### THURSDAY, JULY 7, 1994

## FARMINGTON NOTES

### Students honored

armington Hills residents Michelle
Drouillard, Rachel Perks and Julie
Wellbaum were honored recently with 142
business students at Schoolcraft College's 22nd
annual Business Honors Banquet.
The students were recognized for their scademic achievements in the fields of accounting,
business administration, computer information
systems, management, marketing and office information systems.
The banquet's guest speaker was Dr. Conway
A Jeffress, Schoolcraft's vice president for
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Detroit/N.A.; and Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziol,
Certified Public Accountants.

### Resident promoted



ames W. Sturtz, a
Farmington Hills resident, was promoted
to executive search consultant by Compass
Group Ltd.
Birmingham-based management consulting and
executive search firm.
Prior to joining Compass Group in 1993,
Sturtz was employed by
General Motors Corp. in a
variety of human resource

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# Officers fasten onto seat-belt use

Farmington public safety department directive meant to underscore a policy regarding officers' use of seat belts coincides with the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning's safety-belt campaign, which runs through Aug. 31.

BY LARRY O'CONNOR



Farmington
Public Safety officers are trumpeting
the message to buckle up by example.
The department
has issued a written
policy regarding its
not in writing before, deputy director Michael Wiggins said officers
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With this program, we said Hoy maybe we should have one (a policy) too,' Wiggins said.

Farmingion public safety is getting out the message in other ways. Department officials have provided Ram's Horn Restaurant with dining placemant, which cite satisfies regarding seat-belt use. They've also given plastic bags, which urge people to buckle up, to Jax Car Wash to pass along to customers.

Officers are wearing lapel pinsduring the campaign while their patrol cars carry special license plates. Safety-belt usage cannot be urged enough, Wiggins said.

Though Michigan has a safety-



Give'em a boit: Officer Duane Cowger shows how Farmington's Public Safety Department feels about seat belts.

belt law, only 64 percent of people comply, according to Office of Highway Safety Planning statistics. That's slightly better than the national average of 62 percent.
More than 1,400 people die each year in car crashes around the state. Of those, more than half were not wearing seat belts.

Non-use of safety belts costs an estimated \$750 million annually in medical bills, which is passed on to all drivers in the form of higher insurance rates.

Experts believe more stringent laws would increase the number of people wearing safety belts. In Michigan, not wearing one is considered a secondary offense and police cannot stop someone on e seat-belt infraction alone. A ticket is usually issued in conjunction with another violation. The fine is \$46.

However, police can pull a driver over if there is youngster age 4 or younger who is not in a child-restraint seat.

Children age one and younger

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must be in a child-restraint seat if sitting in the front or rear. Children ages 1-4 also must be in child-restraint seats if riding in the front. They can either wear a safety belt or in a restraint seat in the rear of

The fine for not using a child re-straint seat is \$70.

More than dollars and cents, Wiggins said the campaign to buckle

up is common sense. "It saves lives," he said.

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