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HOW YOU VOTED

All figures in this chart represent vote totals from Farmington and Farmington Hills only. National, county and state-wide winners are marked with an x.

47th DISTRICT COURT (NONPARTISAN)	
x Marla Parker	21,120
Jack McDonald	17,595
U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 11th DISTRICT	
x Joe Knollenberg (R)	27,676
Walter O. Briggs IV (D)	15,799
STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, 37th DISTRICT	
x Jan Dolan Inc. (R)	31,196
Bob Jurczyk (D)	11,955
OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSION, 19th DISTRICT	
x Donn Wolf Inc. (R)	11,284
Ken Murray (D)	6,222
OAKLAND COUNTY COMMISSION, 18th DISTRICT	
x David Moffitt Inc. (R)	14,073
Al Zolton (D)	3,552

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THE PRESIDENCY AND STATE-WIDE ISSUES

PRESIDENT	
George Bush Inc. (R)	23,423
x Bill Clinton (D)	16,424
Ross Perot (Independent)	6,933
Andre Marrou (Libertarian)	184
Howard Phillips (Fisch)	73
John Hagelin (Natural Law)	18
Helen Halyard (Workers League)	12
STATE BALLOT PROPOSAL A	
Constitutional amendment to limit annual increase in homestead property assessments to 5 percent or the rate of inflation (whichever is less), until property is sold and provide separate tax limitations for different property classifications.	
x No	25,079
Yes	18,707
STATE BALLOT PROPOSAL B	
Constitutional amendment to restrict/limit the number of times a person can be elected to congressional, state executive and legislative offices.	
x Yes	28,907
No	16,029
STATE BALLOT PROPOSAL C	
Constitutional amendment to exempt property from a portion of school operating property taxes and limit annual increases in all property tax assessments.	
x No	25,443
Yes	18,533
STATE BALLOT PROPOSAL D	
Legislative amendment to modify Michigan's auto insurance laws.	
x No	28,146
Yes	16,949

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High award: Farmington Hills has a Medal of Honor holder who will be honored by the state of Michigan Saturday./13A

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Parker wins District Court race



Marla Parker is the new judge on the bench of the 47th District Court in Farmington. Parker, a current court magistrate, beat out Jack McDonald in Tuesday's election. Controversy arose over Parker's use of her magistrate's robe in campaign ads.

BY CASEY HANS
STAFF WRITER

Marla Parker was the winner Tuesday in a hotly contested local race for a seat on the 47th District Court bench. She beat former Oakland County commissioner John "Jack" McDonald, who had gleaned support

from the local establishment and regional bigwigs.

Parker will begin serving a six-year term on the non-partisan bench in 1993, following the retirement of long-time District Judge Margaret Schaeffer.

"I was thrilled — I am thrilled," said Parker, a Farmington Hills at-

torney who also works as one of three part-time magistrates with the court.

"I'm pleased the community took such an interest in this. I want to thank the citizens . . . and hope I can live up to this great trust they have placed in me."

In the early morning hours when it appeared the election was leaning her way, Parker said the campaign "has been quite an experience, whatever happens." She told a supporter on the phone: "we don't know the results, but all signs are thumbs up."

Both camps ran hard campaigns after their candidates were nominated

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as top vote-getters in the August primary where McDonald, 53, won the most votes with 37-year-old Parker following a close second.

In Tuesday's race, Parker walked away with 21,120 votes — about 65 percent — from both cities, leaving McDonald trailing with 17,595 votes, or about 45 percent, according to unofficial vote tallies released Wednesday morning.

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Polls finally closed

BY TOM BAER
STAFF WRITER

They came, they waited . . . and they cast their ballots in near record numbers in the Farmington area.

The first electors voted when the polls opened at 7 a.m. in Tuesday's Presidential election, and the last

TURNOUT

didn't finish until about 11:30 p.m. when Farmington Hills precincts 20 and 24 at William Tyndale College finally shut down.

Hills City Clerk's personnel, beset by equipment failures, were still adding it up and sorting it out at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday.

