

BIG LOTS

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Planning Commission considered a partial frontage change to the Uptown Plaza, which is zoned general commercial. "I keep imagining an ugly orange Big Lots sign on this building," Commissioner Ferri Morvey said. She was concerned about an orange sign on a blue and green building. "The color scheme has not changed in the last two or three

years and they are currently working on stores nationwide," proponent James Curcio said. "Personally I'm not in favor of that color, but that's their logo." The commission passed a motion to approve the revised building elevations with an amendment that the colors match the existing structure. Resident Nancy Leonard asked what type of store Big Lots is. Chairman Albert Goshorn described it as something like the Tuesday Morning store in the Downtown Farmington Center, but about five times larger.

ELECTION

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a commercial business manager for Ford Motor Co. took 474 votes (23.13 percent). As Swain showed her two children how to read election results, she said she plans to remain active in the schools. "Congratulations to Karen," Swain said. "I learned a lot during this campaign. I want to thank everyone who really helped me out."

Swain said Tuesday it was important to her that her children see her lose graciously. More people need to vote, she said. She wants district officials to consider different ways to solve problems and to remember there isn't just one approach.

Swain removed her political signs Monday night. She commended Judy Steinhebel, secretary to Cheryl Cannon, executive director of operations, for her work in handling the election. Swain asked Steinhebel numerous questions throughout the campaign about what's allowed and what's not allowed.

Goshorn also continues to remain active in his community activities. "Losing is disappointing or else it would be called winning," Goshorn said.

It was disappointing that only 2,000 people voted and there are thousands of parents out there, Goshorn said. Parents are quick to complain but when they have a chance

to come to the polls to change things, they don't, he said.

"Also it's disappointing that the school board has such little faith in the electoral process that they have to march their own candidate (Bolsen) through," Goshorn said.

He was also critical of the Michigan Education Association (MEA), which backed Bolsen but wouldn't explain its criteria for endorsement.

Taking into consideration both his and Swain's total votes which amounted to 51 percent of the voters who cast ballots, Goshorn wondered if the school board would take seriously his and Swain's support for rotating school board meetings once a month to different school buildings.

SMALL TURNOUT

Only 3.49 percent of the 58,711 registered voters in the Farmington Public School District turned out Monday. Individual precinct totals were up from the June 14, 1999 school board election with Forest Elementary having 86 more voters Monday than in 1999.

Absentee ballots were down. The 137 absentee ballots cast were 86 votes less than in 1999.

Bolsen received 101 (64.74 percent) absentee votes, Swain, 28 votes (17.95 percent) and Goshorn, 27 votes (17.31 percent.)

Bolsen takes office next month and will replace School Board President Linda

William Grace voters take advice on ballots

BY SUE BUCK STAFF WRITER

Those who came to vote at William Grace Elementary in Farmington Hills Monday between 5-6 p.m. showed a preference for school board candidate Cheryl Swain.

Kevin Grant was the 75th voter, and he voted for Swain. With only a kindergarten in William Grace, he looked to others for a recommendation.

"I talked to friends and neighbors whose kids go to East (Middle School) and they said she was able to resolve some issues for them," Grant said. "I guess she's active there."

Jerry Balogh who voted for Swain, took a recommendation closer to home. "I got some good feedback from my wife," Balogh said. "She's involved with the PTA."

Rosalie Thube also voted for Swain. "I'm not happy with the current school board. I'd like

new blood. My husband researched this. I've been reading the editorials in the Farmington Observer."

She mentioned that candidate Karen Bolsen blew up and lost her temper at the recent Farmington Area PTA Council candidate forum. Bolsen took issue with the fact that she was not notified in advance that there would be a procedure change.

Michael Bridges, the legislative chair and forum moderator, used questions generated from the Council membership first before using questions written on cards from the audience.

George Gardner liked Swain because he's had more contact with her. "There was more of a chance to talk to her and find out what she stood for," Gardner said.

Edward and Violet Muszynski voted for John Goshorn. "He's a friend of a friend," Edward said.

"And he's Polish," they added.

Enberg, who decided not to run for re-election.

The Longacre Elementary precinct cast the most votes at 392.

Bolsen received the most

votes in all precincts except for William Grace Elementary and East Middle School, which Swain carried.

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OBITUARIES

Kenneth G. Larsen Sr. Services for Kenneth Gordon Larsen, 82, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 1 p.m. today, June 12, at Thyen-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Larry Austin officiating. Mr. Larsen was born March 28, 1921 in Aurora, Ill. and died June 9, 2003 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills. He worked as a manager of the Steel Division at the Rouge Plant for Ford Motor Company and was a United States Air Force veteran. He was a member of the Elks Club and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Mary Lou, and sons Kenneth Jr., Erik (Monica) and Christopher (Donna); sister, Marilyn (Carl) Birkelo; and grandchildren, Stacy, Kevin, Montana, and Caitlin. He is preceded in death by his brother, Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Foundation, 18831 W. 12 Mile Road, Lathrup Village, MI 48076-9806.

William Daugherty Services for William O'Dell Daugherty, 85, of Livonia were held June 9 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. John Boyd officiating. Burial followed at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. Mr. Daugherty was born Oct. 19, 1917 in Rosedale, Tenn. and died June 6, 2003. He worked for General Motors for 35 years.

He is survived by his stepson, Thomas Lawrence; daughters, Carolyn Walker, Ida Mae

Murray and Rebecca Pride; and son Samuel Daugherty. He is preceded in death by his wife Irene.

Ray Weber Services for Ray Roy "John" Weber, 72, of Farmington, were held June 10 at Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. James Wright officiating.

Mr. Weber was born Nov. 12, 1930 in Rossville and died June 7, 2003 at Botsford Hospital in Farmington Hills.

He is survived by his wife, Valerie; brother, Charles; sisters, Mildred Perzyk and Lois Jetski; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his son, Stephen Woznick.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association.

Eva M. Warford Services for Eva M. Warford, 80, of Farmington Hills, will be held at 10 a.m. today, June 12 at O'Brien-Sullivan Funeral Home in Novi. Mrs. Warford was a probation officer for 15 years and earned her bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Michigan. She loved to travel, was a gourmet cook and a long-time member of the Walnut Creek Country Club.

She is survived by her husband, J.B.; children, Donna Warford, William (Shae), John L. and Jay B. (Wanda); and grandchildren, Leslie, Erin, Shelly and Johnathan. She is preceded in death by her brother, Herbert Stokinger.

Memorial contributions may be made to the estate of Henry Ford, 260 Union Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

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