

Cops buckle down on law

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"We've done a good conscious effort to encourage the (adult) occupants of vehicles to wear restraints. But we haven't done a lot with children. We haven't emphasized it quite enough," Cranston said.

The "tougher" regulations "have come about as a matter of good sense rather than the result of a dramatic increase in child injuries. In Farmington Hills in 1990, accidents decreased 5 percent while injuries decreased 20 percent. "This is going to be a hard item to sell," Cranston

said.

WHILE OFFICERS are trained for the new regulations, the city ordinance will be changed to reflect the change in state law.

Bruce Madsen, executive director of the Traffic Improvement Association, believes there will be little problem getting kids to buckle up. "I hear that a majority of adults buckle up because their kids have cajoled them."

"Police can't stop you only for having kids older than 4 and younger than 16 unbuckled. But they can if a child aged 1-4 is not in a child re-

straint seat in the car's front seat.

Police can also stop you if a child 1-4 years of age is unbuckled in the back seat. And they can stop you if they see your child obstructing your view by standing up in the front or back seat.

"If I see a child standing up in the back seat and I think he is less than 4, I've got a basis for a primary stop," Cranston said.

And don't forget, Cranston said, that you can be ticketed if you are not wearing your seat belt properly. But you have to be stopped for another violation first.

Downtown project re-phased

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project may come in slightly higher than the budgeted \$1.4 million, Strip-Sittsamer said.

BUDGETS FOR each of the new phases are currently being worked out. The new project phasing calls for:

- Resurfacing the large municipal lot downtown, and making streetscape improvements along Grove Street, on the south side of

Grand River east to the driveway of Terrace Casuals, and on the north side of Grand River east to School Street will encompass Phase IV.

- Phase V in the fiscal year 1991-92 would redo the Farmington/State Street parking lot and make streetscape improvements along State Street. This may be bid out with the previous phase, as they are being done in the same year.

- In 1992-93, the final phase will

complete the project by making streetscape improvements along Orchard and Thomas streets and coordinate downtown signage.

The DDA board plans to keep an eye on Thomas Street — which runs parallel to Grand River Avenue one block north — in case any property goes up for sale and to consider landscaping options in the area.

The DDA also decided to drop the idea of building a crossing structure across Grand River as part of the project.

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HONOR'S LIST

Almee Rehbine of Farmington Hills was named to the honor's list at Grace College in Winona Lake, Ind.

ELECTED PRESIDENT

Jeffrey Brandt of Farmington Hills was elected president of the Interfraternity Council at Western Michigan University. He is a member of Delta Chi Fraternity.

Brandt, a 1988 graduate of Farm-

ington High School, is a junior majoring in international business.

HE'S ACCEPTED

Timothy McMin of Farmington Hills received a 4.0 grade point average at Michigan State University. He was accepted into the College of Chemical Engineering.

DEAN'S LIST

Sheila Thornton of Farmington Hills was named to the dean's list at Western Michigan University. She is a 1989 graduate of North Farmington High School.

The following students were named to the dean's list at Michigan State University: Daniel Clappison and Laurie Ringe of Farmington; Mary Davis, Dawn Kotowski, Timo-

thy McMin, Keith Noch, Michael O'Brien, Kristine Kirsten, Paul Barmanian, Sean Cahill, Erica Koski, Julie Lane, Michael Moody and Lawrence Schreiber of Farmington Hills.

The following students were named to the dean's list at Madonna College. Those from Farmington Hills are: Amy Adams, Marcus Alent, Julie Beck, Marcia Berg, Amy Bischof, Robin Bytner, Mary Cati-ion, Jana Chrumka, Julia Davis, Deborah Dulman, Suzanne Hamilton, Patrick Henderhan, Colleen Hinde, Jennifer Iovan, Nancy Jardine-Earlin, Cheryl Loveday, Kellie Mel-drum, John O'Connor, Kathleen Pohutsky, Myra Poyner, Michelle Quaine, Stephanie Siens, Deanna Vella, Nicholas Waldecker and Deborah Washburn.



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