

FARMINGTON
NOTES

Scholarship winner

Nesomi Smith, a senior at North Farmington High School, is a winner of the inaugural Oakland County Executive Scholarship, administered through the Oakland County Department of Community and Minority Affairs.

Smith and Clarkson's Jennifer Grieme wrote award-winning essays incorporating this year's theme - "I Have A Dream" - in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., who delivered that now-famous speech on the steps of the Washington Monument in 1963.

Smith wrote in her essay: "His dream that one day little Black boys and little Black girls will be able to join hands with little White boys and White girls and work together as brothers and sisters enabled me to attend a predominately white school... without fear of prejudice or violence."

Smith, who teaches the art of photography to underprivileged children in Detroit, plans to attend the University of Missouri.

As essay winners, Smith and Grieme will each receive \$750 which can be applied toward their college educations.

They will be honored at a breakfast to be held June 21 at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills. Call 858-1047 for ticket information.

Appointed by governor

Linda M. Jolicœur, a Farmington Hills resident, has been appointed by Gov. John Engler to the Michigan Strategic Fund Board of Directors.

The board emphasizes the role of the private sector in responding to business finance needs. Fund programs respond to needs that range from an entrepreneur to an established company.

Jolicœur is the founder and chief executive officer of Target Equipment Leasing Inc. She is the current president of the Greater Detroit Chapter of the National Association of Women Business Owners.



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Networking:
One of the schools in the network from the United Kingdom wanted to know about events in the Detroit area. Justin Singh (left) and Evan Pleasant wrote back with news of the proposed Fox District in Detroit.

Kids have whole world in their hands



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Three beeps and the world answers.
Through a computer and telephone link-up, Dodie Harris' fourth-grade

From Hillside Elementary School to the rest of the world... It's happening these days with a new computer in teacher Dodie Harris' fourth-grade class and some overseas telephone lines.

class at Hillside Elementary has joined an AT&T Learning Circle along with students in England, France and Australia as well as ones in New York, New Jersey and Oklahoma.

They have a computer and a 2,400-baud modem, which allows

them to transfer data over a telephone line. AT&T developed the telecommunications software.

As voyagers on the information highway, kids can find out such trivial things as what other schools have on their lunch menus, and they can exchange greetings through electronic mail. There's plenty of time for that stuff later, though.

"We'll get addresses for pen pals through snail mail with the names of students they work with on E-mail," Harris said.

Instead, students are using E-mail to tap into the minds of other kids on Learning Circle research projects. Harris' class decided to tackle the topic "Violence in the World of Kids."

Students took a hard look at how much violence they're exposed to through music, TV and video games.

The class learned a great deal about the impact of violence on children's lives, Harris said. Students

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