To go or not to go.
It's a notion that has crossed many a
traveler's mind recently in the wake of
terrorist attacks — the hijacking of a
TWA jet, selzure of the cruise liner
Achille Lauro and holiday season
Bombings at the Rome and Vienna air-

ports.

Despite the tragedies and ensuing apprehension, many Farmington-area travel agents say business has not been dramatically affected by world events. Others say it's difficult to determine the impact on tourism, particularly because it's the winter season and travel abroad — Europe and the Middle East — is generally slower at this time of the year.

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the year.

"it don't think people are glving up on
tourism," said Dearborn travel agent
Joe Hallissey, chairman of the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA).

"I do belives people are adjusting their
destinations for awhile."

"Carousel Travel in Farmington Hills
hasn't experienced cancellations, although some customers have rerouted
trips in attempts to avoid publicized
trouble spots, assistant manager Joan
Fries said.

"We'll probably know how much it is
going to affect us in March or April
when people start booking for summer
travel in Europe," Fries said. "This
time of year, most of the travel is to
the Caribbean and Mexico, not that
much to Europe."

WHEN INTERVIEWED, Fries s he was preparing to travel to England and was not concerned about terror-

and was not concerned about terrorism.

Gall Shapiro, manager at Hunter's
Square Travel in Farmington Hills,
confirmed Fries' assessment.

"This is not the heavy European
travel time," Shapiro said. "It's hard to
say (whether travel is affected) because of the time of year."

But other agencies, such as Trans
Global Travel at Farmington Hills,
have had some cancellations to Europe
and the Middle East. Bookings to Israel
ard down slightly, owner Ruth Katz
nald. "People are going to other destinations now." she said.

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It's difficult, however, to determine whether travel to the Arabic countries is down because the agency doesn't generally book a lot of trips in that area, Katz said.

Travel Max in Farmington Hills has customers traveling to the Middle East, said owner Maxine Weinberg. "People are not canceling," she added.

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Maxine Weinberg, owner of Travel Max on 14 Mile in Farmington Hills, says traveling abroad in light of recent terrorist attacks "is all a matter of attitude."

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and any cancellations, Kaye Britton of Kaye Britton Travel Ltd. in Farmington Hills said she has had fewer bookings.

Doug Lindsay of Lindsay Douglas Travel in Farmington, which books trips predominately to the British lists, said he is unsure how the travel industry will be affected by terrorism.

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One thing is for sure—the pelponing to wonder whether new is a good intermediate the stally a kind of nervous thing. The stally a kind of nervous thing. Farmington Travel Service in Farmington is still booking a let of trips to Europe, as well as to the Caribbean and Mexico—hot travel spots during the winter season, manager Doug Wilcox said.

"Actually, in general, no one has canceled their lights if they already had them. It (terrorism) could have deterred some, though," Wilcox said.

While area travel agents are experiencing travelers' reaction to terrorism in different ways — cancellations, rerouting trips or fewer booking—most agree that travelers' attitudes to the travel state. Classifieds work!

TI walled to the travel that the travel in the properties and wordes more than usual, Britton said. "It think people mention their concerns and mercial properties travelers' feelings," Apprehension, though, is not limited to the terrorist adulties.

Classifieds work!

IN LIGHT of the number of plane crashes — 1985 was the worst in aviation history — Tavarer also express concern. Waver and so express the concern to the control of the con

airline, "is still the best in security," she added.

Though Wilcox maintains many tra-volers who come into his agency joke about traveling now, Katz disagrees. "Nobody jokes about it too much," she

said.

While area travel agents are watching a myriad of travelers' reactions to flying and to world events, all say their task is simply to serve as a counselor and plan the best and safest trip based on where the traveler is interested in traveling.

"I CAN only go by what the government says (of where to avoid travel). I wouldn't recommend or not (to travel)," Hallissey said. "I am a counselor. I deal with cilents and with what they want to do.
"I am not a staid conservative. I don't think travel is going to be disrupted because of terrorism. The number of people involved (in terrorist activities) was minimal when compared to the number of people who are traveling."
Travel agents acknowledge there's little one can do in the face of terrorism. The one consistent bit of advice is to just be careful when traveling.
"Mainly in airports — look around.

"Mainly in airports — look around. Dun't go through with blinders on," Fries suggested.

Others suggest just being cautious and aware of who is near, particularly in airports, despite increased security

"People (terrorists) are willing to sacrifice their lives for terrorism,"

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Hallissey said, adding it's difficult to predict where or how trouble will occured where or how trouble will occure. "Don't walk in the darkest part of town, for example. Avoid crowded areas and just be aware."

JAMES CALLAHAN, public information officer for the Bureau of Consultar Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, also has suggestions, despite his acknowledgement that there isn't much a traveler can do to light or avoid terrorism.

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