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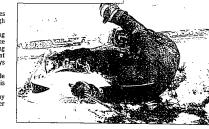
The fearless exploits of Brandon Dixon, 4, on the unassuming slopes in front of the Farmington Board of Education offices should be enough to inspire older and less hopeful hearts.

Under the tutelage of his father, Bill, young Brandon is learning what it feels like to have the silver slopes sparkle before you, the winter wind caress your face and the sweet feeling of mastering Mother Nature. It was during such a lesson between father and son that Brandon, exhilarated by the experience attempted a little sideways sking,

Brainon, extinuous of the sking.

Undaunted, he was helped to his feet, laughing and continued to slide down Farmington's bunny slope. Now, Brandon's only problem is mastering the long walk up the hill without sliding backwards.

The elder Dixon offers a little fatherly assistance in these cases by slinging his son over one shoulder and carrying him up the hill. After all, every resort has a ski lift.



THE INSIDE * By LOUISE OKRUTSKY

'TIS THE SEASONto be generous and Farmington City Council members had their generosity in fine form the other night when each volunteered his chance at sitting on the Farmington Beautification Committee to Alton Bennett. Shouted one seasoned council watcher to Bennett: "It'll probably do something for you."

THAT JOLLY OLD ELF (no, no, noi you Willoughby) needs some helpers to man the hot line to the North Pole set up in copporation with the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department. Helpers can ask for Mr. Claus at 474-6115. Boys and girls who want to chat with the joily old elf from the North Pole can dial 478-TOVS from 4-6 p.m., Dec. 17-21.

AND THEN THERE are the precocious types who call the Santa line and request Farah Fawcett Majors for Christmas. (Look, she won't go out with anyone who has to be in by 9 p.m.)

TEMPLE KO AMI, 5085 Walnut Lake Road, West Bloomfield will celebrate a sabhath and Hanukah politick dinner at 6:30 p.m., Dec. 14, the first day of the eight-day-long celebration. There will be a family service at 7:45 p.m. The children of the religious under the direction of Vivian Stollman will offer several songs and the Temple Choir under the direction of Nathalle M. Conrad will render the litturgical music. Grade one students will present a short Hanukah play.

MADONNA COLLEGE on Schoolcraft in MADONNA COLLECE on Schoolcraft in Livonia is offering a five weekend seminar from Jan. 11- April 12. Friday sessions will be from 6-9 p.m. and Saturday from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The seminar will train volunteers to assist the aging and is designed also to help persons understand their own aging parents. Credits received for volunteer work can be applied toward a bachelor or associates degree in genonlogy. Partial tuttlon waivers of \$88 will be awarded to all persons so the entire fee for the program will be \$87. Applications are now being accepted. Interested persons can contact Sr. Oldeen Morris, Madonan College, Gerontology Department, 36500 Schoolcraft, Livonia, Michigan, 48150. Phone, 991-5094. Madonan College is on the corner of Schoolcraft and Levan.

THE CHOIRS of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, 28000 New Market, Farmington Hills is offering two special services during the week of Dec. 16, At 10.45 a.m., Dec. 16 the children's chort will present "A Hight for Dancing," a cantata for, soloists and chorus about a young shepherd buy's journey to Bethichem with his animal friends to

visit the new-born Christ. At 7:30 p.m., Dec. 19, tje adult choir will present "A Star Shall Come Forth" feturing special anthems, narration and the singing of carols by the congregation. The service will tell the Christmas story.

THE ROYAL Oak Salvation Army Community Center is having its annual handicapsed Cristians First in the ray will be made a provide the entertainment. "Cray George" and his zany ability at basketball tricks will entertain sana will be a meal for all. There will be an additional special guest, too. For further information and reservations, call Barry Hornbeck, community service director for the S. at 4858-5800. The Royal Oak center is at 3015 North Main.

AGAIN THIS YEAR there's a Salvation Army bell-ringer at the Downtown Farmington Center in front of Scott's.

COMMUNITY LIVING Center residents are invited to a holiday party at the downtown Sheraton-Cadillac on Dec. 19. The gala is sponsored by the Special Education Association and its founder Helen Gottfried of Southfield.

ANGLES IS RESIGNED to a month of nothing but holiday news. For those persons who want to do something in the holiday mood IA lists a few possibilities:

THE INTERNATIONAL Institute in Detroit will feature Christmas around the world, yuletide traditions in other countries until Dec. 31.

THE ANNUAL Christmas carnival at Cobo Hall will run until Dec. 23. There are 35 exhibits, many of them animated. Snowball throwing skill tests and Santa's Castle will be open to visitors.

THE CRANBROOK Institute of Science, Bloomfield Hills presents "Holiday Skies and the Christmas Star" on weekends and Wednesday evenings this month.

UPSTATE AND OUTSTATE: There's always the Copper Country Sted Dog Race, Dec. 29-30 at Atlantic Mine, south of Houghton (everything's south of Houghton.)

