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hold chores and spending more time with the family's three children: Sean, 8, Mogan, 6, and Sarah. Sean and Megan attend Wood Creek Elementary while Sarah goes to Fairview Early Childhood Center. He's also spent time picketing at Metro Airport.

Uncertainty has ebbed and flowed, Young said. Initially, his two oldest children fretted over not having any money coming in and the prospect the family would have to move as a result. Since the strike wasn't totally unexpected, the Youngs managed to save some money ahead of time, though.

TV commercials aired by both sides didn't help the situation, either.

"There are a lot of ups and downs," Young said. "Sometimes you doubt yourself and think, 'Am I doing the right thing?' Then you think everyone is hanging in there together and you have to put faith in the people who are negotiating on your behalf."

Eileen remained optimistic, though.

"The first and second weeks

are too early to jump to conclusions one way or the other," she said.

"I just didn't feel any sense of gloom or doom. I thought they'd reach a settlement or President Clinton would get involved."

Before he joined Republic, which later became Northwest, Young and other pilots went on strike at a smaller commuter airline. "There wasn't the resolve that there was here with the Northwest pilots," Young said.

He doesn't believe the anger generated during the strike will lead to long-term resentment as pilots and other workers return. The same might not hold true for passengers, whose flight plans have been disrupted.

"They have a right to be upset," Young said. "I think everybody will go back to work and do their job."

"No one likes being out of work. Look at the GM guys. It's too bad it has to come to that."

Grounded: Northwest pilot Phil Young is happy a settlement appears to have been reached.



Borders forms partnership

Borders in Farmington Hills is currently forming a fund-raising partnership with the Farmington Community Library to teach young parents the importance of reading to their children.

This fund-raising project, part of Borders' Open Books For Children Project, runs through the end of the year.

It aims to place information stations in the waiting rooms of child-care and pre-natal care clinics, social services offices, and similar locations throughout the area, educating parents on the serious problems of illiteracy and the importance of reading to children from the day they're born.

These stations would be stocked with educational materials and high-quality books for parents to read to their kids while waiting to see the doctor. Special storytimes at these clinics may also be planned for the future.

Customers at Borders Farmington Hills are asked to add \$1 or more to their purchases. Half of the funds raised will benefit Reading is Fundamental to support the organization's national efforts to get children and their families reading. The other half will be donated to the Farmington Community Library to fund the Born to Read program.

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