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PAM'S boosting Detroit. North Farmington High School graduate Pam Dawber, star of the "My Sister Sam" TV series, has joined other Detroit-area natives in a national ad campaign to increase the Motor City's convention business. The Metropolitan Detroit Convention & Visitors Bureau is running the two-page ads in convention trade magazines. The ads, each featuring a single celebrity, carry the tag line, "Detroit: Feel at home in my hometown."

In one new ad, highlighting the Fisher Theatre, Grecktown and Greenfield Village, Dawber says: "Whenever people think I'm just the girl-next-door, I tell them, 'Hey, I'm hip. Do you know where I used to hang out?'" The 1 1/2-year-old ad campaign also features comedienne Lily Tomlin, actor Tom Selleck, singer Aretha Franklin and author Elmore Leonard.

TRAFFIC controls. The city council has authorized Farmington Hills city manager William Costick to pursue an agreement with Wayne County to install and maintain a traffic light at Eight Mile and Gill. Farmington Hills, Livonia and Wayne County will share the \$18,000 installation cost and \$1,200 annual maintenance cost.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — in the second crackdown on liquor law violations this year, Farmington Hills police have ticketed 75 percent of the city's liquor-licensed businesses.

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Chief backs standards in fire training

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

Count the Farmington Hills fire chief among a statewide coalition of fire chiefs, inspectors, instructors and firefighters who support a legislative bill that would require minimum fire training standards.



"Obviously, you want trained personnel. If this is what it takes to get training, it's a good law," Chief Richard Marinucci said.

"If you don't train, you pay sooner or later, in court or otherwise," he added. "Besides, you have a moral and ethical responsibility to train."

After three western Oakland County firefighters died in a training exercise at a vacant farmhouse Oct. 29 in Milford Township, Marinucci said: "We're going to take a second look at our procedures. We'll recommend ourselves to safety first."

House Bill 4704, passed by the state House June 18 and pending in the Senate, would mandate minimum training standards for all Michigan firefighters, full time or part time, effective in 1988.

Part-timers would be required to receive at least 132 hours of training within two years. The minimum for full-time firefighters would be 264 hours within one year. Training would have to meet standards developed by the Michigan State Police Fire Marshal's Division Firefighters Training Council.

THE TRAINING would not be mandatory if a court determined

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that the (Headlee) Tax Limitation Amendment required the state to pay for it, according to the bill, sponsored by state Rep. Richard Young, D-DeARBORN Heights. The Michigan Townships Association opposed the bill because of its potential cost to local fire departments and its potential time constraints on volunteer firefighters.

State Rep. Wilbur Brotherton, R-Farmington, opposed the bill. He cited what he perceives as a lack of need. He also cited the spending and training burdens it would impose on local governments, particularly smaller towns and villages.

Brotherton views the bill as a move "to push cities and communities away from volunteer fire departments and toward spending more money on the training of firefighters."

"Most communities have training they perform, anyway," he said. "What this is doing is require a specific number of hours. It imposes the same standards, regardless of the kind of department you have and the type of problems you have."

STATE SEN. Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, hasn't seen the bill.
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Citizen of the Year



Citizen of the Year Shirley Richardson addresses the gathering at last week's Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Taking pride in helping

By Casey Hans
staff writer

PERHAPS IT was the many colored tulips from her hometown of Holland, Mich., that caught Shirley Richardson's eye for beauty, and made her a leader in statewide beautification efforts during the past 20 years.

Or perhaps her love of gardening and plants drew her into such organizations as Keep Michigan Beautiful, the Beautification Council of Southeastern Michigan and the city of Farmington Beautification Committee.

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Whatever the reason, Richardson's efforts in beautification work, city government and her community are well-documented. The 1987 Farmington/Farmington Hills Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year is known to many in the Farmington area as Farmington city councilwoman, former planning commissioner, mother, wife, church activist and community leader.

She credits her family for supporting her busy, and very full, lifestyle. Richardson is rarely home and treasures the time she does spend with her husband, local veterinarian John Richardson, and her three children, who now live away from the Farmington area.

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City council elections are Tuesday

Voting hours, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Tomorrow is election day for residents of Farmington Hills and Farmington, and a low to medium voter turnout is expected, according to local city clerks.

