# 2 win medals at Special Olympics

Their parents cried, screamed and hollered.
And in return, their children brought back the gold in the International Summer Special Olympics Games held July 19-27 in the Minneapolti-St. Paul metropolitan area.
Swimmer Kirk Mason, 17, an 11th grader at Farmington High School and son of Pat and Lary Mason of Parmington Hills, won a gold medalwith his relay team and several other awards. He took fourth place in the 50 meter freestyle, fifth place in the 50 meter backstroke and fourth place in the 100 meter freestyle.
Gymnast Kirsten Griggs, 20, a recent graduate of Farmington High School, and daughter of Ron and Shirley Griggs of Farmington Hills, won a gold medal in vault and a bronze medal in beam, as well as fourth place in floor exercise.
Her local coach 18 Barb Aieloo. Her coach for the competition was Patty Brady of Ypsilanti. Their medals read: "Skill, Courage, Sharing, Joy."

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BOTH ATHLETES qualified for the International Summer Special Olympics this year by
winning gold medals at the Summer Special
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"We considered attitude, behavior, parent cooperation, coach recommendation, and whether they could be away from home and travel," Joseph sald. "We wanted to give this opportunity to someone who would appreciate the privilege."
More than 640 athletes representing more than 80 countries competed in the aquatics division at the 1991 games. Likewise, more than 300 athletes from more than 40 countries competed in the gymnastic events at the 1991 games.
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As an observable of the Farmington Gymnastic Center, three times a week so Griggs could practice, Alcloo accontinued at the YMCA.
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Private corporations domated use of their private jets to transport the International Summer Special Olympians. "The jets took off every two to three minutes," Joseph said. "The Michigan delegation consisted of 75 athletes, 25 coaches



**BHARON LeMIEUX/staff photograps** 

Kirk Mason and Kirsten Griggs, Farmington Hills athletes, who participated in the 1991 international Summer Special Olympics Games in Minnespolis/St. Paul brought home the gold. Mason, a

and two different delgates."

This largest sporting event held in the world in 1991 featured 6,000 athletes from 90 countries; 2,000 coaches; 10,000 family and friends, 50,000 volunteers and 25,000 to 50,000 spectators/participants per day, according to a Special Olympies fact abeet.

BOTH GRIGGS and Mason also hold part time jobs, Griggs works at Hudson's in Twelve Oaks Mail and Mason works at McDonald's restau-

Special Olympics was created by the Joseph P.

swimmer, won a gold medal with his re-lay team. Griggs, a gymnast, won a gold medal in vault and a bronze metal in

Kennedy Jr. Foundation.

More than 7.5 million people in North America have mental retardation. It's not a mental illness, nor is it a disease.

Mental retardation is a condition that causes people to mature at a below average rate and to learn more slowly, as well as with much greater difficulty than those without mental retardation. Some 100,000 infants are born with mental retardation each year in the United States, Nearly 10 percent of American families include a member with mental retardation.

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CANDIDATES FOR legislative
and statewide office could not spend
more than double the amount raised
from individual contributors, according to the proposal.

"A legislator's campaign should
rise or fall on the strength of widespread, grass-roots support signified
by individual donations," Dolan said.
"Each of these proposals attempts to
decrease the role of special interest
money in the election process.

"The report documents the expanding role of PACS in the campaign
process. In 1986, PACs contributed
early 14.6 million to all state, legislative and local candidate commitincrease.

"The individual volee must never
be drowned out of the process," Dolan said. "Public disclosure is vital.
Victors should know how campaigns
are funanced and information should

urges PAC limits

House task force

Cailing for a new era in campaign finance law, a House Republican task-force today urged limiting the contributions of political action com-mittees and other comprehensive re-

be easy to obtain."

To accomplish this goal, the lawmakers would grant stronger enforcement and auditing authority to the secretary of state while allocating additional money to computerize

mittees and other comprehensive reforms.

Republican state Rep. Jan Dolan
of Farmington Hills said the task
force on campain finance reform
made 21 recommendations after a
series of statewide hearings earlier
this year.

"The cost, tone and manner of
modern elections has hurt public
confidence in the political system.
This report offers a strategy for restoring that trust," Dolan said.

Lawmakers should get their own
house in order by eliminating office
holder expane funds and retusing to
accept cash honorariums. Coupled
with these changes, the task force
wants to alter the relationship between special interest groups and
office seekers.

Under the proposal, PACs would
be prohibited from donating to candidates who receive public funding.

CANDIDATES FOR legislative

the secretary of state while allocating additional money to computerize campaign finance records.

Other recommendations in the report include:

• prohibiting the delivery of contributions to House and Senate candidates within the Capitol and legislative office buildings.

• prohibiting registered jobbyists or agents from directly distributing contributions.

• extending campaign finance laws to candidates in cities, villages, townships, counts and school districts.

"This report would require accountability by state and local candidates and special interest groups. These ideas offer a substantive start worthy of bipartisan support," Dolan sald.

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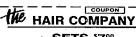


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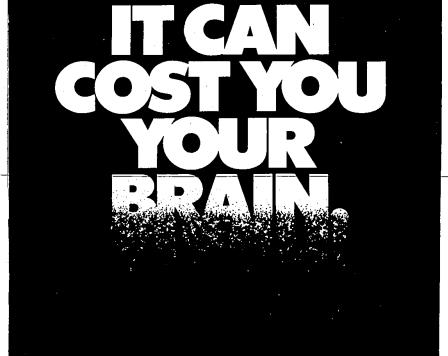
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