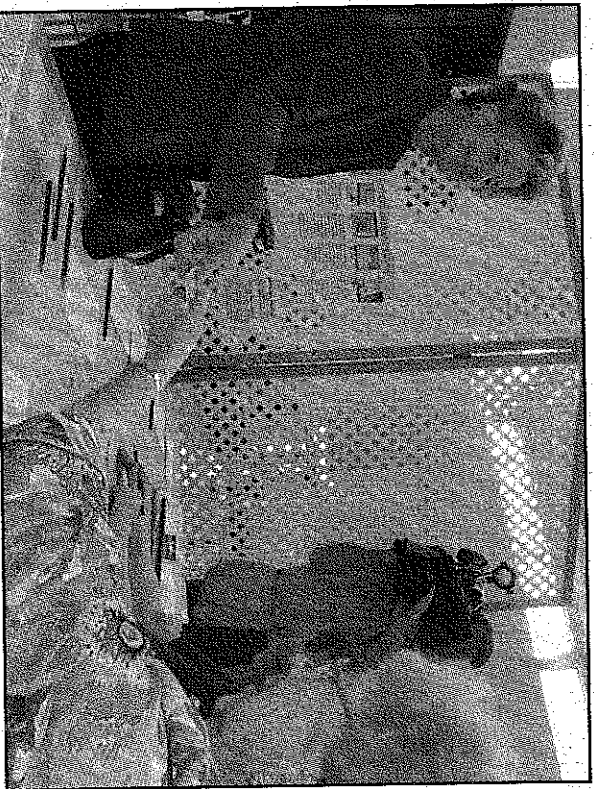
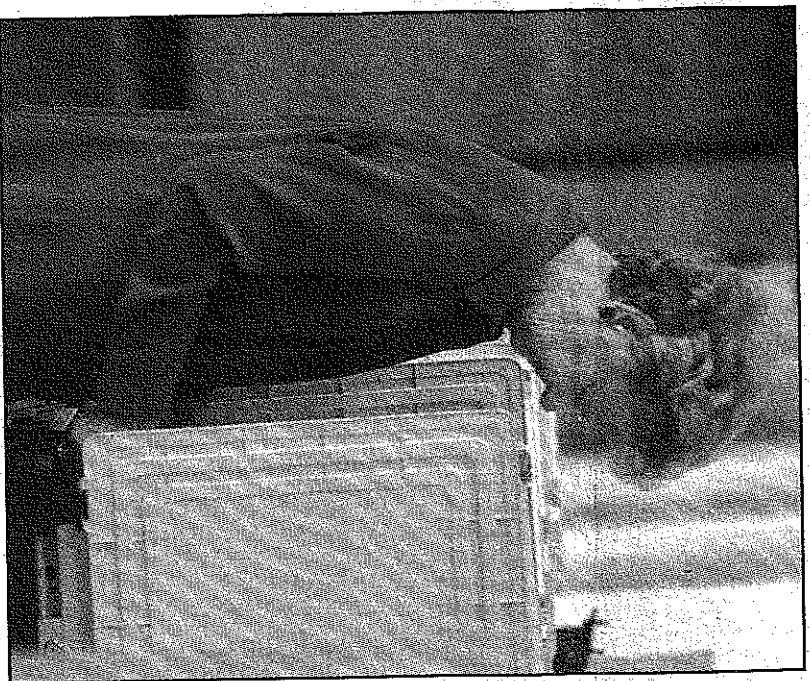


Galambos clinches, but key runoffs loom for Dec. 1



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Eva Galambos had a busy day before celebrating at the victory party, above, at Meehan's in Sandy Springs. Top left, Mrs. Galambos arrived early at North Springs United Methodist Church to cast historic vote. Bottom, Mrs. Galambos concentrates as she reads through the ballot.



For Galambos, one campaign ends, another begins

■ WE REALIZED WITHOUT LOCAL GOVERNMENT, WE WOULDN'T HAVE A VOICE'

By Pasha Carroll
Neighbor Newspapers Staff Writer

She is finally done running a campaign that lasted more than 30 years.

Sandy Springs will officially be a city on Dec. 1 and Eva Galambos, the all-star city crusader, will be its mayor.

"This is a wonderful night to begin the work," Mrs. Galambos said after winning 88 percent of the vote. "Tomorrow we start negotiating with the county."

There was one other candidate, attorney Tim Spruell. "Anytime one has an opponent, they work harder," Mrs. Galambos said. "It has helped to have opposition."

She did run hard and as mayor, Mrs. Galambos said there is one immediate point of housekeeping.

"The first thing to do will be to enact all ordinances on the book," she said.

Beyond that she plans to focus on crime, traffic, code enforcement and the Roswell Road corridor.

Mrs. Galambos has been groomed for this kind of leadership since childhood in Athens.

"My family was always extremely interested in public affairs," she said. "We all listened to the radio

and read the newspapers."

In 1948, Mrs. Galambos graduated from the University of Georgia, Summa Cum Laude, where she was president of her sorority and on the debate team. She moved to the Atlanta area with her husband, physician Dr. John Galambos, with

state 285 or gas utilities.

"I never could have foreseen this, it was all open land," Mrs. Galambos said. "It was a wonderful way to grow up."

Her children, two doctors and a physicist, grew up with open space to run and explore.

Mrs. Galambos petitioned for a zoning change when building their first home in 1960, and that got the wheels turning about why Sandy Springs should be a city.

"We realized without local government we wouldn't have a voice," Mrs. Galambos said.

In the last five years the driving force for Sandy Springs to break away and become its own city was because money collected in Sandy Springs was often spent elsewhere in Fulton County.

"It became the irritant," she said.

As a leader of the movement to incorporate Sandy Springs, Mrs. Galambos said the high point was the 2005 turnaround.

The bill to incorporate Sandy Springs was passed in the Senate several times and without a clear winner.

But at least some of that history will have to wait as two races ended without a clear winner.



Runoffs to pit Mayson against Jenkins, Greenspan vs. Jenkins

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Sandy Springs residents made history Tuesday, electing the first-ever Sandy Springs City Council and Mayor.

But at least some of that history will have to wait as two races ended without a clear winner.

In a landslide, Dr. Eva Galambos was voted mayor of Sandy Springs, but her city council will not be in

place until Tuesday, run-off will be conducted. But Mrs. Galambos city will be up and running Tuesday, electing the first-ever full council is in place.

"We have enough to go ahead and start on Dec. 1," she said.

Oliver Porter, the mayor's commission

See Vote, 2A

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