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A NEW name.
The title's been changed for the new sitcom starring Pam Dawber, a North Farmington High School graduate. The new CBS fall television series, "My Sister Sam," had been titled "Taking the Town." The program is about Samantha — Sam for short — a 28-year-old free-lance photographer living in San Francisco. Her lifestyle changes suddenly when her adoring teenage sister moves in.

Now living in Hollywood Hills, Dawber, 33, formerly co-starred in "Mork & Minky." The Farmington Hills native also is a former New York fashion model.

She's planning to wed Mark Harmon, who formerly appeared on the television series "St. Elsewhere."

SHE'S promoted.
Farmington school board trustee Helen Ditzhay was recently promoted to deputy superintendent of Jackson Public Schools. She was formerly an assistant superintendent for Jackson schools.

Ditzhay was elected to the Farmington school board in 1985, serving as trustee for her first year. She was recently elected board vice president for the 1986-87 school year.

FLEET changes.
Farmington Hills City Council has authorized purchase of a new mid-size initial attack fire vehicle from Indiana Fire Apparatus for \$91,176, the lowest and best bid received.

The truck will replace the old unit currently housed at Station 3 (on Wheeler).

WINE cooler bottle deposit backed.

Farmington City Council has backed the city of Birmingham in supporting House Bill 5510, which would require a deposit on wine cooler bottles. "The intent of the resolution is to keep the public properties of the state clear of these bottles," City Manager Robert Deadman said in a report to city council members.

Both state and city officials have found less need to clean up public properties since enactment of previous legislation relating to bottle deposits, Deadman said.

BID awarded.
Farmington City Council has accepted a \$13,502 contract for the application of slurry seal and chip sealing on Farmington's roads.

The contract was awarded to Highway Maintenance & Construction Co. of Redford. Slurry seal is a material applied to the road's surface. The seal will be applied on all streets in Alta Loma subdivision, except for Alta Loma Street.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — The Farmington Hills City Council election is two months away. But there's already a move afoot to make sure people turn out at the polls in November (1985). "We're concerned because city elections have a very low turnout — about 15 percent. And half are absentee ballots," said Aldo Vagnozzi, chairman of the Farmington Hills Committee to Increase Voter Participation.

Manhunt

Bank robbery suspect a federal fugitive

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

The so-called dapper gunman who robbed a Farmington Hills bank of more than \$73,000 Aug. 13 is a convicted bank robber suspected of robbing two other banks since his escape from a federal prison in February.

He was armed with a phony bomb in the Farmington Hills stickup and should be considered extremely dangerous, FBI Special Agent Edward Hullinger said.

"He's leaving behind fingerprints. And he doesn't have much of a disguise," Hullinger said.

"We'll catch him," he added. "When and where and under what circumstances, who knows. But with him now identified, it's only a matter of time."

The suspect, Robert Alan Litchfield, 38, of Quincy, Mass., escaped from the U.S. Penitentiary-Tallahatchee in Alabama Feb. 4.

Litchfield was a few months into a 60-year prison term following his conviction in November of armed

bank robbery and kidnapping in the Palm Beach County area of Florida during 1984-85. He was arrested in March 1985 and charged with seven counts of bank robbery. In three of the robberies, he took bank employees hostage, but all were released unharmed, Hullinger said.

"It appears that he likes to live a high lifestyle," Hullinger said. "He previously was known to have driven Porsches and Corvettes."



The man who robbed the Farmington Hills bank had a mustache but otherwise resembled Robert Alan Litchfield, whose picture was taken during an Ormond Beach, Fla., bank robbery, says the FBI.

