Hills city council pedals new bicycle helmet ordinance

Heads up: Farmington Hills is considering a bisycle helmet ordinance for kids under 16.

ordinance for kids under 10.
These caught riding without
headgear will receive a warning for the first offense. A second infraction results in a \$5
fine, which will be dismissed
if the offender buys a helmet
within 10 days.

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Such a law isn't designed to punish but to bring awareness, Farmington Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer said.

On Monday, Dwyer met with Farmington Hills City Council members during a study session. The city council will formally consider the measure at a meeting in May, "It certainly isn't real punitive; it's a stop in the right direction," said Councilman Jerry Ellia. "But it's going to go nowhere if there isn't the educational component."

Adrian has a bike helmet

Roy Fairchild,

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ordinance, which has resulted in more kids wearing headgear-without a lot of tickets being written, Dwyer said.

In May, Hills police will start offering bike helmust to those who don't have them. The program is being funded through drug forfolture money.

"Our position is to give them a lot of latitude," the police chief said. "We're not going to be tough guys out there."

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Not all council members are sold, though. Councilwoman Cheryl Oliveric doesn't think an ordinance will make kids vean helmets. "A lot of the kids have these helmets." Oliveric and. "It's getting them on their heads." Oliveric solleague ogreed. "I can hear parents in the community saying, "Don't your police officers have anything better to do than give my 8-year-old a ticket?" Councilwoman Jody Seronen said.

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The fact there is a law will make many kids comply. Councilwoman Vicki Barnett said. She wants the ordinance to include skatchoarders and in line skatchoarders and in-line skaters.

"They're really getting severely injured," Barnett

said. Mayor Aldo Vugnozzi likened a bike helmet ordinance to the state's current scat belt law, which results in tickets being issued as a secondary infraction. Awareness, though, has made many motorists buckle up, Vagnozzi said.

If it's approved, the council will review the law after a year, which may include increasing the age beyond 16.

Barnett asked what police will do if they encounter a mother and fether without helmets riding with their chil-dren. "Do they get off scot-free?" Barnett asked.

Teens nabbed for stealing car

By LARRY O'CONNOR STATE WRITER

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If there's a thieves' manual, chances are it includes a passage about not stealing from a place where there are 40 police officers representing 27 law enforcement agencies nearby.

Two car burglars apparently didn't glean that bit of text. Otherwise, they wouldn't have been listening to police reading them their rights later.

On Monday, Sgt. Patrick Jones of the Ferndale Police Department was leaving for lunch when he saw two males breaking into a 1998 Dodge Durancy parked in the William Costick Activities Center on 11 Milo Road.

Jones is attending the Northwestern University

on 11 Mile Road.

Jones is attending the Northwestern University
Institute's School of Police and Staff Command at

the center.

After an alarm went off, the pair fled. Jones called Farmington Hills police on his cellular phone while keeping both in view as they sped off in 1989 Camaro.

Hills police picked up the suspect car going east

on Nine Mile. Officers took two Southfield teens, ages 15 and 17, into custody on Nine Mile and Hunter's Lane, near Tolegraph.

Evidence technicians found two screwdrivers in the Camaro.

The 17-year-old is expected to be charged with attempted theft and burglary from a car. The 15-year-old, a minor, was turned over to his mother pending a potition from Oakland County Family Court.

Thieves pried the front passenger door lock and broke a small passenger side window on the Durange, which is sowed by a Court Temphile.

Court.
Thisees pried the front passenger door lock and broke a small passenger side window on the Durange, which is owned by a Canton Township woman. Damage is estimated at \$400.
In addition to the benefits officers receive from training, hosting Northwestern University's training program "also increases the potential of arrests like this being made," Hills police Chief Bill Dwyer said.
The school still has eight more asssions planned once a month.

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"Wo'll lot the thieves guess which weeks they

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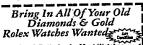
the com-munity college of the Air Force. Roth is the son of Steven and Susan Roth of Farmington Hills. Ho is a 1997 graduate of Har-rison High School.

Kathleen Beaudrie, daughter of Matilda and John Beaudrie of

naturen Benuarre, angular of Matilda and John Beaudrie of Farmington Hills, enlisted in the Air Force's Delayed Entry Program March 30.

Beaudrie, a January 1999 graduate of Farmington High School, is scheduled for enlistment in the regular Air Force on April 28. Upon graduation from the Air Force's six-week basic training course in San Antonio, Texas, she is scheduled to receive technical training as a security forces apprentice. She will also earn credits toward college.





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