## Bush, Campbell take 4-year Farmington seats

The new kid on the Farming-ton City Council block again will have to wait his turn for a four-your term. But Jim Mitchell

doesn't mind waiting.
Mitchell, a council member
since 1995, tallied 484 votes —
good for third place out of the
three incumbents who were
guaranteed re-election in Tuesday's uncontested race. With
that, he'll soon begin serving

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another two-year term. Winning four-year stints were the top vote-getters, Mary Bush and Arnold Campbell, who finished with respective vote totals of 533 and 518.

Only 676 of 8,427 registered voters, an estimated 8 percent, and estimated 8 percent, and estimated 8 percent, and estimated 8 percent, and estimated 9 percent 9 perce

His re-elected colleagues were in agreement.

"I'm very proud to be on the city council of Farmington," said Bush, elected to her second consecutive four-year term. She added that her top goal is to "Make Farmington an even better community than what it (already) is, if that's possible."

Ten-year council veteran Campbell congratulated Bush and Mitchell for running good campaigns and said he looked forward to continuing the coun-

campaigns and said he looked forward to continuing the councils track record.

"I think you'll see a lot of changes in the community," Campbell said. "Downtown is key, and so is maintaining city services."

Campbell was disappointed in the "very low" voter turnout.

"Only five or six votes can make a difference between a two- and a four-year term. It's close."

It was evident earlier in the day that few people would decide the election.

Shortly before 2 p.m. at Precinct! located inside Farmington City Hall, there were five workers serving one gentleman who was canting his ballot. With the election seven hours old, he was only the 48th person to show up out of the precinct's 1,078 registered voters.

"I think we sort of expected this, yeah," said precint worker Harry Faris, who earned \$80 for

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more than 13 hours of work. "It makes for a long day."
Another precinet worker, Phil McHugh, chalked it all up to the uncentested race.
"There's nothing to vote for, not much choice," McKlugh said, leaning back in his chair waiting for the next voter to arrive.
The rest of the day at Precinct 1 wasn't any busier. The total voter turnout there for the day was 80, the lowest of the pulp places. The busiest day was at Precinct 4 (Flanders Elementer School), with 160 of 1.066 registered voters casting ballets.
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Cantroll said the election cost
the city about \$13,050, including
staff time. Of that amount,
\$4,500 went for incremental
costs, such as supplies, ballots
and wages for precinct workers.

The cost of the election is, in
some ways, irrelevant," said
Cantroll, emphasizing that it is
required per city charter.

## Salut! Luigi's gets beer, wine license

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BY TIM SMITH
I twon't be long before patrons
at Luigh's Trattoria in downtown
Farmington can have a glass of
wine with their pasta.
And restaurant co-owners
Domenic and Vivian Belcastro
still can't believe their wish is
coming true.
"I've waited a long time for
this," said Domenic Belcastro,
now finalizing remodeling plans
that will enable heer and wine
services at his Italian restaurant
on Farmington Road near Grand
River. It's a necessity for these
customers who want to have a
glass of wine with their meal."
Belcastro said finding out
Luigi's was one of the first four
recipients of new Class C liquor
licenses made available under
Public Act 440 was "an honor
itself."

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Judy Downey, executive director of the Farmington Downtown

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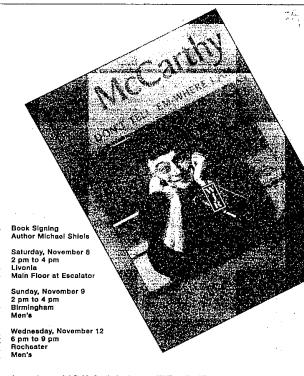
Development Authority, this week announced Luigi's license. Three other Farmington restaurants remain in the running, however, said state Sen. Bill Bullard, who helped spearhead the 1996 law that opened up 50 potential Class C licenses for restaurants that are located in qualified DDA Districts.

There is no deadline on when the licenses can be decided by the Michigan Liquer Control Commission, nor is the LCC mandated to sward them. It can sward any number of licenses up to 50.

The 50 licenses can be either for beer and wine (such as Luigi's) or full-scale liquor, depending on what the business wants, "Bullard said, giving much of the credit for Luigi's license to Downey and Farmington City Manager Frank Lauhoff.

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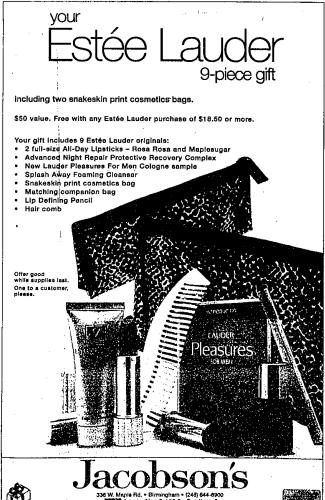
was revived in fall 1996.



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