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## Farmington Focus

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**SHE'S** in the national spotlight. The U.S. Army named Susan White of Farmington Hills Soldier of the Year in Europe and promoted her to sergeant.

The 1981 Farmington High School graduate also received an Army Commendation Medal and two Army Achievement Letters.

White, 22, is stationed with the 564th MOP Company in Giessen, West Germany.

She was in Washington, D.C., last week to attend the Association of the U.S. Army Convention.

White was recruited by Sgt. Rick Calmus, formerly of the Farmington recruiting office, in 1982.

**ON THE** hunt for a jack-o'-lantern?

The Farmington Area Lions Club will sell pumpkins from noon to 10 p.m. Friday through Sunday, at 14411 Main, across from the Lake Farmington Hills.

**CARE** to help the Scouts? As a fund-raiser, Boy Scout Troop 179 will collect empty bottles and cans from Farmington-area homes Saturday, Nov. 2.

To arrange a pickup, call Cheryl Zogelman, 477-2525.

**DENNISON'S** Seaford Tavern, always heavy on Halloween decorations this time of the year, will have a stream of carved pumpkins in and out of the restaurant, 27009 Orchard Lake, Farmington Hills, until Thursday, Oct. 31.

Dennison's donated the pumpkins for the Farmington YMCA's Halloween party. It's getting them back, carved and decorated, for the staff to judge. Winners will be announced at the 7 p.m. Halloween Eve.

**LEARNING** overseas. That's what Paul Ruzsichoff of Farmington Hills is doing.

The junior history major will spend six months in the United Kingdom as part of the educational experience at Kalamazoo College.

He receives full academic credit for successful completion of work overseas.

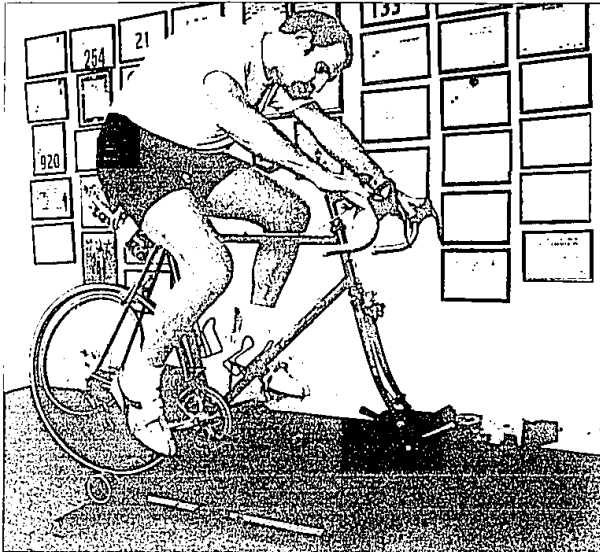
**UNCLE** Sam's calling. If you're a young man born on or after Jan. 1, 1960, you are required to register with Selective Service within a month of your 18th birthday.

Registration takes less than five minutes at the post office. A simple form asks for your name, date of birth, address, telephone number and Social Security number.

**FOOTNOTES:** Nine school districts were established in Farmington Township in 1839. The ones that overlapped other townships were called fractional districts. One-run schoolhouses were a mainstay in all of these rural districts.

For many years, these schools provided education through the eighth grade. If students wanted to continue their education beyond, they could attend as tuition students. The school sometimes paid the entire amount in other cases, it would pay part, with the parents making up the difference.

Students did not have to go to any particular high school. They could choose the one most convenient, or that had room for them.



Rick DeRoven "goes for a bike ride" in the shadows of the athletic certificates framed on a wall in his Farmington Hills home.

## Test of grit Dentist gains shot at triathlon

By Lisa Gilmon  
staff writer

From a lethargic, overweight kid to a pumped up triathlete, Rick DeRoven will face his ultimate test in the 1985 Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Kona, Hawaii, Saturday.

Using Farmington Hills as his training base, DeRoven spends 30 hours a week preparing to be an Ironman. After many years of systematic training, the Ironman Triathlon will be his greatest challenge, both mentally and physically, said the 31-year-old general dentist.

The Ironman Triathlon World Championship consists of a 2.4-mile ocean swim, followed by a 112-mile

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bicycle race, and finally, a 26.2-mile marathon. Last year's champion completed the triathlon in a record 8:54:20.

"I've never been an athlete," DeRoven said. "As a kid, I was obese." In grade school, DeRoven said he was the classic kid "every one made fun of."

In high school, DeRoven shed the extra pounds, but still wasn't hooked on sports. At Michigan State University, and later at the University of Michigan Dental School, DeRoven

remained unathletic and he became a heavy smoker.

IN AN ironic twist, the last time DeRoven was in Hawaii was seven years ago on his honeymoon. When he became engaged, his future wife, Rita, encouraged him to pursue athletics and give up smoking. "I gave (his wife) a lot of resistance," he said.

