

Cycling a safe course

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STATE LAW REQUIRES all individuals under 18 who want a motorcycle endorsement on their license to take an approved training course.

Older persons who fail the state motorcycle licensing test twice also must take the course.

In this area, training courses are offered at the Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus, 471-7514, and Schoolcraft Community College, 591-6400, Ext. 409.

The program includes 20 hours of instruction, 12 hours of range activity and eight hours of classroom work.

A variety of course schedules are available: a two-weekend program; weeknights, twice a week for four weeks; and weekdays, four hours per day for one week.

Motorcycles are provided for participants by local dealers.

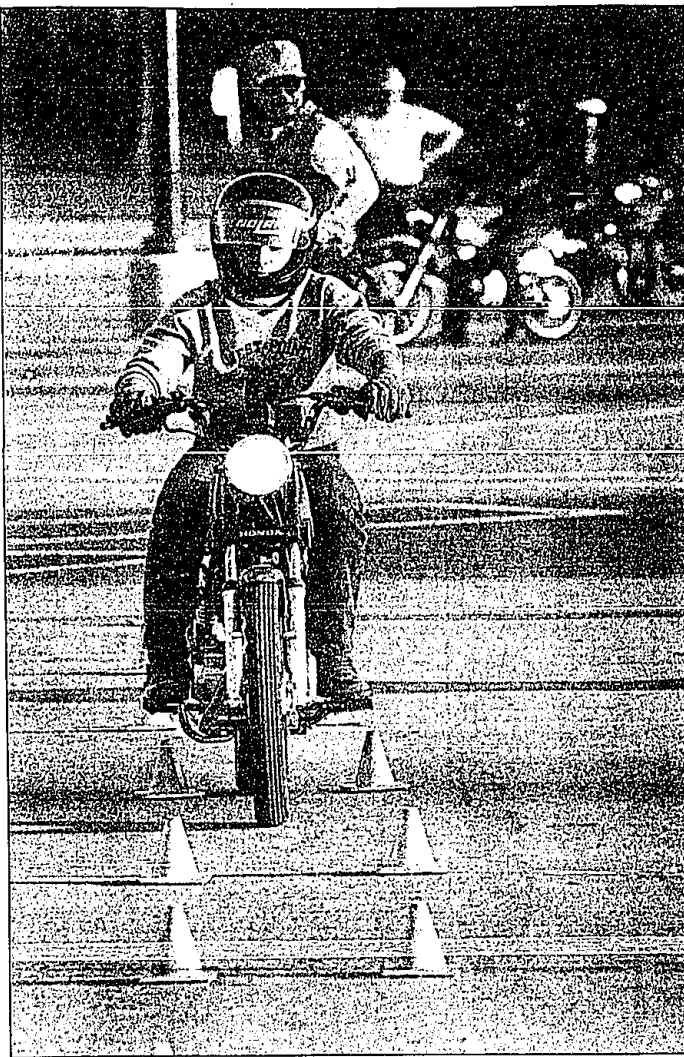
The classes are taught by state-certified instructors. Under the Detroit-Metro Region Motorcycle Education Program, instructors use the Motorcycle Operators Skills Test II (MOST II), a reaction-based test recommended by the Motorcycle Safety Foundation (MSF).

ON THE FINAL day of the instruction, a state examiner is invited to the site to administer the Alternate MOST test to students, a test which is less difficult than the MOST II.

Vince Consiglia, chief instructor and MSF regional coordinator, says the ultimate goals of motorcycle safety are to successfully prepare the new motorcycle rider and to make other drivers more aware of cycles on the road. According to researchers, the majority of motorcycle crashes involve inexperienced riders (less than one year of experience) and most cycle fatalities are caused by automobile drivers.

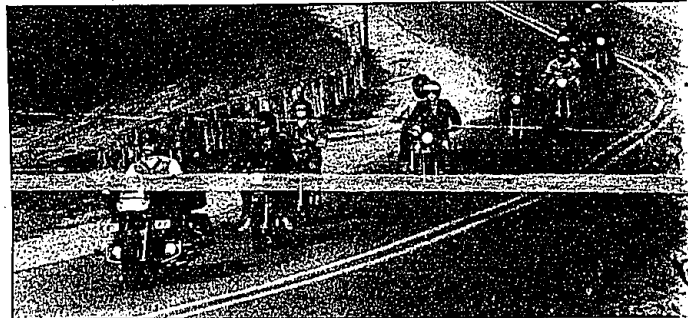


Instructor John Hillery of Birmingham gives instructions to Mike Levin, 16, of Livonia before Levin enters the Alternate MOST course at Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge campus.



David Slack of Farmington Hills, while riding slowly, tries to maintain his balance and a

straight line while going between cones placed 1 1/2 feet apart for 60 feet in 15 or more seconds.



