



This moped operator is in the proper position in her lane of traffic in Farmington Hills. Problems with mopeds are growing in Farmington Hills with unlicensed and untrained youngsters operating them.

Drivers must be at least 15

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son, knowledge and traffic sign test at the Michigan Secretary of State office.

- If you are younger than 18, a parent or legal guardian must sign your application for a moped license. A moped license will cost \$7.50 and is good for four years.
- All moped operators younger than 19 must wear a safety helmet at all times and are advised to wear some type of eye protection.
- If you obtain a special moped license, you must surrender it when you obtain a regular driver license.

OTHER RULES that should be kept in mind are:

- Mopeds are never allowed on freeways, sidewalks or bicycle paths.
- All mopeds must be in safe operating conditions and must possess required equipment, including front and rear wheel brakes, headlights, taillights and stoplights. A muffler, horn, seat, and tires also are required. Handbrakes are to be at specific height from the lowest point of the seat.
- Mopeds are allowed to operate to the right side of the highway in their lane. Mopeds are not allowed to be driven between lanes of traffic or between traffic and the curb.

Knowing rules a moped must

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and young," Cranston continued. "They operate them as they would operate their bicycles. They're probably holding to the same standard of care they had with a bicycle. Unfortunately, that's not appropriate for mopeds."

In a nutshell, the growing moped problem takes the following forms, according to Cranston. For example, young untrained riders often don't know the rules of the road and they cut in and out of traffic. They also disobey traffic signs and they ride on sidewalks, disturbing pedestrians.

In subdivisions, kids group together with their mopeds and often can be seen riding 8-10 abreast down the street. "Depending on the tolerance level of the residents, it can be a problem," Cranston said.

Training courses for moped operation are unavailable. But the Hills police make available a condensed list of what is legally required to operate a moped and how to operate the machine safely.

Parents' and youngsters' lack of knowledge appears to be the major problem. "Most people don't understand the complexity of the moped issue. And most people aren't willingly breaking the laws, they just don't know," Cranston said.

MOST PARENTS are probably unaware they can be ticketed (a misdemeanor) for letting their child ride a moped without a license. Parents also can be held civil-

carrier of the month Farmington



Billy Gabel

Billy Gabel, son of Annabelle and Bruce Gabel of Farmington, is the Farmington Observer's Carrier of the Month for July.

The 11-year-old East Middle School student has delivered the Observer since February 1988. His route is in Floral Park subdivision, near Orchard Lake and Grand River.

Billy's favorite subjects are math and spelling. He enjoys sports.

Billy belongs to the Boy Scouts. He was first chair in fifth grade band, and has attended Blue Lake Music Camp.

He likes his route because he likes meeting and serving people. That gives him a feeling of accomplishment.

The skills he has acquired — time management, bookkeeping and money handling — provide a sense of responsibility, he said.

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Accident kills popular teacher

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"All the kids loved having her as a teacher," Betsy Morris said. "She was really good at what she did."

BETSY REMEMBERS her mother knowing not only "how to talk to people, but also how to listen to people."

"There are five of us children and she was everything to us," Betsy added.

The 32-year-old Farmington Hills woman driving the car that struck Mrs. Nuttall was released pending completion of a police investigation. Chief William Dwyer said the driver told police she left the road while tuning her radio.

"We'll present our findings to the prosecutor's office for a determination on charges," Fitzpatrick said.

In addition to Betsy, Mrs. Nuttall is survived by her husband, William; her mother, Emille Garrity of Kalamazoo; three sons, William Jr. of Royal Oak, Peter of Farmington Hills and James of Oak Lawn, Ill.; another daughter, Sarah, of Farmington Hills; and three grandchildren.

Woman sues builder

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"Things change when a bank does not live up to their commitments," Keating said.

After filing her lawsuit in Oakland Circuit Court, McLaughlin contacted Keating's office where an employee told her and her co-buyer to "call off the dogs and we'll have the money in seven days," said McLaughlin, a Southfield resident.

When she returned a week later, the office near Square Lake and Telegraph was closed.

"WE HAD A GIRL set up an appointment and she didn't put it in the appointment book. She no longer works there," Keating said. "That's very unfortunate that we didn't have that meeting."

After the Observer inquired, McLaughlin said she received a telephone call trying to set up another appointment to get her money back.

"I don't believe a word of what she's saying," McLaughlin said. "The only reason she called me is because of your inquiry. They've put me off before. That is just their style."

Keating said the money will be returned. If so, McLaughlin said she'll stop her lawsuit.

But that won't stop Keating's legal problems. His attorney, Del Gowing, said many people are waiting for the lawsuit to be resolved and he will soon begin negotiating with Bloomfield Savings and Loan's attorney. They're hoping for a quick settlement, Gowing said.

"With these types of things," Gowing said, "it makes sense at least to complete the homes."

Strange display left at synagogue

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another traffic sign.

At the former psychiatrist's office at 29800 Middlebelt was a trash can contained a red arrow pointing to the synagogue. Nearby were a shattered plastic flamingo with a hand saw nearby and an uprooted potted plant surrounded by flying discs. A streamer in the shape of a triangle was draped from a tree.

Yost attributed Adat Shalom's selection as the site for the unusual display to its location on a main road. "We believe it's a totally isolated incident. We're not sure anything should be made out of it," he said.

"There doesn't seem to be any particular reason why this site was chosen," said Gordon of the Anti-Defamation League. "We think that this must have been the work of a disturbed person."

The display was removed by Friday.

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