The first summer after he got married, DeRoven said he continued to smoke cigarettes. After eight years of college, he was 40 pounds overweight. Opening his first dental practice in Union Lake also proved stressful, he added.

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## Technion booster Sir Winston's grandson stops in the Hills

By Lisa Gilmon  
staff writer

"Because of the bond my grandfather forged with the Jewish people, I'm here as your guest this evening," said Winston S. Churchill, keynote at the 37th annual dinner of the American Society for Technion's Detroit Chapter.

The Monday evening event was held in Adat Shalom Synagogue, Farmington Hills. The Technion is a progressive institute of science and engineering in Israel's industrial city of Haifa.

Following the Zionist precedent set by his grandfather, Winston, and his father, Randolph, Churchill visited several American cities in his role as vice president of the British Technion Society.

Churchill also holds the Davy Hulme (outside of Manchester, England) Labor seat in British parliament and is the author of three books: "First Journey," "The Six-Day War" and "Defending the West."

Before entering British politics, Churchill was a foreign correspondent. He reported from the Middle East, Yemen, China, Vietnam, the Congo, Angola and Portugal. He covered Israel's Six-Day War for the British press.

IT WAS his father who gave him the tip that "things were heating up over there (in the Middle East)," Churchill said.

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— Winston S. Churchill  
vice president  
British Technion Society

"How is it that I, a Britisher and a gentile," am speaking to you this evening, he asked Monday evening's dinner guests. "No doubt, my father's and grandfather's love and admiration of the Jewish people inspired him," he said.

Jewish history "is the most moving saga of human history," Churchill said. "Israel had to struggle to be born and fight to survive."

"Israel, through superior technology, has so much to offer her neighbors," he added.

The most effective way to support Israel is through support of technology and science, he stressed. The Technion, which has 8,000 students — 3,000 graduate students and 5,000 undergraduates



The American Society for Technion-Israel Institute of Technology hosted Winston S. Churchill in Adat Shalom Synagogue Monday evening.

## 'Stamp out prostitution' residents

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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They call themselves "Citizens for a Decent Community." And they are taking their concern about suspected prostitution in Farmington Hills to the city council.

About 30 residents met in Farmington Community Library's 12 Mile Branch Tuesday night to discuss possible action against suspected prostitution in the city.

Formation of the group came two weeks after 16 Oriental women and one man were charged with illegal sexual activity following Farmington Hills Police raids Oct. 7-8 on five Oriental health spas suspected of being part of an organized nationwide prostitution ring.

The raids were the result of a six-week police investigation stemming from residents' complaints of prostitution and other sex-related offenses at the storefront spas, police said.

Of the 17 arrested during the raids, 14 are Korean citizens, one is a Japanese citizen and the other two are U.S. citizens. The suspects were released by late Oct. 8 after posting bonds ranging from \$1,000 to \$1,250. Nine of the suspects have requested jury trials; the other seven will be heard by a judge.

FARMINGTON HILLS Police will inform the owners of the buildings housing the spas to stop any alleged illegal sexual activity on their property, Chief William Dwyer said. Although the five spas have reopened, business is reported down about 75-80 percent, Dwyer added.

Police believe the alleged prostitution in Farmington Hills may be connected to an international organization, thought to be controlled by Koreans, that recruits U.S. servicemen to marry Korean women and bring them into the country. The servicemen are paid \$5,000 to marry the women and another \$2,000 or more to divorce them once in the United States, Dwyer said.

The Korean women are then placed in spas, similar to those in Farmington Hills, to work and repay the money owed to the international organization for the marriage and divorce proceedings, Dwyer said.

Although the servicemen have been linked to bringing the Korean women into the country, they have not been linked to the alleged prostitution ring, he said.

The U.S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization, the Internal Revenue Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have been contacted, the chief said.

AFTER ALMOST two hours of discussion Tuesday night, local residents — led by Sharon Chisholm, a resident of the Nine Mile-Middlebelt area — decided to take their concerns about alleged prostitution at the spas to the Farmington Hills City Council at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 23.

Residents are expected to be armed with a list of questions for council.

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## Charter may be changed

See Page 18A for a related editorial opinion.

By Joanne Maliszewski  
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Farmington Hills voters will have more to be concerned with than just electing four new city council members when they go to the polls Tuesday, Nov. 5.

For the second time in the city's 12-year history, voters will be asked to consider amending the city charter. It was adopted by public vote on May 8, 1973, and went into effect July 1, 1975.

Five amendments — Propositions A-E — will be on the ballot:

**PROPOSITION A**  
Shall Section 2.05 of the city charter for the city of Farmington Hills be amended to provide that newly elected council members shall take office at the first regularly scheduled council meeting following certification of the election rather than

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