

Who's she gonna call?: Farmington Hills councilwoman Nancy Bates calls up some voting results. Jan Dolan's victory party was at Bates' home.

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nounced the close results during the evening, the reaction was less than euphoric.

"It's hard to speculate," said a philosophic Todd Dolan, the representative's son. "This is the first time in a while my mom's been challenged. She'd like to go back to Lansing. But if she doesn't, she won't lose sleep over it. I'm really proud of the way she's handling it."

At Raczkowski headquarters (the home of supporter Judy Parran), the mood was festive as supporters saw their diligent campaign efforts paying off in the challenge to a candidate many Republicans thought unbeatable.

"This is awesome," Parran said.

"He's worked very hard and walked every day," said a beaming Karin Stoeter, Raczkowski's fiancée.

And campaign worker Mary Currie said Raczkowski's surge was strictly grass roots.

"We were the one's who got (Congressman Joe) Knollenberg

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elects," she said. "We can get Andy elected."

Well almost. At least until a recount, Dolan has retained her house seat.

In the only other local primary race, Republican incumbent Oakland County Commissioner David Moffitt easily defeated Sally Osann, 3,651-1,127, a 76- to 24-percent margin.

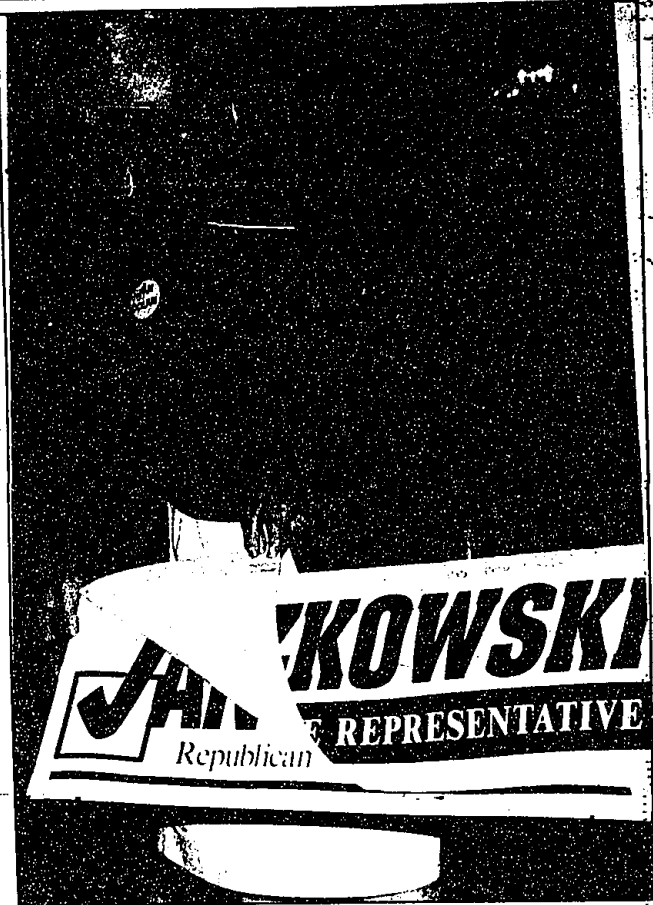
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In Farmington Hills, 17,471 voters cast ballots, or 34 percent of voters. The Hills vote represented an increase from the 26 percent of registered voters, 13,041 people, who cast ballots in the 1992 primary.

The race between Dolan and Raczkowski, and the ice arena question helped bring out voters.



Writing on wall: Vote totals cover a wall of the Farmington Hills home where challenger Andy Raczkowski awaits his political fate.



STAFF PHOTO BY ADRI FEELEY

Bye, Andy: State Rep. Jan Dolan had the battle of her political life Tuesday, but she was able to shake off challenger Andy Raczkowski.



Arena on ice: Dennis Fitzgerald, a backer of the ice arena for Farmington Hills, waits for election returns Tuesday at City Hall.

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man Terry Sever. "Because a lot of them came to the wrong precinct. They hadn't voted before and didn't know where to go."

And even with a hotly contested state representative race between incumbent Jan Dolan and Andrew Raczkowski, the ice arena issue attracted more voters.

Dolan (4,437), Raczkowski (4,375) and Democrat Richard M. Daley (3,639) garnered a total of 12,451 votes compared with 10,298 cast on the ice arena question.

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■ By midnight, tension gave way to celebration as the proposal passed by 1,438 votes. The vote means Farmington Hills can now issue bonds to borrow up to \$6 million to build a multi-purpose ice arena at Founders Sports Park on Eight Mile. The arena would be open as soon as the fall of 1995. The vote also means Novi, which had been considering building its own arena or one in conjunction with Farmington Hills, will have to go back to the drawing board.

Hills, will have to go back to the drawing board. "We were going to begin negotiations contingent on this vote," said Novi councilman Tim Pope, an interested observer of the Farmington Hills results. "Now we'll meet and study whether to proceed. We have one market study that indicates there is

enough demand for another two ice surfaces even if this were to pass."

Lichtman credited his 14-year-old son Nathan for convincing him of the need for an arena. Lichtman chaired the special study committee that developed the original proposal to build the arena.

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