

Novice skiers try their skills

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Artificial snow and slope present real challenge

Far from the cozy fireplaces of ski resorts and even further from picturesque snow-covered mountains, groups of students are tackling the sport of downhill skiing in the middle of a Farmington Hills shopping center parking lot.

With the roar of traffic along 12 Mile and Orchard Lake roads in their ears, students awkwardly accustom themselves to walking with some grace and ease while strapped into a set of skis provided by the lesson's sponsors, Nordica Ski Boots.

Awaiting the group is a 12-foot-high, 55-foot-long and 20-foot-wide ski ramp which offers a view of early evening traffic. It is covered with black tufted nylon and looks as much out of place as the skiers in the bone-dry parking lot.

Instructor Dave Sause, 27, who works with the Killington Ski Resort in Vermont, carries students through the basics of walking across the lot in skis as well as side-stepping their way up the ramp.

Exercises, the proper procedure of getting up after a fall and an explanation of side-slipping down the ramp are offered to the groups of 10 before they test their skill or lack of it on the ramp.

The initial flight down the ramp is attended by Sause who makes sure he is within falling distance of his pupils.

SOMETIMES COAXING is as much a part of coaching as teaching.

The amount a student learns from the lessons depends upon the aggressiveness of the group.

Real go-getters could learn the beginnings of a parallel turn in the lesson which is offered until Oct. 25 at Bavarian Village.



Words of encouragement and explanation are required of instructor David Sause as he teaches students the basics of downhill skiing. Sause (top right) encourages Michael Hills (left) as she gingerly slides down the ski ramp. Roger Cobb (left, background), Don Rigo and Betty Ann Ruggiero watch Ms. Hills' progress. At bottom left, Sause has students experiment with different moves while on the skis.



Easy does it is a lesson David Rigo (right) is learning as David Sause watches the student master the snow plow.

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INSIDE ANGLES

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THE NEW POST OFFICE on 12 Mile may offer more space for the area's letters and packages but it also gives Farmington Hills residents something to do with their spare time. Seems the post office has Farmington, Michigan written across its brand-new facade. Hills residents are anxious to add five more letters to that facade and have written letters to Congressman Bill Brodehead complaining that they feel left out. Combatants in the up-Hills battle ought to note the PO has ordered five additional letters: H-I-L-L-S. (Put them all together, they spell...)

SALEM UNITED CHURCH of Christ's Youth Fellowship sponsors a rummage and bake sale from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday in the church, 33424 Oakland, corner of Grand River. This isn't just another sale. Angles has been told. It's a show of support for Dan Tyler, 21, a graduate of Farmington High School and a Farmington resident who was injured in an auto accident, Aug. 29 in Grand Rapids. Tyler, who is a member of the church, vows he won't let the fact that he is paralyzed from the shoulders down stop him from leading a full life. And the 15 members of the Youth Fellowship are donating the proceeds of the sale to make sure he gets a chance to fulfill his vow. Tyler is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Lee Tyler of Farmington. The Rev. Tyler works with retarded persons in the Evangelical Home in Detroit. His wife, Jean, teaches at Larkshire Elementary School. Tyler was a senior at Ferris State College. Angles sends its best, best wishes to the Tylers, Salem United Church of Christ and its small but mighty Youth Fellowship.

IT'S CHRISTMAS package mailing time, again. (Yes, and it's not even Thanksgiving.) The deadline for mailing non-airmail packages to Australia, the Far East, Southeast Asia, Southwest Africa and West Africa is Oct. 27. This deadline serves military and civilian mail.

EVEN SCHOOL BUSES must pass tests. And Farmington's fleet of yellow monsters passed with flying colors a recent Michigan State Police test. This is the 10th year the 62-bus fleet passed. (Do they all get to wear gold stars on their hoods?)

THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF Children's Agencies conducts a workshop-seminar entitled "Forum on Children's Legislative Issues," from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m., Oct. 20 in Mercy Center, 11 Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills. The morning's workshops will concentrate on such concerns as legislative issues dealing with children, child abuse and residential care. The program is open to the public and carries a \$12 fee which includes a lunch. To register call the Michigan Association of Children's Agencies at 478-6717.

PERSONS WHO WANT to learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) can do so in three sessions from 7-10 p.m., Nov. 5, 12 and 19 in the Shiawassee Recreation Center, 30415 Shiawassee Road between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt roads. The sessions are sponsored by the Farmington Hills Parks and Recreation Department in cooperation with the American Red Cross. You must attend all three evenings to be eligible for certification. The only fee is for materials. For further information call the Parks and Recreation Department at 474-6115.

OUR LADY OF MERCY High School, 29300 11 Mile, Farmington Hills will sponsor a political forum featuring various candidates for congressional, state and county posts from 9-11 a.m., Saturday at the school. The forum is open to the public.

WASTE NOT want not: Patrick Horsburgh will speak on the study of building on water at 7:30 p.m., Oct. 23 in the architecture building auditorium at the Lawrence Institute of Technology. Horsburgh, a professor of architecture at the University of Notre Dame, will discuss such ideas as constructing man-made islands from waste material to connect England with mainland Europe. He replaces Ulrich Franzen as a speaker with LIT's lecture series. The campus is located at 600 West 10 Mile near Northwestern Highway in Southfield.



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