

Mayor-elect offers team concept

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Sever said he wants to build on the team concept by involving everyone — council members, board members, commissioners, administrators, citizens.

Owner of TL Printing in Farmington, Sever is a former Jaycoes national vice president and former Farmington Founders Festival chairman.

Sever won a council seat in 1984 but lost it three weeks later on a recount. He won a two-year term in 1985 and a four-year term in 1987.

IN PREPARING to take the reins from Mayor Jody Soronen, Sever said he appreciates the six-week transition period so he can "get off to a fast start."

Drawing from a comment by his daughter and characterizing himself as the student mayor, he praised Soronen and her immediate predecessors as good teachers.

The mayor, whose \$2,700 pay is \$900 more than other council members, chairs council meetings, represents the city at community events and heads the city for purposes of military law.

In nominating Sever, councilwoman Jan Dolan said, "Terry has done his homework" and "has learned much about the governing of the city

during his tenure on the council."

She said he's "always open to constructive criticism" and "welcomes suggestions and comments."

In the last year, she said, he has "shown evidence of ability and willingness to assure a much stronger leadership role within the community."

In seconding the nomination, councilman Ben Marks said when Sever first joined the council, "I thought I was in a racquetball court. He kept coming off the wall from different directions." But, Marks said, Sever has shown maturity in the past two years — "an important ingredient he can use next year as mayor."

IN NOMINATING Fox as mayor pro tempore, councilman Aldo Vagnoni said she "has been involved in activities which have led to the improvement of our community while at the same time reminding us of the rich heritage left by our predecessors."

"Even though we don't always agree," Vagnoni said, "I'm impressed by the fact that she clearly stated the direction she wanted the city to take in her election campaign, and she has never deviated from that program during her first year on the council. I would highly recommend that approach to more of our elected officials."



Jean Fox
Mayor pro tempore-elect

A 22-year Hills resident, Fox was the second highest vote-getter last November in winning a four-year council term.

The former weekly newspaper publisher is widely regarded as a historian. She has written many history books and is active in historical preservation.

Fox also is involved in city beautification efforts and county parks de-



Terry Sever
Mayor-elect

velopment. She's a former board of zoning appeals member.

The Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce named her Citizen of the Year in 1985.

"Along with Mayor-elect Sever, we've just put together a pretty strong team that knows the direction the town wants to go. We should continue to grow in the right direction," said Marks, who seconded Fox's nomination.

Kenneth Jones is remembered by all as 'very personable guy'

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

Kenneth Robert Jones, who police say appeared to die of carbon monoxide poisoning while working on his pickup in a Farmington Hills garage Saturday, was remembered as a "very personable guy" who enjoyed the outdoors.

"He was warm and friendly but he also enjoyed being alone — just fishing or being around woods and lakes," said his uncle, Don Jones of Novi.

The Oakland County Medical Examiner had not determined the cause of death, but Farmington Hills detective Patrick Montil said Monday: "The most likely cause of death appears to be carbon monoxide poisoning."

The death appears to be accidental, Montil added.

Jones, a boarder in a house on the 27500 block of Sedalla for 1-2 months, was found lying next to his pickup at 8 p.m. Saturday. He was pronounced dead at Boisdorf General Hospital, Farmington Hills, 20 minutes later.

He was last seen alive shortly past midnight, working on his truck with the engine running in the small detached garage, police said.

"He was used to larger surroundings," said his father, Paul Jones of Livonia. "It was common practice for him to work on his truck, even when it was working right. It wasn't uncommon for him to take it apart and put it back together again."

found the truck out of gas, the key in the "on" position, the wipers moving and heavy fumes in the garage, Montil said.

A Livonia Bentley High School graduate, Jones grew up in Livonia. After graduation, he worked for an automotive testing equipment manufacturer. Most recently, he worked for a landscaping company.

A registered diver, he was thinking about becoming a commercial diver. His father characterized him as a music lover, from hymns to jazz. "He had a very well-rounded musical background."

Other survivors include his mother, Ruth; one brother, Kevin of Redford Township; and one sister, Kathy Smith of Highland.

Services were Wednesday in First Church of the Nazarene.

WHEN POLICE arrived, they

Hills man named to news post

Walter Kraft of Farmington Hills was named assistant news director for WXYZ-TV, Channel 7.

At the time of the appointment, Kraft was executive producer for all the early news editions of Channel 7 Action News.

Kraft joined WXYZ-TV as a production assistant in 1978. He soon became a news writer and later served as producer for Channel 7's 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Action News. The 5:30 program was named Michigan's "Best Newscast" in 1981 by United Press International (UPI). In 1983, Kraft was promoted to executive producer for the midday, 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. newscasts, where he served for the past six years.

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