Farmington Hills voters will be faced with the largest field of candidates in nearly a decade vying for four seats on the city council. There is also a minor change in the location of two of the city's voting precincts.

Voters in Hills precincts 2, 4, 5 and 13 will cast ballots in a county primary race to elect a Democratic contender for the 21st District Oakland County Commission seat, left vacant when veteran commissioner Alexander Perinoff died Aug. 19. A special election is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 8 to fill the seat.

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turnout two years ago was 14 percent. As of Friday, 2,000 absentee ballot requests had been submitted.

THERE IS also a race in Farmington, where voters will go to the polls to return three incumbents to two four-year terms, and one two-year seat. The three candidates are running unopposed.

Farmington city clerk Josephine Bushey said she expects a low turnout tomorrow: "I expect the turnout will be less than 10 percent." As of Friday, requests for 103 ballots had been received in her office.

Bushey reminds Farmington voters there is indeed a race, in that the two top vote getters will receive a four-year term and the third-place finisher will get a two-year term.

HILLS CITY COUNCIL

In the Hills, three incumbents are squaring off with a veteran council watcher, a former zoning board of appeals and historic district commission chairwoman and four political newcomers.

The top three vote-getters will serve four-year terms. The fourth-place finisher will receive a two-year term.

The incumbents are Joe Alkateeb, 48, Joan Dudley, 44, and Terry
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Revamp teaching priorities — educator

By Judith Doner Berne
editor

Many inner city 5- and 6-year-olds aren't equipped to even begin school while suburban youngsters of the same age often have had more nurturing, years of preschool and adequate food under their belt.

"It's a box to put both in the same classroom."

"That's what University of Michigan president Harold Shapiro said in one of his last appearances before he departs U-M to become president of Princeton University, his alma mater.

He addressed "The Evolution of Education in America" at last week's Symposium 1988 speakers series sponsored by Birmingham Temple in Farmington Hills.

"The great crisis in education is in the preschool group and in K-12 education," Shapiro said.

Calling for prenatal care and nutrition for all the needy young, Shapiro chastised those who would do away with such programs as welfare and food stamps to aid their parents.

"We focus on the value of the parent instead of the value of the child,"

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— Harold Shapiro
U-M president

he said, "Every child is part of the future of this country. We are underserving an enormous proportion — if equal opportunity exists."

SPEAKING TO the topic of "The Evolution of Education in America," Shapiro focused on K-12 and higher education.

Since its beginnings, America has always had a love affair with education, Shapiro said. That is no different now.

"Right now there is an unparalleled interest in education." It is characterized by "both a great hope and a great shame and a great concern for our lack of achievements."

WE ARE asking the wrong things

of our K-12 schools, Shapiro said. He listed:

- We have forgotten as a society that schools are primarily for learning — students should progress not by seniority but by achievement.
- We have asked the schools to perform functions they are ill-adapted to do.
- We have forgotten they are integrated institutions.
- We have robbed the teacher of authority in the classroom.

AT THE university level, Shapiro said we must be very careful about those who would have today's universities set moral values and make the decisions.

"The modern university is committed to the view that there be no moral orthodoxy. That what we do is help students recognize the questions but not the answers."

"I know that when universities were committed to moral orthodoxy, that wasn't a very good time. Higher education from 15-19th century was either asleep or irrelevant or both. Universities didn't amount to much." He thinks there can be some

movement.

"We have to focus more on community needs but continue rationally as well. We should not have the universities make the decisions. We

Service groups working as team

By Chris Rikx
staff writer

As Farmington and Farmington Hills charitable organizations gear up for the holidays to provide aid to needy families, organizers plan to utilize methods to find out if anyone is receiving more than their fair share of help.

An Oct. 29 meeting of city, church and school officials resulted in at least one remedy: unifying efforts to eliminate duplication of services, which sometimes lead to people receiving too much assistance at the

won't be doing anyone any favors." Shapiro is completing his final year as president of U-M. He began there as a professor of economics 23 years ago.

Richard Tupper, Farmington Area Goodfellows executive director, said recipients who abuse the system make up less than 5 percent of those served by the Goodfellows and the Salvation Army. Still, he said, it has reached the point where centralizing efforts is needed.

"We're certainly concerned about the needy. But we're not too happy with the greedy," he told a group that included a local pastor and city and school officials.

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