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● GOLD MEDALS

Four Farmington Hills residents who attend Maple Elementary School in West Bloomfield won gold medals in a Math Pentathlon held at Walled Lake Western High School recently. Maple is part of the Walled Lake schools.

Fourth graders Steven Galperin, Jeffrey Konfara, Ryan Lefkowsky and Brendan Sullivan — students of Ann Harris and Marilyn Reading — all won medals in the competition. Some 200 fourth and fifth graders participated in the event.

Farmington Hills residents who live in the square mile bounded by Haggerty and Hinkley and 14 Mile and 15 Mile roads attend Walled Lake Consolidated Schools.

● GROUP FITNESS

Hillside Elementary students took part in an international exercise day May 8, as part of National Physical Education and Sports Week.

Students from Hillside and more than 5,000 other schools around the world participated in the 15-minute

American Children Exercising Simultaneously starting at 10 a.m. The purpose is to encourage daily physical education and to bring attention to the importance of exercise.

● SPEECH MONTH

May is Better Hearing and Speech Month nationwide and at Farmington Public Schools.

Thirteen speech/language pathologists serve about 650 students in the district, including severely mentally impaired, severely multiply impaired, physically or otherwise impaired and hearing-impaired students.

"We want the district to recognize and be aware of the important work done by our staff," said Cathy Forster, speech/language pathologist at Kenbrook Elementary School. Each therapist handles 60 students, and some travel from building to building.

The staff is also involved in the district's Child Find program, in which children with speech or hearing problems are identified at an early age.

● SENIOR PARTY

The North Farmington High School senior all-night party, with the theme of 1991 World Tour, will be held Sunday, June 9 from 10 p.m. until 5 a.m. the next morning. Many activities are planned in-

cluding an auction, casino, games, swimming, a disc jockey and a dunk tank. Any senior parent interested in volunteering time or sending a donation for the party should call Jane Billecke at 553-0158.

● ECONOMIC COMPETITION

A team of students from Harrison High School is in first place in regional and sixth place in state competitions for a stock market simulation.

Team captain Cindy Korby and members Ray Pitera, Jodi Rose, Lori Willis and Mike Wolters took part in the simulation in Floyd Ross' classroom, in which students are given a simulated account of \$100,000 and can trade stocks on the New York, American and over-the-counter exchanges. The Harrison team traded primarily in Advance Micro Devices, Boston Celtics Limited Partnership, Carter Wallace Inc. Dallas Semi-Conductor Corp. and RJR Nabisco and accumulated a portfolio value of \$140,068 after nine weeks.

The game is sponsored by the Michigan Economic Education Council at Eastern Michigan University.

● SPECIAL SALE

Two eighth graders from Thomas Beahan Junior High, Heather Szczesny and Jennifer Vaal, recently

conducted a successful bake sale to help someone in need.

The \$500 proceeds from the sale, conducted after Sunday services on April 20, were used to help alleviate the cost of cancer surgery for a young Russian immigrant, Anya Peregoud. They spent many hours planning, promoting and baking for the worthy cause.

● TOP STUDENT

Harrison student of the month for April is John Chuhuan. Though he must use a wheelchair and is only able to come to school four days a week, he gets his share of "A's."

"John isn't the kind of person who lets a handicap stop him from getting what he wants," said a statement issued from the school. "If it's good grades he's after, he'll work a little harder to make up for ab-

senes. If it's fluency in a foreign language that appeals to him, John will practice and practice, even though he naturally speaks softly.

"And if it's success in the world of art he dreams of, and it comes a little hard to him because he doesn't have full use of his hands, well, then he'll learn to operate a Turbo-Mouse and master the Deluxe Paint Program."

The statement said Chuhuan was selected because he loves to learn, has a constant smile and a quiet courage "that make him unforgettable."

● GIRLS STATE

Nine Farmington-area students will go the 51st annual session of Girls State, held every June at Central Michigan University. The American Legion Auxiliary of Groves-

Walker Unit #346 of Farmington is sponsoring the students.

The students are Stacie Cornwell, Alison Davis and Nicole Gerwatowski of Farmington High School; Julie Ritter of Harrison High School; Kristen Schutt, Hadley Thurmon, Jennifer Wei and Cathy Westberg of North Farmington High School; and Chiara Cannella of Mercy High School.

Girls State is one week of learning the process of government (first-hand). The program is designed to emphasize the importance of government in modern life, to stimulate a deep and lasting interest in government and to enlarge their understanding of the government process and encourage leadership in young women. A total of 546 girls from across the state are planning to attend.

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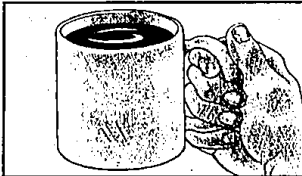
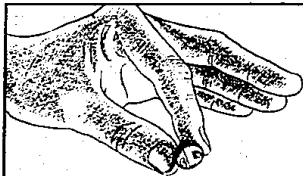
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