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ELECTION GENERAL

ELECTION RESULTS: Voters chose candidates from the following list in Tuesday's election. Winners are indicated by ✓. Incumbents are noted by I.

Results are unofficial Oakland County vote totals, pending confirmation by the Oakland County Board of Canvassers.

REGISTERED COUNTY VOTERS: 828,440
COUNTY VOTE TOTALS: 809,724
PERCENTAGE OF TURNOUT: 97.6%

NATIONAL/STATE

PRESIDENT (Oakland County only)

Republican: Bob Dole 219,468 / 43.6%
 Democrat: Bill Clinton ✓ 240,837 / 47.9%
 Libertarian: Harry Browne 5,498 / 1.1%
 Workers World: Monica Gail Moorehead 301 / 0.1%
 Soc. Equality: Jerome White 180 / 0.0%
 Reform: Ross Perot 36,630 / 7.3%
 Natural Law: John Hagelin 552 / 0.1%

U.S. SENATE (Oakland County only)

Republican: Ronna Romney 211,155 / 42.3%
 Democrat: Carl Levin ✓ 278,830 / 55.8%
 Libertarian: Kenneth L. Proctor 6,095 / 1.2%
 Workers World: William Roundtree 1,252 / 0.3%
 Soc. Equality: Martin P. McLaughlin 629 / 0.1%
 Natural Law: Joseph S. Mattingly 1,600 / 0.3%

U.S. HOUSE (Oakland County only)

11th CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Republican: Joe Knollenberg ✓ 134,401 / 61.1%
 Democrat: Morris Frumin 79,267 / 38.0%
 Libertarian: Dick Gach 3,795 / 1.7%
 Natural Law: Stuart J. Goldberg 2,466 / 1.2%

STATE HOUSE

37th DISTRICT (Farmington, Farmington Hills)

Republican: Andrew Raczkowski ✓ 23,203 / 48.4%
 Democrat: Stephen Dibert 16,506 / 41.6%

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COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Republican: L. Brooks Patterson ✓ 290,356 / 60.4%
 Democrat: Edward T. Hamilton 190,572 / 39.6%

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Republican: Dave Gorsycy ✓ 235,423 / 50.8%
 Democrat: Steven Kaplan 232,193 / 49.2%

SHERIFF

Republican: John F. Nichols ✓ 240,728 / 51.2%
 Democrat: Matt Hogan 229,261 / 48.8%

COUNTY CLERK/REGISTER OF DEEDS

Republican: Lynn D. Allen ✓ 268,366 / 58.9%
 Democrat: M. Kay Brady 187,311 / 41.1%

TREASURER

Republican: C. Hugh Dohany ✓ 258,953 / 57.7%
 Democrat: William Pearson 190,219 / 42.3%

DRAIN COMMISSIONER

Republican: George Kuhn ✓ 257,078 / 57.1%
 Democrat: Martha Blom 193,238 / 42.9%

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18th DISTRICT (Northern Farmington Hills)

Republican: David L. Moffitt ✓ 14,752 / 100%

19th DISTRICT (Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield)

Republican: Donn L. Wolf ✓ 10,791 / 62.6%
 Democrat: Kurt Lopez 6,447 / 37.4%

JUDICIAL

6th CIRCUIT COURT (INCUMBENT)

Five to be Elected

Non-Partisan: Steven N. Andrews ✓ 261,736 / 18.8%
 Barry L. Howard ✓ 230,321 / 17.2%
 Leallo Anne Logan 164,427 / 11.8%
 Fred M. Meator ✓ 238,316 / 17.2%
 Rudy J. Nichols ✓ 255,630 / 18.4%
 Gene Schmelz ✓ 229,684 / 16.6%

6th CIRCUIT COURT (NON-INCUMBENT)

One to be Elected

Non-Partisan: Nanci Grant ✓ 190,398 / 53.7%
 John N. O'Brien 169,657 / 46.3%

PROBATE COURT

One to be Elected

Non-Partisan: Barry M. Grant ✓ 292,724 / 100%

47th DISTRICT COURT

One to be Elected

Non-Partisan: Fred Harris ✓ 25,621 / 100%

ELECTION MIX-UP

Winner for a while: Steve Kaplan appeared to have won the race for county prosecutor. Then they discovered the mistake. The winner: Dave Gorsycy./A8

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Voters keep clerks hopping

It was far from the record turnout in the 1992 presidential election, but the showing at Tuesday's showdown kept poll workers and clerks busy in the Farmington area.

