



Checking results: Voters Sharon McDonald (left), Donn Wolf, Paul Sowerby and Shirley Wolf look over vote tallies. Donn Wolf won re-election to the county commission.



First to report: Precinct 10 chairwoman Marilyn Oldani shows election workers the ballots in her hand. At her side is Pearl Berres.



Awaiting totals: Jan Dolan (left), who won re-election to the state House, chats with her opponent, Robert Jurczyk, at the Hills City Hall.

Turnout from page 1A

at the Hills City Hall Tuesday. "The people are ready for it. And there are so many important issues... health care, the environment."

However, Clinton's so-called "coattails" weren't long enough to help Zolton, who lost to Republican incumbent David Moffitt.

Concerns about a weak economy prompted people to change chief executives, agreed those who watched the routing of George Bush on TV sets at election parties and at the Hills City Hall.

"Yes, people want a change," said Richard Corey, a Farmington Hills resident and a member of that city's Zoning Board of Appeals. "It's a worldwide recession, and recessions scare people."

Jon Grant, Farmington Hills mayor who attended a party for judicial candidate John McDonald, said: "I think we're going to see some change in this country. Maybe he (Clinton) can forge a union with the House and we

can finally get something done."

Kelly Burns, a St. Clair Shores resident who attended an election party thrown by Maria Parker, McDonald's opponent, told why she pulled the lever for Bill Clinton.

"Clinton offers a more inclusive agenda than Bush and the Republicans," she said. "I was totally turned off by the Republican convention when a fascist, Pat Buchanan, dominated the opening remarks. In the end, it was Clinton's stand on abortion that did it for me."

In other races, Farmington-area voters helped send Republican Joe Knollenberg to Congress from the new 11th District.

The two tax-cutting ballot proposals — A and C — were losers with Farmington-area voters. Area voters said yes to Proposal B, which would limit terms, and no to Proposal D, which would have modified Michigan's auto insurance rates.

Statewide, only the term-limiting Proposal B passed.

It was a long night for election officials, especially in Farmington Hills where the first metal precinct box came into City Hall at 9 p.m. Tuesday and the last was finally hauled in at 1:30 the next morning.

Many voters waited in long lines only to find they were at the wrong precinct. Terry Sever, Hills councilman and longtime political watcher, offered one reason why.

"You have many apartment dwellers who don't regularly vote," he said. "Polling places can change in four years."

Hills election workers weren't pleased with the shenanigans of a few voters in that city. "Somebody should tell these people who write in names like 'Mickey Mouse' and 'Bozo' that their ballot has to be processed the same as a legitimate write-in," said one worker. "And then people complain about the results being so late."

Incumbents from page 1A

the 18th and 19th Districts of the Oakland County Commission.

In the 18th District, Republican incumbent David Moffitt beat Democrat Albert Zolton for the fourth time in a row. The 18th District includes the northern half of Farmington Hills where Moffitt won 14,073 votes and Zolton won 8,552.

Zolton said running in a traditionally Republican domain can be an uphill struggle for Democrats.

"I knew from the beginning that it would be an uphill battle for me," Zolton conceded. "I guess I just failed to break the grip that the more conservative elements have on Farmington Hills."

But Zolton's persistence commanded a degree of admiration from his opponent.

"I respect Al Zolton's continued willingness to continue in the civic process," Moffitt said. "It promotes discussion of the issues

which always assists in better government."

Moffitt said that he was pleased with his re-election and that he would "do the best to serve the people of Farmington Hills and Oakland County."

"Service to one's community is one of the most important responsibilities of citizenship," Moffitt said. "I personally salute all those who worked on both sides to bring the issues to light and I invite all on both sides to contact me if I can be of assistance in matters concerning county government."

In the 19th District, Republican Donn Wolfe defeated Democrat Ken Murray for re-election to a third term as county commissioner.

The 19th District includes the southern half of Farmington Hills, Farmington and one precinct in Southfield. In Farmington Hills, Wolfe received 7,950 votes and Murray received 4,531. In Farmington, Wolfe took 3,334 votes and Murray 1,691.



His fate: Al Zolton ponders another loss to David Moffitt in the county commission race.

Wolfe, who also headed Joe Knollenberg's campaign for Congress, said, "Oakland County and the 11th Congressional District are in good hands. It's been a wild two months. But all in all, everything's pretty good."



Long wait: Jennifer and Jim Nuckolls await their turns to vote Tuesday afternoon at Precinct 2 in Farmington Hills.

Court from page 1A

The 47th District Court has jurisdiction over both cities.

Some controversy surfaced in the campaign's final weeks, over Parker's references to her magistrate's position and the use of her in a magistrate's robe in her advertisements. McDonald attempted, unsuccessfully, to get some of the final week's advertising stopped, saying she was misrepresenting herself.

McDonald's campaign showed strength in the city of Farmington, where he topped Parker in all six precincts, garnering 2,829 votes to her 2,224.

However, he took only three precincts in Farmington Hills at Hope Lutheran Church and Hillside Elementary School on the district's west side and at the Mercy Center. Parker led in the other 28 precincts in the Hills.

Earlier Tuesday night, McDonald was cautiously optimistic when looking at the large lender board which tallied results at his party at the Botsford Inn after a full day of campaigning on Monday, he had felt "euphoric" going into Tuesday's election.

"Maybe it was because it was almost over," he said. "I had done everything that I could."

At Parker's victory party at the Honey Tree on Orchard Lake Road, volunteer Michelle Beaver accepted hugs of gratitude from Parker. Beaver originally started working on the campaign as a project for her government class at North Farmington High School, but quickly became enthralled with the political process.

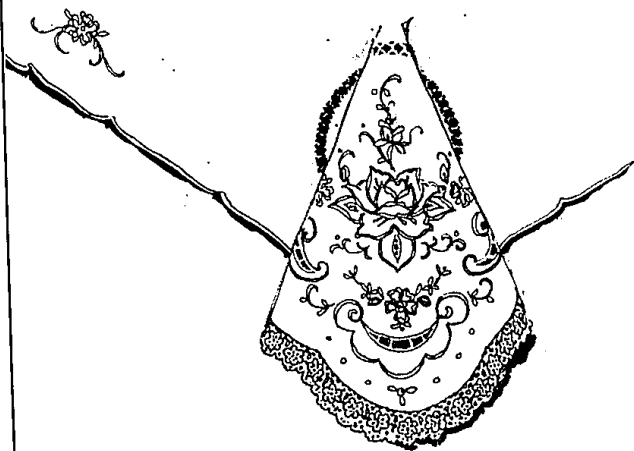
"I'm really way past my (class) credit," she said. "I had so much fun — it was really worth it."

AN ENTERTAINING VALUE:

TABLECLOTH AND NAPKIN SET IN FOUR SIZES, \$25.

Nothing makes the occasion more special, more welcoming, than a sparkling table set for your guests. "Juliette" tablecloth and napkins are the perfect complement to almost any dinnerware. White 100% cotton with handcrafted open cutwork and embroidery accents. Trimmed with crocheted lace. A value you will appreciate all year. Oblong tablecloth with six napkins in sizes 68x84", 68x102", and 68x120". Or, a 66" round tablecloth with four napkins.

Jacobson's



ANN ARBOR • CROSSE POINTE • BIRMINGHAM • DEARBORN • ROCHESTER • LIVONIA

Shop until 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. Until 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. Shop Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. Jacobson's Charge, MasterCard®, VISA®, and American Express®.