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Court all in a day's work

By Joanna Maliszewski
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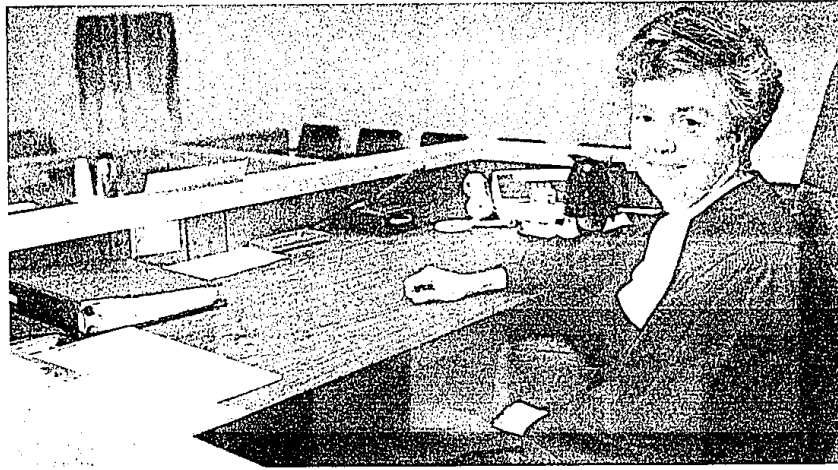
Her glasses go on and off as she glances between a file and the defendant standing before her.

Some defendants get the tougher side of presiding Judge Margaret Schaeffer of the 47th District Court in Farmington. Others get words of congratulation and encouragement.

To a young man who has stood before her far too many times for her liking, Schaeffer warns that the choice of entering a drug rehabilitation program is no longer his. It's going. And that's that.

To another young man, she gives an approving nod at the certificate he shows for successful completion of an alcohol rehabilitation program. "It takes a lot of courage to do that," Schaeffer tells the man.

And to the young man's mother who is sitting quietly in the courtroom, Schaeffer gives a smile and a word of congratulation for helping her son beat his problem.



Farmington Hills resident Margaret Schaeffer has been a district court judge for almost 12 years.

RANDY BORGST/staff photographer

people

Helping people, particularly the young, is the kind of justice Schaeffer enjoys dispensing.

"I THINK you hope you are

doing something for the community," said Schaeffer, a two-term district court veteran. "I try to do a little good in dispensing justice. Unless we can make some changes,

what's the law for? You hope that's what you are always aiming for."

At 65, Schaeffer plans to continue her tenure in the district court, which covers Farmington and Farmington Hills. She is running unopposed for the seat she has held for almost 12 years — two six-year terms.

The lack of opposition she's facing this time around is a far cry

from her first successful judicial election.

A new judgeship had been created in the 47th District Court in 1974. Twelve candidates — two women and 10 men — eyed the new position. The primary eliminated the men, leaving Schaeffer and another Farmington-area

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Survey slated

Industry's views of area to be compiled

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Their soldiers are in place and they're ready to forge ahead.

Sixty volunteers from the area business community will train next week to interview industrial leaders as part of an in-depth community survey.

The project is co-sponsored by the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce, the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills and Michigan Bell.

During the next several weeks, they will survey owners and executives of an estimated 175 manufacturing businesses in Farmington and Farmington Hills, according to Andrew Baker, project manager, local businessman and member of the chamber board.

The information gathered through the end of October will be confidential. Organizers said they hope to compile the information in a usable report format by early next year.

THE MICHIGAN Business Retention and Expansion Program is coordinated by Michigan Bell as a community service throughout the state.

During the program's 2 1/2 years of existence, 17 communities, including Livonia, Southfield, Troy, Plymouth,



"It (the survey) shows the interests of all businesses. They (manufacturers) have similar concerns to the balance of the community."

— Steve Balas, Michigan Bell manager

Rochester and Rochester Hills, have participated in the program, according to Steve Balas, manager of Michigan Bell's economic development division and also a Farmington Hills resident.

A 16-member task force headed by Baker began work three months ago to recruit volunteer interviewers. Representatives from both cities, local Economic Development Corporations, and the educational and business communities were part of the task force effort.

"We've had a tremendous response," Baker said about finding volunteers, "and very few nos from people."

The interviewers are business leaders, which Baker said is important. "It has to be someone well-respected that would follow through" because of the confidential information being given.

ACCORDING TO past surveys, the project is done to encourage growth of small manufacturing

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