"A solid 60 percent" turned for this election, said one observer, and "people voted right down to the bottom of the ballot."

In the Presidential race, Farmington and Farmington Hills bucked the national trend, going for Republican President George Bush, even in the face of an Electoral College landslide for Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton.

Still, the Democrat's resounding victory Tuesday didn't surprise many who were asked their opinions in this suburban community.

"I hope he (Clinton) doesn't get blamed for everything Bush did," said Donnell Conway, a Farmington Hills resident who said she voted for Clinton. "We need to concentrate on this country instead of foreign affairs."

"I usually vote for the underdog, and right now the underdog is this country and its people."

Al Zolton, a Democrat running for the Oakland County Commission in the 18th District in Farmington Hills, said he was pleased with his party's retaking of the presidency.

"There is a thing called the winds of change — and I mean real change," said Zolton while awaiting vote totals

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STAFF PHOTOS BY SHARON LEMIEUX

Looking good: Judicial candidate Marla Parker (top, left) gets a hug from longtime friend Loraine Kuhn late on election night. Left: Sharon and Jack McDonald look worn out around midnight on election Tuesday.



Dolan, Moffitt, Wolf returned to office

BY MARY LOU SONG
STAFF WRITER

It was a night for incumbents — and that meant victory for Republicans Jan Dolan in the 37th District State House, David Moffitt in the 18th Oakland County Commission District, and Donn Wolf in the 19th County Commission District. In the 37th, Dolan defeated Democrat Robert Jurczyk and won re-election to a third term. In Farmington Hills, Dolan received 26,999 votes and Jurczyk

received 10,610. In Farmington, Dolan received 4,197 votes to Jurczyk's 1,255.

Dolan credits her win on hard work and constructive criticism.

"I've worked hard in this area," Dolan said. "And I've tried really hard to represent this area. People are used to seeing me, and they don't hesitate to call me over the phone or stop me in the lines at the grocery store when they want to talk to me. They don't always agree with me on the issues, but they agree with how

I'm handling them. I appreciate the differences and welcome their constructive criticism."

Despite the Republican defeat in the White House, Dolan said Republicans fare well in the Farmington and Farmington Hills area.

"It shows that politics is local," Dolan said of her victory. "Forget what happens at (the Presidential) level, it gets down your neighbor — fortunately."

It was Jurczyk's first time running for political office, and he says he

would do it again.

"For the first time in an elected political race, I think I did rather well," Jurczyk said. "I enjoyed the experience. It's something more people ought to consider doing. It's informative, educational and it keeps you physically fit with all that walking."

"I want to congratulate Jan Dolan on her victory and wish her well in her third term."

Republicans also claimed victory in

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Knollenberg follows in Broomfield's footsteps

BY GREG KOWALSKI
STAFF WRITER

The tension was thick through the evening. Republican Joe Knollenberg and Democrat Walter Briggs faced each other in a showdown for the newly created 11th U.S. House Congressional District.

For a while the suspense mounted as presidential challenger Gov. Bill Clinton led the Democratic party over the Republicans and local conservatives wondered if he would carry local Democrats on his coattails.

But it didn't happen in the staunchly Republican 11th District which held onto its GOP ties.

Briggs put up a tough fight, but Knollenberg won.

"We knew it would be a long night," said Knollenberg as he made a victory speech as about 2:15 a.m. Wednesday.

He said he had a strong showing in the Bloomfield Township area.

"We also did very well in Farmington Hills and Redford Township."

Knollenberg will replace his friend and associate Congressman William Broomfield who gave up the seat after 38 years in office. Broomfield was not at the Knollenberg rally site in Farmington Hills.

As election evening dragged on, the results of the vote were slow to come. A key factor was the high voter turnout. Some Oakland County voting polls that were supposed to close at 8 p.m. remained open until 11:30 p.m. to accommodate voters still in line.

"The turnout was unusually large," said Ralph Finneren, Birmingham 7th precinct chairman at Derby Middle School, the largest precinct in Birmingham, with 2,210 registered voters.

Bloomfield Township heavily supported Knollenberg, tallying 17,258 votes for Knollenberg.

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