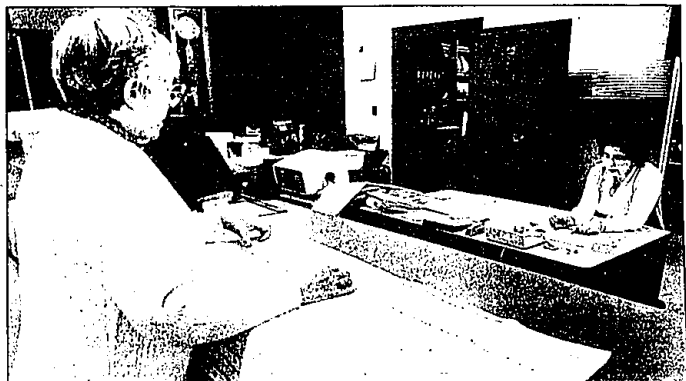


Voters answer Hills question — No!



Lee Williams, wife of Farmington Hills Mayor Charles Williams, watches Geraldine Ferraro on television while waiting for local results last Tuesday.



Elections Inspector Helen Foxley (left) and City Clerk Josephine Bushey tabulate results at the Farmington City Hall.

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Vote totals are unofficial until confirmed by the board of canvassers.

The approximately \$1.5 million that would have been raised annually by the levy would have helped pay for projects in a six-year improvement plan. Some of the projects included drainage, sidewalk and road improvements as well as a new police building.

CITY OFFICIALS now will be faced with reassessing the improvements program and "the whole tax issue," Costick said.

It was obvious from the start of ballot counting that the proposal would be defeated. Early returns in a few precincts showed the proposal going down by a big margin.

The proposal lost in all 24 precincts, excluding absentee voter totals. The city clerk's office did not have the absentee vote count early Wednesday.

"Naturally, as a city administrator, I am disappointed," said City Manager William Costick.

"One concern I have is that we tried to inform the public about the projects and our needs and we encountered a lot of apathy," he said.

"The projects in the capital improvements program are badly needed, especially the drainage projects and the new police station," Costick said.

"I'm very proud of the community of Farmington Hills," he continued. "It has a lot of lovely attributes and good quality of life. I am concerned that we do need some of these capital improvements to guarantee that quality in the future."

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City Manager



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Thousands of wooden rulers with his name and message on them weren't enough to put Ron Goldstein on the bench of the 47th District Court.



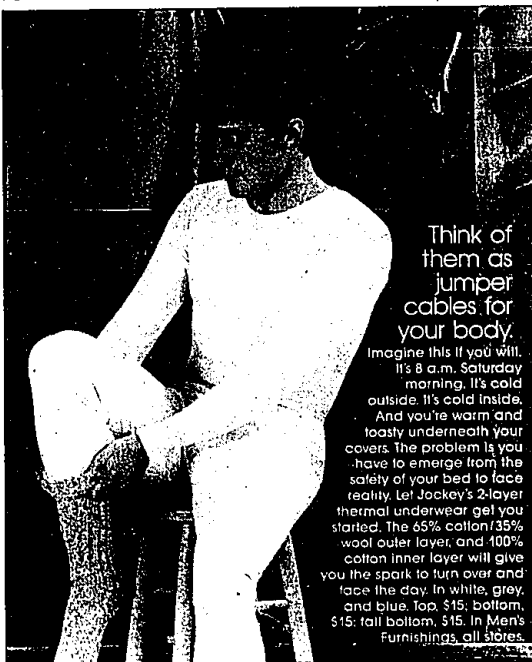
Election night scenes

Some waited all night in the lobby of the Farmington Hills City Hall for election results. For some, it was worth the wait. Terry Sover (left) didn't know it at the time, but he was to leave with a city council victory in his pocket. Sover edged Ben Marks (below), who studied the vote totals with Joanne Smith, his campaign manager.



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