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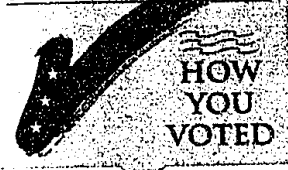
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THE PRIMARY:



Here's how Farmington-area voters cast their ballots in Tuesday's elections. Overall winners are shown with a check mark.

GOVERNORS

The annual salary is \$112,025. Term is for four years.

Democrats	
Lynn Jondahl	717
Larry Owen	1,811
Debbie Stabenow	2,568
Howard Wolpe	2,398
Republicans	
John Engler (I)	9,735

U.S. SENATE

The annual salary is \$133,600. Term is for six years.

Democrats	
William M. Brodhead	2,849
Bob Carr	1,040
Joel Ferguson	540
John F. Kelly	345
Carl J. Marling	453
Lana Pollock	2,054
Republicans	
Spencer Abraham	5,245
Ronna Romney	4,046

U.S. HOUSE

The annual salary is \$112,025. Term is for two years.

Democrats	
Mike Breshgold	4,494
Republican	
Joe Knollenberg (I)	8,643

STATE SENATE

Annual salary is \$47,723. Term is for four years.

18th District (FTH & points NW)

Democrats	
Vicki Barnett	4,901
Republican	
David Honigman (I)	7,913

STATE HOUSE

Term is for two years. Annual salary is \$47,723.

37th District FARMINGTON-FARMINGTON HILLS

Annual salary is \$47,723. Term is for four years.

Democrats	
Richard M. Dalry	4,169
Republicans	
Jan C. Dolan (I)	5,135
Andrew Raczkowski	5,023

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Term is for two years. Annual salary is \$43,460.

18th Oakland County Commission

Republicans	
David Moffitt (I)	3,651
Sally Osann	1,127
Democrats	
David Fernquist	2,765

19th Oakland County Commission

Republicans	
Don Wolf (I)	3,233
Democrat	
Kurt Lopez	1,787

ST. CINCINNATI COUNTY

Oakland County Circuit Court

Thomas M. Brennan	12,588
Michael S. Clawson	2,086
Marjorie B. Cohen	4,254
Constance E. Cumby	3,243
Sylvia Kaufman Delin	2,172
Daniel C. Devine, Sr.	1,543
Robert W. Eastery	47,943
Walter L. Gilbert	3,651
Paul Hynes	19,058
Bryan H. Levy	12,357
John J. O'Brien	4,991
Marle C. Ross	3,226
Joseph Shulman	3,226

SALARY PROPOSAL

Shall the city Farmington Hills, Oakland County, Michigan borrow a sum not to exceed \$6 million and issue its general obligation tax bonds within the city charter tax limits in one or more series for the purpose of erecting, furnishing, equipping and developing the site for a new, multi-purpose ice arena to be located at Founders Sports Park?

Yes	8,843
No	7,405

Dolan squeaks past Raczkowski



Jan Dolan survived — but just barely — a challenge from Andrew Raczkowski for the Republican nomination in the 37th District state House District in Tuesday's primary. County Commissioner David Moffitt also held off a challenge, beating Sally Osann in the 18th District.

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER



In what would have been one of the biggest political upsets of Tuesday's primary, Andrew Raczkowski, a relative political unknown, nearly defeated incumbent 37th District state Rep. Jan Dolan.

Dolan, who wasn't challenged in the 1992 primary, narrowly defeated her hard-working opponent in a race that went down to the wire.

Dolan, seeking her fourth term, won Tuesday's primary by just 112 votes. In Farmington Hills, Dolan defeated Raczkowski 4,437-4,375. In Farmington, Dolan won 638-646.

"I was happy to win, even if it was close," Dolan said while finally able to savor her victory over a glass of wine with supporters. "I think I had to fight a lot of misinformation, especially over one issue (school funding)."

Dolan said her vote to restore financial support to Michigan's schools was one she didn't regret, but one her opponent used against her. She added that many of her supporters crossed over to vote in the Democratic gubernatorial race.

"I had friends who said I had nothing to worry about and who voted on the Democrat side," she said. "I told them I really needed the help."

Raczkowski did not rule out a recount, but said he was proud of the help his family gave him in the campaign.

"I think we showed that Republicans can have a campaign about the issues," he said. "Jan ran a good campaign. I respect her. I just think we disagreed on issues."

