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SHE'S a cover girl. North Farmington High School graduate Pam Dawber was on the cover of People magazine March 2.

She's the star of the CBS comedy series, "My Sister Sam," which debuted in October. From 1978 to 1982, she co-starred in the TV comedy, "Mork & Mindy."

The Farmington Hills native, 34, now lives in Hollywood Hills.

Since summer, she has been engaged to Mark Harmon, a TV star in his own right, having appeared on the dramatic comedies, "St. Elsewhere" and "Moonlighting."

Their wedding promises to be quiet and personal. They'll live in Harmon's Pacific Palisades retreat, according to People. "About 'My Sister Sam' — which she co-owns and co-produces and which her company, Pony Productions, developed — Dawber says: "I have the power, if I want, to dig in my heels and kick and scream, but that's not my personality."

After graduating from high school, Dawber modeled in local fashion shows. Moving to the Big Apple at 19, she "was soon making \$50,000 a year posing in Tupperware, Neet and Sears ads," according to People. Acting lessons, auditions and stardom as Mindy followed.

HELPING hand. Detroit Country Day Upper School students will meet 6-year-old Ryan Young, the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Michigan Poster Child, Thursday, March 5, on the Beverly Hills campus.

The Farmington resident will visit the students to share his experiences at the MDA summer camp.

The students have elected to support the camp through proceeds of their Supercandy, a 13-hour fund-raiser, Friday, March 20.

SENIORS: take note. If you're a Farmington-area resident at least 60 years of age, you're eligible to participate in the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency senior citizen discount program.

ID card holders receive discounts ranging from 4 to 40 percent on a variety of items, from auto parts to prescription drugs.

Pictures to be laminated into plastic identification cards will be taken from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, March 20, at the Farmington Senior Center at Mercy Center, 28800 11 mile, Farmington Hills.

KEEP these numbers handy for reference when calling the Farmington Observer: news line, 477-5450; sports line, 591-2112; home delivery, 591-0500; classified ads, 591-0900; display ads, 591-2500.

FOOTNOTES: One year ago this week — With a raging housing sales market, the value of many houses is on the increase. Yet, Farmington Hills residents will see, on the average, small property assessment increases this year.

Man is slain outside apartment

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Two Detroit men face murder and conspiracy charges in the fatal shooting of a 61-year-old chauffeur at the exclusive Hunters Ridge Apartments in Farmington Hills Saturday morning.

Robbery appears to have been the motive in the shooting. The victim was robbed of approximately \$450, said Lt. Richard Murphy of the Farmington Hills Police Department.

Edward S. Chapman of Detroit was pronounced dead at 12:10 p.m. Sunday at Boisford General Hospital, said Russ Tuttle, spokesman for the Farmington Hills hospital. He died of a gunshot wound to the head, the Oakland County medical examiner ruled following an autopsy Monday.

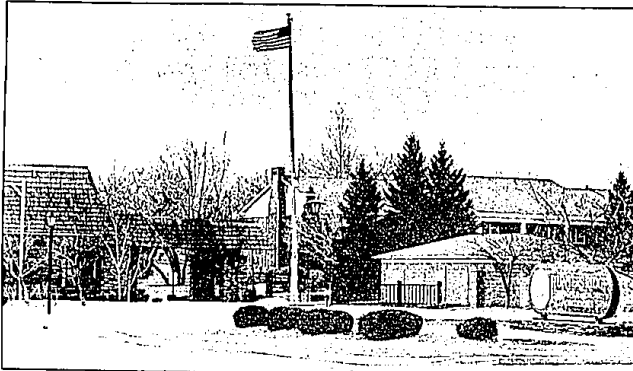
Arraigned Monday before Magistrate Dennis Pheneey of 47th District Court in Farmington, Jamal Edward Tipton, 17, and Anthony Jerome Parks, 24, each stood mute to a first-degree murder charge. Innocent pleas were entered in their behalf. Conviction would bring a penalty of life in prison.

'It is not indicative of any crime problem in Farmington Hills. The victim and the suspected perpetrators were all from Detroit. It's an unfortunate incident. But it is in no way related to any problems we have had in the past on Orchard Lake.'

