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Farmington Focus

If you have a news item or an idea for a feature story or an action picture with a Farmington-area connection, send a note to our downtown office at 32203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. Please include a daytime telephone number.

HE'S a winner.
Joseph Blaszczak of Farmington Hills took home a plaque from the Michigan Exchange Club-hosted model airplane championships, Sept. 15 at the Ford Motor Co.'s Ulca Test Track.
He came in runner-up for free flight, winning a trophy awarded by the Detroit Balza Bug.

NEED help solving a problem? Need someone to talk to? Need information about drugs and alcohol? Counselors at Turning Point can help.

Counselors are available 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. weekdays. Turning Point also provides short-term, low-cost counseling by appointment. Call 455-4900.

Turning Point is a component program of Genesee County.

MONDAY is Columbus Day, a national holiday.

Farmington Postmaster Kenneth Harris reports there will be no regular residential or business mail delivery. Special delivery, Express mail and Post Office boxes will be provided.

Limited caller services will be available only for customers who regularly pick up mail at either the Farmington office, 32300 River, or the Farmington Hills office, 32453 13 Mile. Service windows will be open from 8-10 a.m.; however, there will be no financial transactions.

Mail will be picked up from all residents' collection boxes as late in the day as possible to meet first-class, mail-service standards. All business collection boxes, with the large 5 p.m. deal, will be picked up after 5 p.m.

Normal mail service will resume Tuesday.

ALBION College's Homecoming was something special for Kenneth Kish of Farmington Hills.

He was elected to represent the Junior class at the Sept. 28 celebration.

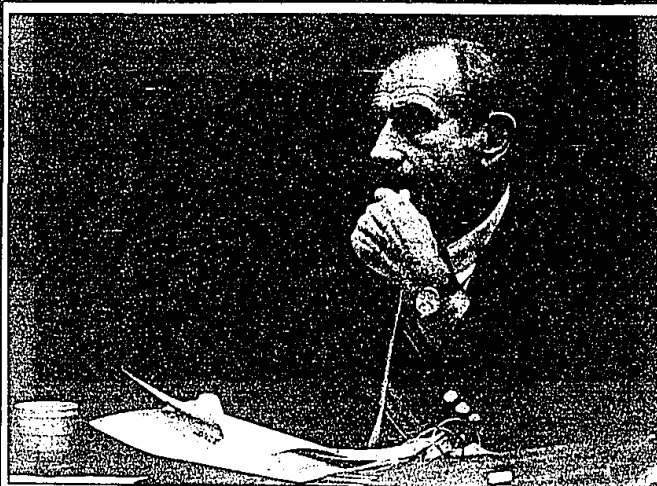
Kish is majoring in computational mathematics and physics. He has played on the varsity football team and is a member of the Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity.

THIS airman's on the move. Airman 1st Class John Delan of Farmington Hills has graduated from the U.S. Air Force basic specialist course at Chanute Air Force Base, Ill.
Delan is scheduled to serve at Minot Air Force Base, N.D.

FOOTNOTES: The Farmington Historical Museum is located in the Gov. Warner Mansion. The Civil War-era home, at 32305 Grand River, is the center of Farmington's historic district.
Born in England in 1865, Warner spent most of his life in Farmington. He served as its state senator from 1895 to 1922.

An agriculturalist and businessman, he established the first of his 13 cheese factories in 1915.
Warner was Secretary of State from 1931 to 1934.

Three terms as the state's chief executive followed, during which he "dismembered many Progressive-era reforms," according to the Michigan Historical marker that stands outside the large white house.
Warner died in 1933.



Farmington Superintendent of Schools Lewis Schulman listens to discussion during last week's school board meeting.

Retiring Longtime educator looks back

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

To Lewis Schulman, leadership is more than giving orders and shouting commands.

"Behind it all, I like to think it's a style of warmth and courtesy — yet insisting on decorum, decency and the rules," said Schulman, who will retire Dec. 31 after nine years as Farmington Public Schools superintendent.

Maintaining his sensitivity to students, staff and the community without surrendering high standards and orderliness is a philosophy that Schulman has followed throughout his 45 years in education.
"I've always felt that the basic philosophical attitude is with you no matter what situation you are in," he said. "If you have a sound philosophy, it is effective no matter where you are. You hope that your values dominate everything you do."

Years ago, as an assistant principal at Cooley High School in Detroit,



Schulman was forced to suspend 40 students — not an easy task by anyone's standards. Choosing to sidestep alienation, Schulman made it a point to talk to the students, fully explaining the facts and the consequences. All 40 students left — disappointed maybe but not angry, Schulman remembers.

IN FARMINGTON, Schulman not long ago was faced with closing seven schools because of declining enrollment.

What could have caused a public uproar — as in many Michigan school districts — was accepted by the community. Schulman is proud of that because, he said, he approached the tough matter openly and honestly and with a full explanation.

"I think my greatest contribution has been to make the schools responsive to the community," the Birmingham said. "But, at times, you have to show strength and not give in. You have to act in a decisive manner, with forthright action. That doesn't always meet the public's eye."

Whatever the topic or crisis, said Schulman how it should be approached, and the answer more often than not involves "communication and honesty."

Put the school district's inner workings aside and ask him if he's excited about retiring after 19 years in the Farmington Public Schools, and he says, "In all honesty, it's going to be difficult."

REMEMBERING To not get up early every morning to be at his desk by 7:30, or sitting back and watching the inevitable changes the future will bring to Farmington,

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Suspected cocaine is uncovered

By Bob Sklar
staff writer

About 1½ pounds of suspected high-grade cocaine, a Rolls Royce, five firearms, jewelry and cash were among the items seized by police in the raid of a plush house in Pebblebrook Estates in northern Farmington Hills Monday morning.

