

Appointment news to her — Alexander

If Southfield city councilwoman Denise Alexander is on her way to an appointment by Governor-elect John Engler, she doesn't know about it.

"Not that anybody has told me about," said Alexander, when asked about a report that Engler was considering appointing her to an administrative committee.

Alexander on Nov. 6 lost a tough election to state Sen. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, in the

15th District, which includes Southfield and Farmington Hills.

She attributes her close battle against Faxon for speculation about an appointment.

"Because I ran a strong race (against Faxon) and am active in the (Republican) party, people are speculating that I may be offered something," Alexander said. "Nobody has consulted me. Until something is offered, I won't consider it or comment about it."

Vagnozzi faces long odds in mayor vote

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resulted in 5-2 split votes, with Fox and Vagnozzi on the losing end.

If the city council does not elect Vagnozzi as mayor, the vote will represent a break with tradition.

Vagnozzi is the longest serving member who has not yet served as mayor. He also was the top vote-getter in the 1989 city council election.

RUMORS SUGGEST that one-year councilman Larry Lichtman has been discussed as a likely mayoral candidate. Lichtman is up for

election in 1991 when his two-year term ends.

Councilman Terry Sever, 1989 mayor, has also been mentioned for the mayor's post. He unsuccessfully lobbied for a two-year term as mayor in late 1989 when his term was close to expiring.

Councilman Ben Marks, elected to a four-year term in 1989, served as mayor in 1987.

Other members include Nancy Bates and Jonathan Grant, both who like Lichtman, have served only one year. Bates' two-year term expires in 1991. Grant was elected to a four-year term in 1989.

Ailing art fund needs donors

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exercise from the time you go into the hospital."

To help defray the costs of these photomurals, Paul Kadish's friends were solicited. But they ended up contacting each other.

"We all knew the same people," said Aldo Vagnozzi, fund committee member and Farmington Hills city councilman.

Paul Kadish is a former Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees and chairman of the Livonia Democratic Party. He's run unsuccessfully against Carl Pursell and Bob Geake.

"It (the project) went really fast and everybody was real excited," Ina said. "Well, 1,500 letters went out but I think we got 100 donations. When I realized how difficult it was (to raise the money), I spoke to a friend of mine who said, 'You don't put politicians on these committees. They ask for money, they don't give money. You get business people involved.'"

"What the Kadishs have done is admirable," said Tim Broderick, Harper Hospital Director of Development. "Ina Kadish took the risk and liability."

THE PHOTOMURALS went up before all the money was raised. Ina plans to decorate another area of the hospital also.

Previous bone marrow patients made the decision of what types of photomurals they would like to see. Paul chose not to have input while Ina made the final choices.

"The only thing that the patients didn't like at the time was that they didn't want to see people having too much fun," Ina Kadish said. "I guess when you are that confined for a small period of time, you don't want to see people having too much fun."

Karen Kalbfleisch, a Harper Hospital staff psychiatrist and psychologist.

Time will tell over a period of four or five years if Paul Kadish's transplant was a success. All systems are going so far, he said.

Long periods of chemotherapy and radiation kill all cells, good and bad, so Kadish donated and harvested, under anesthesia, his own bone marrow, drawn from 200 holes in his hip, which was then frozen three months prior to the July operation.

DURING THE operation, through which Kadish was awake, his bone marrow was injected back into his own body.

"The marrow is thawed right in your room to get it to 37 degrees just so that it becomes viscous enough so that it can be injected with a syringe through a tube. It's a 15-minute pro-

cess through a catheter implanted in the chest. The only discomfort you have is because the temperature of the marrow is so cold."

Oxygen and resuscitation are kept at hand in case of shock or breathing problems.

Kadish was fortunate enough that his marrow had not been contaminated with cancer.

"I had a CAT scan and all indications are that there is no sign of any cancer," Kadish said. "The danger (during the recovery period) is that you have no immunities to anything. If the bone marrow doesn't start

growing, you're dead. It takes 14-21 days for your marrow to be showing if it will be growing. We all have bacteria in us, that our natural immunities fight."

Kadish, 54, calls the doctors and nurses "miracle workers".

Kadish counts himself lucky that he was one year younger than the cutoff age point for this operation. "They don't do this for people over age 55," he said.

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Doing less is helpful for the damaged knee joint, but deleterious to the whole body. To keep your lungs, heart and bowels intact, you need regular activity; the mind also requires the stimulation that activity brings. Thus, it may cause your knee to wear out faster if you climb stairs, but for the rest of your body parts, there is no better move.

Furthermore, advances in surgery come to your aid. Between arthroscopy, osteotomy, and knee arthroplasty, the orthopedic surgeon has a range of possible interventions. Repairing or replacing the knee is a reasonable possibility even if you are not in the best of health. The same argument holds for the hip. Once it shows signs of wear, your best interests are to keep active until you can go on no more.

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