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It's Q&A time for 7 survivors



By LARRY O'CONNOR
STAFF WRITER

Resumes have been read, credentials reviewed. The serious talking in the Farmington Board of Education superintendent search has begun.

Two candidates were quizzed by trustees at board headquarters Tuesday, commencing the initial interview phase. Queries centered on such di-

verse topics as union negotiations, working with the board, integrating technology and views on handling cutbacks.

Northville's Margaret McMaster and Rockford's Michael Shiber seemed to hold up well. They answered board queries and added a few insights of their own.

Perhaps one of the best questions

wasn't posed by the board, though, but rather by the candidates. Both turned the tables and asked trustees what they wanted in their next superintendent.

"We're looking for someone who can pull it all together," said trustee Helen Prutow.

Interviews continue tonight and Friday.

C. Robert Masfield, superintendent of the Berkley School District, will be interviewed 6-7:30 p.m. tonight, followed by Thomas Shorkey, superintendent of East China School District, 8-9:30 p.m.

Charles Muncatchy, superintendent of Holland West Ottawa Public Schools, is scheduled for 8-9:30 p.m. Friday. The proceedings are cablecast live on Channel 10.

Joe Gonzales, superintendent of Bay City Public Schools, and Youssef Yomtomb, superintendent of Ypsilanti Willow Run Community School, were quizzed Wednesday.

After the interview phase is completed, board president Cathleen Webb said the field will be narrowed to two or three by Nov. 29. Subse-

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Whooping it up for Mercy High



SHARON LEMIEUX/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Much to cheer about: Mercy freshman basketball coach Ellanda Hines (left) and varsity players Holly Taylor (30) and Mary Jane Valade cheer on their team at Harrison High Monday night. Mercy beat Harrison. For details, see Observer Sports 1B.

Patterson says color county finance picture red

By BILL COUTANT
STAFF WRITER

Even with job layoffs and program cuts, Oakland County will still have a budget shortfall to make up and that could spell gloom and doom for some programs that help Farmington Hills residents.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson told Hills council members that underfunding and the Headlee rollback, which is affecting the county for the first time this year, have forced cuts in programs and person-

nel throughout the county and will probably mean more cutbacks in 1994-95.

"It's been a long, tough budget process," Patterson said. "We thought we could handle \$11 million pretty much in stride. But we're facing a \$24 million deficit in 1994."

Patterson, deputy county executive John Grubba and county commissioners David Moffitt and Donn Wolf discussed several issues affecting Hills residents at a study session before Monday's regular meeting.

The county officials discussed the budget's impact on communities, the county's communication system, jail services, the library for the blind and handicapped, Farmington Youth Assistance, the tri-party road program and county road money for 12 Mile and Eight Mile roads.

Some good news

The good news is that the county will not make changes to the tri-party road system (a cooperative system for

the city, county and state to maintain roads) or the county's jail contract with the city.

Wolf, who sits on the county commission's finance committee, said the county is continuing to pay its share of the Farmington Youth Assistance program, a program run through the county's probate court that helps prevent delinquency and child neglect. "Youth Assistance is fully funded," Wolf said. "It's there."

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Boosters benefit

The Band and Orchestra Boosters of North Farmington High School will present the group's third annual Arts & Crafts Show 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 20, at the school, 32900 W. 13 Mile, Farmington Hills.

Admission is \$1.00 and proceeds will benefit the school's instrumental music program. Parking is free and refreshments will be available.

More than 100 artists from Michigan and Ohio are expected at the show. Works for sale will include painting, pottery, leather, glass, jewelry, photography, dolls, calligraphy and wood items.

Helping Hands

Anyone interested in the Helping Hands program — featuring the "hands" in the front windows of selected homes indicating where a child

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can go for help — should take note.

Residents who wish to participate are required to complete an application and attend one training session conducted by the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Training sessions will be held at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 1, in the city council chamber of the Farmington Hills City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads. Another session will take place 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the same site.

For more information or an application form, contact Chris Cogar of the police department's

Crime Prevention Section at 473-9636 during normal business hours.

Memory Lane

From the Nov. 19, 1953, edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ingram, who lived on Haynes Street, announced the birth of their third son, David Floyd, Nov. 15 at Pontiac General Hospital. Walter Ingram worked for Farmington's Public Works Department.

The attraction at the Civic Theater was "It's In The Bag" with Jack Benny and Fred Allen.

Dick Grimshaw was elected captain of the 1954 Farmington cross country team.

Some 32 new books have been added to the shelves of the Farmington City and Township Library, located in the Town Hall.