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MUSICAL ACCOLADES

Stephanie Myre, a sophomore at North Farmington High School, was chosen as a state finalist in the 1992 Michigan School Vocal Association's Solo and Ensemble Competition.

School, the state Jazz Festival was held on April 10-11. The Jazz Band received straight Division I ratings and the Club Jazz Ensemble received straight Division II ratings. Seniors Randy Barber and Dave Lurie were selected to be in the State Jazz Band for their performances.

Harrison is the only school to send to groups to the event.

There were more than 100 entries in the competition, cosponsored by

Lawrence Technological University, Detroit Edison and the American Institute of Architects.

● **CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD**
Jeffrey Gell of Farmington Hills was one of seven top scorers in the 1992 U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad, and will now go on to take an additional qualifying exam for final status.

Gell is a student at Detroit Country Day High School. The local exam was taken by 164 students representing 33 high schools from throughout southeast Michigan and was administered by the Detroit Section of the American Chemical Society. The seven winners will receive certificates, plaques and a checks totalling \$750 and their schools will each receive \$200 to enhance chemistry instruction.

Gell also recently won first and second place awards in the Oakland County Science Olympiad, held in March at Lawrence Tech. He and teammates advance to state competition May 2.

GIRLS STATE

The American Legion Auxiliary Groves-Walker Unit 346 will send nine girls to Girls State this June.

They include: Martha Brown, Emily Shively, Michelle Wilder and Debbi Hersh from North Farmington High School; Tammy Allen, Laura Cunningham and Francine Karim from Farmington High School; Andrea Baile from Harrison High School; and Dina Burghardt from Mercy High School.

Two of the girls are sponsored by the auxiliary and three are sponsored by North Farmington High School. The cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills and the Farmington Exchange Club and Farmington Neighbors Club each sponsored one girl.

The participants will attend Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant for one week in June, studying the governmental process. Girls State is designed to emphasize the importance of government in modern life, stimulate a deep and lasting interest in government and to enlarge the understanding of the governmental process.

COLLEGE FAIR


A National College Fair will be

held this Sunday and Monday at the Pontiac Silverdome. For interested students and parents from Farmington and other areas.

Hours are Sunday, May 3 from noon to 5 p.m. and Monday, May 4 from 9 a.m. to noon. The event is free and sponsored by the National Association of College Admissions Counselors and its state affiliate group.

There, students and parents will be able to meet informally with college admission representatives from 150 colleges, receive professional advice in the counseling center and get information on college admission testing, financial aid and other necessary items.

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Weed ordinance calls for more pull

Under a new Farmington Hills ordinance, all lots in subdivisions - regardless of how completed - must be maintained by the property owner.

Before a new ordinance adopted recently by the city council, grass and weeds could grow without main-

tenance in subdivisions that were less than 60 percent occupied.

Under the toughened ordinance, weeds and grass cannot exceed eight inches in height. It was six inches in the former ordinance. Exceptions to the ordinance will be made for ex-

otic vegetation that is part of landscaping or for areas designated for renaturalization.

"The new ordinance was revised in fairness to subdivisions with less than 60 percent occupancy," said Dale Countegan, planning and com-

munity development director. "Lots weren't being maintained and we couldn't do anything about it. Now, we can respond equally to people's complaints about overgrown weeds without regard to the percentage of lots occupied in a particular subdivision."

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