Beggarfinding little luck

He says his name is Gilbert Smith and that he's not too proud to beg for money and food. He was out begging Monday afternoon on Orchard Lake Road, just south of 10 Mile. Smith displayed a hand-

Smith displayed a handlettered sign ("Desperate — Canyou help? Wife needs heart medicine — need food for my family —
2 kida — Thank you — Keep the
faith") for passing motorists on
busy Orchard Lake. Most ignored
him. A few blew their horns or
gave the thumbs-up sign.
Smith, 50, took time out to explain his plight to a reporter and
photographer.
"I'm in sort of a 'Catch-22' situation," said Smith, who said his
wife and two teensge children live
in Bay City. He's staying with a
friend in Detroit.
"I'm diasblet to the point
where I can't work ... but not
enough to get disability," said



Plea for help: Gilbert Smith, begging sign in hand, chats with a motorist on Orchard Lake Road in Farmington.

Smith, who indicated that his back and legs were giving him trouble.

Smith said he was a mechanic, "but the work just got too hard for me. Those transmissions got too leavy."

Smith said despite the relative

like that," he added, indicating a nearby paper bag.

Smith wouldn't say why he picked Farmington for his asking apot, but he's glad to be in the Dictroit area.

"I'd be worse off in Bay City than I am here," he said.

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E FULL-TANK SCHOLARSHIP

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Harrison High student Bethany
Millican is one of 50 children of
Marathon employees who have
been honored as 1993 Marathon
Scholars for outstanding academic achievement. She will receive a
\$2,000 award to go to college. She
was chosen from 221 applicants.
She is the daughter of Marathon
employee Robroy Millican.

M LATIN LEARNERS

Detroit Country Day sopho-more Uday Correpati of Farming-ton Hills won five awards in Level II Latin competitions at the Michigan Junior Classical League state convention April 30 at Michigan State University, Corre-pati wan first blace in vegabulary.

pati won first place in vocabulary, history and culture and grammar;

second place in mythology and third place in derivatives. He was elected state parliamentarian of the Michigan Junior Classical League and won the state championship in Certamen (quit bow), along with his teammates junior Alien Felix of Troy and freshmen Rakesh Navuluri of West Bloomington and the Michigan School of the

Inst place in Level V vocabulary,

A GRAND DAY

Grandparents and special people related to students were invitide to visit Kenbrook Elementary
May 10 to mark Grandparent's
Day. Those who attended were
asked to write letters giving thely
randchildren helpful hints from
their vast experiences, which will
be posted in the main hall. First
graders also presented a program
in the media center for the guests.

■ LEAD STORY

Sophomores Amy Bahr of Harrison High and Barbara Chwalik.
of Mercy High have been selected
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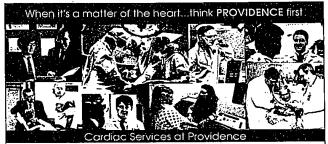


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