

Mercy gives its best in state cage contest



Coach Larry Baker congratulates the Mercy basketball team on a job well done even though they were picked off in the state finals last weekend.



Mercy's K.D. Harte deflects the ball away from Marquette's Janet Hopkins during week-end action in Grand Rapids.



Lynn Yalich(52) vies for possession of the ball during a tip against Marquette's Karen Levandoski.



Cheering on her classmates just wasn't enough as the Mercy Marlins went down to defeat to the Marquette team with a final score of 68-41.

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Gary Friedman



The hard-fought loss is reflected in the face of this Mercy cheerleader as she bursts out in tears at the impending defeat.

Council eyes prospects to replace McConnell

By STEVE BARNABY
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Beginning next week, the Farmington Hills City Council will outline a strategy to pick a replacement for outgoing Councilman Robert McConnell, who will begin his first term as the 25th district Oakland County commissioner in January.

Since McConnell's election last November, the council has received resumes from 19 residents who wish to join the seven-member legislative body.

Farmington Hills Mayor Keith Deacon expects only one or two resumes to come in before the official deadline Dec. 17.

"Basically, selecting a replacement will be initially a melting down process until we pare the candidates down to a working number such as five or six. Personally, I don't anticipate that we will be interviewing all 19 or 20 candidates face to face," Deacon said.

The Mayor admits, though, that if the

council decides at its Dec. 20 meeting to interview all 19 candidates, all 19 would be interviewed.

"I'M LOOKING FORWARD to the selection process," said Deacon. "Most of the persons who have applied so far I don't even know. Only about three names are familiar to me."

Many of the persons, he says, are lawyers and businessmen. All persons, by the looks of their resumes seem qualified, he said.

"That's going to make it a tough decision. Of course some people will be disappointed," he said.

Although the deadline for submitting resumes is this week, Deacon expects that it will take the council at least until the middle of January until a selection is made.

"We just won't be able to schedule enough meetings to get done any sooner," he said.

Whether or not the elimination process is conducted in public is still up in the air, according to Deacon. He said the council will have to make that decision at the Jan. 20 meeting.

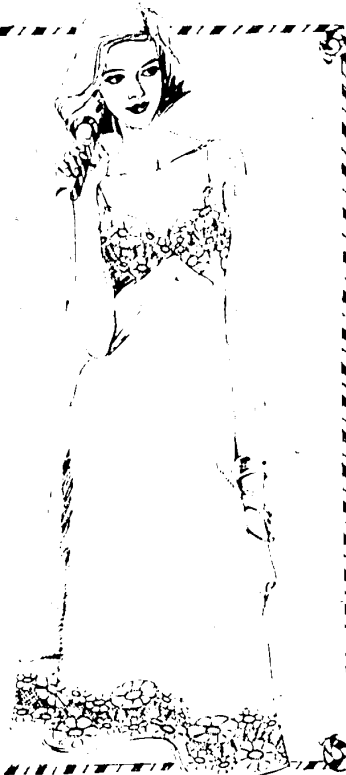
Deacon fully expects the interviews for the final candidates will be made at a public meeting. He also favors the list of names of all those being considered for the seat to be made public.

Business women meet at Botsford

Botsford Inn will host the Oak Branch of the American Business Women's Association holiday dinner meeting at 7 p.m. today. The guest speaker will be John Anshel, manager of Botsford Inn. He will speak on the history of the inn and its effect on the development of Farmington.

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