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**R**EGAIN control over your life. John Landis of Madison Heights-based Symbiosis Inc. will tell you how. He's the guest speaker at the Farmington-Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce luncheon at noon Thursday, Nov. 19, in the Quality Inn of Farmington Hills, 31525 12 Mile. The cost is \$10 per person. The luncheon topic should be timely as the hectic holiday season approaches. Landis is immediate past president of the Professional Speakers Association of Michigan. He was a featured speaker at a National Speakers Association regional meeting. For reservations, call the chamber: 474-3440.

**STUDYING** up. Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer and Farmington Department of Public Safety Director Frank Lauhoff attended the International Chiefs of Police annual conference Oct. 24-29 in Toronto. The agenda included seminars and exhibits focusing on new products, legal changes and training updates.

**FOOTNOTES:** One year ago this week — With a solemn blessing and a champagne toast, Marian and Mike Ilitch, founders of Little Caesar Enterprises, broke ground for the national corporation's new Farmington Hills headquarters at 12 Mile and Drake.

## It's Alkateeb, Fox, Sever, Vagnozzi

Joan Dudley defeated, 3A  
precinct breakdown, 3A

By Joanne Mallazewski staff writer

**A**S FARMINGTON HILLS City Council election returns poured in late Tuesday evening, watchers' comments were consistent. Money talks.



Joe Alkateeb

Whether the perceptions are right or wrong, the two top campaign spenders — incumbent Joe Alkateeb and first-time campaigner Jean Fox — also nabbed the top two victory seats and four-year terms, edging out incumbent councilwoman Joan Dudley and four political newcomers.

The two top victors were joined by incumbent Terry Sever — his first successful bid for a four-year term — and veteran council watcher Aldo Vagnozzi, the campaign's third largest spender. "As you see the results, money does make a difference," Vagnozzi said Tuesday night during the cable-televized election returns aired over Metrovision's cable access Channel 12.

Both Sever and Dudley reported spending less than \$1,500 on the campaign. Alkateeb reportedly spent about \$10,000 and Fox at least \$6,000.

Despite the amount of money several candidates spent on their campaigns, voter turnout was as disappointing as in past council elections. Of the 42,953 registered



Councilman Terry Sever and councilwoman-elect Jean Fox share a toast at Fox's victory party in her home.

Farmington Hills voters, only 14 percent, or 5,989, cast ballots in Tuesday's general election.

**UNOFFICIAL** VOTE tallies showed Alkateeb outdistancing his eight fellow candidates with 4,014 of the total 5,989 votes cast. Fox followed the leader with 3,691, and Sever trailed by more than 200 votes for a total 3,475. Vagnozzi came in fourth place, good for a two-year term, with 3,213 votes. The election victors are expected to be sworn in at the next regular meeting Monday, Nov. 9. Results were expected to be canvassed Wednesday, following the election. Canvassers are Janet Courey, Marion McCoy, Patricia Blackard and George Porner.

Dudley, who in her successful 1983 campaign took the top place, lost to this year's fourth-place finisher, Vagnozzi, by only 161 votes. Alkateeb outdistanced Dudley by just less than 1,000 votes and Fox by more than 600 votes.

Political newcomers — Raymond Cassar, John Heenan, Richard Lytwyniuk, Vernon Klopinski — were no match for the leading candidates.

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## Mayor tops in votes

precinct breakdown, 2A

By Casey Hans staff writer

Tuesday's election results were no surprise to Farmington voters. But it was a close race, according to unofficial results. Those who didn't vote could have made a difference in who received four- and two-year terms on the city council.



William Hartsock

William Hartsock, 36, Ralph Yoder, 61, and Richard Tupper, 54, all ran unopposed, and results for the three fell within a seven-vote spread.

Unofficial vote tallies show Hartsock and Yoder each received four-year terms, and Tupper a two-year term.

Hartsock received the highest number of votes with 438; Tupper the lowest with 431. Yoder was the middleman with 435 votes.

All three were seen on Metrovision cable Channel 12, which broadcast interviews with several local candidates as votes were being tallied Tuesday night.

**THE INCUMBENT** councilmen were returned to office by 552, or 6.69 percent, of the city's 8,247 registered voters — a low turnout as predicted last week by city clerk Josephine Bushby.

Farmington canvassers Michael Breshgold, Thomas Carr, Helen Durham and Charles Wisinger are scheduled to meet Saturday to certify the election results. The new council terms will begin with the next council meeting Monday, Nov. 16.

First- and third-place finishers Hartsock and Tupper voiced disappointment with voter turnout, but are ready to represent their city for another term.

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## Cities facing higher disposal costs

consortium an option, 14A

By Joanne Mallazewski staff writer

Garbage isn't cheap. Costs already were soaring in July when Farmington Hills officials budgeted \$12 million from a total budget of \$21.4 million for refuse disposal.

"We hope to have it totally wrapped up during this construction season," city manager Robert Deadman said this week. He estimates the city will have construction through November to complete construction. In addition, a \$350,000 water project designed to increase water pressure for more than 300 city homes is also nearing completion, Deadman said.

Only cleanup work may be left to next spring for both road and water projects.

A TOTAL of \$805,000 was spent to repair or rebuild portions of Farmington Road, Shilawasse and Power Road during the past few months. In addition, a major \$1.2 million project to replace foundation and

With the fourth month of the new budget year just beginning, city officials are faced with yet another increase, driving total annual costs beyond \$1.3 million.

"Solid waste itself, removing it and removing it safely, is expensive," said Thomas Blassel, Farmington Hills public services director. Farmington Hills and Farmington, which also is facing similar dis-

posal increases, joined a consortium with nearby communities to find alternatives to soaring disposal costs.

Joining Oakland County's solid waste disposal plan is an alternative though city officials believe the costs are prohibitive.

The saga of the Long Island garbage barge that traveled a good part of the Atlantic coast looking for a dumping ground only mirrors the

growing predicament many communities face as costs escalate and landfills close.

"That was a little unique. But it (refuse disposal) is a problem around the country," Blassel said.

**THE PROBLEMS** facing communities, such as Farmington Hills, are both immediate and long-term. Farmington Hills is immediately

faced with increasing costs largely because the Washtenaw County landfill the city uses "is the only game in town," said Dale Countenge, assistant to the public services director.

The former Holloway landfill was sold to a national waste disposal company, Browning-Ferris Industries. When BFI bought the landfill in spring 1986, a 71-percent price in-

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## Road improvements near completion

By Casey Hans staff writer

The largest major street and road project ever undertaken by the city of Farmington is nearing completion, as cold fall weather threatens to end the 1987 construction season.

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— Robert Deadman, city manager

streets in the Chatham Hills subdivision was also undertaken this summer. The Chatham Hills project generated phone calls and letters to city hall from residents of the subdivision that has some 270 houses. "It was dusty, it was dirty. We did receive complaints," Deadman said. "Considering the disruption, those people have been very tolerant."

continue to monitor the Chatham Hills roads because of past problems. "We still have to pay special attention," Deadman said, stressing that residents also should watch their own properties.

"It's critical the folks keep gutter drains off the driveways and out onto the lawns," he added.

Forty percent of the Chatham Hills project was paid by the city; the balance was specially assessed to residents affected by the repairs. The city had built in additional money, expecting additional work would be needed in the subdivision. The road base was worse than expected, and there are still some individual cement slabs that will be replaced during the coming year, Deadman added.

**THE MAJORITY** of the Farmington, Shilawasse and Power road repairs were funded through the sale of highway revenue bonds, with the balance paid through existing high-



City manager Robert Deadman estimates the city will have through November to complete ongoing road construction.

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