By WILLIAM COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Farmington and Farmington Hills voters came in strong numbers and left few surprises at the polls Tuesday.

The turnout in both cities was high, although not as high as 1992's record vote.

The high turnout and problems because of new districts and voting procedures since the 1992 election made for a busy day for election workers and some lines at precincts.

"We haven't had time for a dinner break," said Farmington Hills Clerk Kathy Dornan. "The phones

have been ringing constantly. About 80 percent of the calls are questions about what precinct to vote in and how to get there."

Farmington election workers had the same problem.

Both cities have changed their precincts to conform with election laws passed since the 1992 presidential election. And both cities have changed to a scanner voting system.

Absentee balloting was having in both communities, giving workers more to do than usual.

take longer, not only because of the many non-partisan judicial races, but because of several ballot proposals.

In Farmington Hills, 72 percent of the 62,688 registered voters cast ballots. Of those 37,793 votes, 10,837 (29 percent) were absentees. Dornan said 80 percent voted in 1992.

In Farmington, 65 percent of the city's 8,339 registered voters cast ballots. Absentee ballot numbers were not available Wednesday. In

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State House-bound: Republican Andrew Raczkowski (left) celebrates his victory in the 37th District State House race with his campaign manager Kim Jasko.

It's on to Lansing for Andrew

By WILLIAM COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

For Andrew Raczkowski, Tuesday's win in the 37th District House race was a mandate.

For his opponent, Steve Dibert, the glass was half full, even in defeat.

The Republican Raczkowski,

who easily defeated Dibert, pointed to his winning margin as an indication that Farmington and Farmington Hills voters were sending a message about "negative campaigning."

"We did much better than (GOP presidential candidate) Bob Dole and (U.S. Senate candidate) Ronna Romney," he said at his victory cel-

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bration at Ginopolis restaurant. "That shows that even moderate Democrats were crossing over."

And Raczkowski's numbers were robust. He defeated Dibert 23,203 votes to 16,506, a 58-42 percent

difference. But Dibert, who had been side-tracked by a mugging incident outside of the Betsford Inn, where he was watching results with fellow Democrats, had a different version.

"I did 10 (percentage) points bet-

See ANDREW, 3A

No surprise in commission battle

By LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

The extra "n" in Donn Wolf's name has come to mean one thing to his political opponents — no chance.

Wolf captured 64 percent of the vote in Farmington and Farmington Hills to claim his fifth two-year term as 19th District Oakland County Commissioner in Tuesday's general election.

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The Republican incumbent collected 10,492 votes in both cities compared to 6,032 for Democratic challenger Kurt Lopez. In 1994, Wolf also defeated Lopez.

The 19th District includes Farmington and a southern portion of Farmington Hills and a

small part of Southfield.

Republican incumbent David Moffitt ran unopposed in the 18th District, which covers the northern part of Farmington Hills.

Wolf, 61, campaigned on his role in helping guide the county's fiscally conservative operations and

touted a proposed one-tenth mill reduction in taxes (\$5 cut in taxes on property valued \$100,000).

However, Wolf's campaigning was restricted by a recent bout of pneumonia.

"I'm just getting over it," Wolf said. "I couldn't campaign too much. I had a lot of people who pitched in and worked hard for me and I appreciate that."

See DONN, 3A

How serious is it?

Included in the Oct. 28 number of "Focus," the city of Farmington Hills newsletter, is a traffic survey to be filled out and returned by people who work and/or live in the city.

City officials would like readers to note one important change in the very first question in the survey.

The question should read: "On a five-point scale, how serious is the traffic congestion problem on major roads in the City of Farmington Hills?"

There are five numbers printed below the question. No. 1 is very serious; No. 5 not serious at all. For more information on the survey, call the city at 474-6115.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

Mixing it up in Novi

Attention Farmington-area business people: Get ready to network. An after-hours business mixer, sponsored by the chambers of commerce of Farmington/Farmington Hills and Novi, will be held 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 12, at Court Furniture Rental, 42350 Grand River, Novi.

Cost is \$5 for chamber members and \$10 for prospective members. For reservations or more information, call the local chamber at 474-3440.

Brunch at the Masonic

The Frank A. Marshall Chapter of the Order of DeMolay will host a brunch from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Farmington Masonic Temple, Grand River and Farmington Road.

The menu includes: eggs, sausage, bacon, ham, brownies, pancakes, toast, juice and a biscuit-and-gravy special.

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