know the public wouldn't accept them. Candidates, whose positions were largely unknown, were elected in San Diego and then exposed their agenda, Godchaux said. The

challenges for voters is often to find out where candidates really stand. And since school board elections are scheduled for June 14, it's especially important, she added. "This is what's called a 'stealth candidate,'" Berman said. "They don't want you to know what they're all about because they know the mainstream won't support them." Simon said national figures in the religious right, such as Pat Buchanan and Pat Robertson, are representative of the militantly intolerant, anti-Jewish element in American politics. Dixon said the only way to defeat the right wing was to make the case for justice and tolerance to those moderate Americans who have not heard another side.

"They (religious right) are very well trained in how to come up with good sound bites," Dixon said. "Moderate people have so far done a poor job of reacting. The people on the far right are zealots. You will never change their minds. It is those people between (the left and right) that you must reach." Dixon said voters must be wary of people who call themselves "concerned parents" and write letters to the editors of newspapers using the same phrases that have appeared in similar letters throughout the country. Howell said the issue of homosexuality has become a rallying cry for the new right only because it is useful, not because it is that distasteful. "Remember, they loved J. Edgar Hoover."

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about one another. The goal was accomplished. "I think there was a lot of anxiety," said Sharon Bryant, who is a resource teacher at Drew Middle School. "A lot of them had never been out of Detroit before. . . They were very pleasantly surprised at the welcome they received." When Russell contacted Drew Middle School, her initial contact was with choir director Juanita Sadler. Then Russell found out Bryant was working there. The two went to Jackson Junior High together in Detroit. The meeting allowed them to catch up on old times. Russell said she's always wanted to set up an exchange program such this.

Firm shells out \$3,000 for Girl Scout cookies

In an effort to help out the recent cookie drive of the Michigan Metro Girl Scout Council, J. Ronald Slavik, president of The FOURMIDABLE Group of Farmington Hills, purchased 100 cases of the tasty treats at a cost of \$3,000. The Girl Scouts realized that, after tallying the receipts from this year's cookie sale, they came up short of their goals to fund this year's activities. Some 10,000 additional cases of cookies were ordered in the hopes that they could count on the philanthropic support of the metro area's business leaders to make up

for the loss of the income. The FOURMIDABLE Group, a property management company, will be distributing the 100 cases of Girl Scout cookies to their 26 retirement and elderly communities throughout Michigan. "I've been actively working over the years to provide our senior citizens with programs and activities that enrich their lives," said Slavik, an Orchard Lake resident. "I saw this as an opportunity to benefit not only the Girl Scouts, but also to provide our retired and elderly residents with a much needed link to their surrounding communities and satisfy the sweet tooth in us all."

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