Executing a federal search warrant, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency, in cooperation with the Farmington Hills Police, raided the \$400,000 house, on Herndonwood Drive, about 10:30 a.m.
"It was a very significant raid in terms of the sophistication of the seizures and the security alarm of the house," said Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer.

Alfred Carl Bryant, 30, and his wife, Tara Farley, 25, appeared Tuesday before a federal magistrate on charges of possession with intent to deliver and distribute cocaine. No pleas have been entered yet. The felony is punishable upon conviction by a maximum penalty of 15 years in federal prison and a \$125,000 fine.

U.S. District Court Magistrate Virginia Morgan of Detroit Tuesday ordered Bryant held by the U.S. Marshal's Service in lieu of bond. Farley was released on \$10,000 personal bond.

BRYANT WALKED away from his job at Little Farm, a minimum-security farm at the State Prison of Southern Michigan in Jackson, on June 24, 1981. Less than two months earlier, May 8, 1981, a Detroit Recorder's Court judge sentenced Bryant to a six-month to two-year prison term for illegal delivery of heroin, a Michigan Department of Corrections spokesman said.

On July 18, 1977, a Wayne County Circuit Court judge sentenced Bryant to 2½ to 20 years in prison for illegal possession of methamphetamine. Bryant was paroled June 24, 1980, the corrections department spokesman said.

Police believe Bryant may have been living on Herndonwood under the alias of Alfred Carl Farley since shortly after escaping from Little Farm. He went by as many as 30 aliases, allegedly was one of the area's largest cocaine dealers and allegedly has been dealing in drugs for perhaps a decade, Dwyer said.

The property seized from Bryant's house "is indicative of an upper-echelon narcotics dealer," Dwyer added.

Seized in the raid were 650 grams of suspected high-grade cocaine with an estimated street value of \$150,000, about \$30,000 in cash, four handguns, one rifle and jewelry valued at more than \$30,000. Also seized were five cars — a 1979 Rolls Royce, a 1985 BMW, a 1985 Ford, a 1967 Corvette and a Cadillac limousine, investigators said. Luxury cars often filled the driveway.

SEVERAL PAPERS and records "indicative of a narcotics operation,"

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Business coverage expanded

As this area fights to get back on its economic feet, most business people will tell you there's no such thing as business as usual. And in the Farmington Observer, there's no such thing as business coverage as usual.

To track the latest developments, Monthly Business, its expanded section, debuts on Page 1B today. Business trends, management tips, sketches of entrepreneurs and economic data are some of the topics we'll be reporting the second Thursday of each month.

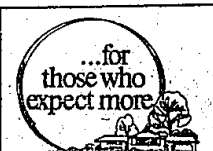
In today's edition, we profile a builder whose unorthodox procedures result in completed structures in record time, examine permanent employee leasing, explore franchising and review the latest book from the "Megatrends" author. Our regular business columns on finance, business people and events continue. Strictly local business news will continue to run twice monthly.

We welcome comments and ideas from our readers regarding our business pages. After all, it's everybody's business. Direct comments to Marilyn Pichart, 36251 Schoolcraft, Livonia 48150.

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Prostitution alleged Hills police cracking down on health spas

By Joanne Maliszewski
staff writer

Sixteen Oriental women and one man — including 14 Korean citizens and one Japanese citizen — were charged with illegal sexual activity following a police raid on five Farmington Hills health spas believed to be part of an organized prostitution ring.

"This could be a major organized ring throughout the country where they rotate these women," said Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer. "This investigation will be continued. This definitely will not be the end of the investigation into the oriental health spas in Farmington Hills."

Although building owners were not the spa operators, Dwyer said, "We will be notifying the owners of these buildings. We will inform them that we will start padlock procedures unless their buildings are clean of illegal activities. I don't believe, though, the owners were aware of the illegal activities."

The raids and related arrests were the result of a six-week police investigation that stemmed from residents' complaints of prostitution and other sex-related offenses at the storefront health spas, which include some beds. Police seized about \$10,000 in cash as well as jewelry and luggage in the

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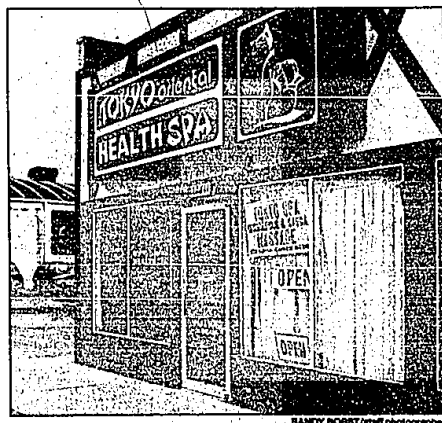
— William Dwyer
Hills police chief

raids, Dwyer said.

The complaints Dwyer received included one from a Farmington Hills resident who said she stopped at the grand opening of one of the spas. She had to wait in an entrance hall until she was "bused in." An employee, whom the resident described as "Dick the Bruiser," told her the spa was not a "regular massage parlor." The employee also told the woman only cash would be accepted as payment.

THE POLICE Department's Special Patrol Operational Team (SPOT), led by Sgt. Albert Haynes and Sgt. Martin Elsdon, infiltrated four of the five targeted health spas at 9 p.m. Monday. Posting as customers, they "determined" illegal sex activity was being conducted, Dwyer said. A fifth spa was raided at 3 p.m. Tuesday.

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The Tokyo Spa was one of four Oriental health spas raided by Farmington Hills Police late Monday.