A group led by instructor Bill Wintora cruises down a campus road at OCC to gain actual street

experience. Headlights are on for safety purposes.

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INSIDE ANGLES

Know someone doing something notable? Let us know. Write: Inside Angles, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024.

THE FARMINGTON Area American Legion Post 364 has received a special community service award. The award presented by Seven K. Messerli from the Michigan Parks and Recreation Association was given to Post 364 for their part in supporting and fostering the Senior Adult Program for the City of Farmington Hills. In 1974 the American Legion donated its building including all utilities to start the first area Senior Citizens Center. The program, under the auspices of the Department of Special Services for the City of Farmington Hills, has outgrown that building and is now housed at the Mercy Center. However, without the American Legion's generosity and foresight the program would have never been able to develop into the comprehensive service it is today. Loretta Conway, Senior Adult Program Supervisor, nominated the American Legion for the award at the Association Annual Conference in Detroit. Accepting the award on behalf of Post 364 were Frank Walker, Junior Vice-Commander, Jim Hopson and Jay Farrell, Chaplain.

PVT. JAMES MINWEASER, son of Robert L. and Edna Minweaser of Farmington and a 1983 graduate of Farmington High School, has arrived for duty in Wuerzburg, West Germany. He is a vehicle mechanic with the 3rd Infantry Division.

HOLY CROSS GREEK Orthodox Church members are signing up now for all the fun and games they'll be part of working up to Greek Festival days in Hart Plaza. Festival days are May 24-27, but the kitchens in the Farmington Hills Church will be filled for two days before that getting the shish kebabs on the skewers ready to go on the flames.

KAY BRIGGS is now holder of the Distinguished Service Award given by Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel early this month. The Farmington Hills resident is retired from her position as teacher-counselor for the physically handicapped in the Farmington School District, but is still working. She is now teaching homebound students two days a week for Oakland Schools.

PAMELA BERRYMAN and Melba Wilson, both Farmington Hills residents, were among the honorees when Cataract and Eye Care Institute handed out awards this spring. The two are members of Cataract Support Group, made up of volun-

teers who work to help minimize the fears of new cataract patients by sharing their experiences. The volunteers also furnish transportation to cataract patients and man a hotline.

JENNIFER ENGLE, a graduate of North Farmington High School, has been elected to the dean's list for the winter term at Michigan State University. She has also been elected to the Michigan State University Chapter of the Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi. To be elected to Phi Kappa Phi, a grade point average of 3.77 through the junior year must be attained.

MARTIN A. MIFSUD, son of John and Rose Mifsud of Farmington Hills, received his Doctor of Chiropractic Degree from Life Chiropractic College, Marietta, Ga.

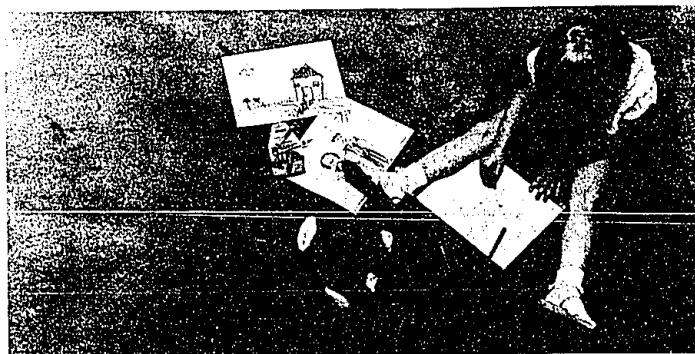
IF YOU ARE 60 years young, you are invited to socialize with friendly people at lunch in Farmington Hills Adult Senior Center. Lunches are served at noon Monday through Friday. Call the center manager at 478-9147 to reserve your meal. While there is no fee for these lunches, donations are accepted.

HEATHER McKINNON, an eighth grader at Warner Middle School, has been named 1985 National Junior Composer Finalist. Her composition "Enchanted Lands" was examined and ranked in the National Junior Composers Contest sponsored by the National Federation of Music Clubs. She is among 28 finalists in the entire nation, recognized by the National Federation this year. Heather studies piano and composition under Charles Slabey, 1981 Artist-in-Residence.

ROBERT ELLMANN, of Farmington Hills, was nominated by UM-D to receive the Outstanding Student Award from the Michigan Association of Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities. Robert has been active in student government and is a candidate for president of student government. He was selected by a committee composed of Mercedes Cleaver, student services assistant in the Division of Education, Dennis Papapan, professor of history, and Judy Rollo, a student.

PVT. LEE DANIELSON, son of Judith Melchior of Farmington, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J. He is a 1977 graduate of Redford High School, Detroit.

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