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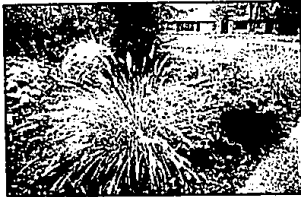
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Oliverio out-campaigns veterans



Challenger Cheryl Oliverio broke through a strong field in the Farmington Hills City Council race, beating four incumbents and winning a four-year term in her first try. Veteran councilman Ben Marks is out with a fifth-place finish.

BY BILL COUTANT
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When Cheryl Oliverio first entered the race for the Farmington Hills City Council, she hoped to maybe get the third or fourth highest total — just win a council seat.

The mother of four did much more,

surprising herself and even many of her most ardent supporters by getting the most votes of any council candidate.

"I'm shocked," she said late Tuesday night at her Liberty Lane home when she learned that she was still leading. "I was just hoping that I

could win a four-year seat."

That she did, taking 7,178 votes, putting her on 68 percent of the ballots cast. Oliverio outpaced the competition, but she also outworked them, which was no small task.

"She worked much harder than I did," said Oliverio's husband Ron, who ran unsuccessfully twice. "No more Mr. Mom. This campaign has given me a new respect for candidates' wives."

Oliverio edged councilman and political soulmate Aldo Vagnozzi by 95 votes and councilman Jon Grant by

560 votes. Vagnozzi and Grant finished one-two in 1989.

Oliverio attributed her win to a combination of factors, including being a woman, being a newcomer, working hard and most of all listening to residents.

"I think they see me as just like them," she said. "That's because I am. I had one man come up to me at one of the precincts and tell me, 'I'm voting for you and no one else.' I'm said."

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Reason to smile: Hills Council winner Cheryl Oliverio cracked a big smile for her supporters Tuesday at her house on Liberty Lane.

Bush, Tupper tie in Farmington race

BY LARRY O'CONNOR
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A slip of paper drawn from a container will likely decide who out of two newly-elected council members will serve a four-year term on the Farmington City Council.

Tuesday's election produced a tie for second place between challenger Mary Bush and incumbent Richard Tupper. Both had 908 votes in a low turnout of 14.8 percent.

Incumbent Arnold Campbell was the top vote-getter with 945, assuring himself a four-year term on council. The third-place finisher gets a two-year term.

The Board of Canvassers meets 2:30 p.m. today at Farmington City Hall. They will decide whether to certify the election and what method will be used to break the deadlock. By statute, names are drawn from a container.

"How about if we arm wrestle?" Tupper asked in jest at City Hall Tuesday evening.

Bush and Tupper were fit to be tied afterward in what can best be described as a quirky election. Two candidates bowed out, but not in time to

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A Mary time: Mary Bush, who earned a seat on the Farmington Council, shakes hands with Arnie Campbell, the top vote-getter.

Detroit mayoral vote sparks hope in suburbs

BY PAT MURPHY
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A new mayor in Detroit has sparked optimism among the suburbs and hopes for an era of better cooperation, according to a majority of those contacted by this newspaper after Dennis Archer Tuesday defeated Sharon McPhail.

The end of the Coleman Young regime seemed at least as important as the person at the helm of the new administration.

The fact that Archer, rather than McPhail, won the hotly contested, sometimes bitter race was important, some said. But a new era — and an opportunity for joint cooperation — would have dawned with either.

"The possibilities appear bright," said Troy city manager Frank Gerstenecker, who along with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson and officials in Southfield, Birmingham and Farmington Hills talked about Detroit's election and what it might mean for the metro area.

"There's a potential for Detroit (and the suburbs) to move in a new direction," said Gerstenecker. "There's a leader with the strength and energy to bring about change."

Gerstenecker voiced a theme repeated time and time again by suburbanites who watched as the campaign between Archer and McPhail unfolded.

Any improvement in Detroit — in its image, its economy or its quality of life — bodes well for the suburbs as well. "Troy is part of Detroit," he said. "So improvement in Detroit means improvement for Troy."

Change would have come regardless of who won Tuesday's election, said the city manager. But Gerstenecker said it's important the winner emerge with something of a mandate.

Archer's margin of victory should inspire confidence, said Gerstenecker. "He should have the confidence to initiate change."

Archer's victory margin was "overwhelming."

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