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Envelopes, please

Bush draws 4-year term on council

Mary Bush broke one kind of draw with another Friday afternoon. The luck of the draw gave her a four-year city council term. Richard Tupper will serve two years.

By LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

The people may have spoken, but a

piece of paper said it all: Mary Bush will serve a four-year term on Farmington City Council. Richard Tupper receives two years.

Both tied for second place in the Nov. 2 city election with 908 votes each. Friday, the two drew envelopes from a cardboard box at City Hall to see who would do more time.

By county statute, candidates draw

by lot to break such deadlocks.

"It's four years," Bush exclaimed after examining the piece of paper.

Tupper opened his and was asked what it looked like.

"It's yellow," said Tupper, referring to the color of the paper his two-year term was printed on.

Both Bush and Tupper shook hands and accepted congratulations

from those in attendance. Most well-wishers were council people who wanted to see history being made.

The drawing was an appropriate, closing note to one of the most unconventional city elections to date. Two candidates dropped out — including one a week before the election — in

See BUSH, 2A



GUY WARREN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

The luck of the draw: Mary Bush and Richard Tupper shake hands after a draw to break their tie for second place in the Farmington Council election. The winner: Mary Bush, who earned a four-year term.

Council finale comes up roses for Richardson

By LARRY O'CONNOR
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With a few suggestions and some good-natured ribbing from a colleague, Farmington councilwoman Shirley Richardson closed the book on seven years of public service at the last council meeting.

Richardson, who decided not to run for re-election, received good wishes from other council members. They gave her a dozen roses and a plaque commemorating her tenure as the first woman to serve on the council, including two years as mayor.

"The past seven-and-half years serving on the Farmington city council was a wonderful experience," Richardson said.

"When I was appointed . . . I was extremely proud and pleased they appointed the first woman to serve on their city council. Gender never became an issue. These councilmen soon became my friends and colleagues to continue the highest form of government for our city."

Councilman Richard Tupper gave Richardson another plaque, commemorating her numerous volunteer efforts for the city. She one-upped the councilman, though, presenting him

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with a framed picture of herself holding a sign that says "Shirley's Temple."

The term was coined during the sometimes acrimonious downtown clock debate earlier this year. The originator, though, was unknown to many.

Tupper said that person should be subject to the same stern lecture by Mayor Bill Hartscock that he gave to the Farmington Observer.

"You want to hear it, Dick?" Hartscock said.

In a short statement, Richardson outlined suggestions for the city's future.

She called for continued volunteerism, including the appointment of a public relations person to handle community events such as Mayor's Exchange Day and Student Government Day.

She also asked the council to continue to research the idea of a city or community foundation.

Richardson used a timer for her



FILE PHOTO

Talking trash: Farmington's Shirley Richardson strung cans and other trash around her neck to make a point about the need for recycling at the 1991 State of the Cities Breakfast.

speech, finishing as the bell rang. "As has been the case the last seven years, you've come prepared," said

Hartscock, "and outlasted the rest of the members on council. You will be missed."

Any bell-ringers out there?

The Salvation Army of Farmington Hills is looking for volunteer groups and organizations to ring bells for the Salvation Army during the holiday season. Call 477-1163 for information.

Bring the problems

The general membership meeting of The Council of Homeowner Associations will be devoted to the problems and concerns of member subdivision and homeowner groups.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, in the lower meeting room of the Farmington Community Library, Farmington Hills branch, on 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Farmington roads.

FARMINGTON FOCUS

The public is invited to attend. For more information about COHA, call president Marcia Van Creveld at 661-0993.

A night for laughs

The Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills will present "Comedy Tonight" with stand-up comedians Jill Washburn and Keith Ruff at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 21, at the temple, 28611 W. 12 Mile Road.

Both performers have extensive experience in comedy. There is a cover charge of \$8 per person

and reservations are required. Call the temple at 477-1410.

Memory Lane

From the Nov. 5, 1953, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

"You can own a '53 Ford for \$46.27 a month," said an advertisement for the Berling-McHugh Ford agency in Farmington.

Berkley High handed Farmington High its eighth straight loss, 28-7.

Lloyd Smith was elected president of the Farmington Kiwanis for 1954 at the group's annual election of officers held at the Botosford Inn.

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