— William Dwyer
police chief

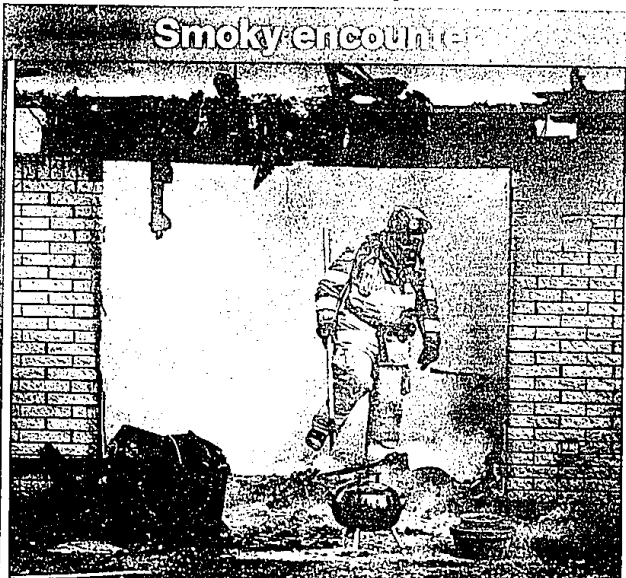
The defendants also were arraigned on charges of possessing a firearm in the commission of a felony and conspiracy to commit robbery. Conviction of felony firearms possession carries a mandatory two-year prison sentence. Conviction of

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RANDY BORST/staff photographer

Hunters Ridge Apartments — scene of a fatal shooting Saturday morning.



RANDY BORST/staff photographer

A fire Monday caused heavy damage to this one-story house on Eastfarm in southwest Farmington Hills. No one was home and no injuries were reported. Above, a Farmington Hills firefighter is shown searching for hot spots in the wake of the late-afternoon fire. For the story and more pictures, see Page 6A.

Livonia youth found guilty in Hills shooting

By Casey Hans
staff writer

Livonia resident Paul Dober was found guilty Tuesday of felony charges resulting from the shooting of a black security guard at the Putt 'N' Games arcade in Farmington Hills in 1985.



Paul Dober

Dober, who is white, was 17 years old and a senior at Livonia Stevenson High School on Sept. 3, 1985, when security guard Terrence Metzler of Detroit was shot with a rifle while working at the Farmington Hills arcade on Grand River.

Farmington Hills police investigators said they believed Dober mistook Metzler for another black security guard he fought with on a previous night and attempted to kill him.

Dober was convicted of assault with intent to commit murder and possessing a firearm in the commission of a felony in connection with the Putt 'N' Games incident. His sentencing is scheduled for Thursday, March 12, in Thorburn's courtroom.

A \$50,000 cash or surety bond was

set by Thorburn pending sentencing, according to Oakland County Assistant Prosecutor John Strzynski. Dober was being held in a cell at the Oakland County Jail Tuesday afternoon, according to a jail spokesman.

Dober faces up to life in prison for the conviction.

Defense attorney Robert Harrison did not return phone calls to comment on Thorburn's decision. It is not known whether he will appeal on Dober's behalf.

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Forum theme—careers

By Casey Hans
staff writer

When students reach middle school, boys begin to show marked improvement in the fields of math and science, according to education studies.

Farmington and Clarenceville educators and the American Association of University Women of Farmington want to change that trend.

"Boys and girls achieve at relatively similar rates through the fifth-grade level," according to a study

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Policymaker School board position opening

Farmington Public Schools voters will fill one four-year term in the annual district election Monday, June 8.

Trustee Susan Rennels, whose term is expiring, said she plans to seek re-election to a second term. The term will run from July 1, 1987, to June 30, 1991.

Rennels, a 15-year resident of Farmington Hills, said she is seeking re-election for two main reasons.

Citing Superintendent Graham Lewis, in the first year of a two-year contract, she said: "I'd like to see him through his first contract. And I'd like to see through the changes in the district and through the followup on plans proposed when he was appointed."

Pointing to the district's in-depth curriculum studies, she said: "I'd like to continue to be part of that. I think a lot of changes might be happening."

RENNELS, AN assistant vice president, is manager of First Federal of Michigan's West Bloomfield Office.

Prospective school board candidates must be at least 18 and registered voters. Property ownership is not a requirement for candidacy.

Nominating petitions, signed by at least 20 registered district voters, must be filed by 4 p.m. Monday, April 6.

Those turning in completed petitions can withdraw from the non-partisan races before 4 p.m. Thursday, April 9; thereafter, their names automatically appear on the ballot.

Petitions are available from Beta Duschinske, business support services supervisor, at the Lewis B. Schulman Administrative Center, 32500 Shilawassee, Farmington, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

She's also available to assist candidates with information about filing and campaign finance laws.

OTHER BOARD members continuing in staggered four-year terms are Helen Prutow, Janice Rolnick and R. Jack Inch, all serving their third four-year terms; James Abernethy, John Cotton and Helen Dilzhany, all serving their first four-year term.

The board of education meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the administrative center. The board considers recommendations from the salaried administration and sets all district policies.

Farmington Public Schools encompasses most of Farmington, Farmington Hills and a portion of West Bloomfield Township, a half mile north of 14 Mile between Inkster and Middlebelt.

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