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Greg Schenden
Greg Schenden, a 15-year-old Catholic Central 10th grader, has been delivering the Farmington Observer in the Cranbury Court, Middlebelt Road subdivision since Fall 1981.
Greg carries an A-mious grade average in school and his favorite subjects are Latin and biology. His hobbies include horseback riding, swimming and bike riding.
The son of Rosemary and Lawrence Schenden, Greg has one older brother and two older sisters. Greg plans to attend law school after graduating from high school.
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Health care center opens on Maple Road

Sinai Hospital will celebrate the opening of its outpatient health care center with a free Fitness Fair from 1-5 p.m. Sunday on Farmington Road, north of Maple.
Free health tests and counseling, refreshments, clowns, and door prizes — some valued at \$250 — will be featured.
Presentations on stress management and relaxation techniques and demonstrations of exercise testing and training will highlight the open house.
There also will be free wheelchair maintenance evaluations by Linden Medical Supply and presentations on fitness for the handicapped.

Free speech and hearing screenings for adults and children, and free blood pressure tests will be offered. Also available will be counseling on nutrition for people on regular and diabetic diets and suggestions for staying fit with arthritis.
Door prizes will include health and fitness evaluations by Sinai staff, two-month memberships to the Centaur Racquet Club, a gift certificate to Scoopermarket and classes at Fitness.
Additional parking will be available at Standard Federal Bank, Pulte Homes and the Lark Restaurant, all near the center.

For more information on the fair, call 493-5500.
SINAI'S NATHAN L. and Betty Goldstein, Sinai Health Center offers cardiovascular fitness and rehabilitation, rehabilitation medicine and psychology services for outpatients. It contains 27,000 square feet of office space, examination and treatment rooms and two gyms.
The comprehensive rehabilitation medicine services include consultation and evaluation of rehabilitation and pain and motion programs, as well as electromyography, examinations, Thermotherapy, whirlpool, traction, and exercise in a gymnasium are some of the physical therapy services offered. Activities of daily living evaluation and treatment, exercise therapy and splinting are some of the occupational therapy services offered. Treatment for speech and hearing problems also is available for adults and children. For more information, call 661-9400, 493-6980 or 493-6981.

THE CARDIOVASCULAR Fitness and Rehabilitation program is for people recovering from a heart attack or heart surgery or people who want to start a supervised fitness and health education program to reduce their risk of developing heart disease. An evaluation, including an exercise tolerance test, is used to determine fitness and establish an individual exercise prescription. For more information, call 661-9440 or 493-6982.

Comprehensive outpatient psychiatry services also are offered, including those of the Daily Living Clinic for people wishing to define immediate problems such as stress or family difficulties. For more information, call 493-6983.
Internal medicine and dental services also are available in the health care building.

New tax proposals would need approval

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"The difficulty is that the added millage that we put on was debt millage," said Robert Deadman, Farmington city manager. "We have that debt obligation no matter what the millage is."
Cities will have adopted their 1984-85 budgets and levied a tax rate by the time the November election comes along. Headlee says that under the proposed amendment a taxing unit would have 90 days to put its already levied tax rate before the taxpayers for a vote.
If the amendment is adopted on Nov. 6, Farmington's current 11.74 mills would be rolled back to 10.78 mills, Deadman said. Besides affecting the city's operating revenues, the rollback will also affect the amount of money directed for debt millage on projects such as the Old Town Drain and the Caddell Drain, Deadman said.

"In terms of cities, it's financially irresponsible because many cities have assumed debt obligations under current charters and current laws," Deadman said.
In Farmington Hills, the effects of the proposed amendment would be far less restrictive than on Farmington because the city's tax rate at the end of 1981 was 8.5 mills, said City Manager Lawrence Savage.
That's compared to the current 7.8 mills and the proposed 8.2 mills in 1984-85, said Savage.
Although both cities have voter-approved charters limiting the tax rate that can be levied, the Voter's Choice Amendment would nullify these maximum limits. Both Farmington and Farmington Hills are operating under the maximum levy allowed by their

charters. Farmington's charter allows city officials to levy a maximum of 20 mills. Farmington Hills' charter allows a maximum levy of 10 mills.
"It makes the provisions of the charter referring to local control null and void," Deadman said, adding the proposed amendment would take away "local autonomy and local control."
BUT HEADLEE contends that when residents voted on their city's charters, it was at a time when people were not overly concerned about their tax rates and basically did not understand how the whole process worked.
The biggest problem beyond the philosophical question of having taxpayers vote on a taxing unit's levy each time it needs changing is that the proposed rollback could destroy a city's

"credit worthiness," according to Deadman. Without good credit, a city would have a hard time getting a favorable interest rate from lending institutions on bonds for major projects. Cutting back on a city's debt levy also curtails a city's guarantee that the principal and interest on bonds issued for major projects will be paid back (through revenue generated from debt levy).
That's a real traumatic situation as far as I can see it," Deadman said.

The proposed amendment would also call for a vote of the people when, as in the case of Farmington in 1984-85, the city's total state equalized value increases but the city tax rate remains the same. Although the tax rate remains static, the city receives more revenue because the levy is applied against a higher SEV.
"The city would have to ratify any increase," Headlee said. "We're operating from a position that the taxes are sufficient."

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