

Past year provides fodder for argument

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members prior to the appointment. "You just don't go nominate the person you work for and try to replace him as council member."

Alkateeb criticized the election of Fox as mayor pro tempore. As the council's senior member, Alkateeb said he should have been mayor pro tem.

Alkateeb also criticized Sever for not reappointing Valvona to the planning commission. "He wanted to be reappointed. He was not reappointed because he was intimidated into not being reappointed. I believe

Mr. Valvona was railroaded. If you don't call that underhanded, I don't know what you call it."

SEVER DENIED Alkateeb's accusation. "He (Valvona) felt it was political in nature. I couldn't convince him otherwise."

Sever said his planning commission reappointment decisions are based on geography. Alkateeb, councilman Ben Marks and planning commissioners Jeri VanHouten and Valvona live in the same area on the east side of the city. Sever plans to replace Valvona with Halsted resident Don Millington, representing

the west side of the city.

Alkateeb also criticized the process in which many residents' concerns were brought to the council.

"Most of the problems are centered on many of the criticisms that Mrs. Fox keeps bringing up, justified or unjustified. You talk about perceptions. You keep criticizing somebody: we're bad, we don't do this, we're doing this wrong. . . and it begins to eat on you, and it begins to go back to the outside. . . The morale of the city keeps getting lower and lower."

ALKATEEB ALSO brought two council watchers, Stockton resident

Rosa Flum and Karen Place resident Lucella Hempel, into complaints. The residents often have raised concerns to the council, including lot splitting at Nine Mile and Middlebelt and problems with manufactured housing builder Howard Keating. They also have raised concerns about planning commissioner Valvona's possible conflicts of interest.

"Right or wrong, I don't know. But it has been told to me that all the activities that took place at Nine Mile Road with Rosa Flum and sometimes Mrs. Hempel. . . part of the agitation was directed, coached and supported by Mrs. Fox."

Fox denied Alkateeb's accusations. "Oh no. Who told you that?"

Other council members said residents' concerns were valid and in many cases, residents were the only way council members knew what was happening in the city. Hempel, the only resident at Saturday's meeting, told Alkateeb she has every right to attend the meetings and get involved.

ALKATEEB COMPLAINED that, "It's just not been fun to serve on the city council this last year. We've been attacked. Mrs. Hempel and her group, I don't know if it's her group.

Mrs. Flum comes over here. If there's an 'I' that's not dotted and a 't' is not crossed in the record, we're being accused of cheating, lying and trying to railroad things. And it's allowed to go on and on and on. And that is not good for the city."

Councilman Aldo Vaggoni said Alkateeb's behavior has caused problems. "Your antics haven't helped. I mean you walked out of one meeting. You almost walked out of another meeting. You're threatening to resign every time at the drop of a hat. My advice to you, Joe, is make up your mind one way or another," Vaggoni said.

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● **NEW RETIREE**

Harold Turney of Farmington, an agent with The Prudential's Livonia district office on North Laurel Park Drive, has retired after 31 years with the company.

Since joining The Prudential in 1957, Turney has received many honors for sales and service leadership.

He is a graduate of Farmington High School and an Army veteran. He has been active locally in the Masons and the Shriners.

● **CHAMBER MEMBERS**

New members of the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce are: Maclean, Prope, Maclean & Darnell, P.C., 38285 12 Mile, Farmington Hills, 485-6170, attorneys; Precision Electrical Contracting Inc., 31505 Grand River, Farmington, 474-8228, electrical contractors; Bob's Speedometer & Automotive Service Inc., 32411 Grand River, Farmington, 479-9006, automotive service and detailing; Farman/Sieff & Co., 755 W. Big Beaver, Troy, 382-3333, real estate; Heppard & Associates Realtors;

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● **EXPANDS SERVICES**

Four major industry design awards in 1988 and the acquisition of important new database and communications clients has encouraged Katz Associates, the Farmington Hills-based communications consulting firm, to expand its full-service production team.

New staff members include: Kathy Busto, print production manager; Judy Chudnow, creative services administrative assistant; Doreen Broder, proofreader/copyeditor; and Janice Gajewski, traffic assistant.

● **EXPANDED OFFICES**

Hermanoff & Associates, a full-service public relations firm, has expanded its offices at 31700 13 Mile, Suite 112, Farmington Hills. The telephone number, 851-3993, remains the same.

"We are fortunate to have enjoyed 90-percent growth annually since the firm started in late 1955," said Sandra Hermanoff, president and founder. "To accommodate our staff and client growth, we have doubled our space."

The firm's capabilities include special events, crisis communications, audio/visual programs, internal communications, media relations, publicity, newsletters and other public relations functions.

● **HE'S RE-ELECTED**

Louis Doyle of Farmington was re-elected treasurer to a one-year term for the Delta Dental Fund Board of Trustees.

● **SELECTS PR FIRM**

The Clarion Hotel of Farmington

Hills announced that Sheila Sloan Public Relations of Southfield has been selected to handle its account.

The Clarion Hotel, formerly a Quality Inn, has added 44 two-room suites, two board rooms and conference facilities for up to 300. The new Tivoli Restaurant offers American cuisine. The hotel caters to corporate and executive business week-ends and offers resort packages on weekends.

The Clarion Hotel was nominated for the Quality International "Inn of the Year" award. It is a recipient of the Image Award and Beautification Award from Farmington Hills.

The Clarion Hotel is at 31525 12 Mile, just off I-696, at Orchard Lake Road.

obituaries

RACHIEL MARBERG

Mrs. Marberg, 64, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 16.

A resident of Farmington Hills for 27 years, Mrs. Marberg was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, William; a daughter, Paula Berry; mother, Mary Emma Staham; two

sisters and two brothers; three grandchildren.

Services were at the 1st Presbyterian Church of Farmington Hills. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

ERNEST R. CLINCHEER

Mr. Clincher, 70, of Farmington

Hills died Jan. 18 in Botsford Hospital, Hills.

Mr. Clincher was a automotive project.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy; son, James; daughters, Kathy Norman and Karen Johnson; brother, Gerry Mieduch; five grandchildren.

Services were Jan. 21 at the

McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Mass was celebrated at St. Fabian Catholic Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Norbert Kenderak officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

GORDON C. MONTJAR

Mr. Montjar, 95, of Farmington Hills died Jan. 21 in Providence Hos-

pital, Southfield.

Born in Withamsville, Ohio, Mr. Montjar was an accountant in the fuel industry.

Survivors include his daughters, June Phyllis Anselmi and Mary Yvonne Dibella; two grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were private. Arrangements were made by the McCabe Funeral Home, Farmington Hills.

DOROTHY H. ROSSITER

Mrs. Rossiter, 80, of Southfield

died Jan. 25 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Mrs. Rossiter was a homemaker. Survivors include many nieces and nephews.

Services were Jan. 30 at the Heery-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Eugene Sorensen of Unity Church, Livonia, officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

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Both views are correct, but each is right only under certain conditions. If you have osteoarthritis of the knees, then the more you use the joint, the more wear you put upon it. Knee pain under this circumstance is a notice that you are placing the joint under excessive strain, and you should stop that activity immediately.

In contrast, if you have shoulder pain from fibromyalgia, a condition of tendons and muscles, you should keep exercising even though your arm aches. In this instance, activity to the point of sweating, will increase blood supply to the muscles and relieve your discomfort.

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