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THEY'RE honored. Florence Adair of the Order of the Eastern Star General Grand Chapter was saluted by the Metropolitan Convention and Visitors Bureau with a J. Lee Barrett award for her outstanding contribution and commitment to the travel and tourism industry.

The Farmington Hills resident was influential in securing the chapter's annual meeting in the year 2000 for Detroit. The convention drawing 15,000 people, will require 5,000 hotel rooms.

The bureau gave Michael and Marian Illich, founders of Farmington Hills-based Little Caesar International, the Antoine Cadillac Award. The award recognizes a corporation or organization whose contribution and commitment have enhanced metro Detroit's image as a convention and visitor destination.

In addition to operating Little Caesars Pizza, Illich owns the Detroit Red Wings, is renovating Detroit's Fox Theatre and is active in the downtown Detroit lighting program.

BACK on board. Charles Tangora, a partner in the general practice law firm of Brashear, Tangora and Spence, was re-elected to a 3-year term on the American Diabetes Association Michigan Affiliate board of directors. The Farmington resident also sits on the ADA's national board.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — Civic and business leader Bayard Tupper won the Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce 1986 Citizen of the Year.

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Land limited to senior housing

By Joanne Maliszowski staff writer

Farmington Hills officials plan to sell city-owned acreage, but only if it's used for senior adult housing. The plan to sell the 8.8 acres donated two years ago by Ronald and Catherine Hanaway includes a stipulation that the property must be used for elderly housing. The property's sale would depend on whether a developer can meet certain criteria es-

tablished by the city for housing. A proposal, including an administrators' plan and criteria that competing developers would be required to meet, is expected to be presented to the city council for review and approval at the first regular meeting in November, said Karen Birkholz, assistant to the city manager. "There really has been interest in the property from developers. We have letters from eight to 10 developers interested in it," she said.

When the acreage, on the north side of Freedom Road between Drake and Gill, was donated to the city by the Hanaways, city officials agreed not to sell it for two years. Officials also discussed using the property for senior housing.

Administrators intend to prepare a request for proposals outlining the intention to sell the property and that it won't be sold "unless senior housing is built," Birkholz said in a report to the council. "There does appear to be a need for senior housing in our community. A survey of senior housing complexes in Farmington Hills and surrounding communities shows that each complex is full and has a long waiting list of up to four or five years," Birkholz said in the report. "In all cases, the rent for the senior rental unit does not exceed \$500 a month or 30 percent of income, whichever is greater."

Developers' proposals to buy the property and develop senior housing will be reviewed by a yet-to-be formed committee of city employees and officials. The committee will make a recommendation to the city.

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Headlee out of LDS Hospital; stays in Utah

By Bob Sklar staff writer

Richard Headlee, president and chief executive officer of the Farmington Hills-based Alexander Hamilton Life Insurance Co. American Life, Latter-day Saints Hospital in Salt Lake City with a new heart Wednesday.



Richard Headlee

"Dick's doing really well," said Vernon Lunn, senior vice president and a member of the senior management team at Alexander Hamilton. "He says he feels like a million bucks. Thursday, he called here at least five times."

"Doctors on the Utah Cardiac team consider Headlee's transplant very successful," said Tim Madden, LDS Hospital spokesman. "There are no specific complications at this time." One condition for acceptance into the Utah Cardiac Heart Transplant Program is a patient's willingness and expected physical ability, to return to work full time.

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— Vernon Lunn, senior VP Alexander Hamilton

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Home day care theme of debate

tax talk, 4A

By Joanne Maliszowski staff writer

Child home day care was on the minds of some Farmington Hills residents who questioned the nine candidates vying for four seats on the Farmington Hills City Council.

About 50 residents were on hand Thursday for the campaign's third public debate, sponsored by the Council of Homeowner Associations of Farmington Hills.

Thursday's debate was the last public forum for the nine candidates before the Tuesday, Nov. 3 general election, when the three top vote-getters will receive four-year terms and the fourth-place finisher will receive a two-year term. Three incumbents, Joe Alkateeb, 48, Joan Dudley, 44, and Terry Sever, 37, are running for re-election. Those opposing the incumbents are veteran council watcher Aldo Vagozzi, 61; local historian and city activist Jean Fox, 70; and political

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Farmington veterinarian John Richardson kiss following Thursday night's announcement gives his wife, Shirley, a city councilwoman, a ment that she is the Citizen of the Year.

Shirley Richardson named chamber's Citizen of Year

positive thinking, 6A

By Casey Hans staff writer

Farmington city councilwoman and longtime beautification advocate Shirley Richardson was named Citizen of the Year Thursday during the silver anniversary celebration of the Farmington/

Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce.

"I am very humble; I thank you all," said Richardson, who received her award to a standing ovation at the chamber's 25th Annual Business Meeting and Awards Dinner at the Botsford Inn in Farmington Hills. "I am completely overwhelmed."

It was the first time the award was kept secret from the recipient,

according to presenter and committee chairman Russ Tuttle. Tuttle was also surprised Thursday, as state Rep. Justine Baras, D-Westland, presented him with a proclamation from the state House of Representatives for his many years of community service and lauded him as an "exemplary community activist."

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Greg Grodzicki, in his North Farmington High School mathematics classroom.

Teacher spends a year overseas

By Casey Hans staff writer

Harmonious, impromptu singing from the male chorus could be heard from the family-style pub as the audience got into the spirit. Pub singing is just one Welsh tradition enjoyed by Americans visiting this proud country in the United Kingdom.

The camaraderie, the pubs, games of cricket and new friendships formed by the Grodzicki family of Livonia during their year in Swansea, Wales, is something they will never forget. "These are the things Greg Grodzicki will especially miss after returning from a visit to the second largest city in Wales."

"The Welsh people open their doors to you, open their hearts to you," he said. "They go out of their way without being asked." Grodzicki sings the praises of the people, the music and a country where he lived and taught through the Fulbright Teaching Exchange

people

program during the 1986-87 school year.

Tony Ward, his counterpart from Swansea, came to the United States, lived in Grodzicki's house and taught mathematics at North Farmington High School last year.

THE TWO swapped places again in August to begin a new school year in their home districts. For Grodzicki, it meant a return to North Farmington.

Although they are happy to be home, warm acceptance by the Welsh people made it difficult for the Grodzickis and their three children to leave.

"I do miss it — the men singing, the pubs. They're the finest singers

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