The closeness of the race showed in the faces of supporters gathered at the house of Hills councilwoman Nancy Bates. Dolan's aide and a campaign veteran. As Bates an-

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STAFF PHOTOS BY ANH HEALY
Garms calls: State Rep. Jan Dolan (above) savors a Republican primary victory with campaign manager Sheri Garms early Wednesday at the home of Farmington Hills councilwoman Nancy Bates. Challenger Andy Raczkowski (left) checks vote totals in a friend's house in Farmington Hills.

Good skate: Hills voters say yes to ice arena

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

The mood at Farmington Hills City Hall Tuesday was uneasy as supporters of a ballot proposal to build an ice arena in the city awaited word on the voters.

But by midnight, tension gave way to celebration as the proposal passed by 1,439 votes.

"I wasn't worried until today (Tuesday)," said Dennis Fitzgerald, chairman of the Say Yes to the Ice Arena Committee. "I was working the polls. I just couldn't get a read on people and I had just found out that a friend of mine voted no."

Although most supporters were "cautiously optimistic," the unknown influence of a quiet opposition to the

proposal to build a \$8 million multi-purpose ice arena was disconcerting.

"I was concerned because I didn't know how many people who supported the arena would actually go out and vote," Mayor Larry Lichtman said.

But as the evening wore on, it became clear that the arena proposal was going to pass.

The proposal passed 8,843 to 7,405 (64.4 percent to 45.6 percent). And not only was the vote margin substantial, but many voters came out specifically to vote for the proposal.

"I know there were a lot of voters on the south end who came out to vote for the arena," said city council-

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Overseas attacks put Jewish groups on alert

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Farmington-area Jewish organizations are taking precautions — but nothing out of the ordinary — in light of terrorist attacks in England and Argentina.

The FBI contacted Jewish organizations last week as a result of the attacks, including some of those in Farmington Hills. The FBI is not sounding an alarm, but rather making people aware of the situation abroad.

"The FBI is in receipt of no information . . . that there is a planned terrorist attack in any Michigan community," said FBI spokesman Hank Glaspie. "It's a precautionary measure we are involved in."

Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills did talk with the FBI, said executive director Helen Forman.

"They did say . . . because of world events, they were contacting synagogues in the area, and they have a person assigned to the matter," Forman said.

"They don't expect anything to happen in Detroit. It was just to give us a name of someone."

Security precautions are taken at Birmingham Temple, Forman said. "Which is what we do anyway," she added.

Adat Shalom Synagogue in Farmington Hills has not been contacted by the FBI, said executive director Alan Yost. Additional security measures are not planned.

"Not at this point and time . . . We don't see the need to do that," Yost said.

The Lubavitch Foundation in Farmington Hills had not talked to

the FBI either, a spokesman said. However, the agency has been in touch with its affiliated synagogues.

Farmington Hills police Lt. Richard Murphy said there haven't been any previous problems at area synagogues.

"They receive patrols," Murphy said. "To my knowledge, the chief (William Dwyer) has not been informed by the FBI to keep an eye on the synagogues any more than we already do."

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Hills tries to stem tide of Commerce waste water

BY BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Because the wrong stuff flows downstream, residents in Farmington Hills are concerned about proposed changes to a waste treatment plant in neighboring Commerce Township.

Hills officials weren't comforted by the fact that an informational hearing on the proposed expansion was set for July 19, within a couple of days of the city being informed. But city manager Bill Coslak and director of public services Tom Blaisell were on hand along with about 200 area residents at Waller Lake Central High School.

"There were a lot of people from Redford and Farmington Hills," Blaisell said. "We stated our position that the Oakland County Drain Commis-

sion would not proceed (with the plant expansion) without Farmington Hills' approval."

The drain commission and Michigan Department of Natural Resources scheduled the informational session as part of its effort to get public comments about the proposed expansion by July 25.

That expansion would involve increasing the plant's daily capacity from 6 million gallons per day to 8.5 million gallons. In addition, the plant's treated wastewater would flow through the Seeley drain, which runs through Novi and Farmington Hills, and goes to the Rouge River basin. The plant currently discharges into the Huron River basin.

"Ninety-eight percent of the people there (at the meeting) were against the expansion," said Terry

Tyrna, a Hills resident whose house is next to the drain.

Tyrna and city officials are concerned about the increased volume of water that would flow through the drain that could cause flooding and degraded water quality.

"The flow increase would affect the headwaters of the Rouge," Blaisell said. "And this would mean water 24-hours a day, including during normally dry periods. At those times virtually all of the water (in the drain) would be effluent."

"Accidents do happen," Tyrna said. "And we're (residents) right on top of it."

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