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Election '84: Day of hope and despair

Council race is squeaker

By Joanne Maliszewski
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With only a 25-vote margin, Terry Sever squeaked past opponent Ben Marks to capture a seat on the Farmington Hills City Council.

"We are going for a recount," Marks said.

Early Wednesday morning Marks had already informed the city clerk's office that he wanted the total votes recounted.

In the unofficial vote tally, Sever received 50.1 percent (11,005) of the almost 22,000 votes cast in the local race. Marks was right behind him with 49.9 percent (10,980) of the total.

Sever will serve the remaining year of an unfinished term Fred Hughes left when he was transferred. If Sever wishes to continue serving on the council, he will have to run for election again in November.

"I am pleasantly stunned. I don't think it's sunk in yet," Sever said.

Even though he is convinced city hall's computer is right on the mark with the final vote tally, Sever had no doubts that Marks would call for a recount.

"I didn't lose on the issues," Marks said. "It turned out to be a partisan fight. Terry pumped the Republican Party."

"I just couldn't overcome the Republican persuasion," Marks said, adding local voters joined the country's Republican sweep. "I didn't think it was proper to instill partisan politics in a non-partisan election."

DISAPPOINTED By his loss to Sever, Marks said he expected to win because of his years of experience in city business.

But Marks is already looking to November when he will again throw his hat in the ring for a council seat.

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GOP trend sticks

By Tom Beer
staff writer

As the nation wets, so went the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills.

The Farmington area, as expected, was very much a part of the Republican landslide in the 1984 presidential election last Tuesday as Ronald Reagan became only the third president in history to win more than 500 electoral votes.

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Farmington Hills city council victor Terry Sever (right) discusses precinct returns with Councilman Donn Wolf at city hall election night.

Brotherton wins his last hurrah

By Tom Beer
staff writer

Take note, all you would-be state representatives. Sandy Brotherton says he just may stop at six.

Farmington's Wilbur V. (Sandy) Brotherton, a Republican, earned his sixth term in the Michigan House of Representatives Tuesday, easily defeating Farmington Hills Democrat Vicki Barnett, 31,593 votes to 10,207, in the 69th District race.

But there probably won't be a seventh term, the 62-year-old Brotherton



Sandy Brotherton

said in an election-eve interview. "Nothing's for sure, but that's my plan (to retire from politics after the upcoming two-year term) right now," he said.

"It depends a lot on what happens in the next 48 hours," he added. "If we (Republicans) should manage to take control of the state house . . . In my opinion, that's pretty far-fetched, but then you never know how long Ronald Reagan's coattails will be."

EVEN IF this turns out to be the last hurrah, Brotherton said he won't turn into a typical lame-duck politician.

"I'm planning on this being my last term, but I don't intend to be resting on my oars or crowing about it," said Brotherton, who was involved in Farmington city politics from 1985-72.

"And if it turns out that, by some

freakish happenstance that we take control of the house, and I get deeply involved in some things I'm concerned about, it's entirely possible that I might change my mind."

Brotherton said one of his major concerns was "this whole question of health-care costs and what can be done to bring them under control."

He continued, "In addition, I'm concerned that we don't seem to be able to deal effectively with the bad doctors and charlatans who are out there preying on citizens — and, for that matter, preying on the state."

"Sometimes I think the state is the bigger victim when you consider that well over half our medical bills are paid for by state or federal funds."

The 69th house district includes the cities of Farmington and Farmington

Hills as well as the Southfield Township villages of Beverly Hills, Bingham Farms and Franklin.

The 69th contains about 88,000 people and 32,500 residences.

"It's probably the second or third most affluent district in the state," Brotherton noted. "This is basically a Republican district . . . it takes a major problem to change that."

Brotherton, who spent 17 years in sales and marketing with the Chrysler Corp. before going on his own with an auto tuneup franchise, said he spent about \$3,000 on his campaign.

"Basically, that was for one, district-wide mailing — seven cents apiece," he added.

A 30-year Farmington resident, Brotherton lives on Beacon with his wife Yvonne and daughter Lynn.

Proposal is bombed by voters

By Joanne Maliszewski
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By almost a 2-1 margin, Farmington Hills voters turned down the city's request for a charter amendment to levy a 1.5-mill tax for 20 years for capital improvements.

More than 60 percent (16,653) of the approximately 27,000 votes cast were against the proposal. Only 38 percent (10,554) approved.

"I guess there is a message in the issue. It went down in a substantial margin," said City Manager William Costick.

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William Costick, Farmington Hills city manager, contemplates the next move in financing city development after a proposition to fund the programs was defeated by voters.

Hand fends off judicial challenge

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

With the help of almost 20,000 votes in his favor, Judge Michael Hand trounced opponent Ronald Goldstein to return for another six-year term in the 47th District Court.

In the unofficial Farmington and

Farmington Hills vote totals, Hand received 19,273 votes to Goldstein's 8,362.

In Farmington, Hand captured 5,538 votes, Goldstein received 923. In Farmington Hills, Hand took 15,735 votes, Goldstein received 7,439.

"I expected to win," said Hand, who

is entering his fourth term as district judge in the Farmington-Farmington Hills area.

But the 66-year-old judge said he was nonetheless "concerned" about the election's outcome. "You're concerned in every race."

But this will be his final six-year term. Once a judge turns 70, Hand said,

he is prohibited from running for election.

Goldstein, who was Hand's first judicial opponent in 12 years, said he isn't surprised by the election's outcome.

"It's called the incumbency," said attorney Goldstein. "Listen, you're fighting the incumbent."

"At this point, I am not going to try again," he said.

oral quarrel

Your feelings on Baby Fae's heart?

The heart of a baboon beats in the breast of Baby Fae.

Or at least it was beating as of last Wednesday morning one week after the historic transplant operation in California. But not everyone was happy with the procedure, which placed the baboon's heart in an ailing human infant.

Groups such as People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals called the transplant "ghoulish tinkering" with

human and animal life. There were protests around the world.

Today's Oral Quarrel question is:

What are your feelings on the cross-species transplant of an animal heart in a human?

To answer this question, call 477-5498 anytime before 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9. To see how your neighbors feel about this issue, please look in Monday's Farmington Observer.

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Attorney Ronald Goldstein, defeated in the judicial race for the 47th District Court, race confers with Farmington Hills Councilwoman Joan Dudley.