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R Prophecy, unity

Mative American Prophec and Future World Unity, a presentation by Dr. William Martin, will be given Thursday, June 12, at the

Thursday, June 12. at the Farmington Kills Library Auditorium, 2273 W. 12 Mile. Light refreshments will be screed at 6:30 p.m.; the program starts at 7 p.m. No donations will be accepted. This event is sponsored by the Bahaf Falth in Farmington Hills.

ES Seat Inspection

fee child safety seat Inspec-tion 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday. June 16, at its Farmington Hills branch, 38751 W. 12 Mile. Reservations are recominspection, call (800) 646-4222.

Race for the Cure

12th Annual Komen Detroit Race for the Cure(R) needs Race for the Cure(8) needs volunteers in many capacities before, after, and on Race day June 21 at Comerica Park, Help fight breast cancer, Register online at www.barmanos.org, click "Race for the Cure" or call (800) KARMANOS (800 527-6266).

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Hills PD, FBI hunt suspected killer

Farmington Hills Police and the FBI are seeking the publics help in finding an international fugitive they any is responsible for the death of a 56-year-old Farmington Hills man in October 2001.

With new forensic DNA evidence of the suspected murder weapon, a knife, Police Chief William Dwyer joined Oakland County Prosecutor David Gorcyca to announce Wednesday a first-degree murder warrant has been issued against Edgardo Perez, 21, for-

merly of Beverly Hills.

"Perez has people here who know where he might be and we're asking for the public's help." Dwyer said.

The department is offering a \$5,000 reward leading to the capture and conviction of Ferez, who the FBI says may be living in Mexico at the moment.

Books left behind by the suspect focus on tips about hiding from the law and changing identities.

Police believe Perez has been on the lam in Mexico, Spain and Puerto Rico since leaving Michigan just a few days after Gordon Machek, a retired





designer with DaimlerChrysler Corp., was discovered missing. Police say evidence shows someone killed Machek, stuffed

his body in a trunk then used Machek's van to úispose the

body.

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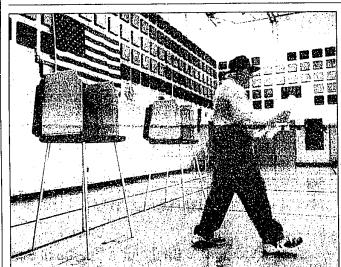
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evidence.
Dwyer said Machek's credit
cards were used by Percz at an
arca hair salon and restaurant ID
to fly out of Michigan. He eventually escaped to Mexico.
Machek's body has not been
found.
The chief said Percz also
externated to withdraw money

The chief said Ferez also attempted to withdraw money from the victim's bank account and investment funds, an effort that failed.

The FBI has been involved with Farmington Hills Police for the last 20 months in finding Ferez, because of illegal use

of the credit cards.
Wednesday's issue of a first-degree warrant drives up the importance of the investigation.
"He's been nearly captured on three or four different occasions," Dwyer said of the international manhant.
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People who know Perez in the area have so fur not been help-ful in finding the suspect. Dwyer said: "We're conflident he will be extradited back he're." Anyone with information, may call Farmington Hills Police at (248) 473-9695.



Bolsen elected to FPS Board

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

Karen Bolsen, co-chair of the Farmington/Farmington-Hills Multiracial Multicultural Community Council, was elected to a four-

was elected to a tour-year term on the Farmington Public School board Monday. Bolsen took about half of the votes in the nine precincts —1,004 (49 percent) of 2,051 ballots east.

cast.
The candidates and their supporters waited for results in their own groups election night. All three were at Farmington Hills City Hall to wait for vote totals by 8:15 p.m., 15 minutes after polls closed. Bolsen thanked her

supporters for their endorsement, contribu-tions and helping with mailings. "I couldn't do this without your support," Bolsen said. "I appreci-ate it."

Bolsen said she has a vision for excellence which she expressed throughout the carponium. She interested in student achievement, the safety and well being of students, community collaboration, and fiscal responsibility.

And that's not necessarily in that order.

Bolsen said.

Cheryl Swaim, co-owner of Falcon
Stamping in Howell,

Larned 565 votes (27.57 percent); John Goshorn, Bolsen said she has a

PLEASE SEE ELECTION, A10

Big Lots heads for Uptown Plaza

A Big Lots store is planned for the Uptown Plaza on Grand River and Mooney, to be in place by

Gill School voter Robert Polasky finishes his ballot and heads for the counting machine.

Christmas.

Big Lots is a discount store which purchases close-out inventory.

The store will occupy 28,000 square feet. It will take the place of the

Yankee Consignment Yankee Consignment store, which moved out more than a month ago, and the space used by the old Cattleman's store, which left years ago. About 3,000 square

feet of vacant space will remain. The space affect-ed is located at 31630 Grand River. The Farmington

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Authentic plates create headache for Hills man

Richard Griffith, an engineer who helps test parking control machines for a company in Novi, belongs to two rather esoteric clubs.

One is the R90S Sport Owners Club, a group of about 300-400 people worldwide who restore and ride a fairly rare 29-year-old BMW

motorcycle.

The other, a much less formal group, is made up of people who

have run afoul of the way Michigan licenses historic vehicles. Historical vehicles, which must be more than 25 years old and lised solely as a collector's item at special

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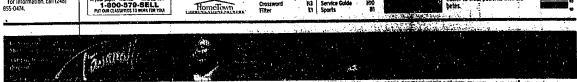
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