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Semifinalists named Scholarships are at stake

Farmington area students are among 15,000 students who have been named as semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship program.
At stake in the finals are 1,000 National Merit \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarships are one-time, nonrenewable awards supported by grants from business and industrial sponsors.
Finalists who meet the qualifications established by grantors will also be considered for more than 2,800 four-year merit scholarships to be offered in 1977. Depending on the minimum and maximum values established by the grantors, the winner of a renewable merit scholarship may receive as much as a \$1,500 during each of the four college undergraduate years.
The students from Farmington High School are Katherine Miller, Harrison High School are Lora Anselmi, Alfred Jean,

William Pichurski, Elizabeth Reid, and Lisa Waddell.
North Farmington students are Paul Becker, Deborah Somerville, Lou Anne Sorensen, and Daniel Tognasski.
Our Lady of Mercy semifinalists are Beth Binkley, Mary Pat Hamnell, Jennifer, Anne Majkowski, and Karen Schaefer.
To advance to the final standing, these students must meet requirements that include being fully endorsed and recommended for scholarship consideration by their secondary school principals, presenting school records that substantiate high academic standing, and confirming high qualifying test scores with equivalent scores on a second examination.

More than 90 per cent of the semifinalists are expected to qualify as finalists and to receive certificates of merit next February.

The Farmington area students competed with more than one million students from 17,000 high schools by taking the 1975 Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT-NMST). The semifinalists are the highest scoring students in each state.
They represent the top half of one per cent of the nation's most academically talented young persons.

Funds give city chance for fix up

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Deadman said.
In an effort to alleviate the parking problems along Farmington Road and in the Civic Center area, the city allocated \$10,000 of its expected funds for the construction of a parking lot. The new parking lot would be constructed on State Street between Liberty and Farmington Road. "Present parking facilities are inadequate," Deadman said. "This project should aid in the redevelopment of the central business district."
About \$2,000 was marked for use in landscaping Grand River. "The improvements would be restricted to the public rights of way and would include the planting of trees or placing van-colored gravel or stone in the areas between the sidewalk and the curb as needed.
The program is intended to provide fun-

der incentive to property owners to properly maintain their commercial properties so as to prohibit blight and deterioration of the commercial business district." If developed, the program would be implemented throughout several years, he added.
Those merchants who say they won't put up shrubbery because of vandalism or because the shrubs wouldn't take devil really care. What would the city parks look like if the city didn't keep up the shrubbery or the trees? We have vandalism there too. You have to think about the people who don't damage things," Deadman said.
Ten thousand dollars has been marked for the replacement and improvement of the 15-20 year old play facilities and equipment at Shawansee Park. An outdoor basketball court will be built. The tennis courts currently have basketball backboards and confusion results from conflict between tennis and basketball enthusiasts.
With tennis being so popular now we have people waiting to play tennis after a basketball game.
Last year Farmington received \$38,700 in Community Block Grant funds, according to Deadman. Funds are given to Oakland County which in turn passes the money on to its cities.
The grant isn't designed for a smaller city. The federal government had larger cities in mind," Deadman said. "Each city develops its own grant program to help low and middle income neighborhoods through neighborhood housing, neighborhood senior citizens facilities and neighborhood recreational facilities. It's designed to have an impact on the smaller segments of a larger city."

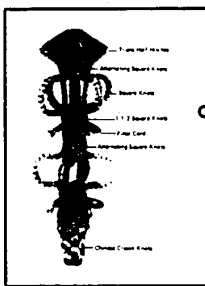
Fundraiser set for Brotherton
A cocktail reception to raise funds for State Rep. Wilbur Brotherton's campaign effort will be at 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 30, in the Bedford Inn, 2000 Grand River, Farmington Hills.
Brotherton is the Republican incumbent for the 46th district which includes Farmington, Farmington Hills and portions of Southfield.
Special guest will be Lt. Gov. James Demman.
Those interested should send \$25 for each person to Brotherton for State Representative Committee, 23622 Beacon, Farmington Hills.

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